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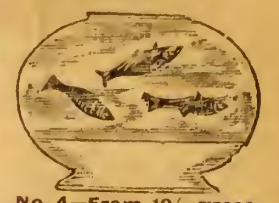

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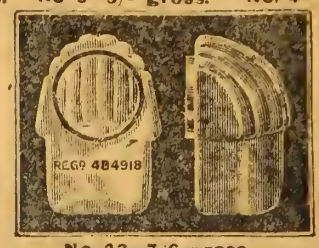

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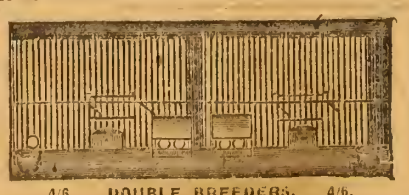

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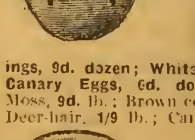

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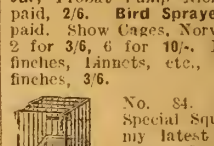

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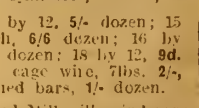

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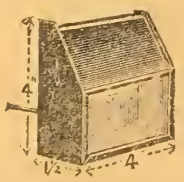

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CLEARING aviary: 2 hen Bramblings, pair Yellow Buntings, cock Chaffinch, pair Bullfinches; lot 5/6; approval: Stowe. (See same heading). (1190)

EXHIBITORS, winning Hawfinch, 18/6; Greenfinch, winner 2 firsts, 2 seconds open shows, 15/6; another, 2/6: A. Martin, 7, Northall, Kettering. (1190)

SPLENDID cock Goldfinches 2/-, caged October; four extra specials, 2/6 each, approval anywhere: Witton, 204, Magdalen-st., Colchester. (1166)

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FOUR cock Goldfinches, mules, fierce songsters, 5/-, 1913; also parents of same, 6/6; good feeders; approval: Harrison, 18, Bank-st., Ossett. (1215)

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APPROVAL; selected cocks, grand Goldfinch, 3/6; Greypate, 2/6; Linnet, 1/3; Greenfinch, 1/-: Allen, 5, St. Leonard's pl., Old Town, Eastbourne. (1196)

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TWO yellow cocks and four yellow hens, winners and bred off winners, cheap to clear: Carstairs, 263, High-st., Perth. (1204)

PRIZE bred Borders, good stock birds, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6: J. Campbell, 279, Main-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (1172)

YELLOW green cock, two buff green hens, winning strain, 15/-; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

BORDERS.—Clear Buff hens, 1913, from 3/-; or would exchange for Yellows; approval: 46, Southend-rd., East Ham. (1150)

EXHIBITION Borders for sale, clears and greens, from 8/6 the pair; approval: D. Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley. (1195)

CROFT, winner "C.B." special, good pairs for sale from 6/6, hens, including greens, 2/6: 38, Canterbury-rd., Crewe. (1210)

TYPICAL Borders for sale, show or stock, cheap; approval; winner CAGE BIRDS' diploma: Beard, 6, Slaney-st., Gloucester. (1197)

GREEN Borders for sale; few pairs from 8/6, cash or deposit; particulars, stamp: Vernon, 66, Oakfield-rd., Altrincham. (1208)

PINK-EYED yellow cock, 10/-; ditto buff hen, 10/-; even-marked yellow hen, 10/- pair; Cinnamons, 10/-: Brain, Draper, Glastonbury. (1218)

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MRS. SALTER has several good Borders for disposal, cocks from 6/6, hens from 4/-: approval: 15, Trelawney-rd., Paragon-rd., Hackney, N.E. (1173)

GRELNS and Cinnamons, matched pairs from 15/-, cocks from 10/-, hens 4/-; approval: Farrer, 222, Jefferson-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1210)

NOTICE: grand lot Border Fancies, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

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PRIZE bred Borders, clear or marked, sure to please, prices moderate; approval; stamp reply: Irvine, 166, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1195)

COCKS, two buff, one yellow, 4/6 each; hens, two yellow, one buff, 2/6 each, or 18/6 the lot: Thos. Napier, Juniper-green, Midlothian. (1213)

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TWO pairs grand typical Borders, 7/- pair; cold-room bred; approval, deposit: William Todd, 4, Oddfellows-st., Egremont, Cumberland. (1197)

BORDERS, greens, yellow cock, buff hen, also clears, yellows and bulls; approval: Matthew Peel, Riddle-terrace, Coxlodge, Newcastle. (1204)

HAD very successful show season; can dispose of some very nice birds; state wants: approval: Crabb and Finlayson, 120, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1214)

WINNING Borders, greens, clears, marks, yellow, green cock third Scottish National, 7/6; see show reports: Murray, Fernbank, Selkirk. (1211)

PRIZE-bred Borders, yellow and buff, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; yellow green cock, 7/6; approval: Joe Stevenson, Muir-st., Kirriemuir. (1205)

TYPICAL Borders, clears and marks; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/; matched pairs from 10/6; approval; stamp: Robertson, 7, Albert place, Brechin. (1204)

BORDERS; winners Ilkeston, Warrington, Liverpool, Preston, etc.; stock birds, cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/- upwards; approval, Hancocks, Stewart-st., Crewe. (1205)

WINNING strain Border cocks, yellow, 5/-; hens, yellow, buff, 3/-; approval, deposit: Bowerbank Bros., Ashcroft-terr., Haltwhistle, Northumberland. (1207)

BORDER Fancies, prize strain, giving up Canaries; cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/-; approval, deposit: K. Webb, 35, Owlstone-rd., Newnham, Cambridge. (1191)

YELLOW Cinnamon hen, 4th Kilmarnock, 10/-; clear Buff cock, winner, 10/-; clear Buff hen, 2nd strong class, 8/-: Robert Houston, 80, Portland-pl., Hamilton. (1198)

EXHIBITION cocks and hens, also few stock birds, price on application; eleven show cages, two travelling cases; offers for lot: Ayre, Duke-st., Whitehaven. (1209)

BORDERS, prize bred clear yellow cock (1913), clear buff hen (1912), 7/6; clear buff cock, clear yellow hen (1913), 6/6; the lot, 13/-: Rea and Reid, 1, Hillrd., Arbroath. (1190)

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WANTED good buff, green, or yellow cinnamon cock, in exchange yellow Border cock, 2nd Bristol, 3rd Frome; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater. (1211)

WINNERS; yellow ticked hen, 4th Berwick, 4th Avonbridge, 5/6; ticked yellow cock, 2nd Berwick, 7/6; 15 hens from 2/6; cocks, 5/6: Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth. (1199)

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Crests and Crestbreds.

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1913 DARK Crest cock, make good stock bird, 10/6, cash or deposit: S. Springett, Chipping-hill, Witham, Essex. (1206)

FEW good Crest and Crestbreds for sale from 10/6; state wants; approval: Adams, 24, Wilky's-avenue, Exeter. (1208)

SELLING off; Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens, 15/- and 20/- each; four show cages, 4/-: Turnbull, Lochend, Dunbar. (1199)

CLEARING sale, 16 Crest and Crestbred Canaries, mostly 1913 birds, from 10/; approval: Wm. Bebl, Falkland, Fife, N.B. (1210)

SEVERAL Crests and Crestbreds, very cheap, to clear, good birds, healthy breeders: Green, 29, High-St., Arnold, Notts. (1216)

CRESTS, Crestbreds, for sale, 4 hens, 3 cocks, no reasonable offer refused: Nicholson, 16, Warwick st., Lenton, Nottingham. (1193)

WANTED, Crested, Crestbred hens, also Scotch Fancy cocks; must be cheap: Moodie, 120, High-st., Falkirk, Scotland. (1201)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crest-breds, from 10/-; a grand selection, winning strain, approval: Lister, 105, Beetory rd., Gateshead. (1192)

FOUR Crested variegated hens, good crests, bred from winner, 5/- each, very cheap: Miss Williamson, 245, Catherine st., Leicester. (1210)

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CREST, Crestbred cocks, unflighted, mostly greens, feathery birds, 7 - to 15 - each; approval: Richardson, 61, Sheaf gdns., Sheffield. (1207)

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TWO pairs Crests and two young Crests, from winning strain, 50/- to clear, worth double: Eastwood, 389, Manchester rd., Hollinwood. (1209)

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LOVELY Crested cock, winner, cards, £1 10/-; another, 15/-, large, heavily feathered; exchange Crestbred hens; approval: A. March, Evesham.

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WELL-BRED young Crested and Crestbred Canaries, 10/6 to 18/-, hens 7/6 to 15/-; clear grizzle crested cock, 15/-; approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terr., Hampstead. (1194)

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TWO Crest cocks for sale, 15/- and 10/- each; 1 Crest hen, 25/-; 4 Crestbred cocks, 10/- to 15/- each; 2 ditto hens, 15/- to 25/- each; stamp reply to B. Woolley, Killes-lane, Kilbourne, Derbyshire. (1194)

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BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give; on approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1033)

YELLOW Crestbred cock, 30/-; another, 20/-; dark Crest hen, clear body, 30/-; cock, 25/-; large buff light Crest hen, 25/-; also several Crestbred cocks, from 15/- to £1; also several Crestbred hens, 15/- to £1; all reliable birds, bred from winners; approval: H. Cowperswait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham.

WILLIAM TATMAN, Midland-road, Wellingborough, offers cocks, large green crest, £3; wing marked Crestbred, 40/-; green Crestbred, 30/-; two wing marked Crests, first copy cross, 20/- each; hens, clear body, dark crest, 40/-; clear body, grey crest, 40/-; wing marked Crest, 30/-; pairs, clear buff Crestbred cock, green crested hen, 50/-; green crested cock, variegated Crestbred hen, 40/-.

TWO rattling good buff Crest-bred cocks, heavy bodied, good skulled birds, both good breeders; £2 each; worth £5 each to anyone with Crest hens: thick bodied, young, wing marked dark Crest cock, expansive crest, 17/6; young Grey Crest hen, 17/6; heavy variegated yellow 1912 Crest-bred hen, breeder, 20/-; all from our winners; see reports Doncaster this week; approval: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1210)

SPECIAL Notice: Must clear to make room for breeding; large feathered 1913 Crestbred hen, only 8/6; also real choice 1913 clear Crested cock, only 10/6; also monster exhibition dark Crested cock, immense drooping crest, only 25/-; also large feathery 1913 Crestbred cock, only 9/-; also monster exhibition Crestbred cock; large head and turnover to end of beak, suro winner in good company, only 22/6; also grand exhibition 1913 dark Crested hen, large neat drooping Crest, only 21/-; also many others at all prices from 8/6 to £2 each; Palace winning strain; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1213)

J. T. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers following cocks: Fine grizzle Crest, 40/-; large variegated Crestbred, 35/-; capped variegated Crestbred, extra long head feather, 30/-; fine green Crest, £4; large grey Crest, double crest, valuable stock bird, 40/-; large capped wing marked Crestbred, 30/-; large variegated dark Crest, 40/-; green Crestbred, 20/-; variegated dark, large round Crest, show bird, £6; ditto, £8; fine grizzle, large Crest, 60/-; large variegated dark, immense Crest, won Cheltenham and L.C.B.A., £12; nearly green Crest, large bird, 35/-; wing marked dark, grand Crest, £6; evenly marked dark Crest, good stock, 40/-; immense green Crestbred, brother won nearly 20 firsts, 60/-; green Crestbred (Greenwood and Bursom), 50/-; ticked yellow Crestbred, one of the best living, £7; variegated dark Crest, 25/-; grizzle Crest, 20/-; immense variegated capped Crestbred, 70/-; many others. (1167)

CHAMPION exhibition Dark Crested cock, immense, perfectly formed drooping crest, rare type and quality of feather, winner 1st and spl. only time shown, can win anywhere, only 70/-, honestly worth £5 for stock alone; also massive feathery exhibition Crestbred cock, immense head and neck, turnover to end of beak, simply smothered in feather, only 42/-, cheap at £3; also choice exhibition Dark Crested hen, large perfect drooping crest, winner and can win in good company, only 60/-, recently cost £4; also massive feathery, exhibition Crestbred hen, marvellous head feather of the right quality, only 45/-, simply given away at the price; also several other massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £5 each; kindly state your requirements fully, and I will guarantee to give you full satisfaction; all cold room bred; Palace winning strain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-st., Norwich. (1213)

A. PAYNE & SON

Champion Crests, grand stock birds, hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; specials matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; approval; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich. (1183)

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS

Thomas Broadhead has for disposal grand Green Crested cock, 3rd Manchester, 40/-; also lightly variegated large C.B. cock, 2nd Nottingham, no better stock, 50/-; approval, stamp: Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield. (1206)

CLEARING OUT

All my Crest and Crestbreds for sale, at any price, on approval; related to my Scottish National winner, 1913: A. Widdowfield, Bank House Club, West Boldon, Durham. (1207)

Lizards.

LIZARDS. One pair, correctly matched, to clear, 6/6 the pair, half-price: Wood, 599, Lea Bridge-rd., Leyton. (1208)

LIZARDS, best blood in the world, 10/- pair; 1913 bred; approval: Whipp, 483, Rochdale-rd., High Crompton, Shaw. (1195)

CAN spare 40 well matched pairs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; single birds, 6/- to 12/6; on approval: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-square, Hulme, Manchester. (1217)

GEORGE NAYLOR has some splendid Gold Lizards, cocks and hens, for sale; cocks 5/6 to 7/6, hens 4/6 each: No. 1, ambridge-place, Rochdale. (1168)

EDGAR LORD, 8, South-st., Newchurch, nr. Manchester, breeder and exhibitor of Lizards, winner of novice Lizard championship 1912-13. (1212)

MATCHED pairs from 10/6, Silver hens from 4/-, also my cup winners, 2 cocks, Gold 20/-, Silver 15/-; bargain: H. Garside, Howard-st., Glossop. (1188)

FRED HAMER, 98, Ronald-st., Oldham, again his strain of Lizards to the front, winning all round; pairs or single cocks; also pair Lancashires. (1191)

E. OLLERENSHAW can still spare a few grand Lizards, same strain as my winners; pairs from 17/6; single from 10/-; 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire. (1218)

THE Lizard Prince offers winners and special matched pairs, none reserved, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire. (1208)

W. P. BARNES, Breeder champion Lizards, winner of championship diplomas Longton, Newcastle, Preston, best bird L.C.B.A., Bradford, National best Lizard; properly matched pairs from 17/6, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (1189)

Lancashires.

CLEARING. Yellow Plainhead hen, 15/-; two buff Plainhead hens, 12/-, 15/-; large and round: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield. (1208)

A FEW young yellow coppy hens, and also a few buff Plainhead hens for sale, all young birds: George Broadbent, 8, Dialstone-lane, Stockport. (1209)

F. J. GREEN, Breeder and Exhibitor champion, pure bred Lancashires, 168, High-st., Lowestoft. Please note change of address. Late of Loughborough. (1217)

FANCIERS please note, ticked yellow coppy hen, winner of first open, 20/-; monster buff coppy cock, winner in open, 20/-; extra large buff Plainhead cock, 15/-; two neat buff coppy cocks, 10/6 each; two yellow Plainhead cocks, 10/6 each; all cheap to clear; approval: Minty, Stony-st., Frome. (1217)

Cinnamons.

BUFF Cinnamon cock, Norwich type, winner, grand bird, 15/-: Hall, Fortield-place., Leamington. (1180)

YELLOW cinnamon cock (Norwich), 1912, 20/, or exchange for good yellow Yorkshire: Davis, 4, Church-rd., Bedminster. (1189)

ROBERTS' champion cinnamons, ten pairs to clear cheap; also few Norwich hens; approval, stamp: 3, Balfour-st., Blackburn. (1204)

CINNAMONS, champion Norwich strain; a few for sale, cheap; cold-room; grand condition; approval: Hamilton, Holburn-gardens, Newlands, Glasgow. (1206)

NORWICH yellow Cinnamon cock, 7/-; massive Norwich buff cock, 6/-; good green Crested hen, 4/6; lot 15/6: Pearce, 64, Coleman-rd, Camberwell, London. (1192)

GRAND large buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, 1st Ipswich, £1 5/-; yellow green Cinnamon-bred 1913 cock, 10/-; buff ditto, 6/6: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1195)

CINNAMONS, bred and flying in outside aviary, viewed by appointment, yellows and buffs, cocks 10/-, 15/-; hens 7/6, 10/-: Westley, Limes, Downend, Bristol. (1166)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has decided to reduce his stock both in Norwich and Cinnamons owing to business pressure; some good stock birds cheap; stamp; approval. (1196)

LOVELY exhibition cock Linnet mule, fit for Palace, 30/-; or exchange for large Norwich cinnamon cock to value; mutual approval: Marshall, 48, Church-st., Woolwich. (1196)

W. MANNING, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Cinnamon, 2 specials, 5 firsts, 7 seconds, 11 thirds; cocks 15/- up, hens 10/- up; pairs 25/-, 27/6, 30/-: 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (1207)

FOR sale, 2 pairs Cinnamons, 2 pairs Norwich, 2 pairs Yorkshires, 20/- pair; 8 buff Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; 8 buff var. hens, Norwich, 3/6 each, to make room: Howarth, 3, Rydal-rd., Blackburn. (1167)

CINNAMONS. Norwich type; winners two cups this season and numerous other events. All my own breeding. Now is the opportunity. Buy good stock cheap; cold room; stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1160)

MRS. DEACON'S CHAMPION CINNAMONS

Having purchased this famous stock entire, offer buff cocks, unflighted, from 15/- upwards; buff hens, 10/- upwards; one chance for novices, winners for sale; approval: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland (see Norwich). (1147)

Belgians.

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

FOR sale, two pairs prize-bred Belgians, cheap to clear; approval: Hugh White, 52, Parnie-st., Glasgow. (1194)

YOUNG Belgian yellow cock, in splendid condition, 30/-: Todd and Son, 9, Drummond-st., Inverness. (1197)

FOR sale, young buff Belgian hen, 2nd prize Scottish National, cheap: John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk. (1175)

MASSIVE buff Belgian cock and buff hen, can win Palace, for sale: Walmsley, Second-st., New Crofton, Wakefield. (1210)

G. S. BAKER, Georges-rd., Barnstaple, has grand lot Belgians, bred from biggest winners living, reasonable prices, approval. (1114)

1912 buff Belgian cock, 2nd Barnstaple, 2nd Wimbledon, 25/-; others cheap to clear; approval: C. F. Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (1214)

CHAMPION Belgians, several for sale cheap, bred from my winners at leading shows; approval: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1195)

BELGIANS, several prize-bred high-shouldered pairs, disposal, few extra good cocks and hens; reasonable; approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1216)

CHAMPION strain Belgians, disposal; few grand pairs; single birds, cocks, hens, yellows, buffs; reasonable prices; approval: A. Baker, 35, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (1215)

QUARTER-BRED Belgians, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and a few half-bred cocks, 10/6 each; also some good Yorkshire hens; approval, stamp reply: Miss N. Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus. (1209)

CHAMPION Belgians, winners at Barnstaple, Swansea, L.C.B.A., Scottish National; also good stock birds; reasonable; approval: Fred Butts, 12, Lower Maudlin-st., Barnstaple. (1197)

Greens.

LENGTHY smart self-green Yorkshire cock, 10/-; four green hens, prize stock, 7/6; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (1195)

NORWICH Greens, best blood obtainable; few for disposal; prices reasonable; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (1200)

HIGH class green cocks from 8/6 upwards, good feather and quality; approval, deposit: Riley, Grocer, Lee Mount, Halifax. (1204)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

GIVING up Fancy. Norwich greens, flight, breeding, and show cages, all utensils, cheap: Malone, 41, Guilford-st., Liverpool. (1207)

GRAND buff self green Norwich cock, direct from Mr. Harding, accept 15/-; also a big buff green hen, 15/-; cost me double; room wanted: Middleton, 26, Northenden-rd., Sale, Cheshire. (1211)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills, of my winners at the shows, Utrecht, Dusseldorf, Munchen, Rosenheim, etc., 1913; per pair 50/-, 60/-, 70/-; cash or deposit, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leeuwen, Utecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

DUTCH Frills, young birds, 12/6 each, cash or deposit, very fine birds, July and August bred, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leeuwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 11, Pugin-st., Carlisle, Norwich Specialist, offers unflighted buff cocks and hens, grand type and quality, 7/6 each; good unflighted yellow cocks, from 15/-; all on approval.

WANTED, Norwich, cash or exchange: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. (1215)

LARGE buff cock, winner, 12/6; ditto hen, 10/-; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso. (1216)

NORWICH cock Canaries, 4/6, 5/6, and 7/6; hens, 2/6: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1213)

SEVERAL prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, reasonable prices; on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

EXTRA large Norwich buff cock, 7/6; yellow hen, 3/-; yellow cock, 7/6: Ling, 18, Fleet-st., Derby. (1185)

GOOD cocks, full song, cold room bred, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6: Atkins, 5, Pleasant-terr., Intake, Sheffield. (1188)

FIVE unflighted Norwich buff hens, 5/- each, lot £1: Laglen, 128, Gladstone-bldgs., Willow-st., E.C. (1200)

PRIZE bred Norwich, 7 buff cocks, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6: I. Ward, 3, 11th Street, Horden, Durham. (1213)

GIVING up the Fancy. All my birds for sale; stamp reply: Tweddle, Wemberley-st., Blackburn. (1217)

FEW Norwich for sale, price reasonable; approval; stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1216)

T. IRONS has some good Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, from 10/6; approval: Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1152)

FIVE unflighted Norwich hens, Buff, 10/6 and 12/6 each: Holliday, 76, Copland-st., Govanhill, Glasgow. (1189)

CLEARANCE; six cocks, four hens, C.F., cold room, healthy, £2 lot: Hayes, Grocer, Bargate, Holbrook, Derby. (1203)

CANARIES, Norwich cocks 7/6, in full song; hens 2/6 and 3/6: Breeder, 72, Goldston-villas, Hove. (1208)

UNFLIGHTED Yellow Norwich hen, natural colour, 4th Biggar, 10/6; approval: R. Girdwood, Westrow, Biggar. (1187)

TWO good stock Norwich buff hens for 9/6, or 5/- each; one big unflighted: Phillips, Thornhill-st., Cardiff. (1201)

I HAVE for sale a few good Norwich Canaries, all unflighted, approval: Wm. Jaffrey, 73, River-st., Brechin. (1211)

NORWICH, 10/6 pair, and upwards, only few pair left; approval, stamp: Isaac Hadfield, 26, Lord-st., Stockport. (1212)

FOUR Norwich cocks, three Yellow, one Buff, good birds, from 7/6; cold room: Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth. (1187)

TWO grand Norwich buff cocks and hen, unflighted, bred from winners, 20/- for 3: Miss Dark, Chipstead, Sevenoaks. (1197)

FEW typical Norwich variegated cocks, 1913, full song, 6/6: Roe, 21, Lorne-gardens, Holland Park, Kensington. (1206)

MASSIVE 1912 big-headed buff cock, paired to large yellow green hen, grand pair, 25/-; also 1913 cocks, bred from winners, 12/6: Burgess, Arcade, Ramsgate. (1210)

GOOD bred clear yellow Norwich cock, typical buff hen to match, 10/-; approval: Hayward, 91, East-st., Bridport. (1197)

LARGE Norwich 1912 yellow cocks, two 1913, 20/- each; 1912 buff, 20/-; 1913, 20/-: Lingard, Marlboro'-st., Burnley. (1197)

ALL show and stock birds for sale, pairs 10/6 to 50/-, or one lot; stamp reply: Adams, 51, Stanley-st., Coventry. (1193)

NORWICH cocks, yellow and buff, one yellow variegated hen, 10/- to 15/- each: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath. (1213)

NORWICH hens, clears and variegated, 3/6 each; Mackley's strain; large size: Lingood, 28, Milton-rd., Westcliff. (1205)

STARK'S noted strain, yellow or buff cocks, unflighted, 8/6 to 20/-; good value; approval: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (1202)

NORWICH yellow and crested; all 1913 bred; fine songsters; cocks 6/-, hens 2/6: K., 27, Devonshire-rd., S. Ealing. (1204)

LEAVING home; young Norwich colour-fed buff cocks, grand stock birds, 7/- to 10/-: 172, Kingston-rd., Wimbledon. (1165)

LARGE buff ticked unflighted Norwich cock, 12/6; clear yellow hen, 7/6; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (1195)

YELLOW and Buff Norwich hens, 6/- each; clear Buff cock, 10/-: J. Naismith, Carisbrooke, Mount Vernon, Glasgow. (1188)

NINE champion Norwich cocks, cheap to clear, 7/6 each; offers for lot; exchange bold Spanish: Peters, Dean-rd., Gorton. (1194)

NORWICH; young hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; seen any time: Binks, 18G, Peabody-dwellings, Farringdon-rd., London, E.C. (1192)

NORWICH for sale, yellow, buff, and variegated, cocks from 7/6, hen 3/6: P. Philpott, 9, Wolseley-gardens, Chiswick. (1203)

FEW good quality Buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; also few pairs at 15/- each: Caylers, 237, Uppingham-rd., Leicester. (1191)

STRONG healthy 1913 cocks, 7/6, 8/6, yellow and buff, pairs 10/6, cold room bred: Miss Fooks, Cottesmore, Brentwood. (1198)

TYPICAL buff 1913 cock, 1st Ipswich, nice quality, 15/-; marked yellow, brother to above, 12/6: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1195)

LARGE clear buff and variegated cocks and hens, good stock birds, prices moderate: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (1204)

NORWICH, two clear yellow cocks, colour-fed, 7/6 each; buff hen, 5/-; all 1913: Miss Parke, The Mount, Malton, Yorks. (1197)

GRAND Norwich buff cock, with good yellow hen, good stock birds, 15/-; approval: Vince, Warennes Wood, Mortimer, Berks. (1212)

THIRTEEN prize-bred Norwich Plainhead Canaries, buff and yellow, seen after six: Mason, 218, Watt-st., Glasgow, S.S. (1196)

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, with unflighted ticked yellow hen, good pair, only 25/-; approval: A. Buswell, Lutterworth. (1208)

CAN spare Norwich cocks, Crested and Crestbreds, all 1913 bred, no fancy prices; approval: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (1153)

SEVERAL unflighted Norwich for sale; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; colour fed: E. Harrison, 108, Harlesden-rd. Willesden Green. (1199)

FEW good-bred Norwich for disposal, prices reasonable to clear; approval, deposit: Bennett, 26, Hampden-rd., Wrexham. (1211)

WILLIAM MORRIS, 15, Castlewood-rd., Stamford Hill, has some good birds left from 10/-; approval; stamped for reply. (1214)

FEW typical Norwich, winning strain, mostly yellows, cocks 8/6, hens from 4/6: Bonniwell, 63, Highlever-rd., North Kensington. (1192)

W. DAWSON has champion Norwich; cocks 10/-, hens 5/- upwards; stamp; approval: 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, near Bolton. (1199)

WHO wants winning Bantams? I want good Norwich in exchange; grand pair Spangles: Hingley Central Quarry Bank, Staffs. (1214)

HAVE for sale six yellow hens, buff hen, buff cock, yellow variegated cock, from 10/-: Holmes, Hill-st., Cowdenbeath, Scotland. (1213)

LARGE Yellow Green Norwich cock and Buff hen, Buff cock and Yellow hen, winners, £2 5/- pair: Morrice, 37, Longate, Peterhead. (1182)

THIRTY large Norwich cold room cocks, 5/- and 6/-, hens 2/6; approval, deposit: Royston, Trent Locks, Westbridgford, Nottingham. (1199)

NORWICH, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6 upwards, prize bred; approval, deposit; wanted, Crests, cheap: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (1200)

TWO yellow Norwich cocks, good stock birds, 20/- each; colour-fed; cash or deposit; approval: Watson, 62, Aire-st., Middlesborough. (1205)

E. COOK wins 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Ramsgate, 1st Chatham; has some grand stock Norwich for sale, all own breeding: New-st., Canterbury. (1211)

FOUR pairs colour-fed Norwich, unflighted, well-bred birds, 7/6 pair; approval, deposit: Birchenshaw, Breach-rd., Marlwood, Derbyshire. (1211)

TYPICAL pair Norwich unflighted yellow cock, one year bred, buff hen, 35/- pair, best blood: Skinner, 12, Monktonhall-ter., Musselburgh. (1213)

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich, for show or song; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

BARGAINS in Norwich; giving up; grand Yellow stock cock, 5/6, splendid feeder; nice Buff hen, 4/6: Eddy, 6, Bellevue-terr., Penzance. (1187)

HAVE still a few good pairs of Norwich for sale, suitable for beginners, 6/6 and 7/- per pair; hens, 2/- each: Williamson, Carrier, Heanor. (1193)

TWENTY typical Norwich, champion strain, yellows and buffs, unflighted, from 7/6 each; stamp: Jay, 176, Astonville-st., Southfields. (1175)

HENS.—Twenty large young Norwich, 2/6, 3/: Cousins, 29, Hewlett-rd., Roman-rd., Bow, E. (evenings after 8 or Saturday afternoons). (1199)

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfinch type, large round heads, grand feather; approval: T. Billington, 53, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1207)

FEW good outdoor aviary-bred Norwich, natural colour; yellow cocks, 5/-; buff, 4/6: hens, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley. (1181)

VERY large yellow Norwich hen, winner, beating best out, only £3, worth double; several others from 10/- upwards: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants. (1126)

BARGAINS; must clear, room wanted; grand quality hens, 3/6 upwards; week's approval; stamp: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (1197)

NORWICH, large, good type, yellows or buffs, cocks 7/6 to 15/-, hens 4/6 to 12/6; approval, deposit: Archer, 136, Narboro'-rd., Leicester. (1202)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, cocks, in full song, 6/-; unflighted hens, 3/-; approval; cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1199)

GRAND unflighted Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, from 5/-; approval, deposit: exchange: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley. (1210)

WANTED, two pairs Norwich, good size, type, and quality; will give £10 for really good birds; approval: Clark, Hairdresser, Broad-st., Peterhead (1157)

The kind so often sought, often advertised, but seldom obtained.

Good type, style and colour. A really grand lot, including the entire stock (except Breeding) of a well-known old Crystal Palace Exhibitor and other private exhibitors. Birds that some would charge you 20% per cent. more for; and some they would not sell at all, except at prohibitive prices.

Cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. Hens 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. Including some evenly marked of both sexes. Many of these can win. Have on approval and make the comparison with the so-called "wonders" and so-called strains.

Few prices of others here given: Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens 3/-, 3/6. Pairs 8/6, 10/-6. Cages 3d. (See my advert. on page 12.)

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

FEW buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; buff hens 7/6, 10/- each; approval, stamp: J. Haybarst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley. (1176)

THREE large buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; one pair, 10/6: Roberts' strain; own breeding; cash or deposit: Wheeler, Griffins Wood, Epping. (1214)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, vhc, third nest feather, 5th Plymouth, 13/-; 1912 clear buff hen, 5/-; approval: Sleep 10 Oakfield-terr., Plymouth. (1198)

NORWICH cocks, three Yellow Green, one Buff, bred from winners, 12/6 and 15/-; approval: deposit: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath. (1188)

BARGAIN.—Two pairs grand Norwich, 12/6, 15/-; pair; these are honestly worth double; cheap to clear: W. Howse, 49, Orme-rd., Worthing. (1196)

NORWICH. Champion breed; 8 unflighted buff cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; approval: Albert Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (1162)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6; clear yellows and buffs; 3/-, 4/-; 7 days' approval: Gater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1188)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1211)

YOUNG buff Norwich cocks, stock birds, 12/6 each; Borders, all colours, 12/6 pair, prize bred: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

ALFRED BREWSTER, Breeder and Exhibitor, selling at sacrifice his high-class Norwich, from 10/6: Monumental Works, Magdalen-rd., Norwich. (1218)

WANTED, large chubby Norwich hens; exchange Pom. dog, admirable pal and companion, value £2; particulars: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester. (1218)

MASSIVE variegated Crested cock, 20/-; exchange two yellow Norwich hens to value; some grand pairs 25/-; approval: Taylor, 53, Welsgrave-rd., Coventry. (1214)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated; cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1176)

WANTED, two buff hens; will exchange two yellow cocks, one vhc Coventry; or sell 25/- two; no rubbish wanted: H. Bell, 2, Clement's-st., Coventry. (1208)

MASSIVE unflighted buff cock, sell, 15/-, or exchange for good yellow or yellow green; two typical buff hens, 3/6 each: Murden, The City, Beeston. (1182)

Notts.

YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, 2nd Carlisle, 35/-; see wins Glasgow, Paisley; yellow cock, buff hen, 35/-; buff cocks, 7/6: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (1211)

GOOD Norwich cocks from 6/-; hens, 3/-; mostly unflighted, bred from my winners at Leyton; cash, approval: Tuck, 9, The Crescent, James-st., Walthamstow. (1209)

I have one yellow coppy cock and two buff Plainhead hens and one of the best buff Plainhead cocks living for sale cheap: John Vickers, 24, Kershaw-st., Shaw. (1194)

NORWICH. Yorkshires, Mules; must sell; some winners; owing business pressure must reduce; beginners' chance: Stainton, Earl-gate, Winterton, Doncaster. (1195)

SHORT, typical, fine feathered Norwich, yellow and buff, at keen prices, single birds from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; approval: Ballantine, 15, Caledonian-rd., Edinburgh. (1207)

CRATCHLEY'S winning Norwich; two Buff cocks, 1912, 7/6, 10/-; unflighted Yellow and Buff cocks from 5/- upwards; approval: North-st., Melbourne, Derbyshire. (1188)

PAIR 1912 Norwich, buff cock, prize winner, and yellow hen, 4/4; buff variegated cock, 1913, 8/6; yellow hen, 1912, 7/6; cash or deposit: D. Batty, Goodwick, Pem. (1205)

NORWICH Roller cocks, bred for quality of song, every bird warranted, 7/6 upwards; also a few good hens, 2/6 each: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1197)

C. H. GOODMAN has some fine yellow hens, direct from his winners in champion competition, at 10/6, 20/-, and 30/- each: approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (1181)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, one yellow, one buff variegated, and three yellow unflighted cocks, 6/-, 10/- each, cold room; approval: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick. (1204)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, winner six challenge cups and over 1000 money prizes, has some grand yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each; approval. (1214)

CLEAR and variegated buff hens, 5/-, 7/6; cocks, 7/6, 10/-; natural colour; Mr. Spillman's strain; approval, deposit: Terry, Norwich House, Hampstead-rd, Brighton. (1198)

TWO yellow, one buff cocks, 10/- each; two unflighted, seven yellow, buff and variegated hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each, unflighted, red: Dyson, 28, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1171)

FIFTEEN prize and prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, grand healthy birds, all non-fed 1913 birds: Mrs. James Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth, Scotland. (1208)

EXCHANGE 23, 2/- parts South Africa and the Transvaal War, by Louise Creswicke, unbound, for three good Norwich cocks, 1913, or offers: Lashmar, 21, Bank-st., Ashford, Kent. (1186)

THE whole of my stock for sale; some grand show and stock birds for sale; also show and breeding cages; approval, deposit: Alex. Fleming, Cairdsrow, Musselburgh, Scotland. (1200)

CLEAR Buff cock, good size and type, 22/6; ditto ditto cock, smaller size, 12/6; Var. buff hen, 12/6; all good type and quality: Alex. Macdonald, Glenoran, Beauly, Inverness-shire. (1191)

WILL sell a few well-bred Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; also Goldfinch Mule, 6/6; splendid songster; all 1913 bred; approval, cash or deposit: A. Edwards, Kensington House, Goodwick, Pem. (1206)

THREE high-class Norwich cocks, buff, one 4th Chelmsford, 15/-; two unflighted, 10/- each; three buff hens, 7/6 each; cash or deposit: F. Smith, Hotel Cottages, Witham, Essex. (1206)

WM. MOORE, Victoria Street, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, has for sale five bun unflighted cocks, winners and bred from winners; price, 15/- to 25/- each; approval; cash or deposit Editor. (1199)

CANARIES, large handsome young Norwich cocks, rich yellow and variegated, splendid songsters, 3/6, two 6/6; hens, 2/3; guaranteed safe delivery: Franklin, Briden Villas, Feltham. (1216)

UNFLIGHTED ticked buff cock, grand bird, 20/-; also unflight d clear bull hen, 10/-, colour-fed, Vardy's and Driver's strain; approval, deposit: C. Redmile, Ragdale-rd., Bulwell, Nottingham. (1197)

UNFLIG. buff cock, 20/-; 1912 yellow cock, 15/-; 1912 buff cock, 20/-; unflig. yellow var. cock, 25/-; also a few others from this well-known strain: A. G. Cameron, 77, Roxburgh-st., Kelso. (1210)

GREAT Bargains in Norwich: two clear Yellow cocks, 10/6 each; two Buff ditto, 6/6, 8/5; Buff hen, 10/6; Yellow, 10/6; pairs from 15/6; colour-fed: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1188)

FOR sale, a few good Norwich, winners and bred from winners; also rack and cages, carrying boxes and show cages; can be seen any time: Alex. Smith, 24, Balmore-rd., Posselpark, Glasgow. (1196)

OWENS, Brownman, Carmel, Groeslon, S.O., Carnarvonshire, twenty-two years' breeder and exhibitor of W. H. Williams' noted even mark buff, has few of the same blood for sale. (1208)

FEW good Norwich and Cinnamons, stock birds, excellent type and quality, for disposal; inspection invited; stamp reply; approval: George Baker, 79, Aston-lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham. (1214)

EXCHANGE 2 pairs lace curtains, new, 3½ yards long, cost 19/-, for large clear yellow or yellow cinnamon Norwich cock; must be good; unflighted; approval: Shields, Gleniffer, Newmilns. (1215)

H. W. TOMSETT has four buff cocks, fifteen hens, ten yellow cocks, three hens, mostly unflighted, for disposal, from 5/-; own breeding and satisfaction guaranteed: 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (1192)

SEVERAL grand colour-fed flighted and unflighted stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, yellows and buffs hens from 5/-, cocks from 12/6; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1177)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks in full song; Yellows and Buffs, colour-fed, 7/6 each; hens, 4/- each; cold room bred; approval, cash or deposit: Sergt. Sharp, Police Station, Brinklow, Rugby. (1188)

WANTED, large unflighted yellow Norwich hen, must be typical, with good head and neck, short, thick-set, colour-fed, good price given for suitable bird: Smith, 6 St. Peter's-pl., Montrose. (1210)

CLEAR buff cock, unflighted, brother to Halifax diploma winner, Manchester, 25/-; also nice pairs or single birds cheap; on approval, deposit: William Millward, Sherwood-rd., Tideswell, Buxton. (1202)

MY yearly clearance of exhibition-bred Norwich at my usual low prices; very choice birds, the sort to keep the type right, from 7/6; approval: J. Hand, Meadow Lea, Albany-drive, Herne Bay. (1189)

WANTED good massive Norwich unflighted buff cock, in exchange for good flight cage, part cash given for good specimen, no rubbish: Particulars, F. West, 17, Kimberley-st., Harle Syke, Burnley. (1200)

WINNER (3) 1st and cup Ramsgate, (2) 1st Canterbury; have some great unflighted birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- and 20/- each, own breeding only, approval: Burgess, Hairdresser, Arcade, Ramsgate. (1152)

UNFLIGHTED large healthy typical Norwich hens, buffs and yellows, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; cold-room bred; seven days' approval; state requirements; cash or deposit system: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1140)

CHAMPION Norwich; have few pairs and singles to part with from 7/6, pairs 12/6; also 4 good 1913 var. bull hens; latest wins see Ipswich report this week; approval: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich. (1166)

LOVELY clear buff cock, grand size, lovely head and feather, 10/-; monster clear yellow cock, immense head, grand stock bird, 30/-; cost me a big price last year: Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin. (1182)

HEALTHY, unflighted Norwich buff and yellow cocks, from 10/6; see reports Clapham, Bromley, Chatham, Sittingbourne, Ramsgate (CAGE BIRDS diploma winner): Woodcock, 142, High-st., Chatham. (1202)

CLEARING sale, yellow cocks, 7/6; yellow variegated buff hens, 5/-; four Club show cages and case, 6/-; large, ornamental cage, with sliding divisions, 4½ by 5 ft., 15/-; cheap: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen. (1200)

VARIEG. yellow hen, short, thick, same nest as my winning cock, bargain, 20/-; few others, yellows and buffs, 10/- each; all well bred and will help you: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1197)

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; cold room; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station (1193)

WANTED, extra large yellow green Norwich hen, or ditto marked Norwich hen; must have plenty of substance and size, not over three years old; top price paid for ideal specimen: Caunt, Beeston, Notts. (1209)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has 25 pairs grand Norwich, 8/6, 10/6; odd cocks 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; 5 pairs for 37/6; fine birds, excellent condition; approval anywhere; all cold-room bred. (1210)

FIFTY fine young Norwich hen Canaries, in large aviary, greens 2/-, buffs and variegated 2/6, yellows 3/- each; splendid condition; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, Sea-View House, Portland-rd., Hove. (1208)

C. ROBERTS, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool; fanciers, send to this noted breeder of those champion large Bullfinch-typed Norwich, and improve your stock; single birds from 10/6; pairs, matched to breed winners, from 20/6 to £5; state wants. (1216)

B. WALL, 45, France-st., Parkgate, near Rotherham, has some prize-bred Norwich for sale, cocks 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; hens 3/-, 6/-; all birds on approval; cash or deposit; all outdoor aviary bred, inspection invited. (1166)

GOOD bred Norwich, colour-fed, cocks 7/6 to 10/-, hens 2/6, on approval, deposit; wanted, Roller schoolmaster, give Norwich to value, no rubbish: Mortimer, Claydales, Redbourne-rd., Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (1211)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-street, Reddiich, can spare large buff cock, £1; yellow hen, 7/6; ticked buff cock, 10/6; buff hen, 5/6; from winners Cheltenham, Coventry, West Bromwich; approval, deposit. (1210)

CINNAMON Norwich, yellow or buff, 7/6 to 20/-; hens, yellow or buff, 7/6 to 15/-; Norwich Plainheads, several nice hens, 5/- each; cocks, 10/-; approval, deposit system: Bradley 88, Westbourne-st., Sloane-square, London, S.W. (1193)

BEGINNERS wanting good Norwich should send for my price list, or call and view birds; one week's approval with all birds (private breeder); no postcards: Mrs. Clemence, 151, Lordship-lane, East Dulwich, London, S.E. (1218)

FIRST prize Ramsgate, buff marked cock, 1912, 30/-; second prize clear yellow cock, 1912, 30/-; also 1913 cocks, bred from winners and will make winners, from 12/6 upwards: Miss Gwyn, Somerville N-Avenue, Ramsgate. (1168)

THOMAS SMITHERS, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, has several grand typical Norwich for sale, related to his winners; see report, "Cage Birds," Dec. 6, Malling, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge Shows; cocks 15/-, hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval. (1202)

COMPULSORY sale of Schofield's high-class stock of 30 Norwich Plainheads, including several recent winners; see report of Ispwich show; good chance for beginners; list on receipt of stamp; approval: Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich. (1217)

WINNERS, tick buff, 32/6, two buff hens, 25/- each; large yellow hen, 15/-; five feeding hens, 2/6 each, 10/- lot; Yorkshire buff and yellow cocks, 12/6 each; two buff hens, 10/- each; Andrew Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (1195)

LOVELY biscuit-colour Pekingese dog, 12 months, champion pedigree, eight guineas; red dog, same litter, ten guineas; both can win; exchange high-class Norwich; approval; photo and particulars: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester. (1214)

CAN spare eye and wing ticked buff Norwich cock, natural colour, 2nd Kendal (non-fed class), and other honours, not a big rough bird, but a gem all over, 20/-; also 1912 buff hen, grand type, 8/6: Heywood, Castle Garth, Kendal. (1201)

A. E. JEFFRIES, Hartforth, Richmond, Yorks., has Norwich Plainheads for sale, mostly buffs, related to winners Norwich, Newcastle, Chopwell, Shildon, Bishop Auckland; would exchange for good Crested or Crestbreds, cocks, anything useful. (1203)

FIVE good Norwich cocks, three yellows, two buffs, yellow, 1st, special, Wandsworth, 30/-; brother, 25/-; buff, 3rd Horticultural Hall, 25/-; also few at 20/- and 15/-; good size and shape; seen any time: C. Annison, 30, Ashleigh-rd., Mortlake, S.W. (1193)

THREE large clear buff hens, 7/6 each; two variegated yellow hens, 6/- each; same strain as winners at Chelmsford, Norwich, Witham, Braintree, etc.; two cock Greenfinches, 9d. each: C. Outten, 2, School View, Rainsford End, Chelmsford. (1209)

MR. ECKERSLEY'S famous strain is known and valued all over the United Kingdom; some grand stock birds to spare, from 10/-, that will do their future owners good when the breeding season comes round; stamp for reply: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1151)

FOR sale, two prize-bred young Norwich cocks, one Yellow, one Buff, 6/6 each; also six Norwich hens, Buffs, Greens, and Variegated, 2/6 each, non-fed, and three Roller hens, 2/- each; all healthy; or will take 30/- the lot or offers: Randles, 35, Queen-st., Ellesmere Port. (1188)

NORWICH of grand type and quality. I have won champion trophies, cups, medals, etc., etc.; at last L.C.B. show I won silver challenge cup, champion diploma, 4 firsts, etc. Good birds, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

LUKE GRANGER, 21, West View, Clitheroe, has a few of his noted strain to part with; see wins Burnley, Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Tideswell, Longton, Preston, Huddersfield, Clitheroe; all my own breeding; yellow or buff cocks or hens from 10/6 upwards; approval willingly; deposit. (1208)

CHAMPION prize-bred Norwich, colour-fed, clear yellow or buff cocks, warranted in full song, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, same strain, yellow or buff, 2/-, 4/-, 5/- each, all unflighted; Bullfinch type; satisfaction guaranteed, if not satisfied money returned: Apply, Miss Williamson, 24½, Catherine-st., Leicester. (1210)

T. IRONS, at our Christmas Show, 1913, eight 1sts, four 2nds, two 3rds, three 4ths, have for sale 16 unflighted clear, tick, variegated, buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each; unflighted yellow cocks, three clears, two tick, 12/6 each; 1912 yellow, 12/6; three 1912 buff cocks, 1912 variegated buff cock, 20/- each; approval, stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1214)

WILLIAM PHIPPS has 50 splendid Norwich for sale, have won over 30 prizes this season, also 2nd at L.C.B. with 27 in class; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; also yellow Yorkshire cock, winner of 4 1sts, never out of the money, 30/-; approval; come and see for yourselves: 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1198)

CHAMPION Norwich, winners and bred from winners; have supplied three diploma winners this season; large and typical yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, to 50/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, to 30/-; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to 60/-; satisfaction guaranteed or cash returned in full; approval: A. E. Ebbage, 57, Hotblack-rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL! special! I guarantee absolute satisfaction or your cash returned in full; champion yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; ditto hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- 15- upwards; properly matched pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- upwards; cold room bred and in tip-top condition; approval: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. See Mules. (1195)

VALUE for Money.—Must clear 50; satisfaction guaranteed; five Yellow hens, £1 lot; three Buff hens, 15/- lot; unflighted winners, Buff cocks, 10/6 to 20/-; ditto hens, 4/6 to 15/-; one eye tick unflighted Buff cock, a gem, 25/-; a few pairs to breed winners from 15/- to £4; all healthy and cold-room bred: H. Phillips, 69, College-rd., Norwich, C.B., Diploma and Palace winner. (1189)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, has the following Norwich to dispose of: Buff hen, clear, good type, bargain, 10/6; ditto, clear, larger, rare type and quality, 15/6; ditto, fit for show a beauty, 20/-; buff cock, clear, stout bird, good head, 15/-; two ditto, cap marked, models for type, 30/- each; two yellow hens, one clear, 12/6; one variegated, 25/-, feathered like silk; two unflighted yellow cocks, one variegated, grand quality, 20/-; one clear yellow, 15/-, worth double; one unflighted yellow cock, clear, splendid carriage, all cold room bred and guaranteed healthy.

NORWICH, two pairs variegated, 7/6, 8/6; 2 buff cocks, yellow hens, 10/-, 12/6; buff cock, 10/-; another one, larger, 12/6; make good stock bird; all young birds; Linnets, proved mulers, 3/-; good Bramblefinch, 1/6: Clarkson, Kingston-st., Middlesbrough. (1191)

CHAMPION high-class Norwich for disposal; large clear yellow unflighted cocks, £1 each; large clear yellow hens, £1; large yellow variegs. hens, £1; large clear buff unflighted cocks, £1 each; large variegs. buff cocks, £1; large clear buff hens, 15/- each; large green hen, £1; medium size clear yellow or yellow variegs. hen, 10/-, 7/6 each; medium size clear or variegs. buff hens, 7/6, 5/- each; most of the above are winners, splendid Bullfinch type, full of quality, good heads, full necks, short flights, tails, etc.; Hodder and Tristram strain; satisfaction guaranteed; money returned if not satisfied: T. Ross, Argyle-st., Belgrave-rd., Leicester. (1210)

CHAMPION stock birds; bargains here; clear yellow cock, large, good head, substance, gem, only 15/-; massive, stout, big headed romping marked buff cock 12/6; clear buff cock, extra large, big head, chest, dirt cheap, only 12/6; clear yellow hen, good one, rare type and quality, beauty, price 8/6; marked yellow hen, good size, head, gem, 8/6; monster marked buff hen, wonderful one for flock, 10/6; champion big clear buff hen, rare head, neck, type, 10/-; above all bred from cup winners; can breed winners; wonderful good ones; all 1913 bred; first orders received has them; George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1217)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers the last few deep-fed unflighted Norwich at sensational prices, as he is compelled to effect an immediate sale: Buff cock, very rich, deeply fed, massive formed, rare size, head, deep chest, of grand type and quality, big winner won 1st and spl. last week Stratford, and can win at the Palace, accept 30/-, worth treble; another clear buff cock, rich colour-fed, of excellent size, with good head, short flights and tail, grand quality, winner, 25/-; buff cap-marked cock of exceptional merit, real gem, 21/-, honestly worth 50/-; also few massive framed hens of exceptional size and merits, make champion stock birds, several winners amongst them, 10/- and 12/6 each; approval; all cold room bred; exceptional opportunity to those requiring something extra good, both for exhibition and stock purposes: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1213)

CHAMPION exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, grand depth of chest, large head and full neck, rare winner in keen competition, only 63/-, honestly worth £4; also monster exhibition buff cock, grand type, colour, quality, and substance, rare bead and neck, feathered like silk, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also grand exhibition yellow hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and substance, sure winner in good company, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster exhibition buff hen, massive head, full neck, grand depth of chest, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 21/-, cheap at 50/-; also several massive exhibition yellow and buff cocks, 21/- each, and monster exhibition yellow and buff hens, only 12/6 each; sure winners in good company; any of the above are honestly worth three times the prices asked; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 23, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1213)

TO fanciers seeking the most startling value it is possible to find in Norwich Plainheads. This famous stud, all well up to standard; the quality is known everywhere, and it is scarcely necessary to remind fanciers of the success of this strain, which wins at every show of note. Nothing but the best is sent out, and the reduction in prices is exceptional owing to the fact that I am determined to reduce greatly my now large stock. Now is the opportune moment to profit. (1) Grand clear buff cock, fine head and neck, grand size, 1912 bred, 25/6. (2) Sweet marked yellow hen, unflighted, wonderful quality and type, with size also, 21/6, or the pair 45/-. (3) Tip-top yellow cock, fine size and substance, grand head, a bird which can do you some good, 1912 bred, 40/6. (4) Big, fine buff hen, unflighted, can win in keen competition, 30/6, or this grand pair £3 7/6. (5) Unflighted yellow cock, grand head and neck, fine quality, 20/-. (6) Magnificent unflighted buff cock, grand size, etc., a stormer, 35/-. (7) Unflighted ticked buff hen, winner twice, 25/-. (8) Unflighted yellow marked hen, gem all over, 21/-. (9) Unflighted clear yellow hen, wonderful type, full of colour and quality, 15/-. (10) Clear buff cock, big winner this year in keen competition, 35/-. (11) Unflighted marked yellow cock, sweet bird, charming shape, 18/6. (12) Grand yellow cock, 1912 bred, grand stock bird, 25/-. (13) 1912 buff hen, has won several times at good shows, 30/-. (14) Typical buff cock and very nice yellow hen, both unflighted, 20/- the pair. (15) Unflighted yellow cock and grand buff hen, 1912 bred, nice useful pair, 17/6. All these are worth double. Approval, cash or deposit. Write at once stating requirements if you do not see what you want. The greatest strain, and note the name and only address of England's Premier Norwich Expert, Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1196)

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Norwich winners and stock birds, also cages, prices cheap to clear; inspection invited: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1197)

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LARGE typical cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

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Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

A. PAYNE & SON

Champion Norwich; grand stock birds; cocks, 7/6, 8/6 10/6, 12/6, 20/- upwards; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 20/- upwards; grand matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/- upwards; approval; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich. (1108)

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Few for sale; two grand unflighted buff, extra good type, quality and colour, can win nice shows, 30/- each; also two at 20/- each that can win at small shows; nice pairs at 20/-; approval: Vardy, Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (1206)

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having finally selected 1914 stock, offers unflighted lightly marked Buff cock, clear Buff hen, both excel in quality of feather; are typical and bargains to clear; cock, 35/-; hen, 20/-; approval, deposit; Write now, 40, Beda-rd., Canton, Cardiff. (1190)

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Grand lot of colour-fed Norwich, bred from my noted winners; buff cock, neck ticked, one of the best, a real eye-opener, £7 10/- (year old bird); buff cock, clear, nat. col., real good one, 2 years old, £2 15/-; clear yellow cock, a beauty, £1 10/-; two clear yellow cocks, £1 and 15/-; hens to match above cocks, 10/6 each; 10 pairs big, bouncing, well-matched Norwich, 10/-, 12/6 and 15/- per pair; few singing cocks, 4/6 each; hens, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6 each. This is a chance not to be missed, as, owing to business pressure I am compelled to reduce my stock considerably; approval to known fanciers: W. Holmes, Boot Stores, Holmewood, nr. Chesterfield.

Pure Typical Norwich, cold-room bred yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval. —WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1179)

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FOR sale, yellow and buff cocks, Scotch Fancy: A. Crosbie, 156, Scott-st., Galashiels. (1198)

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A FEW good young cocks and hens for sale from my winning strain; approval: Ralston, Riverbank-st., Newmilns. (1200)

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BUFF Scotch Fancy cock, 1st Cardiff, 3rd Blackwood, 30/-; exchange Norwich: Harrington, 45, Croft-st., Cardiff. (1195)

TWO yellow green cocks, one buff pied hen, good birds; very reasonable prices; no approval: Petrie, 6, Jameson-pl., Leith. (1211)

PRIZE-bred Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, typical birds, young, cheap; approval: Hugh Howie, 29, Oswald-rd., Kirkcaldy. (1194)

1913 COCKS, 5/6, hens 2/-, one-year hens 2/6, lot, 8 unflighted cocks, 2 hens, 5 one-year hens, 50/-: Wright, Somerleyton, Mortlake. (1203)

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SCOTCH Fancies, matched pairs, one pair 25/-, one pair 45/-: Robert Willison, 49, Stanley-rd., Barrow-in-Furness; overstocked, room wanted. (1206)

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A few proofs of appreciation (out of many hundreds) already received during this month of January, 1914. Originals can be seen—hence the difference from the ancient ones which so often have to do duty over and over again.

"8th January, 1914, Penrhyn Deudraeth.—Bird safely to hand yesterday. He sings beautifully. Very satisfied.—H. Kershaw."

"3rd January, 1914, 17, Victoria Street, London.—Dear Sir,—Bird arrived safe. Just what I wanted.—Yours truly, Chas. Corry."

"8th January, 1914, Beecroft Cottages, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Settle.—Sir,—Roller Canary arrived safe and well yesterday. I am very pleased and satisfied with it. T. Millman."

"9th January, 1914, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.—Pair of Norwich Canaries were delivered here at 11 o'clock a.m. They are a splendid pair, in the best of health and condition. I wish to thank you very much for sending such good, honest value. I will be sending for another pair shortly.—Yours truly, T. J. Kearns, jun."

"8th January, 1914, Chesterhall, Antrim.—Sir,—I received your birds on Wednesday morning in very healthy condition, and very pleased with them. Much obliged for your straightforward dealing.—Yours sincerely, G. S. Gillies."

"9th January, 1914, Waldersea Siding, Wisbech.—I received bird quite safe. Thanking you for same. I am quite satisfied.—W. Peacock."

"6th January, 1914, The Gardens, Solberge, Northallerton.—Birds arrived safely. I am very pleased with them.—W. Moody."

"9th January, 1914, 166, Smart's Lane, Loughton.—Sir,—Received bird quite safe Thursday. Very pleased with same.—W. Edwards."

"10th January, 1914, Aston, near Sheffield.—Dear Sir,—I received bird safe Saturday morning. It gives entire satisfaction.—W. H. Mastin."

"10th January, 1914, 65, Kerr Street, Glasgow.—Dear Sir,—The Roller Canary has arrived all safe, and is giving entire satisfaction.—Yours truly, P. McNeish."

"7th January, 1914, 2, North View, Winchester.—Dear Sir,—I received the bird and cage quite safe yesterday. I am entirely satisfied with bird, cage, etc., and advise anyone to deal with you.—W. Bell."

"9th January, 1914, 5, Florence Terrace, Swaythling, Hants.—Birds arrived safe this morning. I am very pleased with them.—Yours truly, C. Stewart."

"4th January, 1914, 28, Gibson Street, Driffield.—Received birds and cage. Am highly pleased with them. They are good value for money.—A. Collison."

"6th January, 1914, Wellington House, Heaton Chapel.—Dear Sir,—My friend has received bird, and is very pleased with it. Many thanks.—G. A. Davison."

"10th January, 1914, 11, Adie Road, Hammersmith.—Sir,—Birds received safely, with which I am very pleased.—F. Belcher."

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THREE splendid cock Goldfinches, house moulted, one reserve Witham, 10/6, one 7/6, one Canary-reared 7/6; approval; cash or deposit: F. Smith, Hotel Cottages, Witham, Essex. (1206)

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Yorkshires.

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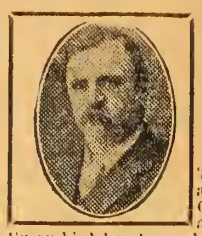

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The above is the record already secured by my birds this season, and they are still going strong. They have also won the N.P.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. competition, also several silver cups and bowls, gold and silver medals, diplomas, and numerous other trophies. Every bird has been shown in open champion classes only, and in hottest competition. I have also a large number of letters from fanciers all over the country who are winning regularly with birds supplied by me, or bred from my stock.

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Grand, lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position, and in full song, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-** each. Erect, racy hens, feathered to perfection, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Matched pairs, personally selected, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair.

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FEW Yorkshire birds left, reasonable prices, Bailey's strain; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

YORKSHIRES, related to my winners, for sale, cheap: McKeon, 3, Harcourt-terr., Dublin. (1208)

TWENTY long, typical birds, full of quality, 7/6 to £3 each: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (1180)

GRAND racy Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; very hardy 1913 birds: George Neal, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs. (1216)

FOR sale, high-class Yorkshire Canaries: Apply E. Dunn, 19, Woodhouse-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1196)

MATCHED pair Yorkshires, £1; reared 4 nests last year; cock splendid singer: Moore, 11, Lupus-st., Pimlico. (1216)

STYLISH yellow cock, buff do, 1912, well up legs, from my winners, 7/6 each: Hicks, Show Secretary, Rolworthy. (1200)

YORKSHIRES, several good cocks, all colours, from 8/6, ditto hens from 4/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1195)

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YORKSHIRES, 3 big buff cocks, 7/6 each; cock Goldfinch, 2 muling hens, 10/6: Seeney, 24, Padgham-rd., Burnley. (1209)

TWENTY long, slim, clear buff 1913 Yorkshire hens, 5/6 each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex. (1183)

1913 HENS from best strains, 4/-, 6/-, 8/- each; approval, deposit: Andrews, 133, Gordon-rd., Peckham London. (1192)

THREE Buff Yorkshire hens, 1913, 3/- each; two splashed hens, 3/-, 3/6: Brooke, 19, Birkbeck-rd., South Ealing. (1192)

YELLOW Yorks. cock, winner, yellow marked hen, both typical 7-inch birds, 15/- pair: Olliff, Church Green, Witney. (1196)

SELL good Buff Yorkshire cock, winner, 15/-; another, 10/-, winner: H. Wain, Stanton Lees, Bakewell, Derbyshire. (1188)

THREE grand pairs left, 25/- pair; also few old cocks and hens, cheap: Mellows, Bedford-st., Ford, Devonport. (1211)

COME and inspect my noted stud of Yorkshires, prices to suit all; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, must be sold; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; pairs, 7/6: no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1157)

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks from 6/6; must clear to make room for breeding: Keegan, 6, York-st., Barton Hill, Bristol. (1198)

FOUR unflighted yellow hens, 7/6 each, or would exchange two for unflighted buff hen: Hawley, 6, Stedman-st., Hanley. (1211)

YORKSHIRES; 2 cocks, 8 hens, the lot £5; will separate; can be seen by appointment: Males, Broadway, Deptford. (1215)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, own breeding, 1913, cocks, 7/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-; approval: M. Peck, Ashman's Hall, Beccles, Suffolk. (1208)

HIGH-class Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some over 7in., from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Horne House, Whitby, Yorks. (1193)

HIGH-class Yorkshire cocks, full song, bred from my own winners, 10/-, 15/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (1207)

SEVEN hens, 6 cocks, numerous single breeders, clearing out; accept best offer: Saunders, Tobacconist, High-st., Ealing. (1187)

GOOD lengthy Yorkshires, Thomas's strain, three cocks, three hens, 50/-, or sell separate; what offers: Linge, Scunthorpe, Lincs. (1201)

SWEET pair upstanding Yorkshires, matched breed winners, first P.O. 8/6 gets this speudid bargain: 142a, High-st., Stourbridge. (1138)

EIGHT high class Yorkshire hens, all young birds, healthy, 3/- each, lot £1; deposit, approval: Tootill, Park-st., Farnworth, Bolton. (1199)

PAIR of good 1912 Yorkshire Canaries for sale, outdoor birds, 8/6; no letters: W. Linnett, 65, Bloomfield-rd., Bow, London. (1192)

REMOVING; must sell. 3 cocks, 2 hens, Yorkshires, 25/-; would separate; bargain: Timmins, 88, West Bromwich-rd., Walsall. (1202)

WINNERS of two cups and gold medal; fine lengthy birds from 12/6 pair; approval, no rubbish: Olive, Sittingbourne. (1165)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, champion cocks, 7/6, 10/-; grand yellow hens, correct type, 5/6: Herbert Carter, Church-place, Halifax. (1189)

LONG, typical Yorkshires, several 1913 buff cocks, 7 inches, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 3/-, 3/6; approval: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley. (1181)

YORKSHIRE hens, three to spare, from my winners, 12/- each; see Ayr and Paisley reports: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (1207)

NOTICE.—Grand lot of high-class Yorkshires for show or breeding; prices reasonable; inspection invited: 2, Kinglake-rd., Egremont. (1195)

TEN typical Yorkshire hens, bred from my winners, yellow or buff, 4/- to 10/- each: Hannaford, 65, Saint Quintin-aven., North Kensington. (1212)

CHEAP Yorkshires, leading strain, three pairs 1913 birds; cocks, 7in.; 27/- lot; deposit or cash: White, 118, Brandon-rd., Brixton. (1194)

TYPICAL tight feather Yorkshires, reliable strain, including winners: cocks 10/6, hens 4/-: Bonniwell, 63, Highlever-rd., North Kensington. (1192)

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Grand Yellow and Buff Yorkshire Cocks, on full song, at **6/-, 6/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. All standard length. Pairs matched to breed winners at **6/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. In clears, ticked green marked, and cinnamon marked. Extra Good Yellow and Buff Hens at **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All cold room bred and kept. Colour fed or natural colour. Over 100 winners supplied this season at home and abroad. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cage, **3d.** extra. All on seven days' approval at my risk.

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Large short-bodied Norwich Cocks at **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. Pairs accurately matched to breed winners at **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-** per pair. Clears, ticked, and green marked. Splendid large Hens at **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. Colour fed or natural colour, and all cold room kept. Specially selected Yorkshire or Norwich Songsters at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each, on full song by day or gaslight. Sib. bred muling hens at **3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6** each. **Easy Payments.** Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Full particulars and price list post free. Travelling cage **3d.** extra. Only and old address. All on seven days' approval.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; few pairs for disposal; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; bred from winners; approval: Dean, Highgate, Ghisburn, Keighley. (1150)

UNFLIGHTED cocks and hens, related to 14 prize winners this season, cocks 5/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards: Wright, Somerleyton, Mortlake. (1205)

HIGH class Yorkshires, cocks and hens, clears and Cinnamons, cheap; inspection invited: H. Brownhill, 29, Mercer-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1197)

THREE unflighted yellow Yorkshires, cocks, feathered like wax, 15/- each; grand stud birds; stamp: Mundell, Carlisle Place, Bradford. (1210)

GIVING up. 18 Yorkshires, mostly show birds, £8 the lot; or pairs at £1; seven days' approval: R. Bostock, Chapel-st., Flimby, Cumberland. (1207)

THREE 1913 buff Yorkshire hens (little Belgian blood), 3/- each; cock, 7/6; yellow Yorkshire hen, 2/6; approval: Cowbon, Outfitter, Portland. (1217)

FOR sale, variegated and clear Yorkshire hens, with Roller strain, 5/- each; strong, healthy: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-c-Hardy, Manchester. (1158)

F. KING, winner Metropolitan Champion Cup, has stylish Yorkshire cocks from 7/6, typical hens from 5/-; seen any evening: 49, Inworth-st., Battersea. (1193)

HIGH class Yorks. hens, 4/- each, unflighted, any colour, cold room, on approval, cash or deposit: Post Office, Hammerfield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (1203)

YORKSHIRE cocks, five yellow, two buff, young birds; stamp reply; inspection invited: Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st. Great Horton Bradford.

FEW stylish Yorkshires, clears, ticks, and variegated, cocks and hens, bred from winners; approval; prices, stamp: Harris, Castle-row, Dorchester.

WANTED, offers cash for eight Yorks. yellow cocks, 1913, C.F.; also four buff Norwich cocks, C.F., 1913; they are from winners over 50 prizes: Fred Gray, Filey. (1201)

JOHN WHELDRAKE, 18, Morley-st., Old Goole, has 60 Yorkshires for sale; all in full song; single or in pairs; would sell cheap one taking the lot; on approval. (1187)

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock, 2nd Carlisle, 35/-; unflighted yellow cock, buff hen, £1; see wins Carlisle, Glasgow: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (1211)

BARGAIN: Three-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, with six Yorkshires, as bred, £1; approval, deposit: H. Lucking, Stortford-rd., Great Dunmow, Essex. (1208)

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STOCK birds; special Yorkshires, splendid length and carriage, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; exceptional value; buff and yellow Sib. hens, 5/- each: George, Bootmaker, Rugby. (1174)

PRIZE-bred Yorkshires, splendid feather, cocks, full song, from 7/6; hens from 5/-; pairs, to breed winners, 12/6 to £1; approval: Gamble, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester. (1195)

YORKSHIRES, even wing buff cock, mated clear yellow hen, 30/- pair; clear buff cock, yellow hen, 40/-; from my challenge cup winners; approval: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants. (1217)

EIGHT high-class buff stock hens left, clears, ticks, Cinnamon marked, from 5/-; cocks from 7/6 upwards; yellows, buffs, Bailey's, direct: R. E. Hellifwell, Boothtown, Halifax. (1206)

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Third annual show held Dec. 26 Assembly Rooms, Carnarvon, with over 320 entries. The room is one to be proud of, staging was at a nice height, well arranged, so that the birds could be comfortably seen, and the management was of the best. Quality ran very high, and some of the winners were entered in numerous classes, and very hard to separate. W. H. Williams won challenge cup with two nominated birds, and R. E. Griffith the Mule or Hybrid and British cup; the former being won outright. Other specials winners were: D. Jones, W. Hughes, W. Nolan, E. Roberts, Herbert Jones, W. H. Williams, Evans and Roberts. Novice classes brought a few fresh ones to the fore. We expected to see a greater number of Norwich, but the type, quality and condition was all that could be desired. Yorkshires were the mainstay, and contained some very prominent winners of rare length and style. Bord. were very fair and quality extra good. Mules and Hybrids were of excellent quality. Foreign were small in number but of fine quality. British were an excellent lot in numbers and quality, several eye openers were staged. Mr. R. E. Griffith went through his work in a very satisfactory manner, ably assisted by Mr. J. W. Jones, and a good band of stewards. Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (11): 1, J. O. Williams, grand cl., rare length of flight, straight, well up on leg, good style and col.; 2, A. M. Williams, lovely shape, well filled neck, capital pos.; 3, c, T. Owen, neat cl., slim and leggy, straight, well braced wings; 4, Herbert Jones; vhc, Sergt. Evans; hc, W. Nolan. BUFF (14): 1, 2 sps, vhc, W. Nolan, grand cl., nice length and style, full of nerve, magnificent feather, wedge shape, lovely outline; 2, T. Owen, wing tkd., round as a bottle, capital neck and wing carr., well tapered, on good legs; 3, J. O. Williams, good length and qual., very racy, looked a bit soft to-day; 4, c, Herbert Jones; hc, A. M. Williams. HEN (12): 1, hc, W. Nolan, yell. tkd., good qual., neat head and neck, capital wings, nice pipe tail; 2, D. M. Jones, var. yell., good length and pos., rich col.; 3, vhc, Herbert Jones, wing tkd., lengthy and stylish, on good legs; 4, A. M. Williams; c, T. Owen. A.O. YORKS. (12): 1, 4, Herbert Jones, grand variegd. buff, nice length, beautifully drawn, good head, stands well, good col. and qual.; 2, Owen Hughes, check and wing mkd. yell., good length and pos., nicely moulded, light feathered; 3, W. Nolan, wing and head mkd., stylish, good back and wings, hot col.; vhc, A. M. Williams; hc, D. M. Jones; c, Sergt. Evans. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, sp, 2, E. R. Roberts, grand cl., nice type, good head and eye, rare feather and qual.; 2nd, head and wing tkd., full of qual., jaunty carr.; 3, vhc, Herbert Jones, neat typical cl., good shape, style and qual.; 4, H. Roberts; hc, R. Green; c, H. Jones. BUFF (10): 1, H. Roberts, mkd., rare type and feather, very sweet, good carr.; 2, vhc, hc, E. R. Roberts, wing tkd., full of style and qual., very neat; 3, c, Herbert Jones, lovely feather and qual., good stamp; 4, R. Green. A.V. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Herbert Jones, Bord., already noted; 2, W. Nolan, yell. tkd. York., good length and pos.; 3, J. Jones, typical Nor., in good form; 4, vhc, R. Green. A.V. 1913 (18): 1, sp, W. H. Williams, cl. buff Nor., grand type, good head and neck, lovely feather, very promising; 2, Herbert Jones, good Border, already noted; 3, James Jones, good Yell. Nor., nice type and qual., rich col.; 4, E. F. Nolan; vhc, R. Green; hc, Yorkshire; c, W. Atkin. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, sp, W. H. Williams, cl. yell., good size and subs., rich col., full of qual., Manchester winner, wins; 2, R. H. Lloyd, nice size and qual., nice head, good wings and col.; 3, James Jones, noted in previous class; W. Aitken w.c. BUFF (7): 1, cup, W. H. Williams, four-pointed, rare size and subs., good head and neck, stood well out, Manchester winner; 2, 4, W. Aitken, good type, rare body, exquisite feather, rich col., nicely cut away, 4th, good type and feather, shade lighter; 3, W. H. Williams, grand cl., immense size, good head, well filled neck, close up; vhc, W. Nolan; hc, J. Jones; c, George Jones. LIGHT MULE OR HYB., AND CAN.-BULLF. (4): 1, R. E. Griffith, Goldf.-Bullf., rare size and col., magnificent feather, good markings, shows parentage well, cup winner; 2, 3, J. Hughes, 2nd six-pointed Goldf.-Can., good size and qual., well shown, 3rd Bullf.-Can., capital size, lustrous col., superb form; 4, R. Hughes. DK. (not including Can.-Bullf.) (9): 1, vhc, R. E. Griffith, well-known Siskin Mule, good blocky type, rich col., well-known; 2, W. Williams, good Green Mule, rare size, good feather, rich col.; 3, R. H. Lloyd, Goldf. Mule, nice size, good blaze and col., very fit; 4, R. Hughes; hc, c, J. O. Roylands; w.c., James Jones, variegd. GOLDF. (22) A warm lot: 1, 2, sp best in show, Evans and Roberts, winner, capital size, broad expansive blaze, rare top, richly tanned, faultless cond., 2nd monster for size, good rich blaze, nice collar, good bars and buttons, very little to choose; 3, E. Jones, good size, blaze rich col., grand top, dark tannings, even buttons, not quite so tight to-day; 4, Mrs. Hughes, nice size, well cut blaze, rich col.; vhc, E. Hughes; hc, W. Jones; c, W. H. Williams. GREYPATE (18): 1, W. H. Williams, grand size, rich blaze, good width of head, well cut blaze, well polished; 2, W. Nolan, rich blaze, good body col., rare tanning; 3, R. E. Griffith, good type, beautiful feather, rich col. and blaze, nice bars and buttons; 1, W. Jones, nice bars and buttons, not so rich in face; vhc, hc, Ed. Jones; c, F. Gallihan. BULLF. (16): 1, sp, W. H. Williams, good size and col., immense black cap, clean cut, good cond.; 2, c, Evans and Roberts, good type and col., beaten size; 3, Thomas, nice size and cap, good feather; 4, R. E. Griffith; vhc, G. Jones; hc, W. Jones. LINNET (13): 1, W. Williams, good size, well mkd., rich col., nutty brown, steady; 2, W. R. Roberts, nice size and cond., well pencilled; 3, Evans and Roberts, rich col. and pencilling; 4, Ed. Jones; vhc, R. E. Griffith; hc, O. Davies; c, R. Green. TWITE, ETC. (6): 1, J. Fields, Siskin, grand cap and bib, fine col., nice cond.; 2, 3, Evans and Roberts, Twite, magnificently marked, nice size and cond.; 3rd, Redpoll, topping subs., well laced to vent, near thing; vhc, W. Aitken; hc, R. Green. BRIT. MEN (6): 1, J. Fields, grand Bullie, good type and subs., immense dense black cap, good lacings; 2, W. Aitken, Yellow Bunting, good size and col., steady; 3, R. Gren; 4, J. Jones; vhc, G. Jones; hc, W. Nolan. A.O. BRIT. (9): 1, R. E. Griffith, beautiful Waxwing, very large, well mkd. wings, cup winner; 2, Evans and Roberts, rich coloured Bramble; 3, James Jones, immense Waxwing, beaten chest only; 4, W. Williams; vhc, W. H. Williams; c, W. Nolan. FOR. (6): 1, F. Harrison, Alexandrine Parrakeet, rich col., distinct markings, good tail, faultless cond.; 2, No. 6, Green Amazon; 3, 4, R. E. Griffiths, good Lorikeet; vhc, J. R. Jones. NOV. CAN. (16): 1, sp, W. Hughes, good Nor.; 2, D. M. Jones, check and wing mkd. Yell. Yorks.; 3, hc, H. Jones, neat Bord.; 4, vhc, H. G. Williams; c, W. Williams. BRIT. (11): 1, hc, T. J. Roberts, good Goldie; 2, W. Williams, Greenfinch; 3, H. Jones, Goldfinch; 4, R. H. Lloyd, Bramble; vhc, A. J. Hughes; c, H. J. Williams. A.O. CAGE BIRD (6): 1, W. Williams; 2, 3, E. Davies.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

From the catalogue received, we gather that the principal winners at the show held Nov. 29, were: LANCS.: Webster, Woodhead. YORKS.: Low and Johnson, Blackburn, Webster, Bamford, Walkden, Windle, Heathcote, Crossley. NOR.: Bamford, Hartley, Crossley, Windle. CRESTS: Fielden, Cheetham, Mayers. BORD.: Woodhead, Heathcote, Windle, Hartley. BRIT.: Mayers, Hartley, Windle. Special winners: — Most points Lancs.: H. Woodhead. Yorks.: 1, A. Webster; 2, W. Blackburn. Norwich: 1, E. Bamford; 2, E. Hartley. Crests: J. T. Cheetham. British: J. R. Windle. Novices: 1, A. Walkden; 2, H. Heathcote. Most points in show: 1, E. Bamford; 2, A. Webster. Best bird: J. W. Fielden. Selling: T. R. Crossley. Mr. Schofield, Heywood, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Third table show, held Horse and Jockey, Dec. 11. Messrs. Brotherton, Bamall and Richinson judged.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Webster; 3, c, Blunt. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Webster; vhc, Blunt. NOV., CL. or TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Merrills; 2, Exton; 3, vhc, Dyett. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Exton; 3, Merrill. A.O.V. (6): 1, Dyett; 2, Exton; 3, Merrill. NOR., CL. or TKD. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Grainger. LINNET or REDPOLL (5): 1, 2, Duce; 3, 4, Bearder. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, 3, Bearder; 4, Duce. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Duce; 2, 3, Ritson.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.S.

Final show for 1913, held Dec. 20, at Railway Hotel. Mr. C. E. Walker judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Parker; 2, Casey, 3, Chippendale; 4, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Padgett and Son; 2, Swaine; 3, 4, Hodgson. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 4, Casey; 2, Varley; 3, Swaine. YELL. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Casey; 3, Chippendale; 4, Symes. BUFF: 1, 2, Swaine; 3, 4, Hodgson. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Parker. HEN: 1, 2 Casey. NOV. CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Riley. BUFF: 1, Walker. EVEN ETC., VAR.: 1, 3, 4 Riley; 2, Sykes. YELL. HEN: 1 2, 3, Sykes; 4, Forster. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Sykes; 3, Sutcliffe. MKD. HEN: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Walker. Mr. Hodgson won cup, also 1st medal, 2nd in sealed handicap; Mr. Casey, 2nd medal; Mr. Riley, 1st medal in nov., also 1st sealed handicap. Mr. Sykes, 2nd medal in novices.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Member's show held Dec. 13. Mr. J. Chippindale judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Firth; 2, Holden; 3, Brown and Ramsden; 4, Brook and Oldfield; hc, Orme. BUFF: 1, 4, Orme; 2, 3, Hanson; vhc, Widdop; hc, Firth. EVEN, ETC., YORKS.: 1, Widdop. HEN: 1, Hanson; 2, Brook and Oldfield. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Holden; 2, Firth; 3, c, Hanson; 4, Orme; vhc, Widdop; hc, Brown and Ramsden. BUFF: 1, 3, Orme; 2, Brown and Ramsden; 4, Hanson; vhc, Widdop; hc, Firth.—W. A. Brown, Sec.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 29, in Conservative Club. Entries were fair in number, and extra good in quality, several of the birds being well-known open winners. Special winners were: Best Yorks. and best unnig. ditto, Spiby; best Nor., Pennington; best Roller, Britton; best cl. ditto, Hickton and Ollier; best Brit., Walton. Mr. J. Lomas judged, and gave general satisfaction.

From catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were: Yorks: Spiby, Pickup, Fraser, Williams; NOR.: Bolton, Grimshaw, Lord, Pennington, Spiby; ROLLERS: Hickton and Ollier, Spiby, Britton, Morris; MULES: Fraser, Pickup. BRIT.: Jeffreys, Lord, Pennington, Allen, Grimshaw, Walton; FOR.: Pickup, Higham; GIFT: Jeffreys, Fraser, Grimshaw.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Show, held Jan. 1, Assembly Room, King's Head. The support given was rather disappointing, but there was a very creditable display, 126 being benched. Borders, Mules, British, and Foreign birds were the pick. Judges were Messrs. T. J. Robson and T. Holmes, and their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. C. Bell.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. CK.: 1, Higgins; 2, Elliott; 3, Morgan. HEN: 1, Morgan; 2, Higgins; 3, Macartney. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Elliott; 2, Higgins. GR. OR CIN.: 1, Smith; 2, Higgins; 3, Coulthard. PAIRS: 1, 2, Higgins; 3, Johnstone. NOR., CL. OR TKD. CK.: 1, 3, Bell; 2, White. HEN: 1, Robson; 2, 3, Bell. VAR.: 1, 2, Bell; 3, Robson. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Robson; 2, Bell. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Coulthard; 2, Miss Graham; 3, Bebbington. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, Miss Graham; 2, Howe; 3, Todd. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Palfrey; 2, Whittaker; 3, Bebbington. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, Bell; 2, Palfrey; 3, Bebbington. FOR. (LARGE): 1, 2, 3, Bell. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Bell.—J. C. Bell, Hon. Sec.

RYECROFT & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

Second annual show, held Dec. 26, Queen Hotel. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, sp, sp. best bird, Wilshaw; 3, Smith. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, 3, sp, Wilshaw; 2, Smith. YELL.: 1, sp, Smith; 2, 3, Wilshaw. HEN: 1, sp, Wall; 2, Wilshaw; 3, Smith. NOR. CK.: 1, sp, Wilshaw; 2, Francis; 3, Wall. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, sp, Wall; 2, Gascoigne; 3, Smith. YELL.: 1, sp, Smith; 2, 3, Wall. HEN: 1, sp, 2nd best, Smith; 2, 3, Wall. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 2, sp, Wall; 3, Francis. A.O. BRIT.: 1, sp, Wall; 2, Smith; 3, Francis.

KEIGHLEY C.D.S.

Show held Dec. 26, Hare and Hounds. 128 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Greaves, whose awards gave general satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. CK. (11): 1, Middleton; 2, Fawcett; 3, Leach; vhc, Smith; hc, Town; c, Myers. BUFF (8): 1, Miles; 2, Fawcett; 3, Town; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Smith; c, Trevenar. UNEV. OR FOUL MKD. CK. (11): 1, Smith; 2, Miles; 3, Scaife; vhc, c, Middleton; hc, Burnett. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Fawcett; 2, Myers; 3, Leach; vhc, Trevenar; hc, Middleton; c, Smith. BUFF (14): 1, Myers; 2, Slater; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Middleton; hc, Town; c, Scaife. UNEV. OR FOUL MKD. HEN (12): 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Miles; vhc, Myers; hc, Middleton; c, Town. A.O.V. CK. (15): 1, Miles; 2, Smith; 3, Middleton; vhc, Scaife; hc, Burnett; c, Myers. A.O.V. HEN: 1, c, Middleton; 2, Myers; 3, Slater; vhc, Leach; hc, Town. NOV. CL. OR TK. YELL. CK.: 1, Burrows; 2, Pemberton; 3, Williams; vhc, Williams; hc, Pemberton; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Ascough; 2, Williams; 3, Harrison; vhc, Pemberton; hc, Burrows. YELL. HENS: 1, Williams; 2, Ascough; 3, Burrows. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Williams; 3, vhc, Ascough; hc, Pemberton. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Harrison. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Ascough.—C. W. TOWN, Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL.

First annual show held at the Hall, Royal Street, Dec. 26. The society is to be congratulated in securing such fine, spacious and well-lighted headquarters. The show was a splendid success; close on 300 exhibits. British came up particularly strong, over 50 being entered in seven classes. We have to thank our show manager, Mr. Wilkins, and his stewards, Messrs. Foxcroft, Leadbetter, Frankham, Holden, and Sinclair, for arranging everything so satisfactorily. All prize money and specials were paid on night of show. The following won specials: Messrs. Rothwell, Holden, Rawthorne, Mullins, McCoy, Frankham, Battersby, F. Williams, Flentts, Foxcroft, and W. G. Leonards. Special best bird, Mr. Rothwell, well deserving the honour. The show was well patronised by visitors. Mr. A. Wellings judged, and his awards gave complete satisfaction.

YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. C. (13): 1, Mullins, good length, plenty of nerve, well braced wings and tail, grand qual.; 2, Rothwell, good one, not quite qual. of feather, but full of style; 3, Cutts, rare pos., neat wings and tail, shows well; vhc, Kewn; hc, Whitelocks; c, Rucastle. HEN (11): 1, Holden, tkd., grand head, well filled neck, nice carr., good exhibit; 2, Broadbent, lovely qual., well fitting wings, shows well; 3, vhc, Erentz, good length, stylish, not quite qual and firmness; hc, Rothwell; c, Frankham. VAR. YELL. C. (2): 1, Leadbetter, grand qual and col., nice style; 2, Kewn, good one, fails in pos. HEN (3): 1, Foxcroft, full of col., good pos.; 2, Mullins, good length, wings, and tail, fails col.; 3, Erentz, good col. and carr., bit rough on thighs. CL. OR TKD BUFF C. (16), good class: 1, 3, F. Williams, leader tkd., good length, qual., and carr., wins well; 3, long, slim, well tapered, good pos.; 2, Rothwell, good one, very close up; vhc, Holden; hc, Leadbetter; c, Broadbent. HEN (9): 1, Holden, nice length, rare qual., plenty of swagger; 2, hc, Broadbent, nice one, good col., well put down; 3, Rothwell, nice pos., not quite qual of leaders; vhc, Mullins; c, Rawsthorne. VAR. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Cutts, capital exhibit, good style, wins well; 2, Frankham, good length and qual.; 3, Rawsthorne, nice shape and style; vhc, Price. HEN (6): 1, Rothwell, some good ones here, leader nice head, wings, and tail; 2, Cutts, good one, not quite the classy carr.; 3, Foxcroft, capital length, put down well; vhc, Kewn; hc, Rawsthorne; c, Nowlan. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., 1913: 1, 3, Rothwell, leader wins sp. best bird, cl., very fine exhibit, put down in grand trim; 3, similar style, not quite the pos.; 2, Frankham, cl., good exhibit, shown in good form; vhc, Rawsthorne; hc, Broadbent; c, McLaughlin. HEN (8): 1, 3, Rothwell, leader nice head, neck, and wings, wins easy; 3, splendid length, nice wings and tail; 2, Hammond, grand shape and length, nice exhibit; vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Cutts; c, Rawsthorne. BUFF CK. (17), strong class: 1, Holden, capital exhibit, well tapered, silky feather; 2, Rothwell, not quite pos. of leader, good wings and tail; 3, Mullins, nice type and qual.; vhc, Hammond; hc, Woodcock; c, Rothwell. HEN (9): 1, Rawsthorne, good length, plenty of nerve; 2, Broadbent, grand qual., nice carr.; 3, Rothwell, very smart, nice wings and tail; vhc, Mullins; hc, McBirney; c, Kewn. GREENS, S. OR F. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Holden, foul tail, good grass green, lovely qual. and pos.; 2, Aindow, good type, not the qual.; 3, Cutts, nice carr., wings, and tail; vhc, Mullins; hc, W. G. Leonard; c, T. W. Kelly. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Grice, foul tail, good carr. and col.; 2, C. Kelly, self, good sound col. and pos.; 3, McLaughlin, self, not quite the col.; hc, Aindow; c, F. Williams. SELF OR FOUL BUFF CK. (11): 1, 2, Rothwell, leader foul tail, rich grass green, wonderful length; 2, self, good one, beaten in pos.; 3, Cutts, neat carr., good qual.; vhc, C. Kelly; hc, Leadbetter; c, Frankham. HEN (6): 1, T. Cutts, good length, excellent carr. and qual.; 2, Leadbetter, plenty of nerve, good wings and tail; 3, C. Kelly, well balanced wings and tail; vhc, W. G. Leonard; hc, c, R. Leonard. 1913 S. OR F. YELL. CK. (11): 1, c, Cutts, leader very stylish, good pos., grand qual.; 2, Holden, nice one, good length and carr.; 3, Rawsthorne, good wings; vhc, Mullins; hc, Aindow; c, Cutts. HEN (7): 1, 2, hc, Cutts, leader good rich col., nice wing carr.; 2, equal to first, nice pos.; 3, Mullins, good style, well up on legs; vhc, Rawsthorne; c, C. Kelly. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Rothwell, foul, nice type, good sound col., plenty of swagger; 2, Holden, self, plenty of length, good pos.; 3, Kewn, self, good length, fails in pos.; vhc, Mullins; hc, c, Cutts. HEN (6): 1, Woodcock, foul, very nice exhibit, good winner, nice wings and tail; 2, 3, Cutts, two good ones, well up on legs, hard to separate; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, Smith; c, F. Williams. A.O.V. YORKS CK.: 1, R. Leonard. HEN (5): 1, Holden, self cinn., nice qual. and pos.; 2, Woodcock, var. cinn., good pos.; 3, Foxcroft, variegd., good qual.; vhc, Nowlan; hc, Leadbetter. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 4, Wilkins, massive bold head and neck; 3, cl., good col. and qual.; 2, vhc, McCoy, cl., not quite the subs., nice type. HEN (3): 1, Wilkins, very cobby, nice Bullfinch type; 2, Battersby variegd., nice neck and head, chubby body; 3, McCoy, fails in head, good body. BUFF CK. (7): 1, vhc, c, McCoy, leader cl., stout body, nice head, real Nor. type; 2, Wilkins, variegd., good one, hard lines here, just bathed in drinker before judging, good head and neck; 3, Eaton, variegd., good size and qual.; hc, Frankham. HEN (7): 1, vhc, c, Wilkins, leader grand head and neck, splendid qual. of feather; 2, 3, hc, McCoy, variegd., nice heads and good qual. and type. GREEN S. OR F. YELL. CK. (2): 1, McCoy, good Bullfinch type; 2, W. G. Leonard, good qual., nice type. BUFF: 1, Eaton, good type and qual. HEN: 1, Eaton, good subs. A.O. NOR.: 1, 2, McCoy, good size and qual. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Cutts, neat exhibit, nice silky feather; 2, Rawsthorne, very typical; 3, Frankham, fails in type. HEN: 1, Battersby, splendid exhibit, nice type and qual., good winner; 2, W. G. Leonard, good feather; 3, Rawsthorne, very typical; vhc, Kewn; hc, c, Frankham. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Battersby, very taking, well put down; 2, Kewn, nice one, very typical; 3, Cutts, loses in type; vhc, McCoy; hc, c, Frankham. HEN: 1, 2, Cutts, good ones. GOLDF. (13): 1, Cutts, good square blaze, very steady, nice tannings; 2, Rothwell, nice Finch, loses in col., nice moons and buttons; 3, Wilkins, good tannings, fails in head; vhc, W. G. Leonard; hc, c, Frankham. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (6): 1, 3, Wilkins, Chaffinch, fine size, good cap and breast col., steady as a rock; 3, Bramble, good spangling, nice hood, loses in body; 2, E. Williams, nice F.M. Chaffinch, good breast col., bars, and wings; vhc, c, T. W. Kelly; hc, Foxcroft. LINNET (6): 1, Cutts, steady, well pencilled, nice nut-brown; 2, Frankham, nice nut-brown back, rather wild; 3, T. W. Kelly, nice breast markings; vhc, hc, Foxcroft; c, Eaton SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, E. Williams, capital F.M. Lesser Redpoll, rare col., indistinct bib; 2, T. W. Kelly, very dapper Mealy; 3, hc, Wilkins, nice Twite, rather wild; vhc, Cutts. BULLF. (9): 1, Rothwell, F.M., beauty, rich red breast, good cap, wings, and bars; 2, E. Williams, rich neat hen, good size, cap, and bars; 3, hc, Wilkins, nice cap, fails in breast col., best of bodies; vhc, hc, Frankham; c, Foxcroft. GREENF. (7): 1, Rothwell, nice buff, good size and bars; 2, Frankham, yell., bit small, nice col.; 3, E. Williams, good size, bit narrow in skull; vhc, T. W. Kelly; hc, c, Foxcroft. A.O.V. (4), all Yellow Bunnings: 1, Wilkins, good V-markings, well laced thighs; 2, Frankham, hen, nice shape, very stylish; 3, T. W. Kelly, rather wild; vhc, Foxcroft. MEMB. (6): 1, 2, Cutts, leader nice jonque Greenie, good size very steady; 2, Jonque Goldie, rich blaze; 3, c, Frankham, buff Goldie, good size; vhc, T. W. Kelly; hc, Battersby. —E. S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

EALING, HANWELL F.S.

From the catalogue received, we gather that the principal winners at the show held Dec. 10, W. Ealing, Drill Hall, were: YORKS.: Crockett, Monger, Taylor and Wright, Bollin, Huxley. NOR.: Withers, Thursby, Phipps. MULES AND BRIT.: Thursby. Mr. R. J. Pretty judged, and his decisions gave general approval.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Show held Dec. 27 Slatter's Room, only a small number of birds shown. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Harding. BUFF: 1, Harding. YELL. 1913: 1, Harding. BUFF, 1913: 1, Harding. BUFF HEN: 1, Harding. NOV. NOE YELL.: 1, Seaton. 1913: 1, Seaton. BUFF 1913: 1, Seaton. YELL. HEN: 1, Cotterill. BUFF: 1, Cotterill. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Seaton. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Oliver. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Oliver; 4, Towl. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Oliver; 2, Cotterill. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Oliver. BRIT. HEN: 1, 2, Towl; 3, Oliver. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Oliver; 2, 2, Towl. Cup winners: Silver cup H. Harding, Moore cup F. Seaton, Ball cup A. Oliver. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Harland for judging, his awards giving satisfaction all round.—H. Towl, hon. sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Last members' show of the season held Granby Hotel, Dec. 27, 47 birds were staged. Mr. A. Jowett judged. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Ambler; 4, Blagbrough. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Fowle; 4, Blagbrough. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Ambler; 3, Rolfe. BUFF: 1, 3, Ambler; 2, 4, Hudson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Fowle; 2, Haggis; 3, 4, Allatt. BUFF: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Fowle; 3, Ambler; 4, Allatt. HEN: 1, Fowle; 2, 3, Hudson; 4, Ambler. CL. TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Haggis. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Fowle. MKD. YELL. HEN.: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Fowle. BUFF: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Allatt; 3, Farrer.

NEWTON ABBOT F.A.

Held in Market, Nov. 22. Entries were very slack, but quality was very high. Mr. Turner, the sec., is a painstaking and courteous official, and was backed up by a good committee. Sp. best in show was won by Mrs. G. Facey, with a very smart yell. Yorks. Mr. R. W. Webber exhibited a grand lot of Brit. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged, and gave satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Mrs. Facey. BUFF: 1, Bowden. HEN: 1, Bowden. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Curtis. HEN: 1, Curtis. GOLDF.: 1, Webber; 2, 3, Johnson. BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Webber; hc, Johns. A.O.V.: 1, Webber; 2, 3, Johnson.

SWINTON, PENDLEBURY C.B.S.

First members' show held Jan. 1, in the large Assembly Room, Windmill Hotel. There was a very large entry, and some very grand birds were staged. The society is only just commencing again, and has every prospect of coming to the front. H. Howard, Walkden, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Lloyd; 3, Tate. NOV.: 1, Boardman; 2, Stocker; 3, Tate; vhc, Stocker; hc, Norton. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lloyd. NOV.: 1, Corristine; 2, Tate; 3, Daws; vhc, Stocker; hc, Robinson. LINNET: 1, Jackson; 2, Daws; 3, Bates; vhc, Dixon; hc, Walker; c, Lloyd. GOLDF.: 1, Mabrey; 2, Lloyd. FOR. GOLDF.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Mabrey; 3, Corristine. MULES: 1, 2, Lloyd. LARK: 1, Lloyd; 2, Dawes. CHAFFINCH: 1, Dixon; 2, E. Robinson; 3, T. Robinson; vhc, Dawes; hc, Mabrey.—A. Donnelly, Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

4th annual show held in Public Halls. Mr. C. R. Miles judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Broughton; 3, Gunnell. BUFF: 1, Gunner; 2, Smith; 3, Broughton. 1913: 1, 3, sp., Halhead; 2, Broughton. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, sp., Soper; 3, Avery. BUFF: 1, 2, Soper; 3, Mudd. 1913: 1, 3, Soper; 2, two sps., Mrs. Penfold. A.O.V.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Soper; 3, Avery. PAIRS: 1, Soper; 2, Gunnell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, two sps., Gunnell. GOLD. OR BULLF.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Breeze; 3, Gilbert. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Gilbert; 3, Breeze. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Breeze. FOR.: 1, Oliver.

NORTH STAFFS R.C.C.

First radius show held Vine Hotel, Newcastle, Dec. 13. Fanciers from all the pottery towns visited the show. Many of them were accompanied by their wives, who seemed particularly impressed by the birds' singing. The committe express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hill for their kindness, to the donors of specials, also to the visitors who all helped to make the show a success. Mr. Leese, Longton, is to be congratulated on winning 1st, 3rd, and special prizes in the young bird class, also 1st in radius class, and special for best bird. Prize money was paid to exhibitors who attended the show, and was dispatched to others within two days. Entries in class for members' young birds were rather disappointing, considering that full prize money and specials for vhc, hc, and c were guaranteed. Class 2, open to North Staffs, was more satisfactory several birds competing that had won at other exhibitions, and many good birds stood cardless. Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, H. Leese, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 2, bass 4, sch. 3, flutes 3, water glucke 3, bell tour 1, g.c. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, total 24; 2, S. Sneyd, h.r. 5, h.b. 2, sch. 2, flutes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, deep-bubbling-water tour 2, b.t. 1, b.r. 1, g.c. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, 1 sharp bell, 20; 3, H. Leese, h.r. 5, h.b. 2, bass 3, sch. 4, glucke 1, bell tour 2, g.c. 3, 1 off sharp flutes, 1 sharp bell, total 18; vhc, sp., G. Haddrell. CLASS 2: 1, sp, best bird H. Leese, h.r. 7, h.b. 4, bass 4, sch. 4, glucke 2, flutes 4, b.r. 1, g.c. 5, 1 off sharp flutes, 1 sharp bell, total 29, (this bird sings a bell glucke); 2, c, sp., J. Heatherley, h.r., 5 h.b. 2, bass 4, sch. 4, flutes 1, b.t. 2, b.r. 2, g.c. 4, total 24; 3, W. Watson, h.r. 6, h.b. 2, bass 4, sch. 3, flutes 1, w.r. 2, b.t. 1, g.c. 4, total 23; vhc, sp., G. Breeze; hc, sp., J. Ramsey.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW, & GOUROCK.

Annual New Year show, held Jan. 3, in the Boilermakers' Hall, Cathcart Street, Greenock, a very suitable hall, with plenty of light, and most accommodating. Birds were neatly staged on the two-tier principle. The society has the patronage of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council, and the members feel prond of the honour. The office-bearers and committee, a very courteous and cheery lot, who carried through all arrangements in a very creditable manner, are: Pres., W. L. Stewart; vice, T. Watson; sec., J. Roddin; assist. sec., C. Bryden: treas., M. Service; committee, Messrs. Brown, McDermid, C. Stewart, McKie, Loudan, Bell, and Molley. The entry was fully 200, a slight increase upon last year, and a fine level lot they were; there was a marked improvement in the Scots Fancy classes, both in numbers and quality, the fine team turned out by Mr. Turner being worthy of special mention. Mr. Turner won society's gold badge, Mr. Molley Cameron Cup best British, Mr. Brown the society's cup, and Mr. Loudan the rose bowl. Sec. Roddin, ably assisted by Mr. C. Bryden, had all prize money and specials ready to hand over to winners at close of show. Judges were Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton), Canaries; Mr. P. Quiston (Ayr), Brit. and For., and their awards were well received.

SCOTS FANCY CK. (7): 1, sp, 4, Turner, cl. yell., fine top end and drive, rare length of side, good size; 2, Roddin, yell. pied, grand reach and action, fine thickness, loses size, still good; 3, Roddin, cl. yell., fine length of side, good action; 5, 6, 7, McGregor. HEN (3): 1, sp, Turner, grand reach, length, and thickness through, yell.; 2, McGregor, cl. buff, rare top end and drive, gets head well down, fine worker; 3, Roddin. CK., 1913 (2): 1, sp, Roddin, cl. yell., good youngster, fine top and reach, rare thickness, wins; 2, McGregor. HEN (3): 1, sp, Turner, cl. yell., fine reach, shoulders, and action, badge winner; 2, 3, Roddin: 2nd, cl. yell., fine drive and top end, very stylish; 3rd, good pos. and action. YORKS. (4): 1, Best, fine length, well tapered, good col., could be improved with a wash; 2, McGregor, cinn, mkd., heavier build, grand length, fine wings and qual., non-fed, we liked, well staged; 3, 4, Bell. 1913 (4): 1, sp, Best, rare length, qual., and cond., fine smooth front, wins; 2, 3, Bell, 2nd, fine pos., good qual., hardly the length; 4, Bryden. BORD., CK. (4): 1, Turner, even mkd. buff, well rounded head and body, neat wings and tail, wins well; 2, Service, cl. buff, rare head and front, loses wings, looks trifle soft; 3, Dooly, cl. buff, shade thin at neck, rare qual.; 4, Cameron. HEN (5): 1, sp, Dooley, gr., fine ground col., well laced thighs, sweet type and qual.; 2, Cameron, cl. yell., very neat, clean, and tidy, well braced wings and tail, loses bloom; 3, Turner, cl.; 4, McGregor. VARIEG. CK., 1913 (3): 1, sp, best Border, Dooley, eyes and wing mkd. buff, wee beauty, fine round head and body, excellent qual., rare wing carr. and cond.; 2, Service, cl. yell., fails neck, rare qual. and wing carr.; 3, Turner. HEN (4): 1, sp, Turner, wee toff, well rounded head and body, excellent qual., well packed wings and pipe tail; 2, Dooley, yell. variegated, neatly made, fine qual., carr., and cond.; 3, McGregor. CREST (2): 1, 2, Loudan, 1st, foul gr., rare size, plenty feather, nicely drooped, good centre; 2nd, variegated, fine shape, nice length of feather, not so dense. 1913 (2): 1, 2, London, 1st, variegated, neat centre, plenty of feather, good qual., well groomed; 2nd, variegated, lighter got up, nice droop, well packed. C.B. (2): 1, sp, 2, Loudan, 1st, variegated, fine size and subs., rare skull, good entrance, well lashed. 1913 (2): 1, sp, rose bowl, Loudan, almost gr., good skull, fine entrance, plenty of lashing; No. 2, marked W.C. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Service, cl. cuff, good head, neck, and front, excellent qual., crosses wings at times; 2, Cameron, non-fed, rare head and qual.; 3, W. L. Stewart, cl. yell., fine head and neck, good size, trifle coarse in feather, we liked for 2nd; 4, Loudan; 5, McNair; 6, Bryden; 7, Napier. HEN (10): 1, sp, 4, 5, Service, 1st, cl. yell., good one, medium size, rare head, neck, and front, fine short cobby body, clean cut away, rich qual., close feather, good style; 2, Bryden, non-fed cl. buff, grand size, rare climbby body, excellent qual., well laid wings and tail, beaten by colour only; 3, Loudan, cl. yell., N.F., good size, rare head, loses subs.; 6, McNair; 7, Napier. CK, 1913 (12): 1, sp, Londan, cl. yell., good size, fine cobby body, short wings and tail, A1 qual.; 2, sp, Bryden, cl. buff, fine head and neck, rare qual. and size, loses subs.; 2, Napier, cl. yell., non-fed, good size and subs., faulty wings; 4, Napier; 5, Service; 6, Loudan. HEN (12): 1, Londan, grand hen, fine head, neck, and front, good short flights and tail, corded in front; 2, Service, dark capped buff, good size, rare short body and flights, fine qual.; 3, Bryden, cl. yell., good size, trifle rough in feather; 4, Service; 5, Napier; 6, Service. GIFT (7): 1, sp, Molley; 2, Watson; 3, Best; 4, W. L. Stewart; 5, McKie; 6, Turner. HYB. (1): 1, Roulston, Twite-Linnet, rare col. and lacing, fine cond. DK. MULE (1): 1, Molley, fine big Linnet, good shape, col. and cond. H.M. GOLDF. (10): 1, 3, sp, McDermid, rare rich square cut face, full bloom, well tanned body, fine size, shape and cond.; 2, Stewart, good face, not so expansive, fine size, flights, and buttons, trifle rough in feather; 3, Molley, shade duller in blaze, otherwise good Finch, well placed; 4, Stewart; 5, Chalmers; 6, Londan. F.M. (9): 1, sp, Brown, rare face, fine col., size, and shape; 2, sp, McKie, good face, neat cut, fine bloom, not so shapely; 3, Fulton, another fine laced Finch, bad shower; 4, Molley; 5, Brown; 6, Cartney. FOR. GOLDF. (2): 1, sp, Molley, fine size, good face, tannings, and buttons; 2, McKie, behind in blaze, not finished yet. F.M. BULLF. (10): 1, sp, Cameron, good size, shape, cap, and bars, shade dull in col., fine cond.; 2, sp, Molley, better col., beaten size, good cap, fine shape, steady; 3, C. Stewart, trifle rough at thighs and pale col., rare cap and wing bars; 4, Molley; 5, Martin; 6, W. L. Stewart; No. 4, W.C., many make a h.m. bird. H.M. (3): 1, 2, sp, McDermid, grand size and shape, pale col., good cap and wing bars, fine style and cond.; 2, McGregor, behind in size and trifle rough, fine shape, neat cap; 3, Chalmers, good stamp, fails col., and a little rough at thighs. H.M. LINNET (9): 1, 2 sps, 2, 3, McDermid, fine team, 1st, neat size, shape, and col., grand front, very distinct lacing, good whites could do with more size; 2nd, beaten lacing, rather heavy, good col.; 3rd, fine col., good flights, too open in front; 4, Chalmers; 5, 6, Martin. F.M. (10): 1, 2 sp, 2, sp, 3, Brown, fine trio; 1st, good one for shape, col., and lacing; 2nd, little open in front, fine make, steady; 3rd, fine col. and bloom, small; 4, Fulton; 6 Molley; 6, Knox. GREENF. (9): 1, sp, 2, McDermid, 1st, rare size, shape, and col., grand flights, bit weak in head, yell.; 2nd, rare col. and bloom, good flights and tail, beaten size; 3, Cameron, fine col. and cond.; 4, 5, McCartney; 6, Martin. SISKIN (3): 1, sp, McKie, fine size, shape, neat cap and bib, nicely laced flanks, good order, F.M.; 2, Molley, H.M., nice cap, no bib, well laced; 3, Martin. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, sp, McDermid, neat size, cobby shape, finely laced, rare col. and bloom, wins; 2, Molley, nicely laced, fine col. and bloom, not so neat shape; 3, McNair, close up, trifle rough; 4, Napier. MEALY 'POLL OR TWITE (8): 1, 2, sp, Cameron, good Twite, fine size, shape, and col., good flights, could do with more lacing; 2, sp, McKie, good size and col., queer shape, F.M. Mealy; 3, 6, McDermid, 3rd, Twite, not the size of winner, fine col. and cond.; 4, McDonald; 5, Knox. A.O. BRIT. (3): 1, 4 sps, including Cameron Cup best Brit., Molley, Hawfinch, good size and shape, rare head and neat shaped bib, fine col., drops a wing, and could do with more bloom; 2, sp, McKie, Yellowhammer, grand col., bloom, and cond., fine V and cheek markings, shade dark on breast; 3, Cameron, fine size and shape, good whites, pale col., Chaffinch. HEN, BRIT. (7): 1, sp, 3, Molley, Bullie, grand stamp, rare cap, shade, dark in col., fine qual., prominent wing bars, well put down; 3, Greenie, fine make, good cond.; 2, sp, McNair, rare size and col. for a hen, fine wings, good cond.; 4, McDermid; 5, C. R. Stewart; 6, Best. FOR. (5): All honours Cameron, nice team, well put down.

STRATFORD F.A.

26th annual show held Jan. 1, at the Workmen's Hall. Entries in all sections totalled over 350. Quality was of a high order. Mr. A. J. A. Marley judged cage birds, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. A. Parker won Canary cup for unflighted with a lovely Yorks., and Mr. J. Reed cup for best Brit., Hyb., or For. with a Waxwing shown in faultless condition.

YORKS. YELL., CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Parker. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, Parker. BUFF CL. OR TKD.: 1, Hawkes; 2, Parker; 3, Turner. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Parker. W.C., Hawkes. NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Hawkes; 2, Turner. BUFF: 1, Hawkes. YORKS. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, res, Parker; 2, 3, Hawkes; vhc, Turner. BUFF: 1, 3, Parker; 2, res, Hawkes. NOR. YELL., UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, 2, res, vhc, Hawkes; 3, Turner. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, res, Parker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Parker; 2, Reed; 3, vhc, c, Hawkes; res, hc, Lafbury. LINNET: 1, Parker; 2, Lafbury; 3, Hawkes; res, Edward. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Lafbury; 3, Hawkes. BULLF.: 1, Parker; 2, Hawkes. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Lafbury; res, Hawkes. CHAFF.: 1, res, Lafbury; 2, Parker; 3, Hawkes. GREENF. 1, Parker; 2, Reed; 3, vhc, hc, Lafbury; res, Hawkes. A.O. BRIT.: 1, res, hc, Hawkes; 2, Parker; 3, vhc, hc, Miss Edwards. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Reed; 2, res, Lafbury. FOR., LARGE: 1, Reed, Glossy Starling. SMALL: 1, Reed; 2, Parker; 3, res, Miss Edwards.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual members' held Dec. 27 Plummet Line Hotel, 86 birds were staged. Mr. W. Speak judged, and gave every satisfaction. Burdekin Bros. won special most points champ. classes, and Mr. A. Barnes novice. YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Saville; 3, hc, Stobart; vhc, Pilling. BUFF (4): 1, Townsend; 2, Saville; 3, Pilling; vhc, Stobart. DK. YELL.: 1, Pilling. BUFF: 1, Burdekin Bros. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, Burdekin Bros.; 2, vhc, Stobart; hc, Saville; c, Townsend. BUFF (5): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, vhc, Townsend; 3, Pilling; hc, Saville. GR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Riley; vhc, Pilling. HENS: 1, 2, Riley. NOV. YORKS., CL. ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Barnes; 3, c, Holroyd; vhc, Ogden; hc, Mann. BUFF (5): 1, Barnes; 2, Smith; 3, hc, Ogden; vhc, Sladdin. DK. BUFF: 1, Sladdin. Yell. HEN (5): 1, hc, Barnes; 2, Ogden; 3, Speak; vhc, Mann. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Barnes; 2, 3, Mann; hc, Holroyd; c, Sladdin. GR. (6): 1, Woodhead; 2, hc, Sharp; 3, Mann; vhc, c, Sladdin. HENS (3): 1, Woodhead; 2, Mann; 3, Sladdin. NOR. BUFF: 1, Clegg. YELL. HEN: 1, 3 Clegg; 2, Saville. BUFF: 1, Lloyd. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Corney; 2, Lord. BUFF: 1, Lord; 2, 3, Corney. YELL. HEN: 1, Corney; 2, Lord. BUFF: 1, Lord; 2, Corney. BRIT. (4): 1, vhc, Corney; 2, 3, Helliwell.—Harry Clegg, sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Last of this season's shows, held Dec. 26, in club room. Competition was very keen; 70 birds were staged. Mr. A. Cooper, Girlington, judged, and gave general satisfaction. F. Self wins cup for season with 106 points; runner-up, A. Lister, 101; sp. most points gained champ., 4 highest birds to count, Self, 157; 2, Lister, 156; 3, M. Midgley, 132; 4, S. Midgley, 119; Nov., 1, F. Peacc, 116; 2, J. Shackleton, 113; 3, E. Self, 56; 4, J. W. Hainsworth, 30; mkd. classes, 1, A. Lister, 92; 2, G. Midgley, 51.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Hartley; 2, G. Midgley; 4, vhc, S. Midgley; hc, Jennings; c, Lister. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Shackleton; 3, Self; 4, S. Midgley; vhc, Jennings. TKD. YELL.: 1, Self; 2, Jennings; 3, hc, Fieldhouse; 4, Pearce; vhc, S. Midgley; c, B. Hainsworth and Son. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Hartley; 4, vhc, Lister; hc, S. Midgley. GR. OR CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Lister; 2, 3, G. Midgley. BUFF: 1, Ormonroyd. YELL. HENS: 1, Collins Bros.; 2, Lister. BUFF: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Lister. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Self; 2, Hartley; 3, G. Midgley; 4, vhc, Peace; hc, Lister; c, S. Midgley. HENS: 1, 3, Ormonroyd; 2, Self; 4, Hainsworth and Son; vhc, S. Midgley; hc, c, Peace. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Peace; 2, S. Midgley; 3, Collins Bros.; 4, Lister; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Hainsworth and Son. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, hc, Fieldhouse; 3, Lister; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Self; c, Ormonroyd.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

TONG C.B.S.

Show held Dec. 26, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. 56 birds were judged to the satisfaction of all by Mr. S. Wilcock, Eccleshill. Prize winners for the year are: Champ.: 1, L. Hodgson, jun.; 2, L. C. Casey; 3, A. Gledhill. Trophy: L. C. Casey. Nov.: 1, H. Ramsbottom; 2, C. Baker; 3, E. Jennings.

CHAMP. CL. OR TKD YELL.: 1, Hodgson, jun. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Hodgson, jun.; 4, Atkinson and Firth. MKD. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, Atkinson and Firth; 2, 3, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 3, Nichol; 4, Atkinson and Firth. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Casey; 3, 4, Hodgson, sen. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Casey. MKD. HEN (6): 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Casey; 4, Gledhill. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Ramsbottom. BUFF: 1, 2, Ramsbottom; 3, Pells. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Baker; 2, Pells. CL. OR TKD. YELL HEN: 1, Baker; 2, Ramsbottom. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Ramsbottom; 2, Baker.—W. Walker (Sec.).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

KILMARNOCK.

62nd annual show held Agricultural Halls, Jan. 1 and 2. We were sorry to hear of Mr. Nicholas' team having arrived too late for judging after having come all the way from Swansea. Another regrettable incident was the disappearance of Mr. S. Duncan's well-known Gouldian Finch, the cage being left intact, but the bird gone. There was a good attendance during the afternoon, and some of the winners attracted attention, among the most outstanding were Mr Guthrie's Goldie, truly a grand bird, and Mr. Rae's Bullie, a splendid Britisher, making a fine record for a field-moulted one. Notes were difficult to take owing to the lights being too far from the staging, some of the classes being quite dark. Mr. Blanc, the ever popular secretary, is still at the head of affairs, and his place would be hard to fill, as he is ever on the go. The officials and committee are a hard-working lot, and do their best to make the show a success. Entries were just down on last year. The Crest section did not contain a single entry, while a few Scotch Fancy classes only had one entry. This is to be regretted, as the club issue a splendid classification. Mr. Hamilton judged Canaries, and Mr. Kerr British and Foreign. The awards seemed to please most of the exhibitors, though here and there we heard a complaint.

SCOTS. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Hamilton, nice erect pos., grand thickness through, nice length of wing and side, good solid top, could do with more drive; 2, Deans, erect pose, good top end, nice free drive, plenty of nerve, fails only in subs. BUFF (1): 1, Rae, nice size, good top and drive, slow to draw, in splendid order. PIED YELL. CK. (2): 1, Gilles, grand size, sweet head, fine drive, grand length of wing; 2, Dean, loses only in size, good shoulder and reach, bringing head well down. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Hamilton, very large, good length and shape, fine drive. FOUL (1): 1, Ralston, nice length of wing, takes pose quickly, very nervy. CL. BUFF HEN (3): 1, Gilles, great length of side and wing, grand thickness through, fine reach, gets head well down, splendid shoulder; 2, Hamilton, very quick in action, loses length and thickness, in good order; 3, Ralston, grand drive and pos., fine top end. YELL. PIED HEN (2): 1, Deans, grand size for a yell., splendid nerve and droop, fine cond.; 2, Rae, nice size and thickness, grand shoulder, shows too much leg. BUFF (1): 1, Hamilton, capital thickness, tightly braced up, fine long neck. FOUL HEN (1): 1, Hamilton, splendid subs., very massive, nice reach. NOR. YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Black, leader, fine chubby type, grand level col., 2nd fine stock bird. BUFF (2): 1, Alexander, cl., great chubby body, finely mealed, splendid head and wings; 2, McCallum, fails type and head, grand cond. BUFF HEN (1): 1, Godber, nice size, in good order. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, Murray, fine buff, great breadth of chest, nice short wing, Ayr, etc., winner; 2, Godber, neck mark yell., nice size and cond., grand wings. HEN (2): 1, Houston, wing, neck and cap mark, grand chubby body, fine full head, nice length; 2, Brown, fair size and subs., good rich col., well filled in back. NON-FED. (1): 1, Muir, cl., good size and cond., shade heavy feathered, nice rich col. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, Reed, cl. yell., grand length, rare shape and carr., well up on leg; 2, Lovie, cl., splendidly drawn, nice close feather, good col. and qual. HEN (4): 1, Reed, cl. yell., good shape, finely drawn, splendid carr., nice style; 2, 3, Lovie, neatly moulded, fine length of leg, grand carr. and pos., 3rd fails size only. BORD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Mossie, cl., in grand order, splendid type, neat size, easy win; 2, Dick, cl., very stylish, nice free carr., grand cond., close feather; 3, Neil, correct weight, nice length, splendid type, shade smoky on face; 4, Willison; vhc, Fergusson; hc, Broadfoot; c, Gillies. HEN (6): 1, Mossie, very typical, sweet exhibit, grand qual., nice bold head, well tapered body; 2, Walker, grand rounded body, nice front and back, good carr., very rich col.; 3, Mrs. Hume, good size and qual., very jaunty carr.; 4, Gillies; vhc, Fergusson; hc, Nisbet. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Nisbet, perfect type and cond., just a shade heavy built, grand carr.; 2, Walker, full of subs. and qual., nice length of wing and tail; 3, Mossie, good one, fine size, grand jaunty carr., level col., presses hard; 4, Mossie; vhc, Gibson; hc, Gillespie, w.c., Marley. HEN (10): 1, Walker, sweet lady, correct size and type, very level col., full round head, wins; 2, 3, Mossie, leader excels type and carr., nice pair, well staged; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Smillie; hc, Broadfoot; c, Marley. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, Haddow, grand yell., nicely mkd., very neat head and wings, grand size and type, free carr., perfect cond.; 2, Gibson, nearly even, good col. and subs., just a shade on the large side; 3, Smillie, gem, beautiful type and cond., correct jaunty carr.; 4, Hume; vhc, Walker; hc, Montgomery; c, Nisbet. HEN (9): 1, 4, Smillie, splendid pair in magnificent cond., leader wings and neck mark; 2, Haddow, cinn. mkd., grand type and size, in A1 order; 3, Dick, wings and rump mark Gr., excels col. and cond., jaunty style, very showy; vhc, Fergusson; hc, Walker; c, J. Fergusson. GR. OR CINN. CK. (6): 1, Reid, grand Cinn., very pure col., fine type and cond., wins; 2, Middleton, Cinn., fails colour to winner, better wing and tail carr., grand head; 3, Montgomery, Cinn., splendid type and carr., correct size, excellent head; 4, Reid; vhc, Wilson; hc, Brown. HEN (9): 1, 2, Middleton, Cinn., very rich and pure, good head and wings, staged A1, 2nd Green, nice grassy col., fine type; 3, Dick, Cinn., fails purity to winner, grand mould, good head, splendid wing carr.; 4th Honston; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Reid; c, Brown. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, Smart Bros., large variegated, Goldie, mkd. wings, rump and back, in spanking order; 2, Thomson, Goldf., fine face, fails size to leader; 3, Cowan, Goldie, lightest marked in class, nice climbby type, loses in size to-day. DARK (6): 1, Morrison, Greenie, grand col., shade slim built, bold head; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, Goldie, grand size, fine cobby build, colours lack brilliancy, otherwise good; 3, Ireland, Linnet, shade small, nicely mkd. front, good solid col.; 4, 5, Doolan, number 6 arrived late, hard lines, an easy first. HYB. (4): 1, Brown, Linnet-Bullie, not over large, but grand colour, fine rosy breast; 2, Mitchell Bros. 'Poll-Goldie, smart little fellow, well pencilled on front, fine Goldie bars, well staged; 3, Cowan, Linn.-Bullie, beaten col. to-day, shade unsteady, finely mkd.; 4, McGill. GOLDF. (6): 1, Guthrie and Son, an easy winner, fine brilliant flush, true British size, grandly mounted and buttoned, popular win; 2, Davidson, bit less expanse, shade thin in neck, finely tanned; 3, Cowan, larger face than 2nd, scarcely so rich in col., will improve; 4, Metcalfe; vhc, Blackwood. BULLF. (7): 1, Rae, Ayr winner, improving every day, typical Britisher, extra bright carmine front, splendid broad jet cap, distinct bars, a grand Bullie, outstanding in a good class; 2, Dale, fails colour and size of cap, nice deep bib and clean back; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, could have gone up a point, splendid large cap and clear bars, grand col. for a moulted bird; 4, White; vhc, Cowan; hc, Parker; c, Mitchell Bros. HEN BULLF. (7): 1, Pirrie, nice rich front, grand cap, fine type and cond.; 2, Crosbie, bit lucky to-day, lacks col. and cap, excellent type; 3, Gentleman, grand hen, fine chubby build, not a feather out of place, good rich col.; 4, Murphy; vhc, Kelly, out of luck's way, Ayr, etc., winner in perfect order; hc, McGill. LINNET (7): 1, Thomson, fine size and col., nice solid front, pencilling bit cloudy, perfect cond.; 2, Crosbie, smaller, scarcely the type, but lucky; 3, Doolan, grandly pencilled front and back, nice wedge-shape, splendid full chest; 4, McQuiston and Paterson, we liked for 2nd place, fine big bold bird, well-known winner; vhc, Davidson; hc, Rae; c, Blackwood. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Perrie, Siskin, nice size and cond., lacks bib and flanks; 2, Doolan, Twite, nice col. and cond., nicely mkd. across, grand full head; 3, Alexander, Siskin, many thought best in class, splendid cap and flank markings, nice bright col., capital size, a grand Siskin; 4, McCluny, nice Mealy; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, McQuiston and Paterson; c, Ireland. LESSER POLL. (4): 1, Dale, outstanding, fine rich col., nice size, fine chubby build, very distinct bib and poll, grand markings; 2, Perrie, bit behind in size and col., nice front; 3, McCluny, grand bold head, splendid wings. GREEN (6): 1, Gentleman, nice size and fine full head, level col., good bars; 2, Thomson, equal to winner; 3, Crosbie, bit smaller, fails col.; 4, 5, Cowan, 4th well-known winner, hard lines, we made best in class, grand bold head, great front, splendid rich level col., Ayr, Irvine, etc., winner. HARDBILL, SMALL (3): 1, Crosbie, Chaffie, nice rich colours, very distinct whites, nice forward cond.; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, well known Bramble, grand size, fine mantle and spangling, rich breast, carried well under; 3, Dale, Chaffie, fails richness to winner, nice size, in good order. A.O.V. (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, old warrior, still going strong, very cl. colours, distinct moustache streaks, steady; 2, Duncan, Waxwing, monster for size and col., lacks droops on wings; 3, Erskine, Hawfinch, splendid, rich col., nice even bib, grand wings, well placed; 4, Cowan; 5, Morrison; 6, McGavin. HEN, A.V.: 1, Crosbie, Greenie, nice size, good chubby type, lacks col.; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, champ. Corn Bunting, great size, well mkd., steady as a rock; 3, Morrison, Thrush, very evenly mkd., nice size and cond.; 4, Cowan, Waxwing, in tip-top order; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Thomson. FOR., GOLDF. (4): 1, Alexander, nice size, grand expansive blaze, nice bright col., finely tanned and buttoned; 2, Guthrie and Son, little behind leader, loses face only; 3, McGill, splendid size and blaze, shade narrow on top; 4, Reid. A.O.V. (2): 1, Morrison, well-known Blood-wing, looking his best to-day; 2, Duncan, only empty cage left, hard lines.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Fifth members' show, held Dec. 17, the last of the season. H. H. Towers won sp. for most points; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; S. Excell, nov. sp.; H. Long, cup for most points throughout the season, with 61; E. Grange 49; H. H. Towers and L. Crossland tie for 3rd, with 36. Novices, G. Harrison 45, S. Excell 44, F. Stirk 39. Mr. L. Dykes judged, and gave every satisfaction. YELL.: 1, 2, Towers; 3, c, Excell; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Denton. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Denton; 3, Towers; vhc, Crossland; hc, Excell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Towers; 2, Grange; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Long; c, Crossland. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Towers; 3, Murgatroyd. YELL. HEN: 1, Long; 2, 3, Towers. BUFF: 1, 3, Towers, 2, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, c, Excell; hc, Long. MKD.: Murgatroyd. MKD. HEN: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Murgatroyd. CINN.: 1, vhc, hc, Grange; 2, Denton; 3, Towers. HENS: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, vhc, Towers; 3, hc, c, Grange. NOV. YELL.: 1, Stirk; 2, Excell; 3, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, hc, Excell; 3, c, Stirk; vhc, Tomlinson. YELL. HEN: 1, Stirk; 2, Excell; 3, hc, Harrison; vhc, Tomlinson. BUFF: 1, hc, Excell; 2, 3, Harrison; vhc, Tomlinson.—E. Grange, Sec.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Held Dec. 26, Plough Hotel, the last show of the season for which points count for challenge cup and gold medals. Competition in Norwich section was very keen, many good birds standing cardless. Yorks. were well up to average, especially greens and cinn., in which some very good birds were on view. Mules and Brit. were down on previous years. The entry was a good one, 103 birds facing the judge. A. Green won cup with 190 points throughout the season, runner-up W. Rowley, 144, one or two others being very close up. Mr. W. A. Davis, Foleshill, judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Saunders; vhc, Rowley. BUFF: 1, 2, Rowley; 3, Roycroft; vhc, Green; hc, Cox; c, Wright. HEN: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Rowley; vhc, Roycroft; hc, Follows; c, Green. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Saunders; 2, Rowley; 3, Shirley; vhc, Mann; hc, Wright; c, Roycroft. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Saunders; 3, Cox; vhc, Green; hc, Rowley; c, Green. HEN: 1, Mann; 2, Roycroft; 3, A. Green; vhc, F. Green; hc, Wright; c, Cox. NAT. COL.: 1, Cox; 2, Rowley; 3, vhc, A. Green. CINN.: 1, Roycroft; 2, 3, hc c Rowley; vhc, Wright. UNFLIG., CINN. OR GR.: 1, Wright; 2, Cox; 3, vhc, hc, c, Rowley. YORKS. HEN: 1, A. Green; 2, Rowley; 3 Miles. CINN. OR GR., OLD: 1, Rowley. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, hc, c, A. Green; 3, F. Green; vhc, Miles. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, A. Green; 3, c, Rowley; hc, Shirley. MULES: 1, Rowley; 2, Adkins. PAIRS: 1, Mann; 2, A. Green; 3, Roycroft; vhc, Rowley. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Rowley; 2, A. Green. BRIT.: 1, Saunders; 2, A. Green. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Rowley; 3, Adkins.—H. Saunders, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Dec. 13 at Bull's Head Hotel, 129 birds were staged, some very good specimens being shown. Mr. E. Noakes judged Canaries, and Mr. W. Judd, sen., Brit., every satisfaction being given.

OPEN YELL. CK. NOR.: 1, Gamble; 2, 3, Heighton; vhc, hc, Davis. BUFF: 1, 2, Davis. HEN: 1, Gamble; 2, 3, vhc, Davis; hc, Wortley. HEAVY VARIEG. OR GR.: 1, Gamble; 2, 3, Heighton. CLASS 7: 1, Heighton; 2, 3, vhc, Davis. BUFF CK. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, hc, Davis; 2, Heighton; 3, Gamble. HEN UNFLIG.: 1, Gamble; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Davis. 'NAT. COL. CK.: 1, West; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Jordan. HEN: 1, 2, West. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Day; 2, Toone; vhc, Crane; hc, Brooks. BUFF: 1, Day; 2, Crane. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Day; 3, Suffolk; hc, Crane; c, Brooks. HEAVY VARIEG. OR GR.: 1, Day; 2, Toone. YELL. CK. UNFLIG.: 1, Brooks; 2, Crane; 3, Day. BUFF: 1, Brooks; 2, vhc, Crane; 3, Day; hc, King. CLASS 18: 1, 2, 3, Day; vhc, Brooks; hc, King; c, Crane. BORD.: 1, 2, Gamble. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Gamble. MULE: 1, vhc, Heighton; 2, 3, Brooks. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, vhc, hc, Hawthorn; c, Wortley. BULLF.: 1, Brooks. LINNET: 1, vhc, Brooks; 2, Hester; 3, Wortley. GREENF.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Hester. CHAFF.: 1, Heighton; 2, Brooks. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Heighton; 2, Brooks; 3, Suffolk. SISKIN OR TWITE: 1, Wortley. HEN: 1, Heighton. GOLDF. OR BULLF., F.M.: 1, vhc, Hawthorn; 2, Heighton; 3, Yates. Medal hottest bird Heighton, best Nor., and best unflig. nov. Brooks, best unflig. open Gamble, best nat. col. West, best h.m. Brit. Brooks, best f.m. Hawthorn, point specials Davis, Day, Gamble, Brooks.—J. Cook.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Halifax Disqualification Case Finally Disposed of by the Council.

The Council of the above Union met on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. H. W. Walsh (President) presiding over an extra large attendance of delegates. In opening the business of the meeting the President took this the first opportunity of wishing the delegates a very happy and prosperous New Year, and hoped that the coming season with the birds would be a most successful one also. The sentiments were heartily accepted by the delegates, who also wished the President in turn a very prosperous New Year. The minutes of the previous meeting being passed as read, the first business of importance was the application for reinstatement, made by Mr. Arthur Radley, of Skelmanthorpe, previously suspended by the Union three years ago. This application was granted by the Council, thus giving him privilege to join the Huddersfield Society, to whom he had applied for membership. A reported case of lending birds for exhibition purposes was enquired into by the Council which emanated from Skelmanthorpe, and this letter of complaint received by the Union Secretary was signed in the name of one of that Society's members, who had denied having ever known or written a letter on the subject at all, and complained that the signature to the letter was forged. The Council also had a letter before them from the person implicated, and he denied having lent any birds for exhibition, having sold them weeks before same were ever exhibited. The Council decided to place this matter into the hands of the Skelmanthorpe Society in order that they may enquire into it and report to the next Council meeting, and a request by the gentleman (whose name was alleged to have been forged for the purpose) that the original letter be handed over to him to make investigation, was granted. Halifax tendered their resignation from the Union, and after discussion it was decided to lay the letter on the table for a month, a motion that same be accepted being defeated. In face of correspondence on this subject, the Halifax representatives were asked the reasons for the Society's decision to resign from the Union, and they made answer to the effect that the case of disqualification had nothing to do with it in any shape or form, a declaration which met with applause, as the notice of motion for the special meeting held to consider the question was given before the annual show was held. This should prove quite sufficient for those who attributed their resignation as due to the disqualification at their annual show. Holmfirth and Dis. also tendered their resignation from the Union, the few members belonging that Society finding it hard to keep together, owing to the Fancy being at a very low ebb in that neighbourhood. This was accepted with regret. It was decided to give the order for supplying gold medals for novice and amateur competition to Messrs. Fattorini and Son, Bradford, at the same price, weight and quality as before. The President and Secretary were elected as representatives of the Union to serve on the Yorkshire Prize Distribution Committee, which event is to be held in March. The Council then dealt with the Halifax disqualification at some length. The Keighley Society were first called upon to offer an explanation as to the letter appearing in CAGE BIRDS of December 20, and the Secretary, who had responded to the invitation to attend along with the Society's two representative delegates, volunteered a statment in which he said that the members of their Society were dissatisfied with the Council because they felt that certain evidence had been held back which ought to be disclosed; also they thought that if a novice had been disqualified, he would have been dealt with more severely, but the President clinched this latter argument by a very forcible illustration as to how the Council had leniently dealt with the novices in cases where there had been no doubt, as the cases taken had been proved and acknowledged; and as comparison he cited cases where the champions had been very severely dealt with. This explanation, of course, satisfied representatives, as also did the statement showing how the case in dispute had been dealt with by the Council. The delegates expressed their disapproval of the manner in which the Society had approached the case, feeling that they ought out of courtesy to the Union to have placed it before the Council to deal with instead of rushing into print; however, the Council were satisfied at the manner in which Keighley had come forward, and after the representatives had expressed themselves as satisfied with the way in which the Council had dealt with the disqualification, this was allowed to drop. The next item was correspondence and replies from persons who had been invited to attend the meeting to disclose any evidence they may possess on the case; not one of them having put in their appearance. The Secretary had also written Mr. H. H. Mitchell, whose article appeared in the issue of January 3rd, wherein he writes: "Is it not a well-known fact that if the proper and whole evidence was given in his support that it would lead to great complication of matters that would not do to be disclosed," inviting him to attend and substantiate these remarks, but he had replied to the following effect: Sir,—Yours of the 6th to hand. I write to say that I cannot accept your invitation to meeting, after the way you have misconstrueted my letter both in your invitation and in your letter in CAGE BIRDS this week. I didn't say in it that it is a well-known fact, but asked the question, 'Is it not a well-known fact,' therefore I have no information to offer you, but may explain through the Fancy Press the reason why I asked such a question." The Council decided that the reply should be published in order that the Fancy at large may see for themselves the attitude of those men who have written as though they could divulge something startling, and yet have not come forward to offer the evidence for the benefit of the Council. Thus are they convinced that the so-called evidence is a pure myth and they passed the following resolution unanimously: "That the Council are perfectly satisfied with the evidence which they have recived to-night and previously in respect to this case, also with regard to all resolutions as passed on the matter, and that from now they will let the case drop entirely. A feeling was also expressed that none of the Union officials should further enter into correspondence on the matter. This brought a lengthy meeting to a close, the President thanking all present for their attention to business.—H. Hill, Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held at Blythswood Halls, Gt. Western Road, Dec. 18, Mr. Phillips presiding over a good attendance. Nominations of office-bearers for the ensuing year were tabled for next meeting. McStewart, sen. (Cathcart) gave a washing and drying exhibition, putting the bird through in fine style. Much interest was taken in the introduction of the new drying powder used by Mr. Stewart. Quite a lot of questions were put to him, which he answered to the satisfaction of all present. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Stewart concluded the meeting.—Wm. Loan, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 5, Waterloo Temperance Hotel. 30 members present, including Dr. H. K. Yeo, vice-pres., who is a keen foreign bird fancier. Rules were framed and arrangements for a members' show, Feb. 25, were discussed. Two new members were made and a pleasant evening was spent. W. L. Page, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Meeting held Jan. 7, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke. Elections of officers for 1914, Mr. L. Hodgson, jun., chair. and treas.; Mr. J. E. Hudson, vice-chair.; Messrs. Padgett and Swain, trustees; Messrs. Foster and Walker, auditors; Messrs. Symes and Hodgson, delegates for the Yorks Union; and Mr. W. H. Symes, Sec.—W. H. Symes, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 7, Mr. Taylor chair, when a good muster turned up. We had a lot of business to go through. All the officials of the preceding year were re-elected for 1914. Classes were fixed for N.F. and Old Bird Show, but not the dates, it was decided unanimously to change the name from the Leigh and Dis. to the Leigh Cage Bird Society, and open the membership to all comers, four new members were proposed, two from Leigh, one from Farnworth, and one from Daubhill. —R. Charlesen, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 8, at Headquarters, Mr. Havenhand presiding. Mr. Perry gave a very interesting and instructive washing exhibition, which was greatly appreciated by all present; indeed, some of the older fanciers were more interested than the novices. He first demonstrated how he himself washed a bird, and afterwards showed the methods adopted by others he had seen. This was followed by a washing competition for novices, in which several participated. Mr. Harrison secured the prize, a splendid washing brush. A good muster attended, and we made two new members, a number which I trust will be greatly augmented at the next meeting, as we desire and hope to make this the best year in the history of the society; we have arranged a splendid programme.—E. Johnson, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Annual meeting held "Boot Inn," Jan. 6, Mr. F. C. Parker chair. Mr. Petinger elected a member. The balance-sheet for 1913 was submitted and adopted, showing a balance in hand of £4 1s. 1d. Office bearers for 1914 elected: Pres., Mrs. C. E. Way; vice, S. Whitlow and T. K. Bradshaw; chair, F. C. Parker; vice, J. Swindley; treas., T. Jones.; sec., R. L. G. Simpson; auditors, G. Windsor and F. G. Parker; committee, T. Thompson, G. Wright, E. Richards, W. Woodhine, and T. Gardner. Decided to hold Pair Show Jan. 28. Now is the time for fanciers who intend joining to do so and receive the full benefit. Cups will again be up for competition to be won outright at N.F. show and annual. Subs., 4s. per annum. Full particulars from Hon. Sec.: R. L. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Hoole, Chester.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held White Swan, Jan. 6, Mr. Gibbins presided over a good attendance. Correspondence was dealt with. Messrs. Trengove and Chick elected as judges for open show. Three specials given to the society by Mr. F. J. Green were allotted to novice section for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, most points gained at right shows. Mr. E. Butler was made a member. Suggested that we have a supper. Sec. to notify members not present. Officers for 1914: Pres., Mr. W. A. Gibbins; vice., Messrs. Hulse, Wood, and Noakes; trustees, Messrs. Hulse and Noakes; treas., Mr. Pelerdy; auditor, Messrs. Day and Sarson; committee, Messrs. Allen, Walton, Sturgess, Laundon, Hale, Jolley, Hayes, Pole, Moores, Kilshy, Gilbert, and Herbert; sec., A. Freestone.—A. Freestone, Sec.

SALE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Sale Excelsior Club, Jan. 5, Balance-sheet of open show, Nov. 28 and 29 resulted in a loss of £11 15s. was passed. Officers elected: Pres., P. Smith; vice., W. Middleton and W. G. Ball; sec. and treas., G. F. Hardcastle; asst. sec., H. Whiting; auditors, G. J. Dunkley, Jno. Leigh; committee, F. Field, W. Hallworth, E. Astley, G. Morgan, and Jos. Gray.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual meeting for election of officers, held Jan. 7, the following were elected: Pres. and chair., Mr. J. H. Hawthorn; vice-pres., W. Stevens and J. Heighton; sec., J. Hardeastle, 22, Abney St., Leicester; committee, Messrs. Claypole, Brooks, Cook, Suffolk, Gamble, Wortley, Yates, and Crane. A table show was held, at which Mr. Stevens placed the following awards. Matched pairs. OPEN: 1, c, Day; 2, Gamble; 3, vhc, Davis; hc, Heighton. NOV.: 1, Brooks. GREENF.: 1, 2, Brooks. CHAFF.: 1, Heighton. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Cook for his past services as secretary, and also to Mr. Stevens for judging.—J. Cook.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Headquarters, Jan. 1, Mr. G. Hill, chair, and a good number preseut. Secretaries presented, balance-sheet and report of the past year's work, which showed cash balance in hand of £2 17s. 6d., with assets valued at £5 15s., and debts nil. During the year the society has made 16 new members, purchased two challenge cups, given specials at each of its shows, and in every way has helped the interests of its members, and the Fancy generally. The report met with unanimous approval, and was adopted, and a vote of thanks given to the sec. and other officers. Officers for 1914 were elected: Pres., Mr. Stuart Coates; chair, Mr. G. Hill; vice., Mr. H. C. Humphries; treas., Mr. T. W. Pope; auditors, Messrs. J. Fuller and C. Preece; committee, Messrs. Fuller, Martin, Hall, Gardner, Culham, Childers, Kay, and Pope; secs., Burton Bros., 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E., who will be pleased to hear from intending members. After considerable discussion it was decided to reduce the subscription to 3s. per annum, nomination fee 1s., and we hope this will be the means of getting a lot more fanciers to join. No other society can give better value for money. Our programme for 1914 is a very strong one. We cordially invite fanciers to visit our Pair Show, held People's Hall, Tanners Hill, Deptford, Feb. 5, and earnestly request members to send in all the entries possible in an endeavour to beat last year's record.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

EDINBURGH N.E. DISTRICT O.S.

Financial meeting held Dec. 29, in Free Gardiner Hall, Abbeymount; Pres., Mr. John Gourlay, chair, and a large turnout of members. Sec. submitted balance sheet for the year, the total income being £20, against an expenditure of £13 1s., leaving a balance in hand £6 19s. The auditor's report was well received. Office-bearers were elected: Pres., Mr. T. Purdie; vice, Mr. J. P. Thomson; Sec., R. S. Spence; Committee, Messrs. P. Murray, J. Dalrymple, J. Carrie, S. Boyes, W. Rankin, D. Reid. Auditors, Mr. R. Weir, Mr. J. H. Erskine. Decided to hold annual show first Sat. in Nov. Mr. Thomson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President.—R. S. Spence, Sec.

ABERSYCHAN C.B.S.

Good meetiug was held Queen's Hotel, Jan. 3, when we spent a very pleasant evening. Business, election of officers, auditor's report, making of new members, and fixing date for next annual show, which we hope will be a real success, as we are promised some good specials, and also a number of new members. Will other secretaries please note that we have fixed our date for Dec. 3?—F. Sweeting.

FALKIRK (Good Intent).

Meeting held Dec. 27; office bearers appointed: Pres., James Muir; vice, Joseph Hunter; sec. and treas., Walter Clarkson; Committee, R. Reid, R. Spence, W. Walker, W. Leisbman, Malcolm Baird; auditors, J. Marshall, J. Penman. Next meeting, Jan. 31; enrolling members, going over class list.—W. Clarkson, hon. sec.

CITY OF BELFAST NORWICH, CREST AND YORKS. C.C.

Annual general meeting, held in Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Jan. 3, Mr. Jas. E. Adams, pres., chair. Mr. Wheatley's motion was taken up re the compulsory use of closed rings at the society's shows. The matter was gone into in a whole-hearted way, and after being discussed at considerable length, was defeated by one vote. An amendment to part of rule 26 was also proposed by Mr. Wheatley, that sawdust be used in Yorkshire show cages instead of canary seed, as there is a place in such cages for seed. This was passed. Officers for 1914 were elected: Pres., J. E. Adams; vice-pres., T. E. Wheatley; treas., Walter Connell; committee, Messrs. Teasey, Gray, Boyd, Weir, Carson, Malcolm, and Lavery. The election of judges for our 1914 show was then taken up, and several names of very prominent judges are placed in rotation to be written to. Mr. Robert Webb, Belfast, was proposed for membership.—James Stewart, Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 3 White Lion Hotel. Balance sheet was gone through, which leaves the club in good financial position. Decided to leave the election of officers until Jan. 17, as there was only a poor attendance. Members note special meeting Jan. 17, time as usual.—R. H. Dixon, sec.

MENAI BRIDGE & DIST. C.B.S.

Committee meetiug held Jan. 8 to arrange for forthcoming show on Easter Monday. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. W. H. Williams, T. Harrison, J. Wilson (Llangoed), W. Hughes, E. Gallichan (Beaumaris), J. Kershaw, W. Williams (Llandegfan), A. W. Huxley, J. Jones, H. Hughes (Local); R. W. Roberts (Portdinorwig) was elected chairman, and O. Jones treas. Will secs. of North Wales shows please note date so as uet to clash.—W. Nolan, hon. sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting held Scottish National Show Rooms, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, Jan. 1. There was a very large attendance. In the absence of the pres., Mr. Smart presided. Balance sheet for 1913 was gone over, which showed income with surplus from 1912 to be £61 16s. 11d., expenditure £47 4s., leaving a balance of £14 12s. 11d., which was considered satisfactory. Messrs. P. McKenzie and H. Bennet, Kelso, were appointed auditors. Mr. Geo. Brown, Leith, was elected pres.; M. Jamieson was again proposed as hon. sec. and treas., but declined to accept, and Mr. Wm. B. Smart was elected. All the delegates were re-elected, and one or two extra for new districts. The first motion was rule regarding ring birds; this created a heated discussion, and it was moved and carried that any club members competing with rung birds shall be disqualified from B.Y.C.C. The next motion was that any society having classification as Scottish National Show an extra medal be granted for Clears, Ticks, Even and Uneven birds, and one for Greens and Cinnamons, this was agreed to. A motion that names of members judging during year be printed on balance sheet, with note of show or shows they have judged was rejected. Decided that all first prize birds at shows which have club medal be put on table and judged for it. A complaint was made regarding large drinkers in two show cages, and sec. was instructed to write the member on the matter. A few new members were proposed and admitted.—M. Jamieson.

CRYSTAL PALACE

55th National Cage Bird Show

AND TRADE EXHIBITION OF APPLIANCES, ETC.,

will be held by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, on

Feb. 6th, 7th, 9th & 10th, 1914.

ENTRIES close Saturday, January 24th.

NO EXTENSION. NO WHIP UP CARDS.

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J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

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R. HANFORD, Derby. Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

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J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

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H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Palce, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Yorkshires and Norwich. Terms on application.

R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Huckall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids.

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Don't forget to visit the grand show at **ROCHDALE** on January 24th, of the Rochdale and District Amalgamated C.B. Societies, in the rooms of the R.O.C., behind Public Hall, Bailee Street. Judge, E. Brunskill, Esq., Southport. A treat in store. Admission 2d. each.—Wm. Adams, Gen. Sec., 19, Bedford Street, Rochdale. (1194)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judges Rotherham open show on Nov. 20.

The Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee state that cormorants in their district annually destroy £200,000 worth of fish.

If the reader who sent us 1s. for a book on Waxwings will send his name and address we shall be pleased to forward this on to him.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Boldon Colliery C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Stephenson, 232, Arnold-street, Boldon Colliery.

All prize money won at Kilmarnock Show, Jan. 1-2, has been paid, writes Mr. J. Blaine, Sec.

A correspondent enquires:—"Can any reader of CAGE BIRDS kindly tell me where I can obtain Mr. Knight's 'Pectorine'?"

Will fanciers please note that Blaydon annual show is fixed for Nov. 13-14, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec.

Liverpool open show has been fixed for Oct. 23 and 24, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, hon. secs. Will secretaries please note, to avoid clashing?

Palace Show, Feb. 6 to 10.—Schedules have been posted. Intending exhibitors not having received a copy are invited to apply for one to J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.

I have been asked by a number of British Bird exhibitors to come out as a judge, and I have decided to do so, writes Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham). I am engaged to judge Leicester show, Nov. 6 and 7.

Prize money and specials at Pwllheli show are all paid, I think, writes Mr. W. H. Davies, under date Jan. 7. This is a record for any North Wales show; we have a little balance left.

I was agreeably surprised to see my winning Goldfinch depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS last week. I must say it is a great credit to your artist; I wish "C.B." every success.—W. Pringle (Peebles).

Mr. W. Foster, hon. sec. Buckhaven C.B.S., writes that he sent us the date of his show as Nov. 7 in error. The correct date is Oct. 31, as in our guaranteed list. Will other secs. please note?

Abersychan F.S. has fixed the date of its next open show for Dec. 3rd. Will other secs. please take note. All who would like to join us, the coming club, should do so now, entrance 1s., and 6d. per month after.—W. T. Couch, Chairman.

As I have resigned the secretaryship of the Leicester C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Cook, all communications regarding the society should be addressed to my successor, Mr. J. Hardbattle, 22, Abney Street, Leicester. Secretaries please note.

The Sheffield O.S. have decided upon Messrs. J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye, J. Beswick, W. Mundell, and J. Robson as judges for their next great open show, Nov. 6 and 7. The very spacious and elaborate Corn Exchange will, we believe, be the venue.

Owing to pressure of business, writes Mr. W. Cottingham, I have resigned the secretaryship of Hyson Green C.B.S., and Messrs. Moult and Bown, 34, Monsal Street, New Basford, have been appointed; all correspondence re the Society should be addressed to them.

I beg to inform you, writes Mr. G. Baines, 24, Main-street, Long Eaton, that I have taken over the secretary's duties in connection with the Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S., and trust that all members will continue to take the same interest in the society's work in the coming year as before.

Having been reading the Scottish National Gossip in CAGE BIRDS, I find you publish Mr. Wilson's name with a Buff hen, which was sold at £4 2s. That is a mistake, as the hen was a Yellow in the 15s. limit, and belonged to me.—Malcolm Sharp (Grahamston, Falkirk.

I was very pleased to see my millighted yellow cock, the Bromley cup winner, having the honour of appearing in last week's issue of your valuable paper. It is a splendid likeness of him, and reflects great credit upon your artist, Mr. H. Norman.—W. Foxen, Bromley.

I have taken over the Secretaryship of the Littleborough Cage Birds Society in succession to Mr. H. Woodhead, writes Mr. Jno. R. Windle, 53, Whitelees Rd., Littleboro', and all correspondence respecting the above Society should be sent to me at 53, Whitelees Rd., Littleborough.

The Woolwich F.S. annual meeting, writes Mr. G. W. Boyce (68, Elm Street, Plumstead), is on Jan. 22nd, at the Rippolson Road Mission Hall, Plumstead. Special invitation given to amateurs. Apply at once for admission at reduced fee of 2s. 6d. for the year. Seven valuable silver cups to be competed for.

Owing to our show held Dec. 26 ending in a loss of close upon £10, writes Mr. J. Wilson, sec. Malton Norton C.B.S., we have been obliged to deduct one-fourth of all prize-money; the balance has been paid. It is the first time in 18 years we have paid less than full money. Hoping exhibitors will accept this as satisfactory in the position we are placed.

The annual pair show of the Leigh C.B.S. will be held on Jan. 24 at 6, Mr. J. W. Cleminson, Preston, judge, who will also give a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead afterwards; everybody invited free. We are having our annual feed and presentation of prizes, Jan. 31, and it is hoped that we have a record number on this night. The tickets are 2s. each.—R. Charleson, Sec.

THANK YOU!

F. CARL.

The Hemsworth and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. W. Gillings, the sec., has had a fairly good season, but principally all members' shows, as we are not quite wealthy enough to promote an open show again, as we did in January 1912, our first start in the Fancy. I am hoping we shall have another in 1915. Nearly every one of our members takes your excellent paper, and I am sure CAGE BIRDS is well worth reading from any point of view.

Mr. John Rukin, of Rawtenstall, writes:—Thank you for the Diploma, which came safely to hand, a very creditable production. I have had a champion sale so far this season, having sent a trio of Lizards to Mr. Dowler (South Africa), a trio to Mr. Jeffrey (Montreal), and last week a pair to Mr. Guy W. Wilson (Antibes, France). Mr. Dowler had the misfortune to lose one Lizard hen on the voyage. I have got another order for a pair of my winners from Mr. Jeffrey, and also an inquiry for a pair of Scotch Fancy hens. I am also sending out to Mr. Dowler (South Africa) two Lizard Standard show cages.

Re my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of December 20, writes Mr. E. Baker of Cowes, I have simply been inundated with applications for my birds; so much so that it is absolutely impossible for me to answer all. I think it only fair to take applicants in rotation, according to post-marks. Owing to pressure of business I could not attend to any letters before Christmas. I have received many letters expressing regret at my giving up the Fancy, and begging me to reconsider the matter. I am not giving it up, but simply reducing my stock. I am astounded that one single advertisement could have produced such results, as inquiries have come from all parts. It goes to prove the great popularity of CAGE BIRDS.

Birds in Paper Bags.

In kindly forwarding us a cutting from the "Daily Mail" referring to the practice of selling birds in paper bags, Mr. Geo. Crabb says:—"The writer of the enclosed must be a sentimental ass with more money than brains. If he wants to get rid of more money I should think you can find deserving recipients. I have carried many a good bird home, safe and sound, in a paper bag. Why not? Experientia docet!

A Welsh Fancier's Troubles.

Mr. J. Griffiths (Tredegar) writes:—Diploma to hand, for which please accept my best thanks. I was very pleased to hear I had won the prize for the best Coupon bird in the Yorkshire Champion section at Cardiff, and shall value it the more as it was won at the largest show in Wales. I am sorry to inform you the bird has since died. On New Year's eve I came home from work, and found it on the bottom of the cage. Upon examining it I found both its legs broken. You could guess my feelings. I was bandaging it, when a message came to say my wife was knocked down by a horse and cart. I put the bird down to attend to her. Upon the doctor's examination he found both bones below the knee of the right leg broken. She was removed to the hospital, where, I am pleased to say, she is making favourable progress.

Applications for Crystal Palace schedules should not be sent to us, but to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

We hear from the sec., Mr. Lightfoot, that all prize-money for Wandsworth F.S. show has been sent out; if anyone has been overlooked, will they kindly draw attention to the matter?

Owing to a misunderstanding at the hall, write Messrs. Forse and Son, hon. secs., Thornhill Road, Leyton, our show will be held Nov. 12 and 13, and not Nov. 5 and 6, as announced last week.

We have just received a good order for fancy fish from Vancouver, British Columbia, which we obtained through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, write Messrs. De Von and Co., the famous firm of importers and exporters, of Bethnal Green Road, London.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address:—Mr. F. J. Green, from Loughborough to 168 High Street, Lowestoft; Mr. W. Booth, from Boardman Street, Hyde, to Royal Oak Hotel, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Prize money and specials won at Aberdeen Ornithological S. show, Dec. 12-13, have now all been paid, writes Mr. J. Bryson, sec. and treas. Officials for 1914 are: Pres., J. Hector; vice-pres., R. J. Robertson; sec. and treas., J. Bryson, 293, Holburn Street; auditors, W. Allison and W. Allan.

We are sorry to hear from Mr. J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, that up to the time of writing he had not received a single entry. The prizes are 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., with a fee of 1s. 9d.; the schedule was given in detail in the show advert. on page 583 in our issue of 3rd inst.

We have received from Mr. J. C. Bell, sec., the balance-sheet of Border City (Carlisle) O.S. The income for 1913 was £92 16s. 6d. and the expenditure £84 5s. 1d., the result of the year's working being that the balance in hand has been increased from £5 14s. 3d. of 1912 to £14 5s. 8d.

Poor Entry at Boscombe.

We are obliged to extend entries until Saturday's post-mark, 17th, writes Mr. M. Cook, hon. sec., as at time of closing we do not average one per class.

A Good Record.

My Hawfinch, 1st to-day at Scottish National, is the Novice Champion Diploma winner at Matlock, and Open Champion British Diploma at Tideswell. In eight times out it has won 7 firsts and 1 third; not bad for my first year.—W. Bull, Derby.

A Good Response.

The response to our invitation last week for contributions has proved overwhelming. We are quite unable to deal with one-third of all those sent in by our warmhearted friends. Those unpublished in this issue we shall hope to deal with at the earliest possible moment. We hope the senders will not feel unduly disappointed.

Mr. R. Johnstone, sen.

I very much regret to record the death of Mr. Robert Johnstone, sen., one of the oldest fanciers in our district, writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). After a short illness with influenza, he succumbed to heart failure. Mr. Johnstone was a keen breeder of the Border Fancy, many good birds passing through his hands yearly. He was also an enthusiastic Volunteer (col.-sergt.), and a noted shot, winning many trophies. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family, in which I know readers of "C.B." will join.

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES OF SOCIETIES.

FINAL NOTICE!

We have sent out to the secretaries of all the cage bird societies known to us a printed form, to be filled in with particulars of their clubs for publication in CAGE BIRDS 1914 ANNUAL. In a number of cases these forms have not yet been returned, despite the fact that to be represented in our "Directory" (the only one of its kind) in the ANNUAL is a sure way to obtain applications for membership from fanciers living in the neighbourhood. We beg to notify that Monday next (Jan. 19) is the latest date on which these forms can be dealt with; any received after then will be too late for this year's ANNUAL. The particulars we want most of all are (1) name of society, (2) where the meetings are held, (3) when they are held, and the time, (4) yearly subscription, (5) secretary's name and address. This applies to specialist societies, ordinary societies, Roller Canary clubs, and singing clubs—in fact, cage birds clubs of all kinds.

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A marvellous holeproof cloth that will not tear, and yet looks exactly as the finest tweeds and serges, has been discovered by the Holeproof Clothing Co., 54, Theobald's Road, London, W.C. They make from these wonderful cloths a well-cut man's suit for only 14s. 9d., breeches 6s., or a pair of well fitting trousers for 4s. 6d.; and if a hole appears within six months another pair is given. See advertisement on page 23, and write for patterns, etc.

THE GRAND FINALE OF "CAGE BIRDS" Championship Competition.

SOME POINTERS FOR COMPETITORS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Schedules of the forthcoming great show at the Crystal Palace are now available (entries close Jan. 24, certain), and particulars of the Grand Finale of our Championship Competition appear on pages 16 and 17 therein. This "final round" is confined solely to exhibitors who have won a Diploma at one or other of our coupon shows held during the past season.

All diplomas have now been dispatched, with the exception of those offered at Gateshead Show, from the secretary of which we have been unable to obtain an official list of either the cash special or diploma winners. Fanciers who may consider they are entitled to a diploma, but which they have not received, should write us at once, giving particulars of show, section, etc. We have not space in this issue to publish the completed list of diploma, etc., winners, but all who care to send us two penny stamps can have a copy forwarded to them.

The Prizes "Cage Birds" Offers.

A Challenge Shield, value £10 10s., for best Coupon Bird in the Show (to be won three times not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of any exhibitor).

£10 10s. cash, for best Champion Coupon Bird.

£10 10s. cash, for best Novice Coupon Bird.

£78 cash, divided into First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10s., in each of the following twelve sections: (1) Yorkshire Canaries; (2) Norwich Plainheads; (3) Crests and Crest-breds; (4) Border Fancies; (5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians; (6) Greens; (7) Lancashires and Lizards; (8) Any other variety Canary; (9) Mules and Hybrids; (10) British, Hardbilled; (11) British Softbilled; (12) Foreign.

Twenty-four lovely hand-coloured Diplomas; one for the best Champion Coupon Bird and one for the best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the above sections.

Rules for Competitors.

(1) This competition is open only to exhibitors who have won a diploma at one of CAGE BIRDS 1913-14 Coupon Shows, in accordance with the competition rules.

(2) Each competitor may enter not more than four coupon birds in each of the twelve sections in which he has won a diploma. (Note.—Competitors, of course, can enter as many birds as they choose in each section, but not more than four can be selected to compete for our Coupon Prizes.)

(3) Each competing bird must have a CAGE BIRDS Coupon affixed opposite its number on the entry form; also the letters "C.B." must be written opposite it, or "C.B.N." if it competes in the Novice Section of our competition.

(4) Coupons, price 6d. each, can be obtained from CAGE BIRDS Offices, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.; apply early, before entries close. Or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the manager of this show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. For every Coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials.

(5) The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

(6) No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

(7) An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning a diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in all. (Note Rule 2.)

(8) No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

(9) In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

All competitors should, of course, take care to enter their birds in the right sections, and, above all, to send their entries in time—there is NO EXTENSION of the date of entries closing at the Palace Show.

Those entering birds in the Novice Section should (to avoid possible disqualification) be quite clear that they are entitled to exhibit therein, according to our Novice rule, which is the same as that adopted by the Palace Show authorities, viz.:—

A novice is a person who has never won a first prize for Canaries, or Mules and Hybrids, or British, or Foreign birds, in a class at any show other than one confined to club members, or residents in the town or county where the show is held, or limited as to the price at which the exhibit is to be sold (price not to exceed £5), or three first prizes in open novice classes. All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have to compete.

The 1914 Booklet of the London and Prov. O.S. is a neat little production, setting out the rules, aims, etc., of that important ornithological society. It may be obtained on demand from the hon. sec., Mr. Charles W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse-road, N. Finchley.

What's the Trouble?

Mr. Barry Drew, of York, writes:—"A short time ago I wrote and forwarded the names of officials for the York C.B.S., stating at the same time that I was taking over the duties of secretary for 1914. Now I wish you to delete the names, as through a little friction between one or two of the Fancy, I have refused the office. I am personally sorry this should have happened.

OUR TWELFTH GREAT BIRTHDAY ISSUE OF "CAGE BIRDS."

From a painting [*by G. Rankin.*

Of all the birds whose tuneful throats
Do welcome in the verdant spring,
I prefer the Starling's notes,
And think she does most sweetly sing.

THE SOCIAL STARLING.

—*Hurdis.*

Nor Thrush, nor Linnet, nor the bird
Brought from the far Canary's coast,
Nor can the Nightingale afford
Such melody as she can boast.—*Allan Ramsay.*

A Visit to Mr. Sam Cook the well-known Norwich Fancier

By T. JOHNSON (Southport).

I WONDER if there is a Norwich fancier from Land's End to John o'Groats who hasn't heard of Sam Cook. His has been a name to conjure with in the Norwich fancy for years, far more years than the writer cares to remember. He must be known by repute to thousands, and personally to hundreds of fanciers.

I remember the time when I was young in the Norwich fancy, and when Mr. Cook's name was mentioned by me with awe and almost with reverence. His wonderful strain of Norwich was known to me from the reports of CAGE BIRDS, and the catalogues of shows, but as yet I had never had the good fortune to know him. I was at Manchester show, and I knew that Mr. Cook would be there, so I asked an official of the show if he could kindly point out Sam Cook to me. He looked about, but couldn't just locate him for the moment, "but," he says, "walk round the room until you see a tallish man with a trilby hat on his head, and a smile on his face."

I found him all right. I'm sure I couldn't have found him better if I had had a photograph to guide me; in fact, the only photograph I ever remember seeing of him didn't represent him with that characteristic geniality. I think he must have been anticipating a visit to a dentist when he sat for it, for I never otherwise remember seeing him without his smile. He smiles when he wins, and he smiles when he loses. He also smiles when he draws—his prize money (you bet). He is a fancier whose hobby is not weighed from a pounds, shillings, and pence standpoint. If he is fortunate enough to breed a good bird, he can't be tempted to part, because, as he says, "I like good 'uns."

A Believer in Sunshine.

But these few notes are intended to be less about Mr Sam Cook than about his Norwich Plainheads, and his methods of breeding; and a few days ago I availed myself of an invitation kindly given to run over and see his birds. His birdroom is a spare room indoors with a south-west aspect. He believes in plenty of sunshine in the breeding season. I don't intend to give Mr Cook's methods of rearing in these notes, except to say that he uses the old-fashioned egg and bread, although he frankly admits that his hens might be better feeders and some of his present-day winners would not be alive to-day had not he and Mrs. Cook assisted by hand rearing.

His cages are of the single breeder pattern, and line two sides of his room, while under the window and along the other side are two flights for the youngsters. As soon as I entered the room I noticed specially a big yellow cock, a bird of tremendous size without undue length, thick body and neck, and a great big round head almost an inch wide.

It sounds an exaggeration to say an inch wide, but although I didn't measure it except by the eyes, I honestly believe it to be very little short of an inch across, and, mind you, this was free from browiness or lash. I had admired some of his unflighted yellows at the shows, and noticed the beautiful heads they had, so I couldn't help remarking that it was no wonder he got some good top pieces on his youngsters when he had that sort for stock.

Members of the Wallasey C.B.S. taking a ramble in a likely spot for viewing bird life.

This bird is an old winner, but has gone a bit in the secondaries, else he would no doubt be trotted out. The next bird which caught my eye was the winning clear buff. He was only bred late in the season of 1912, and was never ready to show as an unflighted; but this season his wins are too well known for me to mention here. This bird was bred from *two yellows*, and, as I have said, *late in the season*, and is remarkable for his size, colour and beautiful quality of feather.

Strong in Yellow Blood.

Another grand stock bird to arrest my attention was a clear buff, the son of that remarkable and well-known bird, now deceased, the old ticked yellow. He has a massive head, and short thick body, but hasn't the colour nor the glossy plumage of the other clear buff. Friend Cook has a wonderful collection of unflighted cocks, especially yellows; and everyone of them good. There are three clears of tremendous size, possessing grand heads, thick short necks, short bodies and tails and grand silky feather. Any of these could win in first class company.

A grizzle-capped yellow rather took my eye, which had all the qualities of the other three, but, if anything, a better head. Still another was a variegated yellow, a very useful stock bird, big size, but a trifle less thick in body. Amongst his unflighted buffs I noticed the clear that has won so well this season.

Standing out prominently amongst his hens is that wonderful unflighted yellow clear, 1st at Preston, Nottingham, and Bradford National, amongst old hens. To describe her good points would be to fill a page; and I can only say that she has no faults. To my mind she is just about perfect. Another yellow unflighted is the

A SPRIGHTLY BRITISH GOLDFINCH.

The property of Mr. A. P. Hurst (Liverpool). First prize and special for best British bird at the Bradford National Show.

1st Leeds, 3rd Burnley, and 4th Manchester, since when she dropped into moult. She is a big hen, rare head neck and body; but hasn't the polished feather of the other one.

The unflighted buff hen, 2nd Leeds, 2nd Burnley, 2nd Preston, 1st Warrington, etc., next claimed my attention. This one has rare size, lovely round body, good head and neck, and lovely silky feather. Whenever beaten, it has been by a yellow. Several more unflighted hens were to be noticed, amongst which were the two natural-coloured hens, 1st and 3rd Preston and Sheffield. Quite a lot of lesser lights there were which will make up grand pairs with the extra good cocks which are to be their future spouses. I noticed a good sprinkling of green blood in the room, the sort of green that is almost black, which no doubt accounts for that wonderful colour he has.

The Art of Pairing to Produce Winners

In the course of our conversation I elicited a little information about his methods of pairing, which may be of benefit to readers of CAGE BIRDS. Generally speaking, he pairs yellow to buff; and I gathered that he wasn't quite so enamoured of double buffing as he used to be, because in present competition one couldn't afford to throw anything away in colour, which is undeniably lost by that process. Evidently he believes in double yellowing to get colour and quality of feather, but he must have birds of the right sort for the job, short thick birds of good substance, with no inclination to slimness. He never pairs up two birds with the same fault.

Although he didn't say so, I gathered from his conversation that he didn't keep a breeding record, nor ring or mark his birds in any way, but he is gifted with a wonderful memory, and he could trace any given bird back for nine or ten years. In a reminiscent vein he was telling me which hen this was out of, and which cock was the sire of that, even to the third and fourth generation. (Who would be bothered with closed rings?) In introducing fresh blood he is very particular what he buys and where from. It must have the bluest of blue blood in its veins; and to that he attributes much of his

The baby boy of Mr. E. H. Court, of Tenby, enjoying a little quiet fun with his pet Yorkshire Canary.

success. He was asked if there was any Crest-bred blood in the winning Norwich of to-day? He answered that speaking for himself, there wasn't any in his stock, and we certainly couldn't see any trace of it in his birds.

Asked which point he found the most difficult to obtain, he answered that in his opinion the head points were the most difficult and the most important, but another difficult point was size without length. Anyone could get size with long necks and barrelled bodies and long tails, but to get size on a short body with real silky feather was a difficult point.

Before leaving with reluctance this wonderful stock of Norwich, I had the pleasure of seeing that wonderful yellow hen of his, now, unfortunately, beyond the cares of this world, and adorning a glass case on his sideboard, flanked on each side by the trophies she helped so much to win. She had only recently come back from the taxidermist, himself a well-known Norwich judge, and she is set up in true Norwich style. I refer to the yellow hen, winner Scottish National, 1912 and 1913, also Glasgow, 1st and special best Norwich, Bolton, 1911, 1st at all principal shows in those two seasons, a real good hen. Speaking about length in Norwich, it is interesting to note that this hen, while being of rare good size, is but $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, three quarters of an inch shorter than is allowed by the N.P.C. standard.

I hope that these few notes will be of benefit to novices; but a peep inside this birdroom, with a few hints from Mr. Cook himself while he handles the birds, every one of which he has bred himself, by the way, will do the novice more good than all the literature ever written on pairing.

THE ART OF STAGING BRITISH BIRDS.

By C. PR.OR (R.pley).

(*Continued from page 538*)

THIS will leave a space of four inches between the right perch and the right end of the cage. One and a half inches of this space will be occupied by the seed trough, which is simply a piece of wood, not less than three-eighths of an inch in thickness and one inch in width, running from back to front.

The cage, you see, has been planned round the perches. Turn any properly tamed bird of the species named into a show cage of this design, and, providing that they are of suitable thickness, he will in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred take the perches easily and naturally, and with all the style he is capable of. The hundredth bird will want half an hour's practice.

The proviso in the foregoing paragraph brings in view another point of the highest importance; i.e., the thickness of the perches. Unless the bird has perches which he can grip firmly and easily, he has great difficulty in keeping his balance. When he is invited to change perches, he hesitates a moment, then flounders across, and, likely enough, topples over. It is impossible for him to be stylish under such conditions, even when he recovers his equilibrium, and so away go half his chances of a prize. No standardization is possible, however, in the matter of thickness of perch, because different birds, even of the same species, have differently sized feet. The rule to be observed is that the perch must fit the foot.

As a guide to what constitutes a suitable thickness of perch it may be taken that the extremities of the foot from the toe-nail of middle front claw to that of the

back claw—should encircle a fraction over half, but not so much as two thirds of a round or oval perch. The ideal probably lies halfway between. The perches themselves may be either the turned ones with a boss at one end, which are fastened with screws from the back, and just miss touching the wire front, or neatly finished slightly oval ones of the ordinary description; fastened at the back with a small screw, and resting on the front crossbar in the usual way.

The turned ones are generally to be preferred, but the essential thing is that they should be easy to the bird. Many turned perches are far too hard and slippery for comfort, and the effort required to maintain balance on them is bound to detract from style. Whichever kind is chosen, the softest wood obtainable must be used, and, for the sake of effect, preference should be given to the whitest. Care must be taken in the fixing, so that there shall be no danger of slipping or working loose. Embellishments such as polished metal mountings are not needed, and should not be countenanced.

The Front and the Wiring.

The cage front must be removable to allow of cleaning, and, upon occasion, recolouring. The front made in one section to slide up in grooves, or to come away from the body of the cage by the unfastening of skilfully contrived catches, is by far the best, so long as it is fitted in a workmanlike manner. The wires should not be close together. A closely wired cage at once places a good bird at a disadvantage by obstructing the judge's view of him. Excepting for such small fry as Wrens and Tits, half an inch is too close for anything. Five-eighths will do for Siskins and Redpolls; three-quarters to seven-eighths is about right for the larger Finches and Buntings. A fine gauge of wire should be used, as enamelling will add to its thickness.

In the show cage of the size we are considering the top rail will be half an inch in width, and the bottom one one and a half inches. The only cross bar will run along on a level with the perches, three inches from the bottom. The well proportioned cage permits this—nay, demands it. It (the crossbar) may be perfectly straight or artistically curved—it is immaterial which—but punched bar makes the neatest job. The drinking hole will be at the right hand end of the front, between the second and third wire. This will bring it opposite the strip of wood (rounded at its top edge) which shuts off the inch and a half or so of the edge to form a seed box.

A Custom to be Discarded.

The time-honoured custom of placing the drinking hole in the middle of the front is dying hard, but it has nothing whatever to commend it, and a triple indictment to answer. Firstly it compels the bird to go to the floor—in itself an undesirable thing. Secondly, in many cases, birds have a very proper objection to jumping down amongst their dirt, and will sit and suffer from thirst until their eyes are like pinheads rather than do it. Thirdly, when they do jump down, they get dirt on to their feet which they carry up to their perch. Then they wipe their face and beak on the perch, and—well, 'nuff said. All this is avoided if they can reach their water from where they stand to feed.

The door may be round or square, and it may be placed at either end of the cage. There is some advantage in getting it at the seed end, but the principal thing to consider is which end most readily fits in with your arrangements for running the bird straight into the show cage from his quarters at home.

The question of colour must be dealt with next. It is a great mistake to imagine that the equipment of an exhibitor's staging department need present the slightest resemblance to the stock-in-trade of an artist's studio. There is one colour, and one colour only, which will do ample justice to every British Hardbill, and to almost every British Softbill (the Blackbird is the only exception that occurs to me at the moment) and that colour is green. The only point to decide is the shade of green. It must be a pure green. Pea-green, for instance, may be dismissed at once; it is too yellow. Peacock-green is too blue. Bronze-green is too "brassy."

From a drawing [*by H. Goodchild.*

THE PINK-CRESTED TOURACOU: A LOVELY AFRICAN BIRD.

An Article upon this curious and attractive species will be found on page 5.

Note.—In writing of the various shades of green, I refer to the article sold in tins either as paint or enamel; and the names used to distinguish them are those which appear on the label.

The Good Points of the Greens.

Of pure green colours which are suitable the choice is limited, and yet ample, for only two need be taken into serious consideration, emerald green and holly green. Emerald green is bright and attractive. It shows to advantage those numerous species whose colouring is of a sombre tone, as, for instance, Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, Corn, Reed and Lapland Buntings, Thrushes, etc.; and it forms a harmonious background for the display of such good points as definition and regularity of marking and pencilling, boldness of type, generous formation of skull, and gracefulness of carriage, which are the qualities most prized where colours blend rather than contrast. It is also more kindly than was the old-fashioned cold, pale blue to Greenfinches, Siskins, Yellowhammers and the like, whose colours, if not sombre, are at least subdued. But it is too delicate a tint to do justice to those other species in which we look for brilliance, depth and sharp contrasts of colour, such as Goldfinches and Bullfinches, and, in scarcely less degree, Chaffinches and Bramblefinches. These are infinitely better suited by the more robust holly green. Indeed not only does holly green give incomparable effect to the more striking beauty of these prime favourites, but it is also in every way an appropriate setting for all the others; and everything that has been said in favour of emerald green for them applies with equal truth to holly green.

It occasionally happens that a darker shade even than holly green may be successfully used as a set off for a Goldfinch or Bullfinch of exceptionally rich and brilliant colour. Judgment must be exercised in resorting to this darkest of all greens, for if the Goldfinch is in the slightest degree inclined to "brassiness" in the blaze, or if the Bullfinch is at all pale, or not perfectly level, in breast colour, the fault will be mercilessly exposed by the over dark background. If, on the other hand your Goldfinch has a blaze like a piece of red sealing wax, and your Bullfinch a breast like a maiden's first blush, the result is to enhance them to the very limit. A Siskin of exceptional purity and clearness of colour will also look his very best against a setting of this description. Further than this into the question of colours for show cages it is needless to go. Holly green by itself is really equal to all occasions—with just a reservation in favour of something lighter for Blackbirds and Choughs. At the same time there is no objection whatever to other shades of green being employed, and any intermediate tone can readily be obtained by the simple expedient of mixing the two colours, emerald green and holly green, in the required proportions.

The Greenfinch is perhaps the least satisfactory subject to deal with, and he must by now have caused an appalling waste of art enamel. It should be remembered that he is not a bird of striking colouration, and that his qualities are of those that reveal themselves only under examination.

(To be continued.)

Photographs by [*Stanley Crook*

BABY BIRDS FACING THE CAMERA.

House Sparrows which have just left home. **A Young Barn Owl.** **Rooks making a first venture "on their own."**

From a Painting] *[by G. Rankin.*

OUR ENGLISH KINGFISHER.

A bird which vies with the avian beauties of the tropics for gorgeousness of plumage. Note his resemblance to his Indian relative figured below.

The Condition of Show Birds.

By T. J. SOUTHPORT.

NOT so long ago I read in CAGE BIRDS a lecture delivered by a fancier before his cage-bird society. I forget what his subject was, but thinking of this subject, "Show birds and their condition," one sentence the gentleman used in his lecture came back to me. It was: "There couldn't be anything worse, in his opinion, than to show a clean bird in a dirty cage." Now, when you come to look at it, a dirty cage and a clean bird are bad enough, but worse is a dirty bird and a clean cage; and worse still is a dirty bird to a dirty cage. Not that a cage has anything to do with the condition of a bird, still cleanliness counts with condition in a show bird. In most scales of points some points are given for condition; in some varieties more, others less, and I have often wondered if our judges really do allow those points for condition, because I have seen birds winning that were not really in condition, that is, in high condition. In fact, most birds that do win are rather a bit low, and especially so is this in the case of Norwich. Birds in high condition don't show off their points to advantage; indeed, if they happen to have any faults, you may depend on it they will show them. If one is at all inclined to be feathery at thighs, if in very robust condition, or what we may term very forward, he will show that feather. My idea of a bird in show condition is one that is perfectly healthy, but not forward enough to be singing lustily, only just beginning to turn his notes and to tune up his voice; rather quiet, and not yet beginning to answer the calls of the hens; seemingly not yet started to think seriously of that joyous state, matrimony. As the winter passes and spring is approaching, and a young cock bird's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, he gets restless and begins to draw himself up out of shape, until he is hardly recognisable as the bird which was winning prizes a few weeks previously. I remember visiting a well-known Norwich breeder's room in the height of the show season, and amongst his birds was one cock that was beginning to sing lustily. He was in very high condition, so high that his owner commented on it, and said that he would have to stop that, as he was wanted for show the week following; so he caught the bird and transferred him to a dark corner of his room. He had happened to be facing the window, where he got a little sun, and it was bringing him on too quick. Transferring him to a dark corner would have the effect of "backening" him, and keeping him fit for show purposes. A bird, to be in show condition, must be healthy, of course, and when handled must have enough go in him to get in position, or to take his perches freely, but we don't want him to be in dancing condition. I once had a conversation with a Norwich fancier of the old school, when our chat turned to condition in Norwich, and I mentioned a few well-known winners which appeared to me not to be in very robust condition. "Ah," he said, "that is a trick of the trade"; and he went on to tell me of another fancier, whose name need to be one to conjure with in all Norwich circles, who, he said, used to keep his show birds without food the day before a show so that they wouldn't be in too high condition before judging. He said that it made them look bigger and rounder when "down." Whether this were true, or it was merely a figure of speech, I can't say; but a day is a long time to keep a Canary without food, and I certainly shouldn't think of so keeping mine; but perhaps there is something in it. It appears to me that when a show bird begins to get "rompish," the best plan would be to limit his diet, and if he happens to be where he gets some sun, emulate the action of the Norwich breeder mentioned previously, and put him in prison for a day or two. Some birds never need keeping down. The difficulty is to get them forward enough in time for breeding; but those are generally the ones which are approaching the time when, like ourselves of the genus homo, we are too old at forty.

"NEST" AND EGGS OF THE KINGFISHER.

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These eggs, as will be seen, reposed on an exceptionally large layer of fish-bones. (Photo by S. Crook.)

The Indian, or White-Breasted, Kingfisher.

By W. T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

At the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) show in November, 1911, Mr. S. M. Townsend exhibited a fine specimen of this species, which was again shown, at the same venue, in November last. Kingfishers are not everyone's fancy, owing to the diet, mainly meat or fish, and what insects one can supply; but for those who do not object to this, this bird is a beautiful, quaint and interesting pet. To some extent its beauty is indicated in the following sketchy description: Head, face, sides of neck and body, wings and under tail coverts rich chocolate, glossed with chestnut; scapulars, and greater wing-coverts dull blue; back, rump and upper tail-coverts glistening cerulean-blue; chin, throat, middle of the neck, breast and abdomen, pure white; tail blue, central feathers greenish. It is about 10½ inches long, of which the tail measures 3 inches.

This species is found in most parts of India, up to the base of the Himalayas, and extends eastwards to China. It is not only found in the vicinity of water, but frequently in wooded country some distance from it. Away from water it frequents groves of trees, gardens, open jungle and the vicinity of large villages and cantonments. In such situations from a suitable perch it watches for a land-crab, mouse, lizard, grasshopper, etc., and pounces down upon it, carrying it back to the perch to devour. In the vicinity of water it preys on fish (rarely diving for it), frogs, tadpoles and water insects.

A hollow under a projecting stone, hole in a bank, or hole in a decaying tree, all form suitable nesting sites. The eggs are white; and the clutch varies from two to seven.

In captivity this bird will do well on a diet of raw beef and fish, supplemented by mealworms, earthworms, cockroaches, grasshoppers, and any other similar insects obtainable, also quite small frogs; thus their diet presents no insuperable difficulty to those fond of out of the way pets. Mr. Townsend's bird received several gold-fish per diem during the course of the 1911 show. Minnows, adpoles, and other small fish are not unduly difficult to obtain, and would help to vary the menu advantageously; even if not procurable regularly, as occasional dainties they would break the monotony of meat and insects, and thus greatly benefit the bird.

Mr. Townsend's fine specimen is, I think, the only one in England at the present time, and also for some years past. In outdoor quarters there should not be any great difficulty in inducing this species to breed, if a true pair were only obtainable. This bird's loud, harsh call, almost a scream, is not often uttered save when on the wing, and I have not heard it uttered in captivity up to the present.

A Kingfisher "snapped" whilst watching for its prey in the stream below. (Photo. by J. H. Symonds.)

OUR ENGLISH KINGFISHER.

The opinion is generally held that the Kingfisher is the most beautiful of all the species that breed in this country. Few can have seen the bird for the first time, flashing like some brilliant meteor down the stream, without experiencing a thrill of delight. And the more closely one inspects the bird the more marvellous does its plumage seem. Further, it retains its gorgeous plumes all the year round, unlike many of the charmers of other lands, whose beauty is seasonal only.

From a Drawing] *[by H. Goodchild.*

THE INDIAN, or WHITE-BREASTED, KINGFISHER.

A contribution dealing with this beautiful bird, a great rarity in England, will be found above.

A GROUP OF BEAUTIES FROM FOREIGN CLIMES.

BLUE-WINGED GREEN FRUITSUCKER.
OCCIPITAL BLUE PIE.
TRI-COLOR TANAGER.
RED SUNBIRD.
RAINBOW BUNTING.
LONG-TAILED WHYDAH.

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A STUDY OF CINNAMON BLOOD IN CANARIES.

CINNAMON-MARKED YELLOW YORKSHIRE. CINNAMON-MARKED BUFF BORDER FANCY.

SELF YELLOW CINNAMON (NORWICH TYPE).

A PARROT AT PLAY.

This Parrot, now alas ! deceased, was the property of Mr. A. England, of High Street, Barnet, a photographer by profession, to whom we are indebted for the pictures. The bird was remarkably docile, and a great business asset, for when " dressed up " (see centre picture) he could always be depended upon to soothe the fears of young children whom fond parents brought to face the camera in his master's studio. Polly also struck up an amazingly intimate friendship with the cat and the dog seen in three of the photos; they were truly "inseparables." Our fifth picture shows another friendly trio, a Cat, an Owl, and a Jackdaw.

The Pink-Crested Touracou.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

A Drawing of this Bird Appears on page iii.

THIS beautiful and rare species (*Turacus erythrolophus*), is a little larger than a Jay, but more pheasant-like in form; the tail fairly long, broad and rounded at the tip. Our illustration was drawn from a specimen of Mr. C. T. Maxwell's at the last Clapham show, where it was awarded 2nd prize (Mr. A. Ezra's Red Sunbird securing the premier position). It was only 7th at the recent Horticultural Hall show, in a class composed almost entirely of very rare species. It has not met with the best of luck when exhibited up to the present

Touracous are a beautiful group, with exquisitely harmonised garments of soft plumage; greens, carmine, violet, or purple-blue usually forming the colour pattern. They need room to properly exhibit their full beauty, as it is only when the wing is fully extended that the full extent of the rich carmine area is displayed. They do well in a roomy cage. The species in question is one of the most lovely of a beautiful genus The body colouring is green, glossed with bronze on the wings; lower throat, shoulders and breast pea-green; a space round the eye very pale greenish-grey, almost white; the crest is broadly tipped with pinkish-red; eye-lids red; irides dark-red. It is, indeed, exquisite; the beautiful soft green relieved by its reddish crest. greyish-white face, and the carmine-red of the under wing-coverts and flights. It is as they descend to the ground from a perch, or rise up again to it, and for a brief spell at the moment of alighting, that their full beauty is seen.

Delightful as Aviary Birds.

Interesting as these birds are in cages, one cannot over-praise them as aviary birds; their graceful movements and contour are unrivalled. They become delightfully tame, even in a large aviary, and are not unduly difficult to cater for. Bananas should be supplied, whole, with a narrow strip of the skin removed; sweet-water grapes, elderberries, hawthorn berries, blackberries, raspberries, and the like, are all appreciated, as also are boiled rice and mealworms, earthworms, silkworms, and insects generally.

How Touracous Might be Bred.

If any attempt is made to breed them it will be well to securely fasten a hamper lid high up in some branches, as the nest they construct in their native wilds (Africa) is a mere platform of sticks, upon, or in, which they deposit two bluish-white eggs. Traveller-naturalists tell us they feed on the indigenous fruits and berries, which are varied with insects, worms, caterpillars, and even small birds. They mostly frequent the tops of high trees. but are also to be seen amid the tangled creepers, flitting from shrub to shrub, and if disturbed to some higher elevation, alighting with crest erect and upturned tail. The latter characteristic I have observed many times in the Western aviary at the London Zoo. One wishes either that these lovely birds came over a little more freely, or that one had an illimitable purse.

The Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, an uncommon bird in great favour with exhibitors of Parrots

EVENING AMUSEMENT FOR BORDER FANCIERS.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(*Continued from page 507.*)

WE now require seven cross ties to bind front to back. One of these, as will be seen in sketch, published on Nov. 1, is made with a set-back, to keep door flush with remainder of wires. Every care should be taken to make these cross-ties of equal length, and have the loops parallel to each other. When fixing these it is advisable to omit that one which rests on spires at door end (left) till top wires have been introduced, as these are all placed inside of framework, one on each side, forming a complete circuit of ends and top, and another being cut with a slight surplus to form the loops in which the door slides, the remainder being cut flush at top of door space. The measuring off and fixing of these is simply a repetition of the process described in setting mould, it only being necessary that the wires of top touch cross-ties at all points, without being too long to cause sagging. No bending of bow is required, beyond the slight turn at corner.

When wires (six in number) have been inserted it is advisable to wrap all to cross-ties, beginning at seed-drawer end, before soldering any. To ensure correct meshing of top a piece of punched bar may be used, or preferably a "gauge-comb," which is simply a strip of wood with wire nails driven through in a manner whereby each pair holds a wire in position five-eighths of an inch apart. All being wrapped and soldered it only remains to make and fix door; it is hardly necessary to describe this operation as a reference to sketch will show its construction. The space under door being filled in, it only remains to fit holder for water-glass and small loop on top of cage for lifting.

Points About the Perches.

Perches: These are procurable from cagemakers. They are circular, and grooved to provide the bird with a good grip, such being essential to good position and action, hardly possible to obtain if, as I have often seen, they are of hard wood with a surface like glass. Nothing can be more provocative of spread tails than the bird's endeavours to maintain a foothold on such perches. Therefore soft wood, as white as can be procured, should be selected. Many I have noticed are much too thick, being out of proportion to both bird and cage, and more suited to a Scotch Fancy Canary. I have noticed a very nice perch on the market lately in which the grooving formed a diamond pattern, and the wood and thickness were all that could be desired, but this possesses a fault, for, when dirty or soiled, washing has the effect of removing all the grooving by reason of the fact that same is only pressed in, not cut, and the swelling, consequent on wetting, restores the plain shape.

To make grooved perches, get a smith to bore a hole in a piece of steel plate about half-inch thick, and countersink same to form a sharp edge on underside. This edge should then be notched with a corner file like the teeth of a saw. To use the perch block it is only necessary to plane down wood to a thickness slightly in excess of diameter of hole and drive each piece through with a mallet. If the diamond groove is preferred the teeth should be set obliquely like the teeth of a cross-cut saw, and a similar plate or hole should be provided with teeth set in the opposite direction. Drive through each in succession, and it will be found effective in producing the interlaced spiral groove, or diamond. To whiten perches, wash in a strong solution of carbonate of soda, and dry either in a strong sun, or before a fire.

Applying the Finishing Touches.

There are many brands of enamels on the market, but some of them are far from desirable for cages, the most common faults being stringiness, which makes an awful mess, the cage having the appearance of being smeared with treacle. Another fault is flying off, or peeling, due to a lack of elasticity, which is an important feature when the article painted has to stand such vibration as the wires of a cage. I have yet to find a really good black which can be applied in one coat, and nothing is more annoying than to find it necessary to do up show cages every season, as each successive coat is but adding to the roughness. I find that a coat of Drop Black (flat) which dries instantly, followed by a coat of elastic carriage varnish stands better, has a fine glossy appearance, and is only half the cost of cycle enamel. It is advisable to apply the varnish in a warm temperature, this adding to its fluidity. Do all inside of cage first, using a short-handled camel-hair brush as it is difficult to black all wires from outside or apply varnish without working up to a froth.

If time presses a good brand of enamel may be used as these sometimes dry very quickly, but a coat of the above varnish should be applied over same at the first opportunity, giving it plenty of time to get thoroughly dry before running a bird in. It is advisable to wash all cages immediately on return from shows, as if the stains of droppings are allowed to harden on cage they

An excellent Linnet, which secured 1st prize at Dover Show for Mr. A. Pankhurst, of Chatham.

defy all removal, and repainting is necessary. For the same reason old or white cages are advisable for training purposes.

Telescopic Cages.

The ordinary manner of working these up on a base of punched bar, as with Yorks cages, is inadvisable, as being too great a departure, and likely to cause comment; besides, such would entail the dispensing with posts and spires and I have not been favourably impressed with cages I have seen of that description. We have therefore the preferable option of making cage top hinged for opening by looping the outside wires to cross stays at end, and making the other ends snap on the opposite cross-stay, with two similar loops left partly open for that purpose, as also are the remaining three in top. These loops should be made very small. It will be necessary to make seed drawer cover removable for these, and as they are made in sets of three to keep same of a size which permits of their being inserted one within the other, the inner one requiring no removable top.

By running three birds into the smaller cage we have a reduction in bulk of two-thirds, which is very convenient for carrying, and reducing also the number of carrying cases. Of course, such method would not be permissible in sending birds to a show, as it would entail labour and responsibility on show stewards in recognising and apportioning the birds to their proper classes, but for members' shows, or events which permit of the fancier conveying his birds, these telescopics are very useful.

I omitted to add that the loops for door sliding in are, in these, made in the cross tie, instead of a projection from top. If by mistake a wire should be soldered in wrong place it is only necessary to hold it over the flame of a candle or vesta and when melted give it a few smart taps to remove solder. No doubt this may all sound very amusing to the professional cagemaker but, though I am not a "pro.," I can assure the amateur that a little practice will do much, and the £ s. d. side of the question is not despisable.

A Muling Problem.

By REG. H. TERRY.

Is it possible to obtain a strain of Hen Canaries which produces all Cock Mules?

I CAN well imagine the reader of the above heading giving vent to some expression of incredulity. Such a seemingly impossible suggestion is sure to be greeted by some with ridicule, whilst others, I hope, will have the patience to read through the following account of my experience, when I trust they will admit that I have some grounds for making a bold suggestion, and I hope they will be sufficiently convinced to cause them to experiment with the same end in view.

If, in their experiments, by strictly adhering to the modes of crossing which I am going to suggest, a hen Mule should crop up, then I shall be prepared to admit that my assertion is wrong; but until I have myself, or know for a fact that some other person has really produced a hen, I shall remain convinced that it is possible to produce all cock Mules from this strain. My contention is not brought about through many years of tedious study, as some might imagine, but more by accident, as I am now going to prove.

Three or four years back my stock consisted of ordinary Norwich Canaries, more remarkable, I am afraid, for their quantity than their quality. About this time a Cinnamon Yorkshire cock came into my possession, and not having a suitable mate for it, I picked out a large, variegated Norwich hen, and paired them. The majority of the youngsters were self Cinnamons, and the rest Cinnamon-variegated.

Sex of More Value Than Quality.

As I have hinted above, my knowledge of Canaries was not very extensive at that time, and I judged the value of a bird more by its sex than its quality, as to my idea a cock bird was worth about three times as much as a hen. It can well be imagined, then, with what disgust I found that all the offspring from this pair turned out to be hens. I put it down to ill-luck at once, until I read the following in an article on the peculiarities of Cinnamon breeding, written long since by Mr. W. A Blakston:—

"If a cock Canary, not being a Cinnamon, or crossed from the variety, be paired with a Cinnamon hen, the produce will not show the pink eye or any Cinnamon feathers, but will consist of self-coloured greens, cocks and hens, and variegated greens. If, however, we invert the order of things, and infuse the Cinnamon blood by mating a Cinnamon cock with, say, a Norwich hen, we obtain altogether different results. The progeny will for the most part consist of self-coloured and variegated Cinnamons, with an occasional green or green-marked bird, and with this strange result also, that all the Cinnamons, clear or variegated, will be hens. This is a fact not generally known, but our own experience has shown it to be a fact, while enquiry on every side has never in any one instance led to a knowledge of any other result. Some breeders will only declare positively as to the yellow variegated, but our experience is that every bird which shows one cinnamon feather will be a hen."

After reading this, I was, of course, not a little enlightened as to the cause of my so-called ill-luck, and after experiencing the same results as the author suggested, I was quite convinced that his remarks were correct. I did not particularly want to become a breeder of practically Cinnamon hens only, so I parted with the Cinnamon cock, and also most of the offspring.

The Lanceolated Jay, a beautifully marked and strikingly handsome foreign bird.

From a painting] **NOBLE EXAMPLES OF THE CRESTBRED AND CRESTED CANARIES.** *[by H. Norman.*

Length and texture (width and silkiness) of feather play an important part in this breed. The chief characteristic of the Crestbred is the extremely wide skull, with its "lashing" (fall of feathers over the eyes); and of the Crest, its headpiece of feathers, drooping evenly, covering eyes and beak, and in the best specimens of remarkable size.

leaving myself with two hens, one self-Cinnamon and the other Cinnamon variegated.

About this time my fancy turned to Mule breeding, and as I had two Goldfinches, I ran them with these two hens the following Spring. I did not have any particularly good luck, although I did not think I had done badly for a first attempt when at the end of the season I had three very nice dark Mules, all cock birds. These were all from the self-Cinnamon hen; the other hen had two clear nests of eggs out of three, and hatched two eggs in the third, but, as is so often the case with young hens, she did not attempt to feed the young.

A Year of Plenty.

I tried the same pairs again the next season and had much better results, the hens turning out to be ideal parents, and I am proud to say I did not lose a single youngster from these two hens. Altogether, I bred seventeen Mules from these two pairs during the season, one rearing ten and the other seven.

Now comes the remarkable part. All these seventeen youngsters, together with the three bred the previous season, making a total of twenty in all, were cock birds, and all are in full song at the time of writing.

Now my theory is this:—If by mating a Cinnamon cock with a Norwich hen the offspring with any Cinnamon feathers whatever are all hens, then why should not Nature revert, and by mating a certain variety with these hens, the offspring all become cocks? The first part of the question has been solved, I think readers will admit, beyond all doubt, as it has been tried and proved by some of the most eminent Canary breeders, but the latter part is simply an idea brought about by some convincing facts which resulted from a chance mating with the Goldfinch and Cinnamon-bred hens.

Is the Evidence Adequate?

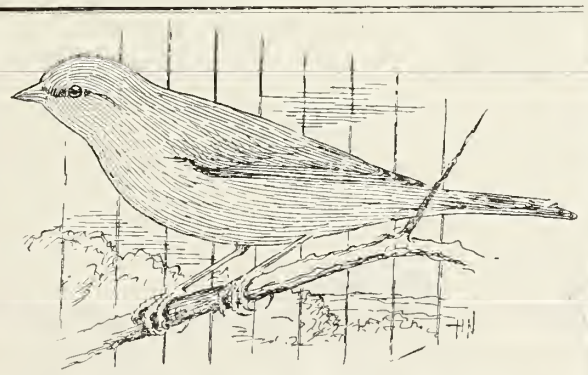
It may be thought that I have been a little too previous in making such an assertion with only twenty birds to prove it; but when one takes into consideration the peculiarities of the Cinnamon Canary when crossed with other varieties, and also the theory remarked on above, I think there is ample reason for suggesting that it may be possible to produce all cock Mules.

An Experiment that will Repay.

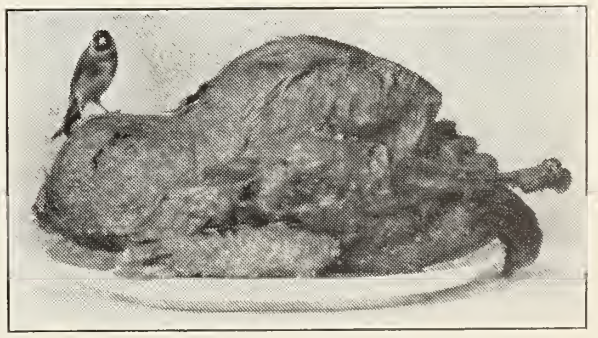
In any case, there can be no good derived from keeping such a theory to myself, as if readers will experiment for themselves, the question will be proved either one way or the other. Such experiments are bound to repay the breeder, as the Mules resulting from such a cross as suggested, providing the hens used are large, will be far in advance of average quality. I am afraid this strain will never satisfy the craving of the Mule breeder whose one aim is to produce light Mules; but to produce good dark Mules—and to my idea a really good dark one is quite equal in merit to a light one, and much more handsome—the breeder will find this strain second to none, whether or not the results prove me correct in my assumption.

A YOUNG READER'S FAVOURITE MAGPIE.

An interesting account of this talkative and playful pet is given this week in the correspondence columns.



The rare cinnamon-coloured Linnet-Canary Hybrid so successfully exhibited by Mr. G. Lawrence of Coventry.



A GOLDFINCH THAT LIKES POULTRY.

This very tame Siberian Goldfinch has a liking for poultry, says its owner, Miss Rogers (Bromley), and as soon as a bird is placed on the table he pounces upon it and helps himself. He is depicted enjoying the Christmas turkey. (Photo by J. Rogers.)

From photographs]

EPISODES IN THE BREEDING SEASON OF THE WILY ROOK.

[by Stanley Crook.

These pictures represent about a dozen visits to the Rookery over a period of a month—whole days and half-days, on some of which the snow was falling. From left to right (top) : 1, Old nests before repair; 2, After being "tidied up"; 3, Male bringing sticks for building purposes; 4, Male cawing defiance at some passing Rooks; 5, Female calling for food; 6, Male with food in his claws; 7, A gathering storm; 8, Shaping the nest; 9, Female inspecting nest after its completion; 10, Male feeding his sitting wife: 11, The thief a neighbour stealing sticks; 12, Feeding the young ones; 13, Young Rooks calling for food: 14, Distributing a meal.

From a painting] BRITISH BIRDS THAT VISIT US IN WINTER. *[by H. Norman.*

The Black Redstart.
The Snow Bunting.

The Waxwing.
The Great Grey Shrike.

Photographs by] COCK NIGHTINGALE "ON GUARD" CLOSE BY THE NEST. [*J. H. Symonds.*

HEN NIGHTINGALE CARRYING FOOD FOR HER NESTLINGS.

ARE SPECIALIST CLUBS IN DANGER?

The Views of Four Leading Fanciers of the Day.

MR. G. C. LEY'S SCHEME.

THE great and serious importance to the Canary Fancy of the question raised by Mr. R. L. Crisp is not one, I am afraid, that can be disposed of in the space you would care to give in one issue. Those fanciers who have been agitating these last few years about the "half-prize money" question; those who complain and give over exhibiting because of meeting champion exhibits; those who expect to, but find they cannot clear entry fees and railway expenses; all these will find a solution to their complaints in the answer to the question, and the remedy.

In the first place, let me say I am a fancier and exhibitor of between 30 and 40 years' standing, before specialist clubs for cage birds came into existence. I am, and have been for some years, an active member of one, because I *know* their *need*, and why they were *formed*.

The Shows of the Eighties.

In the early eighties you could nearly count on one hand the Canary exhibitions which were open competitions, and the "Derby" of the Canary Fancy was the annual show at the Crystal Palace, where, until a few years back, the classes filled to an extent that must have provided a rich harvest for the management. The reason of this latter is obvious; being so few open shows, 90 per cent. of the birds staged had not before been tried in open competition, breeders had not had the opportunity of seeing their's side by side on the show bench with those others had bred, and so they sent in annually their entries to the Palace. Mark the difference between then and the present time. There was then no grumbling about the cost of railway transit and entry fees from those who were fortunate enough to secure honours, vhc, hc, or c, to say nothing about being in the money. Exhibitors felt proud and well repaid because they had secured a card at the Palace, knowing they would be called upon for stock from that particular strain.

The secret latter-day fanciers have to learn is, that the cost of exhibiting their birds represents their advertising expenses for bringing their name to the notice of those who are looking for stock off a winning strain, and consequently making their profit out of surplus stock. Shows were formed in the old days because whosoever bred birds thought there were none like, or so good as, their own, consequently they wanted a referee to decide it, and a place to bring the birds together for that purpose. This spirit brought bird clubs and shows into existence; it was not a business problem for profit.

Later, breeders in surrounding districts who were not numerous enough to form local clubs of their own were invited to bring along their exhibits to make the classes stronger; the birds were on and off the benches the same day, to save expense of management. This was the starting point of open shows. Although we have now many open shows in the United Kingdom, there are very few self-supporting, as in the early days, when prize-money was paid out according to entries, and no faults found by those accepting this privilege. Exhibitors recognised that shows were not run for their profit, but amusement, besides being an advertisement to help them get rid of surplus stock at a better value.

Exhibiting as a Business Side-line.

At the present time there are many exhibitors who have not taken up the Fancy as a hobby, but as a business side-line. The show bench is no place for them. They are poor sportsmen who find fault at half prize-money, or when they have run up among champion exhibits, because they are out for profit, not for a hobby. This class of exhibitor is no credit to the Fancy, but brings it into bad repute. He goes to see his own team win, and if he should accidentally send an entry into a class where specialist club members are competing, he has the confounded impudence to rush into print with the idea that his eighteenpenny entry is helping to provide their cups and bowls.

I would refer those exhibitors who think they could (or should) do away with specialist clubs, to the early days of the exhibition bird, true samples of which they can find depicted in the illustrations of Messrs. Cassell's work on Canaries, and then to our latest publication, "Our Canaries." The vast and astounding improvement they will see between the early and present-day exhibits has been brought about by specialist clubs who have set a standard to breed and exhibit to, not by one man, but by all the most successful breeders and exhibitors for the past 20 or 25 years. The inference is plain; if specialist clubs are doomed, so eventually will be the exhibition bird and the bird shows. Without specialist clubs, classes will die out and varieties gradually become extinct.

I was greatly surprised to read the letter by Mr. J. W. Ramsden (because he knows better) advocating some other kind of judging, by someone, or something, who would reverse the birds from the bottom to the top of the class, and bring the law on to those societies who employed specialist club judges.

The time has certainly arrived, as Mr. Crisp observes, for fanciers to take heed. We cannot blame show committees for dropping the classification where they lose money. It is up to us to find the remedy. We must have members' birds on the bench which do not win, besides those which do. We exhibitors who have constantly been on the topmost branch plucking the best fruit must make an effort to hand some of it down below. If we do this we shall certainly find a great improvement in the entries.

Will this Solve the Problem?

I think the following scheme the solution of the difficulty. In the first place, specialist clubs' trophies must be won on points, instead of by best birds, and to induce members to show birds which have no chance with the champions, I would give them an equal chance of winning the clubs' trophies by reversing the points. The 1st prize bird has the consolation of taking the money and full points for the specials offered by the society holding the show, but the points I would offer for the specialists' club trophies, to members, would be as follows: 1st, 1 point; 2nd, 2 points; 3rd, 3 points; 4th, 4 points; vhc, 5 points; hc, 6 points; c, 7 points; reserve, 10 points.

This would entail no hardship on the owners of winning birds, because they would have an equal chance of making more entries in each class, if they wanted more points, and more entries is the gist of the whole trouble. The "wish I could die" feeling of the specialist clubs would be cured by a tonic of this sort. We should find the novices and the amateurs competing with the champions. The idea of giving a reserve 10 points was for this object, and to bring all members up to the scratch by affording them a sporting chance; the man with the money-bags could gain no advantage over the workingman exhibitor in respect to club trophies.—Geo. C. Ley (Nottingham).

Cock Bullfinch feeding the hen at the edge of their nest (Photo. J.H.S.)

The Trouble will be lived Down, says Mr. W. Spillman

WHY fanciers should say specialist clubs are doomed is a mystery to me, when, if they are properly worked, they should prove the Alpha and Omega of the Fancy. It is very evident, however, that the present rules of the S.N.P.C. will have to be wiped out, and a new set made, more concise and explicit, leaving no doubt how points are to be counted. Mr. So-and-So says Mr. ——— has won the cup, whilst others say the contrary. Nice state of things, eh?

I should like to see it made a hard and fast rule that no member be allowed to win the ten guinea cup outright, or the three guinea cup more than once. Certainly that would give others a chance, and a cherished hope of winning either. I had not seen any one with whom to discuss the pros and cons of the recent correspondence until last week, when I met Mr. Gill, and he suggested one club show, which I think a capital idea.

The nomination of four birds has certainly proved a failure, as I predicted, whilst the compulsion of closed rings would make many give up in disgust. No one is more particular than I am about how birds are bred, and every youngster is rung at about three weeks old, but directly the moult is over, the surplus stock disposed of, and the current year birds can be identified, off come the rings, for, to say the least, they don't add comfort to the wearer.

The value of a good secretary cannot be overestimated, as it is on him the success of the club largely depends. He must be an earnest worker and methodical business man, and lean to no clique.

Many say it is only the early shows that benefit by the specialist clubs' patronage, and there is a lot of truth in it, for by the time the shows are half over, the chances of winning the trophies are in the hands of a few, and some of them are so keen on coming out on the top that they buy hither and thither. At the same time, others who are even present cup-holders never buy a winner.

The Buyer of Winners.

Mind, I admire the buyer of winners, but he must not be able to "buy" the specialist club cups; and, what's more, he should not be allowed to buy anybody's birds and sell them as related to his winners, *when it can be proved* beyond doubt that the winners were not in his possession at the time of breeding. That's a new departure for a specialist club, and if duty calls Cage Birds should be the mouthpiece for exposure. We shall live it down yet, and a better state of things will exist. It is remarkable the number of people that take up our hobby and retire annually.

I am sorry I shall not be able to attend the Palace meeting of the S.N.P.C., but to those who do let me entreat them to discuss matters in an amicable spirit, if only for the benefit of the club, so that the year we are just entering upon may prove all that can be desired.—W. Spillman (Devonport).

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Cock and hen Reed Warblers bring food to their baby brood. (Photo. J.H.S.)

HOW WOULD YOU MATE THESE YORKSHIRES? £1 1s. FOR BEST REPLY.

Our Artist has drawn seven Yorkshire Canaries, three cocks (Nos. 1 to 3), and four hens (Nos. 4 to 7). We want the opinions of readers as to the best way to pair up these birds to improve the stock, i.e., to produce the best possible youngsters. We will give one guinea cash for the reply which in the opinion of the Editor is the best sent him. State the reasons which induce you to mate the birds in the manner you advocate. Write on one side only of each sheet of paper used, and send your reply to reach us not later than Tuesday, January 27th.

Mr. J. Davis (Leicester), the well-known Norwich Plainhead enthusiast of the Midland Counties.

Mr. Geo. Lawton, of Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, entering his very useful and substantially-built outdoor bird-room, which is heated by hot-water apparatus (boiler under small shed at right-hand corner).

A SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL COSTUME.

Mr. and Mrs. James, of Cardiff, well-known bird-lovers. Mrs. James writes:—"The costume I made out of the coloured plates you kindly sent me won, I am pleased to say, second prize."

ARE SPECIALIST CLUBS IN DANGER?

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Trenchant Commen s from Mr. Frank Cole.

"WHEN are you going to apply for our patronage?" were the words addressed some ten years ago to the secretary and manager of a provincial show. The reply was an emphatic, "Never, so long as you want so much and give me nothing." Time has rolled on, and many things have changed, but I am more than ever convinced that that secretary was right. The patronage of some of the specialist clubs is a curse instead of a blessing to the society that asks for it in an endeavour to have the best birds. This should never be, and it behoves us to ask the reason.

A specialist club exists for the perfection of a particular bird, according to a fixed standard. But what do we find?

Each and every judge having his own standard and his own particular whims, or treating a class by its majority. Strong condemnation; but who has not, show after show, season after season, seen birds that must have been allowed 50 per cent. for head or body properties, or they would never have got in the cards; or one class judged for size, another for type? Exhibitors grumble, and rightly so, because they don't know what to breed for. What does the specialist club do or say? Nothing.

A Few Pertinent Questions.

Then again the specialist club asks for a particular number of classes; no more, no less. Why no more? One can understand its asking for sufficient classes to give every variety of its ideal a fair chance, but surely when a society offers more classes the specialist club should accept them. It is not that by accepting them their funds would be diminished; oh, dear, no; the specialist club gives the society—nothing!!

What does the specialist club exist for? I have said, to create an ideal. Prizes are given for the most points gained at a particular show or throughout a series of shows. Who wins these prizes? Why the six or seven members who have the best teams of birds. Who pays for the prizes? The whole of the members. What do the majority of them get? Nothing!

Thus the specialist club has nothing to say to the judges, who ignore its ideal; nothing to give to show funds, and nothing for the majority of its members. Truly, a sorry plight!

One way out occurs to me, and for the purpose of illustration I will take the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club. Please don't think I bear any animosity towards this club. It is the one I belong to, and when I say I think I have four specials to come from it this season, it will be seen that there is no question of "sour grapes." My suggestion is that the club does away with its points specials, and gives its funds in extra prizes to be won at each show where its patronage is given.

As an illustration only, let us take the Wimbledon and Leyton societies' shows. These were specialist club shows, and each society gave three prizes (1st, 2nd, and 3rd). The S.N.P.C. should have given 4th 2s. 6d., vhc 2s., hc 1s. 6d., c 1s., as special prizes in each class, provided the exhibitor who won the card was a member, and added to his entry "S.N.P.C. breeder." Had this been done at Wimbledon the club would have paid out to the champions 21s. 6d. between seven members, and 11s. between five novice members. At Leyton it would have been 28s. between six champions and 18s. 6d. between six novices. In other words, an average of 20s. to champions and 20s. to novices. This is providing all members had bred their birds. I take it the man who buys his birds does not buy to get the so-called "codding cards," so he has nothing to complain of.

A New Use for the Funds.

Plymouth and the L.C.B.A. gave seven money prizes, and others may follow. If they do, and make a loss on the Norwich classes the specialist club should give the 20s. to their show funds, whether its members had won it or not. I am firmly convinced that this would make more entries for the show, and more members for the specialist club. The outsider would soon ask what all those specials meant, and would not be backward in taking advantage of them. This is certainly worth considering, and I think would bridge over much of the difficulty between champion and novice. The income of the club at present would, I believe, support ten shows, five for each section. We still have the £10 10s. cup and also a breeders' cup.

While on the subject of shows, those in the novice section must be spread over the district. Why should not the novice in Cornwall or Wales have something nearer home than Wimbledon?

One more suggestion: Look to the judges. There is more satisfaction in winning under four or five judges than always under one or two; and there are plenty of good men about. This is not a difficult matter to deal with provided the shows are well spread over the district.

My remedies therefore are: (1) Look after all your members, and in particular the breeder, the man who *makes* your ideal. (2) Look after the judge, and see that he finds the ideal birds. (3) Assist the show that does so much for you.

If this can be done we shall have a stronger club than ever, and hear nothing more of "Are Specialist Clubs Doomed?"

FRANK COLE (E. Dulwich).

Mr. R. L. Crisp Suggests Outside Influences are also at Work.

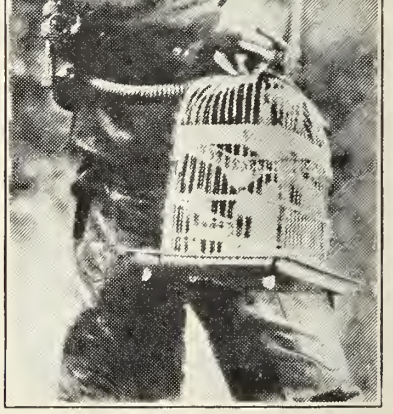
WHAT'S wrong with the world, the bird world, of course, I mean? Lethargy, stagnation, waning interest, lack of recruits, are all signs of the times. In regard to specialist clubs, some blame cup competitions; others the purchase of winners; some condemn the way specials are allotted, but nothing has been said about the novices who join specialist clubs, win a guinea teapot the first season, and forthwith leave the club; then there are others who suggest £5 limit classes as a panacea.

There is something to be said for and against each of these views, but in none of them, to my mind will the true cause be found. Everything has its cycle, and the Fancy for the present is under a cloud. I say the Fancy, because I am of opinion that lack of interest is not confined only to specialist clubs, but to societies as well. Where is the society in which meetings are as well attended as formerly, and funds have not diminished? A great many, I venture to think, are struggling for their very existence. A few reasons occur to me: Firstly, there are too many societies; secondly, too many open shows, which do not encourage membership; and, thirdly, the present high prices of everything one has to buy, which leave the fancier with less money to devote to his hobby.

Counter attractions, too, such as picture palaces, half-time halls, and, perhaps, the craze for football, may have something to do with the present state of affairs. Be all this as it may, something is necessary to infuse greater interest into the Fancy, and any views on the subject from your many readers will, I feel sure, be greatly appreciated. R. L. CRISP

IN AN AUSTRALIAN BIRD-ROOM.

Our photo shows Mr. J. H. Osborne, of Sydney, N.S.W., a lover of all kinds of Canaries, and a keen breeder of Hybrids, for which purpose he keeps a goodly number of British Finches. He has won many honours on the show-bench.

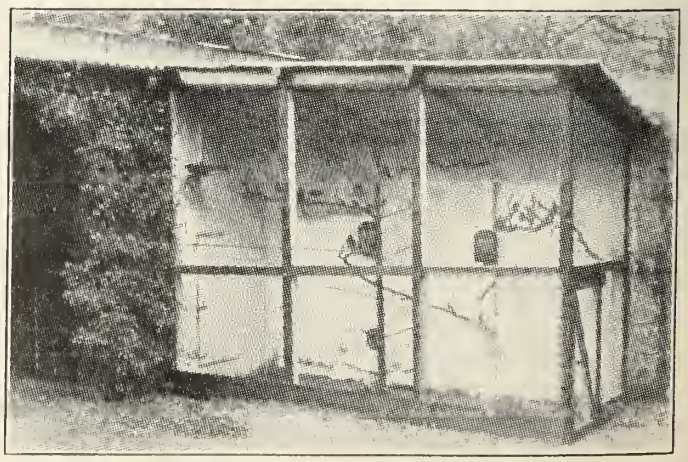


CANARIES IN AMERICAN MINES.

In America (where our photograph was taken) there has been formed a staff of men who are known as mine rescue workers. These men travel all over the country in specially equipped rescue cars. The photo shows one of these men with the new oxygen apparatus strapped on his back and a cage of Canaries in his hand. The Canary is extraordinarily sensitive to dangerous gases of any sort, and its behaviour is a sure indication of the presence of "fire damp."

A CHARMING OUTDOOR AVIARY.

This pleasing structure is owned by Mr. R. Common, jun., of Stirling. It is described by him in a letter published in our correspondence columns this week.



A DECORATED CAGES COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN, HELD AT THE DARTFORD WORKING MEN'S CLUB. (See letter on this page.)

Some Inmates of My Outdoor Aviary.

By A. J. GARLICK (Dublin).

Chatty Notes Upon Some Popular British Birds and a Foreigner.

IT is now some twenty years ago, when my time was not so limited as it is now, and when the worries and stress of the business world were unknown to me, that I conceived the idea of erecting an outdoor aviary. Being always an ardent ornithologist, and having kept birds in cages from my childhood, as I grew older the desire to have an aviary of my own was the one thought which occupied my mind.

A Modest Beginning.

The time came, in due course, when I was allotted a space in my father's garden, and I proceeded to erect my long-wished-for aviary. This was a small structure some 10ft. long by about 4ft. wide, placed in the corner of the garden, and having a southerly aspect. The whole aviary was covered in with a roof of galvanised sheeting lined underneath with boards, and the flight enclosed with half-inch mesh galvanised wire. The structure was divided into two parts, the flight and the sleeping compartment, with a hole about 3ft. square between the two. The entrance was by a door into the sleeping compartment, with a baize curtain behind same to prevent the birds escaping when the aviary was being entered.

The following is a list of the birds which I kept with success, and which were a source of much pleasure in my school days when every spare moment was spent with my feathered friends:—1 pair Lesser Redpolls, 1 pair Chaffinches, 1 Twite or Mountain Linnet, 1 pair Goldfinches, 1 Siskin, and 1 Red-crested Grey Cardinal.

One of the Best.

These birds I did not attempt to breed with, but simply kept them for their beauty and song. The Redpoll is a most lively little bird, and I have always found it very hardy and capable of enduring any amount of cold and severe weather. Its song is very pleasing, and its activity (being almost incessantly in motion) in flitting amongst the branches and twigs which I placed in the aviary for its accommodation, was most interesting. Many an hour have I watched it in its many different moods and Tit-like ways, for it exhibits considerable scansorial powers, at one time clinging to the branches in every conceivable attitude, and at another running along them with an enquiring eye in search of some dainty morsel, which, in an aviary (at least such as mine was), does not often present itself.

The male bird in the summer time has the crown of its head of a blood-red colour (hence its name), and the sides of the neck and breast carmine, becoming paler on the sides and flanks which are streaked with brown. In the winter it loses much of this brilliancy and lustre, and assumes a more sombre attire.

As Beautiful as Familiar.

The familiar Chaffinch, though very common, and universally spread over the country, is, nevertheless, a very beautiful bird with a song by no means to be despised, and is well deserving of a place in any outdoor aviary. I have kept several of these birds for a number of years, and can vouch for the truth of the French proverb, "As gay as a Chaffinch," which expresses their sense of its lively and engaging qualities which ought to make it a general favourite. It is one of the first birds to herald the approach of spring, and we hear the cocks enlivening every grove and plantation with their reiterated and monotonous "pink, pink,"—challenging each other by their song, the entire wood re-echoes with their short thrilling notes, which, although not possessing the compass or inflection that distinguishes some of the birds of this family, is yet pleasing and agreeable.

A Bird of the Mountains.

The Twite, or Mountain Linnet, is also a desirable addition to the aviary. Its peculiar call-note of "twaite," may be heard throughout the winter months. Its song during the summer months is pleasing and somewhat similar to that of the common Linnet, from which it may be distinguished by the yellow colour of the bill. It frequents hill-side and mountain pastures.

No Aviary Complete Without Him.

The Goldfinch is one of the most beautiful of British birds, and no aviary would be at all complete without this universal favourite. It has a very sweet natural song, and great powers of imitation. Like the Twite, it is seldom met with in the County of Dublin, but more inland its numbers increase. As a cage-bird it is rather common here, and its song may be often heard in the Metropolis, where it has many admirers, and although its vocal powers are not so imposing as those of the Skylark or the Canary, yet its docile habits, the beauty of its plumage, and other attractive qualities, have caused it to be specially sought after. I have seen a flock of these birds in a field, fluttering in the sunshine, pulling and tearing at the thistle-heads, and showing their beautiful plumage up to the best advantage while hovering over the thistles, as seems to be their delight. They are exceedingly lively birds, and sing at all seasons except during the period of moulting.

The Perky Little Siskin.

The Siskin is somewhat smaller than the Goldfinch, but resembles it in habits and song. I have found it a very tame bird and easily approached. Its plumage is a yellowish green, elegantly marked and shaded with black. It is a neat little bird with a short tail and stout conical beak. The top of the head is altogether black, hence it is sometimes called the Black-headed Thistle Finch. Its home is the north of Europe, but it also breeds among the pine woods of the Scottish highlands. Although by no means a common cage bird in this country, it is certainly a desirable species for the aviary. Bechstein likens the continuous chirrup of this bird to the noise made by a stocking-loom, and says the weavers like it on this account. It will live for 8 or 12 years in confinement, and will breed readily with the Canary.

A Desirable Foreign Species.

The Red-crested Grey Cardinal was another inmate of my aviary, a specimen of which I had for several years. This bird comes from Mexico and other parts of tropical America, but is quite hardy and capable of passing the winter out of doors. Its upstanding crest of a rich scarlet colour, its sprightly habits, and song, make it a desirable addition to any outdoor collection of birds.

A Decorated Cages Competition for Children.

(See photograph on this page.)

Sir,—I am sending you a photograph of some of our coming fanciers who took part in the Decorated Bird and Cage Competition. These are the principal winners. The boy on my right (I am in the centre) is Willie Saunders, who took first, special prize and cup. I had 93 entries in all, but everyone got a prize, and even then there were 33 prizes to spare! These I gave away to other children who did not compete. I had a well-known fancier and his wife call on me (Mr. M. Dawson, of Peterborough) and they spent a very interesting time viewing the cages. The competition yielded a very good profit, which was handed over to the general committee of our club for the children's annual party. This will show brother fanciers what they can do if they try. I received a letter from a well-known show manager giving me permission to take some of these children to the next annual show free of charge, and this should prove both interesting and instructive to these coming fanciers. I am always willing to help on novices. I am also sending to the House of Commons, to our Member, two foolscap sheets full of signatures for the petition published in CAGE BIRDS, and shall keep going on and shall be sending a further list a little later.

G. H. PECK.

Bexley, Kent.

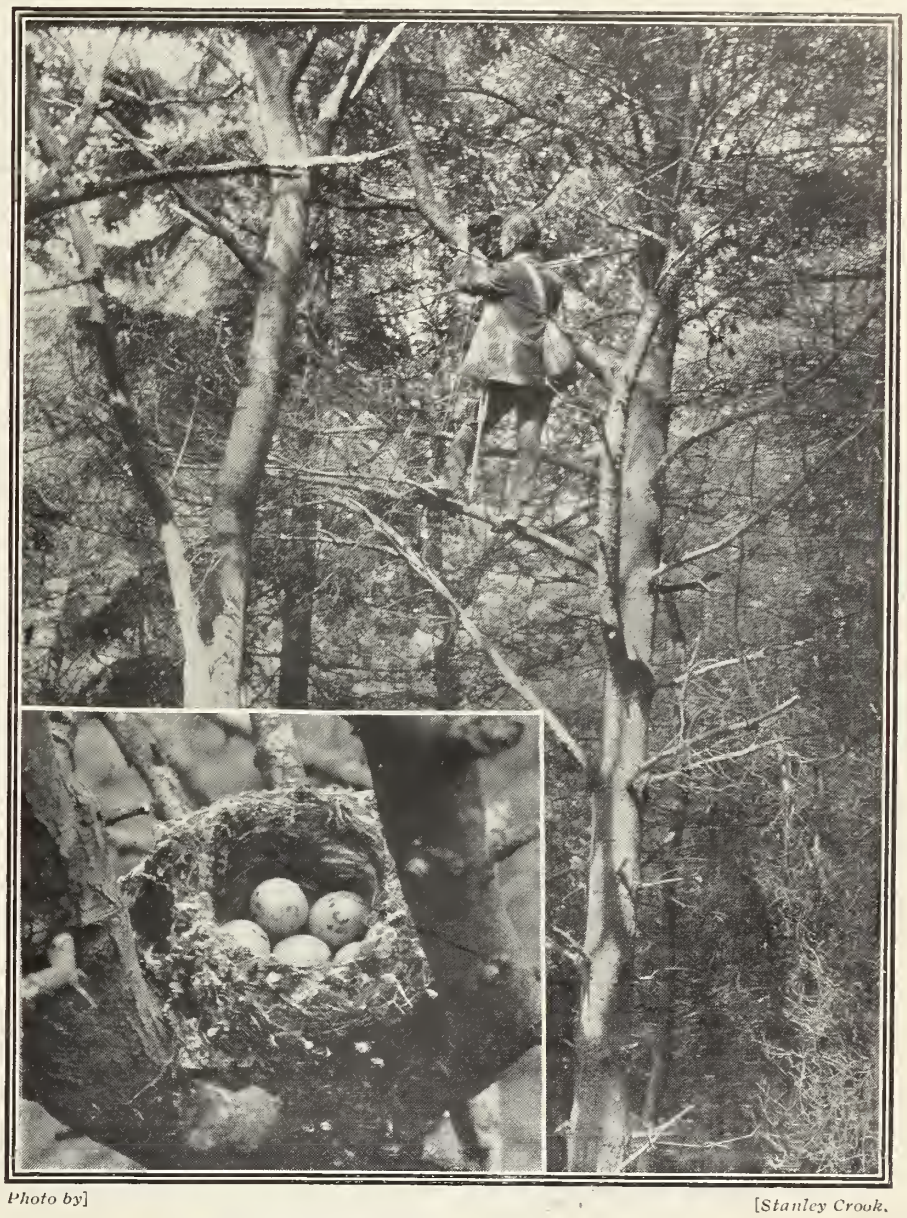


Photo by] [*Stanley Crook.*

THE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER AT WORK.

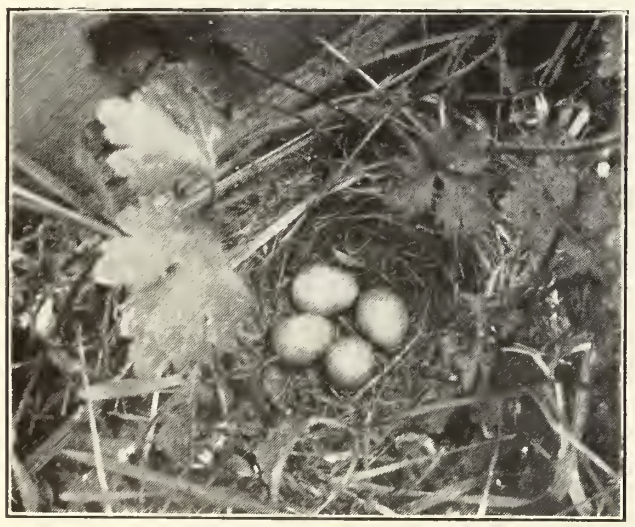
Our photograph depicts Mr. Stanley Crook, the well-known nature photographer, of Scarborough, at work, which as will be realised, is not altogether free from an element of danger. Inset at corner is a picture of a Chaffinch's nest.

A GATHERING OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE RYECROFT AND RAWMARSH C.B.S.

A TALE OF FOUR YELLOW WAGTAILS

by W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

THE morning on which our story opens was a fine but rather gusty day on Hickling Broad, towards the end of May. My guide, who like most Broadsmen, was not a very daring sailor, was anxious to take a reef down in the lug of our little boat, but, after being well chaffed, decided to take the risks which were certainly not great, seeing that there are very few places where the Broad is more than four feet deep. Hickling Broad is a fine sheet of water containing, if we include Whiteslea and Heigham Sound, some 700 acres of water, and is about three miles in length. Our course gave us a dead beat to windward of nearly a mile, but our craft, heeling to the strong breeze, scudded through the water at an exhilarating pace. We were soon abreast of the little island where Miss Turner, the well-known lady photographer, moors her houseboat, the "Water-rail," and makes her charming studies of bird-life.



A HOME OF THE YELLOW WAGTAIL.

Nest and four eggs photographed in Mr. Teschemaker's aviary.

Here, by message conveyed to us that morning, we were permitted to pay a visit. The island is not many square yards in extent, but is entirely surrounded by a fringe of reeds. Through these reeds we shot in a rather unceremonious manner, and found ourselves in a little lagoon which was as still as a mill-pond, and unruffled by the strong breeze blowing fresh from the North Sea some four miles distant, which was churning up miniature breakers on the open water of the Broad. It reminded me on a tiny scale of some storied South Sea island with its blue lagoon and coral reef. We announced our arrival by the bump with which we came alongside the "Water-rail," and were duly welcomed by its hospitable owner.

An Idyllic Existence.

Here Miss Turner lives quite alone for several weeks every spring and, surrounded by some of the most interesting bird-life which can still be seen in this country, has unique opportunities for obtaining studies of the home-life of our rarer birds. The nests are found for her, and the screens are erected by skilled hands so that all that this fortunate photographer has to do is to convey herself and her camera by boat to the scene of action which is generally within a few hundred yards, and, in the space of a very few minutes, the results can be tested in the dark room which has been fitted up on board the "Water-rail." If the negatives are a failure another batch can be obtained with very little loss of time, whereas the average bird-photographer will frequently find himself in remote districts where he has no facilities for developing his negatives, and on more than one occasion the writer has returned home after a trip of several hundred miles only to find that the entire series of negatives has been under or over exposed through the erratic behaviour of a shutter, on the accuracy of which too much reliance had been placed.

We were interested to find that Miss Turner is also an aviculturist, and has a garden aviary at her home in Kent, where we were told a pair of Magpies had lately hatched a brood. Another event, which interested us and which must be almost certainly a record, was the capturing of a live and uninjured Bird of Paradise in this Kent garden. Although the bird had been about six weeks in a state of freedom it was in fine condition, and in due course was returned to its owner (Mrs. Johnstone).

Whilst we were chatting a small shoal of tame Rudd swam up to the boat-house and were fed on small pieces of bread. We asked ourselves whether in this peaceful lagoon, unruffled by the storm and stress of the life of the city, by the importunities of the tax-collector, or the trammels of civilisation, we had not found a near approach to the perfect life, and we ventured to ask whether there could be any disabilities in such an idyllic existence, and were told that it was occasionally lonely, and that the Hickling mosquito was sometimes very trying (which we can fully corroborate from personal experience). But let us remember that, according to the philosophy of the ancients, there were drops of bitter even in the nectar cup of the gods that dwelt on high Olympus, so we mortals must resign ourselves to having the bitter and sweet well mixed for us. The wise man is he who swallows the bitter as quickly as possible, and lingers like an epicure over that which is sweet.

Having booked a kind invitation to call again on our way back and have a cup of tea, we once more hoisted sail and beat up for the Whiteslea end of the Broad. On our way we passed another island where I regret to say we both saw and heard a gun, although this was the close season. It is most satisfactory, however, to be able to record the fact that a large area of land round the Broad has been leased by certain bird-lovers and is now well preserved, so that even the Montagu Harrier has been able during the last few years to rear its brood in safety. One of the objects of our present visit was to obtain a photo of this rare and beautiful species. The nest had been found for us and on the evening of our arrival contained three eggs, but, though we made a very early start on the following morning, someone had been before us and had looted the whole clutch. The thief must have been waiting in the vicinity of the nest before daylight in order to snatch the eggs as soon as ever the clutch was complete. With some difficulty we ascertained that the sum of £5 could be obtained from a certain collector for a complete clutch, and of course this would be a great temptation for a poor man; we can easily realise how it is that our rare birds have vanished so quickly during the last twenty years.

Making Things Easy.

By kind permission we left our boat in Mr. T. A. Cotton's spacious boathouse, and transferred our belongings to a punt in order to explore some of his ground. My best thanks are tendered not only to this gentleman, but also to the Revd. Mr. Bird, of Stalham, the well-known ornithologist; Major Jary, Mr. Patterson, the naturalist, and others, for kind assistance readily given, which was all the more appreciated because we came as complete strangers, without even a letter of introduction. On our first visit things were not made nearly so easy for us, but, of course, we must all make a beginning.

With some misgivings on the part of our guide we were allowed to operate the long punt-pole, or "quant," and propel our craft up the long dyke which connects Hickling with Horsey Broad; he was right, for though, as we have suggested above, the amateur helmsman is unlikely to learn anything from the Broadsman, the amateur puntsman will be very rash indeed to challenge the criticism of such an accomplished exponent of the art as the latter. We had not proceeded far before, on a grassy sward flanked by a marsh, we spied some elegant little birds with long tails skimming gracefully over the tussocks and flitting restlessly to and from the marsh. On closer inspection we made them out to be a colony of Yellow Wagtails, and the fact that some of them were carrying nesting materials showed that we had happened on their breeding ground. "Who ever heard of Wagtails nesting in a colony?" the reader may remark, and the remark would be justified, for, if we may whisper a little secret in your ear, practically everything that we read about British birds is cribbed in its entirety from the bird-books, and we do not recollect having seen the above observation in the latter. Only a few years since a well-known ornithologist suggested that more books on British birds would be superfluous, because nothing new could be said on the subject, but I hardly think he would repeat that suggestion to-day, if only because the bird-photographer, by taking notes of what he has seen during the long hours he has been compelled to spend in his hiding tent, has lifted a tiny corner of the curtain which veils the mystery of bird-life, and has shown us how much can be done by a little patient observation and how great is our ignorance of the home life of our British birds.

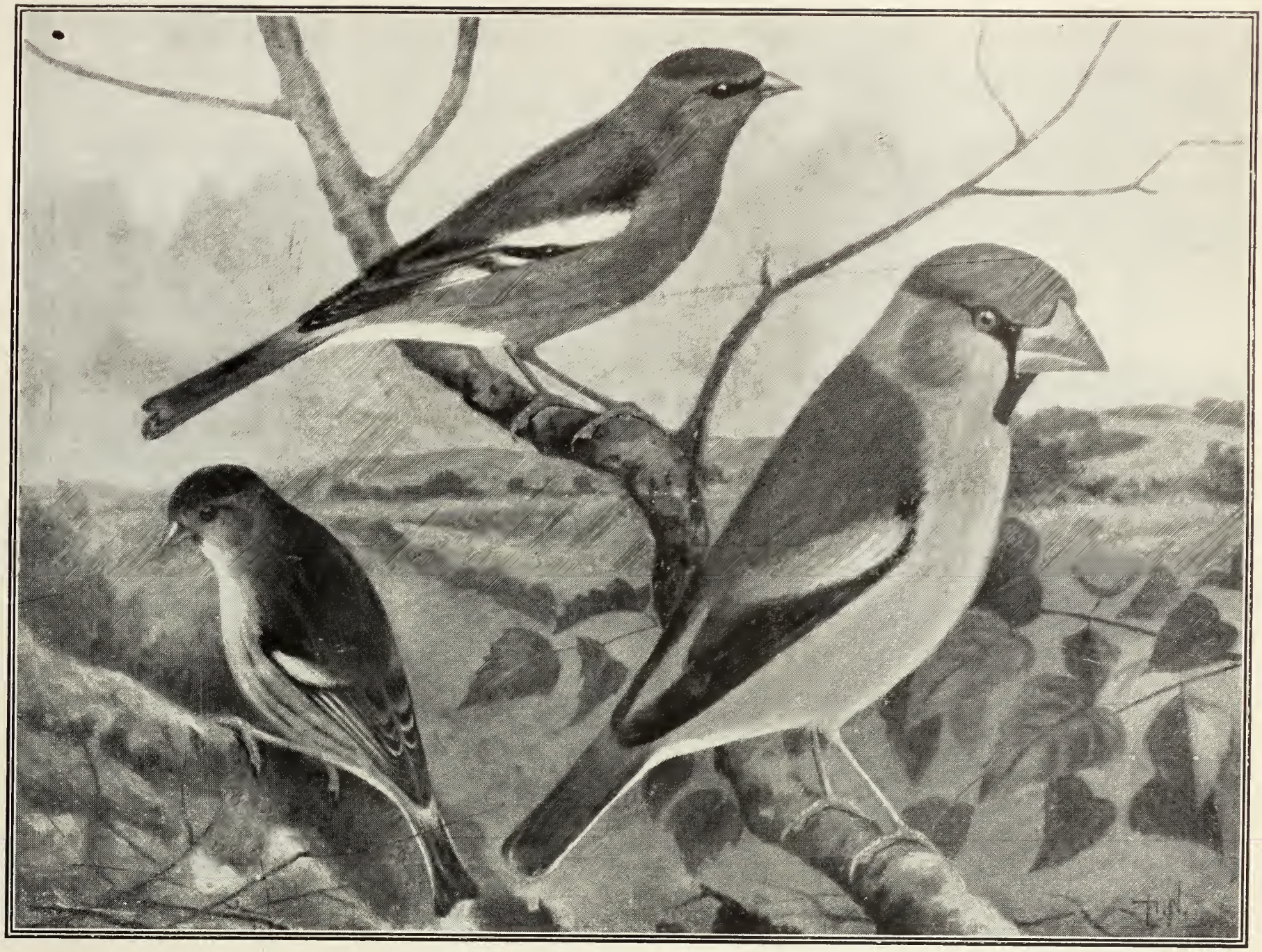
In Wagtail-Land.

Here at all events were Yellow Wagtails nesting in a colony, and they probably had so nested for time out of mind, for we were told by our guide that he had found the same colony a year or two previously nesting at another spot not far away, but an unexpected flood had swamped the nests and induced the birds to change their quarters. Between us and the Wagtails was "a moat defensive" in the shape of a wide and deep ditch, from which presumably the earth which now formed the bank of the dyke had been excavated, but we managed to leap this by the aid of the long punt-pole (not without sundry protests from its owner) and found ourselves transported in a single instant into Wagtail-land. We threw ourselves down on the soft green grass and gazed with great delight upon the enchanting picture of bird-life before our eyes. On two sides Wagtail-land was bounded by the above-mentioned deep ditch; on the other two sides by a forest of graceful reeds, waving and whispering in the breeze, and a marsh from which was wafted the sweet scent of mint; above were the blue sky and the raeing clouds.

(To be continued.)

A 10-DAY OLD YELLOW WAGTAIL.
One of the brood hatched in Mr. Teschemaker's aviary.

A CHARMING VIEW IN THE HEART OF WAGTAIL-LAND



From a painting] A TRIO OF POPULAR EXHIBITION BRITISH BIRDS. *[by H. Norman.*

The Siskin. The Chaffinch. The Hawfinch.

The Ubiquitous Red Mite.

A Way to Keep Them Within Bounds.

By Sub Rosa.

I THINK I once, in an article I wrote, used the phrase, "that there was nothing certain about bird breeding except its disappointments." Most fanciers of long standing will uphold me in that. Things may in the first year or two go as well as the proverbial marriage bell, although I might add, by way of parenthesis, that a hen-pecked acquaintance of mine once said that the bell is the only thing about married life that does go well. That pessimistic view must have been acquired from his wife putting an end to his breeding birds. But, as I was saying, a fancier may do extraordinarily well for a year or two, and the fortunate fancier's outlook on things generally, and birdy matters in particular, are very bright. I know. I once reared eighty youngsters from thirteen hens, and my outlook on life was so bright I bought the wife a new hat. Next year I only reared 20, or thereabouts. Pride always goes before a fall. But in these few notes it is my intention to write about one of the certainties of bird breeding—red mite. They—like the poor—are always with us, in quantities more or less, according to the precautions we take against them. Stay! Did I say always with us? I am wrong. I once read a paragraph—I think in CAGE BIRDS (all the best things appear in CAGE BIRDS), written, I presume, by a lady, in which the writer had not seen a red mite for 20 years: but as the precautions she took were extraordinary—but impracticable to a working-man fancier—I can quite believe it. She washes her cages and perches every day with disinfectant and hot water, soaks nests in camphor, and wipes wires with a wet cloth, as well as having a specially made cage. I can imagine the mites having a lively time of it, but I should not suspect the lady of breaking any records in breeding youngsters.

Lovers of the Darkness.

It is not necessary to take such elaborate precautions to keep the mites within reasonable bounds. Given a cage without crevices, well enamelled every two or three years, and scrubbed out twice a year with disinfectant, cleaned out once a week, and perch ends dipped in paraffin occasionally, no one need be troubled overmuch with red mite. A raw novice not accustomed to the hiding places of the mites may not be able to locate them, but if there are any about he will find about their hiding places a lot of little white specks, which a writer termed their "spoor," but is really the excrement. They, the mite, are not on view in the daytime; they love darkness rather than light, I suppose, because their deeds are evil; and they only attack their hosts at night, retiring to their lair with the daylight. I once adopted a simple but effective plan to counteract the ravages of the midnight marauders. My perches have half-an-inch of cage wire at the back-end to prevent mites lodging between perch and cage back, and to prevent them from descending on to their hosts at that end, I plastered a little carbolic soft soap (Kill-M-Right it is called) on the very end of perch out of sight of the bird. I don't think the mites liked that arrangement; and painting the front end of perch with paraffin about twice a week had the effect of keeping them in check, and allowed the birds to sleep comfortably. They are such inconspicuous little beggars that it is easy for them to escape the notice of a new beginner. I remember once, at the outset of my career as a bird breeder, I had a hen give up sitting, and I was at sea as to the cause until I examined the nest. Since then, I have always used Keatings in the nest plentifully. I never kill a spider in my bird room

Dressing or Faking.

The Legitimate and the Immoral.

By "Lorgnette."

OF course, we all know that our birds need a certain amount of preparation for show, and it has occurred to me that in these few notes we may consider how far legitimate dressing goes, and where faking begins. I think I am within the mark when I say that our hobby is the cleanest section, as regards faking, of any in the Fancy; still, a few cases may come before our notice where faking is palpable. But, taken on the whole, I am happy to say that faking, as regards canaries, is conspicuous by its absence. Take the Crest. This variety is supposed to be the one where most dressing is required. If we had a Crest, good in all points, with extra large crest, but, say, a feather or two persisting in sticking up in the centre, should we be on the right side of the border line which divides dressing from faking if we were to remove those feathers? Personally, I think most fanciers are blessed with consciences elastic enough to admit that in those circumstances it would be legitimate dressing.

The Case of the Yorkshire.

Now we will take the case of the Yorkshire. We will suppose we have a bird of beautiful length, back, head, neck, etc., but which is, unfortunately frilled on chest. should we be allowed to remove the feathers which offend us? Or, as some breeders would say, would it be right if they were to happen to "come out in the wash"? In that case I should say, no; emphatically no. But you may say, "Surely, if it is legitimate in the case of the Crest, it ought to be in the Yorkshire." Let us examine the two cases thoroughly. In the case of the Crest, it is not a glaring fault, by which I mean it is not a fault of the breeders really. No matter how well our birds may be bred, even from a couple of perfect show Crests, we should be liable to get a youngster from them of the description I have mentioned, just a feather or two sticking up, as it were, from sheer cussedness. But the fault in the Yorkshire is a breeder's fault, a real fault. It may arise from the breast bone being too prominent. In that case, the structure, the anatomy of the bird is at fault, and should either be remedied in its mate, or the bird should be discarded altogether. Or it may arise—and in most cases it does—from the feathers growing sideways, i.e., pointing towards the centre instead of downwards, which causes the feathers to overlap each other. A real good Yorkshire breeder will not have this sort in his room. Some say that it is because the bird is too thin, which causes the breast bone to become too prominent. It is a fallacy. No canary is too thin if it is really healthy, and a bird that has to be fattened, as they do chickens at a poultry farm, to show off its points, is a faulty bird. The proper remedy lies in the breeding room, in selecting birds whose feathers grow in a downward direction, instead of across the body, and those whose breast bone is not too prominent.

The same remarks apply to the Norwich. Sometimes we may have a good bird which has too much fluff at the thighs. That is a breeder's fault, and is either the result of too much double buffing, or is the result of a dip in Crest blood, perhaps. To remove the feather from the thigh is faking, because it is a fault that can be remedied in the breeding room. I don't know much about the Lizard, except to admire a good one when I see it, so I will confine my remarks to an expression of an old friend of mine, who has bred Lizards (although it must be distinctly understood that the expression is his, not mine), and it is: "That to be successful in Lizards it is necessary for one to be a good artist."

STUDIES FROM NATURE

BY J. H. SYMONDS (OTTON)

1—Hen Reed Bunting carrying food to her young.
3—Sedge Warbler inspecting her treasures in the nest.

2—Young Jays taking their first survey of the outer world.
4—Hen Bullfinch about to feed her baby brood.

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A GROUP OF BEAUTIES FROM FOREIGN CLIMES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

An article specially written round Mr. Goodchild's charming coloured plate.

OF all the many gorgeous coloured plates that have graced the issues of special numbers of CAGE BIRDS, the present certainly stands unrivalled. Mr. Goodchild has placed in happy juxtaposition "Gems" from many climes, and, if every figure is not a *rara avis*, each is a feathered gem of which any owner might well be proud. Personally, I think one of the charms of the plate is, that with one exception, the birds figured are not beyond the means of the ordinary fancier.

Differences of Disposition.

What more can I say, in introduction, than add that every figure on the plate is a portrait. Of course, all could not be kept kept together in the one aviary, either indoors or out, for the Blue Pie would be using his smaller brethren as part of the menu, and that exquisite, the Blue-winged Green-Fruitsucker, has not yet been sufficiently tested in a mixed series (grading upward, say, from a Waxbill to a Thrush) for anyone to speak with authority, but personally I should not hesitate to include it, if the aviary were a large one. Neither is the Long-tailed or Giant Whydah always safe, save in very roomy quarters, with the "Small Ornamental Finches."

The Blue-Winged Green-Fruitsucker (Chloropsis hardwickii).

There are few, if any, more beautiful or fascinating birds than the species of the genus *Chloropsis*. From every standpoint is this true; they possess gorgeous and silken plumage, are full of character, mimics of no mean order, and "fear no man," whether kept in cage or aviary; moreover, they are hardy and enduring, once they have been nursed over the period immediately following importation, and what more can the bird-lover require?

This, one of the many beautiful and interesting birds which India gives to the adherents of aviculture, ranges over the Himalayas, extends to Tenasserim, and also occurs in the Malay Peninsula. In view of the coloured picture, description appears almost a waste of time, yet for purposes of comparison of male and female, it may be advantageous to give it:—*Male*: Above, rich grass-green, with a narrow frontal band of yellow, which merges into and suffuses with the green of head and sides of neck; lores, lower eye region, ear-coverts, chin, throat and upper breast, velvety black, relieved with two moustachial streaks of hyacinth-blue; remainder of lower plumage fiery orange-saffron; flanks green; shoulder patch, turquoise-blue; lesser wing-coverts, verdigris-blue; other coverts and primary quills, black edged with purplish-ultramarine-blue; secondaries, with brown inner and green outer webs, tertiaries and inner coverts, green; bill, black; irides, dark brown; legs and feet, plumbeous; total length, 7½ins.; tail, 3. *Female*: Above, green; wing-coverts, green, except the lesser, which are blue; quills brown, the primaries edged blue, the others with the outer webs green; tail, green; moustachial streaks, palish cobalt; sides of head and neck, chin, throat and flanks, green, washed with blue on the throat; remainder of under parts, dull brownish orange.

The Fair Sex Not Always Available.

It will be thus seen that these beautiful birds are easy to sex, but, unfortunately, hens are not often obtainable, and consequently costly; none of the species has as yet been bred in captivity, but Dr. Amsler, of Eton, has come very near to success with the Gold fronted. I do not know of any instance of their having been bred in captivity in India either, though they are kept there by Anglo-Indians in aviaries and cages. But, quite apart from breeding, this or some other species of *Chloropsis* is quite one of the nicest cage-pets I know; he is so tractable, once he has become accustomed to his owner and surroundings. He can be let out of his cage for a fly, and can always be enticed back again in a moment or two by a mealworm or grape. While out, he will take all sorts of liberties with his owner's person, use him for a perch or any other purpose his majesty chooses; while, if you think mealworms, he becomes animated at once, and puts his head on one side with a sort of "Who said Mealworms?" expression, and when the tin appears he can scarcely contain himself. Down he swoops to the tin, and cannot be driven off till he has regaled himself with a few. As a mimic he is simply great, nothing comes amiss to him, from the plaintive call of a White-eye to the song of the Thrush or Blackbird! But, I must pause, for space, even in a double number, has its limits. As regards food, I always supply ripe fruit, *ad lib* and varied, milk sop, insectile mixture (very little taken), and some live insects; in a roomy garden aviary they are great fly-catchers.

(To be continued.)

A Study of Cinnamon Blood in Canaries.

See Mr. Norman's Coloured Plate accompanying this Issue.

THE fine coloured plate which the talented Mr. Norman has provided for the delectation of readers of our twelfth Birthday Number will be of more than passing interest to the majority of those engaged in Canary breeding, for that potent factor known as "cinnamon blood" offers mysteries for solution to the keepers of so many of the modern varieties of Canary. In some breeds—notably Yorkshires and Borders—the value of a dash of cinnamon blood in helping to attain perfection of quality (silkiness) of plumage and even colour, is widely admitted, but its vagaries are understood, even partially, by but few.

Investigation of the intricacies of cinnamon inheritance is a fascinating study, and no one has ever been more strongly attracted by it than that able fancier, the late Mr. J. North, for so many years the Canary specialist of CAGE BIRDS. We are tempted to reprint the following passages—making them rather disjointed, perhaps, in the process—from the brilliant paper he wrote around this subject in the early part of 1905.

"We can rest assured that we are dealing with something that has been elaborated in England, and although I do not contend that Canaries are original natives of Britain, what I do say is that after having been imported into these isles it was through the fanciership of our forefathers that several distinct breeds were specialised and cultivated, and notably so the Cinnamon. . . . .

"On the other hand, there is a popularly accepted notion, which I want you to discard from your minds, and that is that wild Canaries are 'yellow' or 'canary-coloured' birds. They are nothing of the kind, but are dusky green, heavily striped down the back, with underparts light yellowish-green, flight feathers, tail feathers, legs, feet, nails and beak all dark. . . .

Things Not What They Seem.

"Now science which is classified knowledge says the colour of the wild Canary is not green, but a mixture of black and white which are not colours at all, but may form grey, which is neutral), yellow and reddish-brown, and that its green appearance is caused by the refractive power of the plumage, showing up to our eyes those rays of light which make green, or that which looks green, etc. . . .

"There is not a shred of evidence that Cinnamon-coloured Canaries have ever been found in a wild or free state. In fact, I have never come across a hint that such was the case, for everything points the other way about, viz., that the green is the original wild colour, and that the 'cinnamon' is a 'sport' under domestication. The two colours are even now so intimately associated that when you are breeding from anything but a Cinnamon cock and full Cinnamon-blooded hen you cannot tell precisely what colours you are going to get. . .

"From the very earliest days of the Cinnamon I am convinced that in-and-in-breeding has been practised, and I think we may go a step further, and put it down that in-breeding or Sib-breeding is in some way accountable for the production of Cinnamon colour.

"The first Cinnamon birds produced were doubtless very different indeed to those now winning prizes; they were different in name, in size, and tone of colour. Originally they were called 'Quakers,' from the dove-coloured garb, and 'Duns,' meaning brown, and they were not whole or self-coloured, but broken, or pied, or variegated. By the late W. A. Blakston we are informed that the breeders in Norwich City produced some sort of birds, as a sort of bye-product, that when matched to dun hens threw youngsters of richer colour and quality than pre-existing 'Duns.' And these were eventually called Cinnamons, because their colour was thought to resemble the spice.

"We are not told what the old Norwich City breeders were doing with dun hens, but I have no doubt they were extracting the silky quality of feather, which always goes with decent Cinnamons, and which to-day forms one of the chief characteristics of the Norwich Canary, and I have no doubt the same sort of pairings are still often made in preference to an ordinary Green.

Colour and Quality Improved.

"Greens have been recommended in many text-books as being essential for occasional crossing with Norwich, but as a matter of practice the dark birds are not very often so employed, and I do not think that it has ever been contended that the produce of a Clear Norwich and a Green have derived any improvement in the quality of feather from the Green parent, but where a Cinnamon hen is matched to a Clear Norwich cock the youngsters inherit both increment of colour and silkiness of plumage."

After going at length into various aspects of Cinnamon crossing and its results, showing, amongst other things, the possibility of obtaining Green birds containing 100 per cent. (that is full per cent.) Cinnamon blood and self-Cinnamon hens that contained as little as 3 per cent., of Cinnamon blood, Mr. North continues:—

"One would think that in a matter that admitted of so much variation the two fundamental rules that we have formulated—(1) That a Cinnamon or Cinnamon-bred cock paired to a non-Cinnamon-bred hen can throw only Cinnamon daughters, and (2) that a Cinnamon hen cannot throw any Cinnamon youngsters except when paired to a Cinnamon-bred cock—could not be in all cases rigidly maintained, and I have known several instances where No. 1 has appeared to lapse.

"I once looked, with the breeder, into a nest of young Crest stock, and found two birds with pink eyes and cinnamon variegation, one turned out to be a cock, and the breeder did not know of the existence of Cinnamon blood in either parent. The mother was a clear body with dark crest of known dark eye non-Cinnamon pedigree, and a great winner herself, and the father was a Green-marked and green-eyed. One would conclude he was Cinnamon-bred.

"Another case was of a nearly self Cinnamon cock and a winner of prizes at Crystal Palace and many other places; he was a big feathery bird, with a well-shaped but somewhat small crest; his father was a good Green, known to have some Cinnamon in him, but the mother's family had none that could be traced.

"A breeder in Essex bought a pair of dark-eyed, green-marked birds, and bred a clear body Cinnamon Crested cock from them, which was quite contrary to rule and to everyone's expectation. Another prize-winning cock, with good cinnamon crest and cinnamon wings, was thought by its breeder to be a hen.

Exceptions Which Prove (?) the Rule.

"These instances are quite out of the usual course, and seeing the very great difficulties in the path of those who try to breed such cocks, and the poor success which has often attended their struggles of many years, are inexplicable, for even if they were entirely new 'sports' one would expect them more likely to occur in hens than in cocks. Perhaps these are exceptions that prove the rule.

"But the second rule as to Cinnamon hens being unable to throw cinnamon-coloured chicks except when paired to a Cinnamon-bred cock, I have never known to vary, but why it should be so rigid I cannot explain, nor has any reason ever been offered so far as I know. I think it one of the greatest mysteries connected with Canary-breeding, and if anyone can throw light on the subject he will be patiently listened to. . .

"From these facts we deduce the statement that the cinnamon colour is got in the cocks with difficulty, but in the hens with facility, so that in commencing the work of crossing it would be the better plan to use a Cinnamon cock and another variety of hen. . . .

"We have said that the cinnamon colour is midway between green on the one hand and clear on the other. The tendency may flow either way, but with different results for fanciers. I have no doubt that the light plumaged pink-eye birds, which are "Cinnamons" in all their acts and deeds, when bred in a certain way and not simply because they are pink-eyed, are invaluable for light muling purposes. The line for Mule breeders is to pair pink-eyed Yellow to pink-eyed Yellow, but discard all the Buffs, for the Yellows will produce plenty of buff Canaries and buff Mules."

Correspondence.

New Society at Eastleigh, Hants.

SIR,—We have started a new Cage Bird Society for Eastleigh and District, and will hold our meetings at my address until we can arrange for headquarters. Membership will be open to Hampshire; anyone wishing to become a member please write for particulars, or send on membership fee, 1s. 6d. Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 19, at 8.

J. ALDERSLADE, Sec.
64, Desborough Rd., Eastleigh.

New Roller Club at Wigan.

SIR,—Thanks for prompt insertion regarding our Roller club. We have already 20 members subscribed, which speaks highly of the prominence you gave our request, also for the enthusiasm of the Roller fanciers in this locality. We shall hold our first general meeting on Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., in the "Queen's Head," our present headquarters. Business, election of officers, etc. Will any fancier desirous of joining please attend or communicate with

PETER VICKERS,
6, Ormskirk Road, Newtown, Wigan.

Cage Bird Society for Spalding and District.

Sir,—In your issue of January 3 you were good enough to publish a letter upon the above suggested society. To our great surprise, we have only received one letter, and we notice in last week's "C.B." there was not a single correspondent wrote upon the matter. Where are all the Fanciers in this suggested limit of 20 miles radius, many of whom have asked us to form a society? Surely there are a few Fanciers left in Peterboro', Sleaford, Boston, Bourne, Holbeach, Long Sutton, and in many of the smaller places who would support us in our effort. Mr. Anton and myself cannot run a society or show on our own, therefore we again appeal to interested Fanciers to communicate with us if they are willing to help us to set the ball rolling.

W. R. MURRELL.

Southend and Southern Counties O.S.

Change of Title.

SIR,—Please announce in your valuable paper that the above society is changing its name to the Southend and Dis. C.B.S. We are asking for new members to join us; the annual sub. is 3s. We are having three shows during the year: Pair show, F.F. show, and a grand open show. We have two silver cups, silver teapot, and several other special prizes for members only, so come and join us, and win some specials. Full particulars will be sent on application. Wishing all our brother fanciers and friends a happy and prosperous breeding season.

G. DEER AND F. CUNDY, Hon. Secs.
22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.

Cinnamon Borders at the Scottish National Show.

SIR.—In thanking you for the splendid "portraiture" of one of my winning Cinnamon Borders, which appeared in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, allow me to explain regarding my 3rd Scottish National yellow hen, which your reporter inclined to associate with the L.C.B.A., and which remarks have caused some little controversy. I may state that the hen in question is not my L.C.B.A. winner, nor yet is she my "Palace" winner—she is not my first at Carlisle, nor my first at Haddington, nor is she the Hamilton Cup winner. These are five distinct or different yellow hens, all of which I had on view on my bench to-day—they are a great team of which I am proud, and they can be seen any time.

WALTER S. WILSON.
Glendyne, Hamilton.

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Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems), will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

BEST TO START WITH (T. B.).—Any of the hardy, free-breeding varieties which may strike your fancy, barring only those requiring highly-developed technical marks or other physical points, such, for example, as Lizards or Crests, would be quite suitable for you to begin with in order to get a year or two of practical experience before going into the more highly bred and valuable breeds. Rollers, if good song is of importance, would be quite the most suitable, but if fancy points are of more interest, either Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshires, in the order named, would be about the best all-round varieties for you to begin with.

A QUINTETTE (Witton).—(1) Yes, young cock Canaries will sing more or less if kept in groups of three or more in a good-sized flight cage, but under such circumstances you must not expect to get the best song out of them, and during the next few weeks you must also look ont for frequent quarrels. They will sing less because they will be more interested in accepting the, to them, challenge of any bird that presumes to open out. (2) Young birds that moulted reasonably early should be in song now, but when kept together in flights as yours are it is not uncommon for them to remain silent until the middle of January, when practically all healthy cocks will begin to come into song, and, as a rule, should be in good full song by the middle of February. (3) It is quite safe to give them green-food now providing you are quite sure that it has not been exposed to frost, and is not covered with rime, or sodden with snow water. On the whole, it is best not to give any freshly-gathered greenstuff whenever there is any frost about, or when the ground is covered with snow, or a thaw is in progress. Watercress is the best green-food at this season, but, if available, the leafy tips of the inner stalks of celery are very good, and the birds are exceptionally fond of them. If you can get green salads grown under cover you may, of course, use these just as you would in the milder seasons.(4) In your case, I should say it is not so much special feeding as separate caging that is required to bring the cocks into song. However, you may try giving them, in addition to the staple seed diet, about half a teaspoonful per bird of crushed sponge cake, with about half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it. Give this every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or watercress. (5) No, the hens certainly should not be left in the same flights as the cocks at this season. To do so will be practically sure to bring them into breeding condition prematurely. They will be all the better for being in large flights, but only hens should be in the same flight. Do not mix the sexes in the same cages at this time.

PECULIAR BEHAVIOUR (W. G. H.). The symptoms you describe are due to the nervous strain of abnormal excitement. Such birds not infrequently die with extreme suddenness whilst enjoying the best of health and whilst singing vigorously. The most you can do in such cases is to keep the bird as far as possible from exciting influences. They are, as a rule, most suited for single-caged pets, where they will not be incited by rivalry to overdo themselves with excitement. You should keep it where it will not see other cocks singing, and if it was also out of earshot so much the better. Medical treatment is of little use, but you may try adding six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a three-penny-piece to the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight or so. Your feeding is quite suitable except that it would be better to give a small spray of watercress when it is in a fit condition to use in place of the apple. The emulsion you name would do no harm, and probably no good. If you are very desirous to try it, give four drops on a morsel of bread and milk every second day for a week or two. Sprinkle bread with maw or soft sugar, if necessary, to get the bird to eat it.

A TRIPLET (F. S. Doble) —(1) It is not essential to store seed in an air-tight vessel. Providing you can keep it quite secure from the unwelcome visits of *mice*, it will be just as good if kept in partitioned cardboard boxes. You should see that the boxes are not impregnated with a strong smell from some previous contents which could be communicated to the seed stored therein. (2) This bird's peculiarity of eating various seeds only under certain circumstances is an idiosyncrasy pure and simple, and is of no importance. As regard the moulting see that it is not exposed to cold draughts or rapid and extreme fluctuations of heat and cold. Keep it in a cosy, but not necessarily overheated, place where the temperature is fairly equable. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only for a month, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw, and also give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. (3) It is an old and exploded idea that inga is poisonous. If used injudiciously it is, just as any other seed may be, apt to prove deleterious, but properly used it is absolutely harmless, and a valuable addition to the fancier's larder. The writer you name was, in his day, a great authority in his own special line, but was not, I am afraid, very reliable on Canaries.

AILING YORKSHIRE HEN (Segrave).—The symptoms shown by your hen may be simply due to your room being rather colder than the one she was accustomed to before she came into your possession, or it is just possible that it is due to a little constipation, which again may be due to some slight change in your system of feeding. If it is neither of these she is probably suffering from a slight bronchial affection. Try the following treatment for a fortnight or so, and if the bird is not quite well in that time write again, and I will advise your further. Keep the bird in a comfortable place, quite away from the chilly cold side, but do not overdo the matter and overheat the bird. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight or so. On the alternate days, add to the drinking water 20 drops of the following mixture. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. If there is any sign of constipation add to the water for two consecutive days before commencing the above treatment six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a three-pennypiece.

INCESSANT MOULTING (Novice).—You say nothing about the conditions under which the bird is kept, but I suspect it is either hung in a window or in some place where it is exposed to rapid and extreme variations of temperature, and probably also cold draughts. Is the cage hung in a window? This position, which is far too common, must invariably give rise to this perpetually moulting condition sooner or later. If you have the bird in such a position, remove it at once to a position within the room, and let it be a bright and sunny one if possible, and whilst free from cold draughts it should be as well ventilated as possible. A box cage is also the best for singing birds. Do not allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evening. Having taken these initial steps, give the bird a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this, give separately every second day for a month half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and finally sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and also a morsel of banana. Then dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three for a week. In the next week give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day, and in the third and fourth weeks repeat first and second week's in the same order.

NOT SINGING, NOT MOULTING (H.G.).—(1) As the bird appears to be in good health, it is probably only waiting for the spring to come before it opens out with its full song. Many birds after their first few seasons take a few weeks' rest after the moult is quite finished before resuming song. See that it is kept in a bright and healthy position, free from extremes of heat and cold, and from cold draughts. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, maw, and gold of pleasure, and also a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Continue this feeding for a fortnight or so, and in the meantime add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and six of glycerine every second day. (2) You should make yourself sure whether this bird is exposed to cold draughts or rapid and extreme fluctuations of heat and cold, and if this is so, alter these conditions as a first step towards treatment. See reply to "Novice" in this issue on this subject. It is not unlikely that the bird will go through a full moult as soon as the weather gets mild in the spring. To save loss of valuable time, if you wish to breed with the bird you should treat her as advised to "M.J.D." (1) in last issue. Your treatment, when she last commenced to cast feathers, was not bad, but it did not go quite far enough.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TROUBLE WITH A GOLDFINCH (W. H. H.).—I have carefully read your letter, and although you say your bird is not constipated, I feel rather confident that this is the cause of the trouble. There is a drooping action with a straining to void, after which comes the jerky motion you describe. You have given him salts, also buckthorn, without an improvement. Instead of relying upon medicines, I think you will do well to make a slight alteration in your mode of feeding him. Discontinue for a time to give him canary with his other seeds; give a rather larger allowance of sunflower and add an extra pinch of niger and dandelion. Offer him some soaked teazle and rape, be rather liberal with green food, and try him with a cube of stale bread soaked in hot milk with a dusting of sugar on it. Watch him carefully to see how he behaves, and if no improvement, I would advise ten drops of dandelion juice in the drinking water, fresh daily. When he has somewhat recovered, a course of Chemical Food would strengthen him—a small teaspoonful in an ordinary glass or china drinker. Boil the water first and allow it to stand until cool. Place him in your largest flight cage, and hang on the bath whenever the weather is at all suitable.

FEEDING A MAGPIE (Magpie).—I fear you have been indulging your bird to such an extent that he has become somewhat dainty. I have had many Magpies, and never had the slightest trouble with them as regards food; they would simply eat anything. If you have enough scraps to keep him going, all well and good, but I always mix some staple food daily, sometimes Melox or chicken meal, with a spoonful of meat meal or lime crissel in with it, and about twice a week a feed of insectile food as given to more delicate birds. He also has scraps, mice and sparrows when procurable, a few mealworms now and then, beetles, and insects in season. A Magpie requires change of food as much as any bird I know of; he will quickly tire of such delicacies as freshly killed Sparrows and mice. By your letter you appear to be treating your bird on rational lines; remember the Magpie can go many hours without food and suffer no inconvenience, so you need not worry if he will not clear up the staple food; he will take it when really hungry. Mix a little every day, and see that the feeding vessel is perfectly clean.

PAIRS FOR HYBRID BREEDING (Truly a Novice).—Pleased to assist you. Don't apologise for asking questions. In the case of the Canary-Bullfinch, the Canary will have to be the cock bird, and you are more likely to be successful by using an English hen Bullfinch. In trying for the Goldfinch-Bullfinch, I would advise you to get both English birds, as large as possible; but with the Lesser Redpoll and Bullfinch, the Redpoll should be a large one, and the Bullie hen medium size, or the eggs will be infertile. The Lesser Redpoll-Canary and Goldfinch-Canary are not very difficult Hybrids to produce. For this purpose I should feel inclined to use a large English bird or a smart, sprightly Foreign bird—one full of health. You would require some two-compartment breeding cages from two to three feet long. These should have a wire and also a wooden partition, so that you can shut the cock bird away from his partner and use whichever partition you think desirable. Hen Bullfinches will generally build a nest and sit fairly well in a cage, but cannot be relied upon to rear the young. Occasionally one will, but they cannot be depended upon. You would require several pairs of common Canaries to hatch and rear. Respecting suitable hen Canaries, see answer to "Novice." Clear Hybrids are certainly more valuable than dark ones, but variegated birds are not, as a rule. A really good dark bird will fetch a big price. Some fanciers admire them quite as much as the lightly marked ones. Sib. bred hens are birds inbred with Canaries that produce occasionally lightly marked Hybrids. I would advise you not to bother with these until you have had some experience in breeding ordinary dark birds. It is not possible to tell if a hen Canary will throw light birds, but fanciers who have a strain that they have bred with for years, look to get an occasional lightly-marked one in a brood.

THRUSH WITH SWELLING (E. P. Wharton).—The cause of your trouble is that you are not feeding your bird properly. Get a good brand of insectile food as given to the more delicate birds, and feed him on this for a time, mixing with it some scraped raw carrot, boiled potatoes, or chopped greenstuff, such as watercress. Offer him three or four mealworms, beetles, or some scoured gentles, daily. This change of diet will probably disperse the swelling, but you might catch him, bathe the place with warm water, dry it on a soft cloth, and just touch it with a clean camel-hair paint brush that has been dipped in tincture of jodine. The booklet on the Thrush, published at this office, would be useful to you.

FINCH FOR HYBRID BREEDING (G. Etherington).—Your Finch, which you call No. 3, is certainly not too old to breed, and would be a very suitable bird; but if either of the others are larger I would advise you to use it, as size plays such an important part in awarding prizes to Hybrids. Your other two Finches should be singing a bit now. Are you sure they are cock birds? Compare their blaze with No. 3. See if it goes well back over the eye, and if they have the same perky manner. Note the shape of the head and beak. If they are hens, and as steady as you say, I would not part with them. They would be valuable for Hybrid breeding. Your cage is just the right kind for the purpose. Place the selected Finch in the opposite compartment to the hen. You could draw the slide occasionally for an hour or two. The cock will be ready when his beak is quite clear and he sings and shows off before the hen. She will be hopping about the cage, flapping her wings, and repeatedly calling, and running about with anything she can find to build with. When they are both in this condition and the weather is favourable, you can draw the slide for good and give them plenty of building materials.

TROUBLE WITH LINNET (Lover of Birds).—Have you examined your bird for insects? If not, do so at once Hold him in the hand for a few minutes, and if he has lice you will soon see them running over your hand. You must then dress him well with insect powder, working it well into the feathers before returning him to his cage. Place a clean cloth over it at night and examine this for red mite; if you find any, place the bird in a new cage and thoroughly scour or burn the old one. If no insects, catch the bird and gently rub in the way of the feathers a little warm kerol ointment night and morning for five or six days. It would be as well to give him the following tonic: Procure from the chemist an ounce of the crystals of citrate of iron and ammonia, and dissolve as much as will cover a sixpenny piece in three tablespoonfuls of water. Give it fresh daily in a glass drinker. Let him have the largest cage you can spare for him, and give him a bath frequently.

ANOTHER LINNET QUERY (F. S. Doble).—The seed you send is of excellent quality, but there are some kinds in it that Linnets do not care for, consequently your bird has contracted the habit of throwing it about. I think you would do better to make up the mixture as advised to G. Cook in this issue. You need not fix a feeding perch in your cage unless you like. If he can only just reach the seed, that is quite sufficient. He will not be able to waste so much of it. Let him have a bath as often as you can. Give it him in the early morning, so that he and his cage are quite dry by roosting time. You need not give him soft food. About the only greenfood you can get now is chickweed, groundsel, and watercress. Give him a spray of one or the other two or three times a week. Why not get the Nutshell booklet on the Linnet, or the British Bird Manual. They will give you heaps of information.

SUITABILITY OF CAGES (Bird Lover).—You would have done better and assisted me greatly in coming to a decision respecting your cage had you given me the measurements of it. By your description it appears to be a Roller Canary song cage, suitable for a small Canary or Finch, such as a Redpoll or Siskin. The Robin is an active bird and requires a rather roomy cage—something from sixteen to twenty inches in length. Even with this size he wants it cleaned out very frequently. I would not advise you to use the small cage for him, and I do not think you would like to see him cramped up in it.

VARIOUS ITEMS (C.P.).—I think three pairs would be quite sufficient to place in your aviary. You gain nothing by overcrowding. Let the cocks be a Goldfinch, Linnet, and Siskin, and the hens a Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Redpoll, or a Canary, or even all four if you feel inclined. To feed them you should make a seed hopper with three partitions—one for canary, one summer rape, and the other teazle. Give them twice a week (a spoonful for each bird) the following: equal parts of linseed, niger, maw, dandelion, thistle, and gold of pleasure. On other days let them have a small handful of sunflower. You had better lightly crack it, or the Bullfinch and Greenfinch will probably eat the lot before the others can get at it. (2) The Siberian Goldfinch is the largest of the Goldfinches, and can never be mistaken for a British bird. He is whiter round the cheek and down the centre of the breast. Of course, some small Foreign birds are sometimes bought as English, but there is an indescribable something about them that enables an expert to detect them. (3) The bird you describe is the Tree Sparrow; rather an interesting bird, as they are not particularly common anywhere. They are not thought much of as exhibition birds, and do not stand much chance in a mixed class with some of the more popular species against them, but a really good specimen should beat a bad one of any other kind. Don't apologise; glad to assist you.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (T. L. Hill).—I think your suggestion is a good one respecting your aviary. As fowls have been kept in the sheds at some previous time, I would advise you to fumigate both places thoroughly before commencing operations. The only weak spot I can see in your arrangement is that the open portion will face the west, where the rain and the rough winds come from. You had better board up the front about two feet six inches from the bottom, and let the roof hang well over the sides, and possibly you can plant some tall privet to make a hedge along the front. This would shelter the birds immensely. In an aviary like yours will be you could keep anything if you had the experience. I would advise you to commence with some of the Hardbills and keep one or two of the commoner Softbills in cages until you learn to manage them. These would give you no end of pleasure, and whet your appetite for more. The Gold Crests are not easily kept, but the Blackcap is not a very difficult subject to those who have had a little experience. Shall be pleased to advise you further when you have put up your aviary, if you require it.

BIRDS FOR GARDEN AVIARY (E.E.S.).—(a) Two pairs would be quite enough in your small aviary. The most likely British Finches to breed in captivity are the Greenfinches, and for another pair you might try Goldfinches. You should cover the wood portion of your aviary with coarse wire netting, and work some heather and gorse, etc., in among it. Do it as roughly as you possibly can; the birds will take to it and find building sites for themselves, although a few artificial nests would be useful. Wild birds will frequently take to them when in captivity. (b) I would not recommend Bramble-finches; I fear they would only disappoint you. (c) No; the Bramblefinch-Bullfinch has not yet been produced, but it may be some day—one never knows. (d) Several Softbills have bred in captivity, but they require management by someone who is well up in keeping them, and attending to their wants. I would not advise you to make your initial effort with them. Try the Finches first, and keep one or two of the commoner Softbills in cages before you attempt any breeding operations with them. A Blackbird or Skylark would make capital birds to begin with; then, if you are successful with these, you could add one or two of the hardiest of the warblers. Yes; Hawfinches have been bred in captivity, and if you felt inclined to try them, you had better give up the whole of the aviary to them. I presume you know that they do not live on just the same seeds as the commoner Finches. I fancy the British Bird Manual published at this office would be useful to you, and give you a good insight into the habits and manner of treatment of all our cage birds in captivity.

WHITE-LEGGED GOLDFINCHES (Knap-Hill).—No, you cannot catch White-legged Goldfinches. This whiteness of the legs is acquired after they have been in confinement for some time. The legs appear to clear during the process of the moult, after each one they get whiter, until they are as clear as a Canary's. The food for a Goldfinch in confinement would be as follows: Teazle seed 4 parts, canary 3 parts, hemp 2 parts, linseed 1 part, sunflower and German rape ½ part each; this will be for the staple food. Then make another mixture of niger 3 parts, maw 1 part, thistle 3 parts, dandelion and sesame 2 parts, gold of pleasure 1 part. Give a teaspoonful of this about three times a week, and if you can get a good wild seed mixture you could use it on the other days. Many seed merchants now put up a good wild seed mixture which is particularly useful for captive Finches. See that it is clear and free from mustiness. If you would like to try your hand at breeding hybrids between the Goldfinch and Canary, you had better procure a good large Norwich hen. Secure one as soon as you can, so that she gets thoroughly used to the Finch before the spring. Be careful to select a healthy specimen, and a young one if possible. Your Finch should have seeding tops of chickweed or groundsel about twice a week; both of these you can procure nearly all through the winter. See that it is quite free from frost.

STOCKING AN AVIARY (Tamey).—I like the arrangement of your aviary, and think it very suitable for British birds, but there is just one thing: I think you should either board over the whole of the top or have some means of covering it in very bad weather, particularly if it faces the west, otherwise the rain would drive right under it and make it very uncomfortable for the birds. Your selection of cock birds is right, excepting that I do not think it advisable to have two of the same species; they only waste their time fussing about after each other, instead of attending to the hens. If you want another cock bird or two, you could put in a Siskin and a Twite. I do not think you will be

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ble to keep more than one Bullfinch hen in with ne others. They are inclined to be quarrelsome the spring. Anyway, you could try a couple, and they did not agree you would have to take one ut. This you could run with a Finch in a large ge. As you are a beginner, possibly some of the utshell Booklets or the British Bird Manual would e useful to you. They are all published at this ice. Put in plenty of perches, both in the outer ght and the inner building, and in the spring have abundance of nesting places of all kinds, so at the bird can make a selection.

BIRDS FOR AN AVIARY (C. P.).—Three pairs ould be quite sufficient for your aviary; if you ave more they will only interfere with each other. would advise a Goldfinch, Linnet, and Siskin, eks, and a Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Redpoll ens. Make a staple mixture of two parts canary, ne same of teazle, and one of summer rape and nseed. Twice a week give a teaspoonful to each rd of the following, equal parts of maw, niger, andelion, hemp, gold of pleasure, and thistle. ffer a few cracked sunflower seeds daily; most of ne birds, you will find, will eat these, and it is npital food for them. Before turning them out et them as steady as you can and see that the oldfinch eats his sunflower seed freely, as you ill not be able to keep him supplied with hemp, would be injurious to the others. Read the dvice to "Wheatsheaf," it may be useful to ou.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AVIARY QUERIES ("Comic Crook").—Your outoor aviary should have a ventilator fixed in the oor end of room at the highest point. A door bout 12 by 6 inches will suffice, the aperture to e covered with wire netting on the inside, and he door (ventilator) operated from the outside by ord and pulley. All glass must be covered with ire netting on the inside, and it would be better f there was a large window in the front, which ould be left open during the hot summer months. t will also be wise to put a wire lobby either utside or inside the door, the latter for preerence, to prevent the escape of birds as you o in and out for attendance. (1) Grey and Green inging Finches; Avadavats; Grey, St. Helena, old-breasted and Orange-cheek Waxbills; Alario; ebra, Red-headed and Ribbon Finches; Firefinches, ordon Bleus, Lavender, and Gouldian Finches. For ich colour or striking form you could put cocks nly of Napoleon and Madagascar Weavers, Bishops), Paradise Whydah, and, if you do not bject to fruit-eaters, one or two odd Tanagers—ay, Superb, Tricolour, and Blue. (2) I should put n pairs except where otherwise stated; put in ome rush nests, husks, and boxes, and leave them o take their chances of breeding; some of them ertainly will breed. (3) I aim at as even a temerature as possible, from 50degs. to 60degs. F. 4) You will do better to put dead fir trees or omething similar in large pots or tubs—a living ree would soon be killed by disbudding—and put a edge (thicket) of pea sticks all along the back all.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

hould consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" 1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); rthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, oods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic r Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds nd How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of ages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 8 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ALEXANDRINE PARRAKEET (No Talkee, B.E.).—It all depends upon the age of the bird as to whether it ever will talk; there are many Alexandrines who have quite an extensive vocabulary, and there are many others who evidently believe that "silence is golden," except when in a rage, and then indulge in ear-splitting screams. A bird kept under the condition of yours, which goes in and out of cage at will, should ultimately prove responsive. Talk to it and pet it considerably, and I should say it will pick up some words and sentences sooner or later. You diet it apparently all right—plain biscuits, plain cake, and crusts of household bread can all be given—when it is at table have a little fruit, a nut, piece of biscuit handy, and let it have a little; it need only be denied that which is unwholesome for it. Keep cuttlebone and grit continually in the cage. It is quite natural for many species of parrots to regurgitate their food and then re-swallow it; if they were mated they would feed each other at such times—some individuals indulge more than others. A tame bird that does not scream and can be left to walk and fly about the room at will is worth a more extended trial; give it another six or nine months, at any rate, to develop. For a month give Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but not so as to keep the voidings watery-loose. If it appears to want a tonic, put it on a course of syrup of phosphates in some form.

CHINESE QUAIL (M.M.P.).—It is quite evident that both your quails are in high condition, and that the illness you speak of was caused by egg-binding, and considering the weather, it is fortunate you did not lose the hen—such a contretemps is quite possible to recur with birds laying in such weather; the egg was evidently shell-less, or nearly so, and I fail to see how you are going to avoid a recurrence. I can only suggest, supply plenty of crushed mortar (lime) rubbish and cuttlebone, and giving her an aperient (Dinneford's Magnesia) in the drinking water, every other day for a week, and keeping them for the remainder of the winter in warm quarters. It is difficult to give a really helpful reply when no details as to treatment or housing is given.

IN ROUGH PLUMAGE (Mere).—Your nom-de-plume is well chosen, for you give me no details other than "it seems to be in good health, but its plumage is ragged and dusty-looking." It is impossible to give anyone a helpful reply on such data. All I can say is confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, green food, stale crusts, and biscuit. Also supply regularly grit, cuttlebone, and water, and keep several pieces of wood in the cage for it to exercise its teeth upon. Every fourth day (for a month) put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water—on other days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water, giving clear water once a week. While the severe weather lasts care must be exercised as to the use of a sprayer, but by choosing a mild day a spraying once a week would be beneficial; about 11 a.m. would be a good time; the water should be tepid, and a little essence of quassia added. Keep the bird away from cold air till dry.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

TOTTENHAM.—Pneumonia following on a chill; all other organs were quite healthy, and the bird was in first-rate condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

FANCY GETTING TO ITS ZENITH (A. E.).—Your ought to have been christened Jeremiah, my friend. We have no use for your letter. It is pessimistic drivel. Put your head under a tap every morning and cultivate a more cheerful spirit.

DISQ. YORKS. (H. H. Vanghan).—So many thanks for your nice letter. We are glad to have your approval of our view point, but, of course, many men many minds. We strive to steer an independent course, but it is terribly difficult at times. Glad you find "Our Canaries" of such help to you. It is a great work.

CATCHING A SQUIRREL (T. W. Kendrew).—Many thanks for interesting letter, but squirrels are not in our line.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING (F. J. Green).—Thanks for kind wishes. You will see that we have notified your change of address.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. — Jan. 20, St. Thomas School, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers for 1914, balance sheet.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Jan. 20, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Mr. Colville's motion, re alteration of points for back-end show.—J. Whitehead.

Ayr C.B.C.—Jan. 20, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30.—R. Aitken.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Brayshaws Assembly Rooms, 7. Society's final dance; fanciers and friends heartily invited, admission 6d.—F. Gelder.

Barnet F. and F.A.—Table Show, Feb. 4, fee 3d.—F. Chandler, hon. sec.

Bingley O.S.—Jan. 20, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. General meeting, election of officers.—H. Shaw.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.—Jan. 20, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Annual general meeting, balance sheet, etc. Night show of Canaries, classes for all varieties, Mr. Geof. Benson, judge. Friends invited.—Geo. Morton.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 20, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, balance sheet, election of officers, etc., business important.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S. — Jan. 16, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Arrangement for prize distribution, election of officers.—W. H. Steel.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Rifle Range, 5.30. Special prizes, staging, other important business.—J. W. Robson.

Charlotteville F. & U.S.K.S.—Jan. 22, Headquarters, Addison Road. Stock to be staged by 6; entries close Sat. 17.—C. H. Pope.

Cinn. Marked Y.F.C.—Jan. 19, Market Tavern, Shipley, 6.30. Competition prizes and other important business.—B. Garnett.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 20, 8.30. Adjourned annual general meeting.—T. J. Hose.

Eccleshill C.B.S—Jan. 17, The Fountain Inn, 8. General meeting, election of officers for 1914; new members cordially invited.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Syllabus for 1914, final arrangements for smoker; new members enrolled.—J. C. Charlton.

Great Eastern Railway F. and F.S. — Jan. 20, Mechanics' Hall, Stratford, 8. Annual general meeting, important alteration of rules, etc.—W. G. Rogers.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 24, Butcher's Arms, 8. General meeting, balance sheet, etc.; first members' show for season, birds staged 3.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 17, Plummet Line Hotel. Unflighted show, birds staged 7, judge Mr. H. J. Chittenden; entries taken before staging.—H. Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 19, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show, judge Mr. T. Moss, Huddersfield; 6 Yorks., 4 Nor. classes, all unflighted.—A. Lawford.

Houghton-le-Spring.—Jan. 17, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers, rules, other important business.—R. H. Dixon.

Hyde C.B.S.—Jan. 19, St. George's School, 8. Election of officers.—T. Allsop.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table Show: Nor. buff cock except unflig., open and Nov. Nor. hen unflighted, open and Nov., Siskin and Redpoll.—J. Hardbattle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 20, White Swan, 8.30. Lecture, "The Norwich Plainhead," by Mr. J. McCarter, and table show.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Entries close for pair show at 9 p.m.—R. Charleson.

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 19, Grange Park Hill, 8. Annual general meeting.—Forse and Son.

Manchester and M.C.O.S.—Jan. 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers; Jan. show business, and discussion re alteration of rules.—W. H. Tansey.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 17, headquarters, 2. Members' show, judge, Mr. W. Mundell; special 4th bird given by Mr. Ward. 8, Annual meeting. Entries, Fri. 16, 8 to 10 p.m.—H. Grange.

Middleton C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Old Boar's Head, 8. Balance-sheet for Dec. show and year 1913, election of officers for 1914, and general business.—J. Oldham.

North London C.B.A.—Jan. 21, headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting.—P. W. Jeffries.

Rochdale C.B.S.—Jan. 24, R.O.C. Rooms, 1.30. Birds to be staged night previous; send entries to own society's sec.—W. Adams.

Salo and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Sale Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, 8. Question night, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 19, Lower Montgomery Hall. Members' show; judge, J. H. Roe.—E. C. Job.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Jan. 19, headquarters, 7.30. Entry night for amalgamated show, committee meeting cancelled this month.—J. T. Cheetham.

St. James-the-Less F.A., Bethnal Green.—Jan. 19, Men's Club, St. James' Road, Cambridge Heath, 8.30. Balance-sheet, 1913, election of officers, alterations to rules, to be submitted in writing, election of 15 new members, already nominated.—T. G. Bransford.

Torbay O.S.—Jan. 19, Railway Temperance Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. N. and J. Jeffery.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Jan. 19, Elephant and Castle Inn, 7.30. Election of officers.—H. Roebuck.

Walkden Roller C.S.—Jan. 20, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—Hy. Howard.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Yearly meeting, election of officers, balance-sheet.—E. Ball.

Wingate F.S.—Jan. 17, Literary Institute, 7. Important business; fanciers invited, six miles radius.—J. Burdett.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Tea and concert arrangements; dates and judges for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Blue Bell Hotel, 5. Annual dinner and concert; dinner 1s. 6d.; concert free; tickets can be obtained from the secs.—Taylor and Ellis.

West of Scotland O.S.—Jan. 17, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Annual general meeting; financial statement, proposed alterations of Rules, election of office-bearers, classification for annual show. Show of matched pairs (all varieties), Feb. 7, 7.30.—W. Hutchison.

Yorks C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.—Members please take notice that subs. are due this month.—C. Lattimore.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Jan. 20-21.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21-22.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley Ho., Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)**

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.)

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Our Young Bird Show takes places on July 4, and annual show on Nov. 13 and 14, writes Mr. V. Wynn, son. sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B.

Many thanks for the two Diplocas won at the South Co. Dublin Show. They are indeed beautifully finished.—R. Ward (Kingstown).

MANY CLUB AND SHOW REPORTS UNAVOIDABLY HELD OVER.

CORRESPONDENCE—Continued from page 17.

Birds Happy in Confinement.

SIR, As I have read in our weekly paper, CAGE BIRDS, remarks made by Mr. Hardy recently, I write to say I got an ordinary Linnet from a friend for a small sum, and it turned out to be a hen. Not feeling inclined to keep it, one day I let it loose, thinking no more of it. When visiting my aviary about 4 o'clock it was there, and as soon as the door opened it flew in over my head Since then, when I give it an occasional outing, it is sure to come back, and glad to have a shelter, which evidently shows there is no ill treatment in my aviary. I have two Thrushes, Blackbird, several Goldies and Canaries, all happy, and singing all through the winter. B. RICHARDS.

Borth.

The Winning F.M. Linnet at Gateshead Show.

Sir,—Seeing that it was reported that our winning F.M. Linnet at Gateshead was the one we purchased from Mr. W. Curry (secretary of Gateshead Show) we thought it would interest fanciers to know that it was not the same bird. We bought it from Mr. J. Mackenzie, of Newcastle, and it had only been in our possession about six weeks. It was only its second time on the bench, it being first at Consett a week before Gateshead Show. We have since sold it to Mr. Parlett, of Sheffield, at a good figure, and hope he has every success with it. It won at the Scottish National Show. The bird we purchased from Mr. Curry is still in our possession.

JAMESON AND JOHNSON.

Points' Special at East Ham.

SIR,—I am a member of the East Ham Cage Bird Society, and a friend of mine is a member also, and we agreed, at the beginning of the year 1913, to show together as one in the name of Patton and Fisher. I spoke to the secretary about the matter, and he agreed with it, and said we would show as one. Nothing more was said about it, so we went on showing as one. At the end of the year we made 144 points with our birds, which entitled us to a prize for 4th most points. When the time came to give points' specials out I asked about the prize we had won, and the secretary told me that our points were not counted as one, which I should think should have been the case. When we sent our entries in we always made one schedule out, not two, and I am asking you if you can help me in the matter.

F. PATTON.

[Before expressing any opinion we should like to hear the secretary's explanation.—Ed. "C.B."]

Specials at the Federation Show

SIR,—Would you kindly ask, through CAGE BIRDS, if there are any fanciers who have not yet had the specials which they won at the last Federation show, held last Jan. 17th and 18th, 1913. I have written to the show secretary twice or three times, but he has ignored my communications. It is now 12 months since the show, and I think it is now nearly time that I received them. I won special No. 22, for best Norwich, also special No. 3, for which I tied with Mr. and Mrs. Salter, but having made more entries than they, according to rules I am entitled to that.

C. ROBERTS.

Bayswater.

Albino Sparrows in Kent.

SIR,—I have two splendid specimens of light self Cinnamon young House Sparrows. Unfortunately they are stuffed, both cock birds I should say. Both were shot in a farmyard in this parish, viz., Rookery Hill Farm, but on different occasions; being over run with birds feeding among the cornstacks and fowls, one of the sons shot among them, and when he picked up the birds he found he had shot a cinnamon one, and the same occurred on another occasion when another son fired at them. They had asked me to go up and try and catch them, as they had also seen a white one amongst them. I had nothing to catch them with; I told two bird catchers who had nets, but they did not go. I have the privilege of going anywhere about the farm and orchards and fields, which I often do in the breeding time, finding plenty of different kinds of birds' nests. I had rather they were alive instead of dead as they gave them to me, but I had them mounted. The white one has not been seen there lately, but has been at adjoining farms. I was told yesterday of a wren's nest, having had young and fledged, and hen laid again, in the garden at the back of the "Rising Sun," kept by Mr. Hawkes (your artist, Mr. H. N., knows the place and landlord well). If I called he would readily and with pleasure show me it.

F. J. WEAIRE.

Welsh Fanciers and the Palace Show.

Sir,—It has been suggested to me by Mr. Alf. Maggs (Port Talbot) and late of Cardiff, to apply to the G.W. Railway Company to run a saloon carriage to London on the night of February 6, so that cage bird fanciers en route may have an opportunity of travelling together, in order to attend the Palace Show. I, personally, think it a splendid suggestion, and it has also been approved of by several Fanciers at Swansea. Consequently I intend applying to the railway company for the privilege. May I be allowed to issue an invitation to Welsh Fanciers en route to join us and meet the train at their respective stations? All who favour the idea kindly drop me a postcard, so that I may proceed with arrangements. The saloon will travel from Swansea to Paddington, and for the addition of such a nominal fee as a sovereign, divided between us, in addition to the ordinary fare, we can not only ensure for ourselves additional comfort, but have seats guaranteed as well. I believe the ordinary excursion fare is about 8s. 6d., and the addition for the saloon would amount to about 8d. each. As the saloon will only hold about 30, I beg to urge all Fanciers who intend co-operating to forward me their names as early as possible. All who would like to return on Sunday night instead of Saturday night kindly say so, and if the number is sufficient I will apply to the railway company for the necessary permission.

ALF. HITCHINGS.

89, Mysydd-rd., Landore, Swansea.

Diploma Winners at the Palace Show.

SIR,—As you know, I won a diploma in novice Softbill section at Matlock Show. I intend showing at the Palace show in your scheme; I shall be glad if you will inform me if, to enter at the Palace, I have to pay 6d. for another coupon, besides the usual entry, or if the winning of a diploma entitles you to the scheme free. Please make this point clear, and accept my best thanks for the handsome diploma.

A. WARD.

[Sixpence must be paid for another coupon if you have not got one in stock.—Ed. "C.B."]

A Black Redstart Seen at Workington.

Sir,—Whilst taking a walk, in company with a young British bird enthusiast, on Dec. 21, near the site of the old West Cumberland Works at Workington, my friend, who had left me to follow some Redpolls he had observed, came back and informed me he had seen a black Redstart. I told him he must be mistaken, and that he had probably seen a Stonechat. He was, however, quite certain, so I accompanied him to the place, and in a very short time I saw a bird pop up from the ground on to a post. I got close to it and was astonished to find it was, as stated, a Black Redstart. I had it under observation for nearly half an hour, and got to within a dozen yards of it many times. During the last ten years I have known two adult males being taken in the same neighbourhood, one by Mr. Joseph Litt (a guard on the Cleator and Workington Junction Railway), near Borough Walls at Workington, and another by Mr. Wm. Nicholson, in the allotment gardens at Flimby. The latter came into my possession, and I kept it for two years. Many readers may wonder how it was my young friend recognised such a rare winter straggler to the British Isles, but at the present time I have one in my possession, and only last week he was in my bird room, and took a great interest in it.

This is the first time I have observed this beautiful migrant in a wild state during my observations, extending over a period of 25 years.

JOHN WILSON.

Another New Society.

Ardsley Cage Bird Fanciers on the Move.

SIR,—We intend to form a Cage Bird Society here at Ardsley, open to all within a radius of six miles of the Black Swan Inn, East Ardsley. Mr. Hargreaves, landlord of the above inn, has kindly offered us the use of a room. It is felt by the fanciers about here that the formation of a cage bird society will fill a long felt want here, and a meeting will be held at the above inn on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., to discuss formation of same and election of officers. A cordial invitation is given to all who would like to join, and we extend a special invitation to old members of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S., now defunct. Now, fanciers, is your chance to form a strong society. Come in crowds. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success in the New Year.

HARRY COCKRAM, Sec. pro tem.

East Ardsley.

How to Make Cage Bird Shows Pay.

Sir,—I have been very interested in the letters which have appeared in your columns with regard to shortage of entries at shows, and the different views set forth for remedying the same. My eight years' experience as a secretary of a society, viz. the W.C.O.S., Plymouth, has convinced me that the great drawback to getting a bumping entry is railway charges. My committee have tried many different ways to increase their entry, and we can only claim success with local and exhibitors that live within the 30-mile radius. I have made a comparison of Plymouth, Clapham, and Cardiff shows, and in all cases 75 per cent. of the exhibitors live within the 30-mile radius. As we were giving an extended prize list last year we made special effort to get at exhibitors in the North and Midlands, but with very little success. In 1911 Plymouth gave novice classes in Yorkshires, and had to cancel all but one of them. Clapham, with the same classification, had an average of 16 per class. I wrote to every exhibitor at Clapham, but had no response, and in this case quite 75 per cent. lived in and close around London. I think that in all cases it will be found that unless the district is a bird-keeping locality the shows will be failures. It is only shows of international character, such as the L.C.B.A., and the Palace, that attract exhibitors from a distance. My suggestion is that societies should adopt a graduated entry fee, somewhat on this principle, viz.: Presuming the entrance fee to be 1s. 6d., this fee should be charged for local and up to 30 miles; over 30 and under 50 miles, 1s. 4d.; over 50 and under 100, 1s. 2d.; and over the 100 miles, 1s. per entry. I am of opinion that this would be found to pay most societies, because exhibitors have to count the cost, and most of us know that entrance fees, plus railway expenses, dip deep into prize-money.

THOS. POPE.

98, Embankment-road, Plymouth.

How to Run an Aviary in a Backyard.

SIR,—May I be permitted to give some experiences with a small aviary, in an ordinary suburban back-yard? So much has been written regarding aviary matters, yet a gulf seems to appear at the very onset. Others write of large, sumptuously furnished, naturally arranged aviaries, and mine, forsooth, is 6ft. by 4ft. by 6ft. Even this little place, however, has been a source of great pleasure to me, and I can pleasurably report my first successful breeding results. What if they are only Budgerigars! even that was not so easy as I thought. My aviary is boarded at the top, back and both sides; wire being in front only, facing south-west. The great trouble was with mice, which burrowed from outside, underneath, into the cage, and even after cementing the floor it was found that they nested underneath the cement, making their runs from corner to corner, so honeycombing and undermining the cement that it shrank away from the walls, making an easier route by which entrance could be effected, and the seed purloined. So this floor must needs come up. It was then dug out to a depth of 9 inches, filled up again with concrete well rammed down, and a facing of cement put on top, with the pleasing result that no mice enter now that way. In fact, only a stray one finds its way now and then through the front, which, being boarded half way up, and having two wires, six inches apart for the other half, enables one, on the first suspicion of a visit from Mr. Mouse, to set a trap on the ledge between the two wires, and very shortly our friend's visits are put a stop to. Wishing the hobby every success.

B. SENEAR.

Railways and Shows.

Courtesy of the G.E.R.

Sir.—We noticed that the officials of the Sheffield Show had considerable difficulty with the railway officials. It occurred to us that in view of the above, a word or two re railway treatment at Leyton Show might not be out of place. The Great Eastern Railway granted us every possible facility. Special vans were on late duty for delivery to the show, and also for collection at close of show. Extra porters were provided to assist in returning the exhibits, under the direction of a special representative from Liverpool Street, who, by the way, was giving directions as to best trains, etc., for long journey birds. What more could one wish for? We are inclined to think that the trouble at Sheffield was due to some over-officious individual, and that if the secretary writes to the Superintendent of the Line of the company concerned they will probably get better treatment another time.

FORSH. AND SON,
Hon. Secs. Leyton Show.

How to Keep Your Birds in Condition.

Winner of the 10s. 6d Prize for Best Letter.

Sir,—During my eight or nine years' exhibiting many exhibitors have asked me how I manage to put down my birds in such excellent condition, and when I have given them the true solution of the difficulty most of them have put on that unbelieving smile which suggests that the important part of the secret has been withheld. And yet, if my suggestions had been given a fair trial it would be discovered that nothing more is necessary except the occasional hand washing of light plumaged birds.

For the benefit of your readers I will repeat these suggestions, and venture to say that they will have very little trouble in this direction if they are strictly carried out.

1. Use only the best food obtainable. It is cheapest and makes a wonderful difference to the plumage.

2. Scrape out the cage bottoms and clean perches at least twice a week. Remove all scrapings and sour food from the room.

3. Overhaul your cages at regular intervals to keep down red mite and disease.

4. Use the bath freely, but not after midday. Stop the bath five days before a show and gently spray the bird (using rain-water if obtainable) on three successive mornings. Never spray a bird within 48 hours of a show, nor wash within three days. This gives it time to tighten up.

5. Do not over show your birds. Five or six shows in a season are sufficient.

During my visits to shows I have frequently seen birds out of the money, which should easily have been at the top of their class, owing entirely to lack of condition.

I have two hybrids, each eight years old, and won over 80 prizes (including 3rd Scottish National 1914), which are still in the pink of condition. I attribute this success to above treatment. ERNEST COLLINS.

A Review of the Past Season in Scots Fancies.

Sir,—It is a good thing to review the past; by doing so we learn many lessons, for the mistakes we made are danger signals for us. In the future try and improve on the past, and go into our hobby with heart and hand, more determined than ever before. Any little differences we have had, bury them; and if ever we can do a brother fancier a good turn let us always do it. I might say I have bred almost every kind of Canary, but the Scotch fancy has always held the leading place in my heart. It was my first love, and I have never departed from it. I consider it one of the finest breeds of the Canary family in existence, and one of the most intelligent, as it just knows when the cage is lifted what is wanted, and to look at it showing itself is a treat. I must say it has lost a little ground; but it is coming back again to the front.

The reports you often hear of them being so delicate, and so bad as feeders and breeders, and the large sums paid for stock birds, have done the Scotch fancy a great deal of harm. But in any other variety, if you buy a good pair fit to win, you will find that they will cost as much. Then you have no colour feeding, and in many cases when colour is taken into account it is the man that wins instead of the bird. Of course, I do not object to every man having his opinion, and having his own variety, but I do object to one fancier pulling down one breed to build up another. I may also say that the breeders themselves are greatly to blame for they don't give the shows the support they should. I am only a workingman, and I send my birds to every show available. I have sent my birds to almost twice as many shows as any other breeder of the Scotch fancy in Ireland. In many cases I have stood alone in my classes, and that is a bad state of affairs. But I hope for better things in the year we are entering on. If breeders of the Scotch fancy would enlighten one another, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, it would further the interests of our noble breed, once the pride of Scotland and also Ulster. I believe it has the leading place in a Scotsman's heart yet.

To those who have not made a start I would say get your stock at once, and remember to buy the best you can afford, for one pair of good ones is worth ten pair of middling birds. It takes good ones to breed good ones, no matter what anyone may tell you. Middling birds are dear for stock purposes, for in nine cases out of ten they never breed anything even as good as themselves. So you make a good start with light material. I hope CAGE BIRDS' Birthday Number will come up to those that are gone, and if it does it will be well worth reading, for it is the leading journal for bird breeders, and deserves all our support.

WILLIAM DUNLOP, SEN.

A Young Reader's Favourite Magpie.

(See Photograph in Supplement Page xiii.)

Sir, I would like to say a few words in praise of my Magpie. Of all the birds I have had, none has been so interesting. If you train a Magpie it is possible to make him say anything, and do everything but be honest. He is a natural thief. If my bird sees a thing glitter he will have it in a moment. I have to look under stones and in holes of walls for everything I have lost. He will pick up two or three nuts while I am cleaning my bicycle, and hold them in his throat until I look in another direction, when off he goes to his lair. He has the full run of the yard, and goes to bed in the shed at night. He is no trouble. I have only to give him a bowl of water and scraps from the table. Readers should not say anything in front of a Magpie they would not like anyone to hear. When I first had my bird I put him in a cage made with bamboo canes; but he made such a mess. One day as I was cleaning him out I said to him: "You do smell," and he never forgot it. On one occasion my aunt came to stay with us, and went into the yard. The bird said: "You do smell." The old lady came in and said to my mother: "I would teach Harry his manners, if I were you." She replied: "It is not Harry; it is the bird." My aunt looked as if she could have murdered him, but just before she went home she said: "How much do you want for him?" So does everybody else who sees him; but he is not for sale. His favourite time for talking is 10 till 12 in the morning, and 2 till 4 in the afternoon. His words include, "Tommy's Tired," "Rags and Bones," "Wash your face." HARRY COX.

Leicester.

MR. DUNLOP, senr.,
The well-known Irish lover and exhibitor of the Scote Fancy Canary.

My Aviary and What I Keep in it.

(See Photograph in Supplement, page xii.)

Sir,—Although quite a novice at bird keeping, having only taken up the hobby about six months ago, I have already been very successful indeed, and find that the hobby affords me great pleasure. My aviary, which I built myself, is 14½ft. long and 6ft. in height, sloping down to 5½ft. at the back. It is 4½ft. in width. Eight feet of this forms a roofed flight, which is wired with ½in. netting. The roof, which is of wood, is covered with well-tarred felt, and found to be thoroughly waterproof. The shelter is 6½ft. in length, and is lined throughout with wood, making it very snug for the tiny inmates. The opening between the flight and the shelter has a sliding door fitted to it, and can be opened or closed from the outside of the flight by means of a string. This is found a great convenience, as it can be closed down at night, if desired, without disturbing the birds. The wire of the flight is painted black, and the inside received two good coats of pale blue distemper. This arrangement of colours is found to show up the birds very well. The shelter is lit by a skylight window, placed in the roof. A small window is also fitted on one side, so that one can have a peep in at the birds and see what is going on. Now, as to what I keep inside. I have five pairs of Budgerigars, two pairs of Java Sparrows, three pairs Zebra Finches, one pair each of the following: Black-headed Mannikins, Silver-bills, White-faced Love Birds. I have been successful in breeding Budgerigars, Javas (white) and Zebras. I find all the above agree together remarkably well. The seed is supplied by two self-feeding hoppers, found to work very satisfactorily.

R. COMMON, JUN.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax Show.

Sir, As a member of the Halifax Society I wish to protest against the conclusions you have evidently arrived at by reason of the resignation of our society from the Yorks Union. Your head-lines in this week's issue "That Disqualified Yorkshire. A Sensational Development. Halifax Society Resigns from the Yorkshire Union," over the official announcement of our secretary, would lead the fanciers outside Halifax to think that we had resigned our membership as a protest against the action of the Yorks Union in the matter of the disqualification of Messrs. Ogden's bird. That is not the case. The disqualification was only a side issue, and certainly that alone would not have decided our society in taking the step they have done. It will interest you and your readers also to know that some of the strongest advocates for seceding from the Union were members of the committee who investigated the case, and who were convinced by personal examination that the bird Mr. House disqualified had neither been trimmed or changed. Why Halifax decided to leave the Union I am not prepared at the present juncture to state, but the vital step was only taken by a majority of two (20 against 18).

And now a word on the disqualification. There is no doubt that the bare announcement that Mr. House had disqualified a bird would be sufficient to some fanciers of the country that the exhibitor had been guilty of malpractices. Such was its effect on myself. If Messrs. Ogden's yellow hen had left Halifax at the conclusion of our show I am afraid that impression would have remained with me. Happily it was left in the charge of the President of the Yorks Union, and I had the opportunity on many occasions of examining the bird, and satisfying myself that the bird had neither been trimmed nor changed.

Now Mr. House since he made his charges has had the opportunity of examining the bird, but he studiously refused to do so. His reply to Mr. H. W. Walsh this week is characteristic. He objects to the tone of his statement, and makes that his excuse evidently for not making answer to the well-reasoned and carefully detailed statement of the President of the Yorks Union. Mr. House, since he made the charges, has never laid himself open to conviction, and all his statements and so-called replies have been the parrot-like reiteration that the bird had been trimmed and then it had been changed.

Why has Mr. House ignored the fact that he is proved in the wrong by one who poses as one of his supporters? I submit, Mr. Editor, that if the bird that Mr. House disqualified could be identified as the one that was in the show-room the whole of the time, before the Council, and afterwards in the possession of Mr. Walsh for many weeks, that the whole of his case is wrong, and that, as an honourable man, he will acknowledge it. Well, such identification is proved by Mr. Nicholson. He said that the disqualified bird had a white-tipped feather in its wing. Now many green-marked yellows, especially hens, have their flight and tail green feathers tipped with buff, but you will have to search many a long day before you find a marked yellow hen that has the peculiarity of Messrs. Ogden's bird. Mr. Macpherson thus said it was the same bird, but by what process of mental gymnastics he proves Mr. House in the wrong and then poses as his supporter is best known to himself. I submit these propositions to your readers: 1st, that the bare patches about the eyes of the bird disqualified were perfectly natural (next moult examine your own bird whilst "penny" about the head), and did not cause the bird to show any appearances of feather; 2nd, that the bird was in the possession of the President of the Yorks Union for many weeks, and did not develop any evidence of having been tampered with, faked, or trimmed in any way; 3rd, that the difference between good daylight and rather poor artificial light was responsible for Mr. House not being able to recognise the bird he had disqualified, when he was before the Council; 4th, that the character and personnel of the Halifax Show officials are above suspicion, and without their connivance it was absolutely impossible for the bird to have been changed.

If Mr. House would give his attention to the merits of the case instead of quibbling about the particular rule that would have hung Messrs. Ogden Bros., even yet he may confess that he has made a mistake.

E. J. CUNDALL.

Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Hill's letter in defence of the Yorkshire Union in your issue of the 10th inst. I am surprised to note that he accuses you of taking sides in the matter. I have read and followed closely all the correspondence that you have published, and also your Editorial Notes, and have failed to notice any partiality at all. In the first portion of his letter Mr. Hill says, "where governing bodies who are on the spot, and after 'due consideration,'" come to a decision." Well, I can assure you that there are many diverse opinions as to the "due consideration." At the Council meeting held at the show, the discussion was limited to a select few, and anyone who tried to speak or ask questions was ruled out of order.

Mr. Hill then says that the question of rules has nothing whatever to do with the question at issue. I maintain, as must any fair-minded person, that it has everything to do with it, because, as Mr. H. H. Mitchell stated in the previous issue, it was the duty, or should have been, of the President to rule the meeting out of order until the Show Committee had dealt with the matter and given their decision, and who knows what might have been the result? I maintain that whoever should be the persons they should all be treated equally. I am not alone by any means in holding this opinion, and I can assure Mr. Hill and his council that there are scores of members of the Union who hold the same view. I am a member of the Union, although not a member of Halifax Society. I hold no brief for either side, but I emphatically disapprove of the action of the Union. I contend that it has been a good thing that this matter has been made public through the columns of the Fancy Press, otherwise the "powers that be" in the Union would have hushed the matter up, and taken good care it went no further. Mr. Hill states that it is not the direct outcome of this matter that they have resigned from the Union. Whether their resignation was pending or not, there is not the slightest doubt that this "has put the lid on it," as the saying is. They have taken the straightest course open to them, and I congratulate them on their decision, and hope the loss will not be theirs.

I quite endorse both yours and Mr. House's statement that the Union Council have broken their own rules. As Mr. House asks, "Are they to be allowed to do so by the members of the Union?" "Fair play and no favour" is the earnest desire of—

Halifax, Yorks. H. JOHNSON.

[A certain paragraph in the foregoing letter has had to be struck out owing to its strong character.—ED. "C.B."]

How to Make a Rough and Ready Cage.

SIR,—Those who are on the look-out for a good and cheap cage, suitable for British Finches, odd Canaries, or Mules, should try this plan: Procure from the grocer, or ask him to reserve you, 12 "Watson's Soap" boxes. These are well made, planed inside and outside, and are of a nice size, 19in. long 13½ high and 8½ wide. They make an excellent stock cage for Goldies, Bullfies, Greenies, Chaffies, Brambles, Linnets, Siskins, Twites, and Redpolls. These boxes will cost 2s. the dozen. Now 12 wire fronts at 6d., 6s., doz. seed boxes 2s., drinkers 1s., 12 lids off "Robin Starch" boxes for sand trays at 1d., 1s., perching and cage nails 6d., enamel 2s. 6d., total 15s., 1s. 3d. per cage. Cut the sand tray out of the starch lids; the piece left over, when sawn to size, will make the strip to fix the bottom of the wire front in. Cut strips of wood and nail round the sides of the tray, this keeps the sand in. Make the strip for fixing front in to reach down to sand tray. For the purpose of easy pulling out of sand tray buy a 1d. card of picture hooks from the penny bazaar. Those that screw in and leave a ring to pull out tray with are the best. The following shades show off birds to their best advantage: Dark Brunswick green for Goldies and Bullies; mid-green, Linnets, Brambles and Chaffies; pale blue, Greenfinches; dark holly green, Redpolls and Twites; dark royal blue, Siskins. When making perches, cut a little bit out of end for wire to fix in, cut to fit tight. Black looks well for the outside and wire front. When the 12 are in an interchangeable rack they look well, and are a sound investment.

A. WARD.

8, New Road, Spalding.

Award Cards.

A Suggestion to Show Committees.

Sir,—Don't you think show committees should put the name of the bird on the award card it wins, as I am afraid that when some birds are for sale they often have a card they have not won on their cage? I hardly think it is fair to inexperienced buyers and fanciers.

(Miss) B.L.

MR. JAS. BARNES,
Of Whatley, a successful exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, and his son, who owns a fine winning Linnet.

A Lancashire Norwich Breeder.

SIR,—I am sorry I can't send you an advert. for your Birthday Number. I have only had two small adverts. in good old CAGE BIRDS, and I have sold more birds than I intended to part with. I am enclosing you a picture post-card of myself and my unflighted buff Norwich, with cup that he won at Clitheroe for best bird in show, also my son and his winning Linnet.

Whalley. JAMES BARNES.

Norwich at Brighton Show.

A Question of Portraiture.

Sir,—I was astonished at Mr. Gibb's letter in CAGE BIRDS. The bird shown on front page of your issue January 3, I took to be my Clear Buff, which was 1st in members' class at Brighton (colour fed). The drawing certainly did not convey to my mind as being that of my non-fed var. Yellow, which did not win. I was reported in error as winning in Class 3, non-feds, which I at once asked Mr. Gibb to correct. He did not do so until he saw your issue of January 3. Even then he did not know for certain if the bird shown was my colour-fed Clear Buff, or a non-fed Yellow, as CAGE BIRDS did not state which. Mr. Gibb has now taken steps to find out. I wish to correct Mr. Gibb's statement: "Mr. E. Olle, Lewes, did not win a 1st in any class at Brighton." This is untrue. With thirteen birds I secured nine cards—two 1sts, one 2nd, three 3rds, one 4th, he, and c. Now he personally handed me these cards and prize-money, and has his books to refer to. If Mr. Gibb had stated that I did not get any specials he would have been correct.

"'Tis better to have won, and lost, than not to have won at all."

Had I not won any 1sts at Brighton I should have at once written CAGE BIRDS to repudiate the drawing, with my name, of January 3. The tone of Mr. Gibb's letter is all sufficient.

Lewes. ERNEST OLLE.

[A letter from Mr. Gibb explaining his oversight received too late to print.—Editor, "C.B."]

The Value of Green Food.

Sir,—I have kept singing Canaries for years, but have never tried to breed any till six years ago. I had a couple of pairs up, but could never get any young ones. There were plenty of eggs, but none fertile. For four years it was the same luck, till I heard a workmate talking about birds, and I related my troubles. He was only too pleased to listen to my tale of woe, and then he told me of a lot of mistakes I had made, and asked: Did I take CAGE BIRDS? I had to confess I did not know the paper. From that day till this we have become great friends, always talking about getting the birds into condition, and the tips in CAGE BIRDS, and then I went right away. That was the season before last, when I put up four pairs, and then I had some luck. I managed to rear five out of 20. The hens would not feed the young at any price, so this last season I put seven hens, three cocks up, and I had 35 youngsters, and I lost two through the hens sweating. I gave her a new nest, and the two young ones, and she brought them up all right. Well, I lost another through mice getting into the cage. I brought 30 grand youngsters up all right. They have had green food every day since they were two days old, and I have given them watercress, shepherd's purse, and plantain whenever I could get it. Many fanciers told me that I should lose the lot through giving them so much green food, right through the moult up to the present, but they are strong and hearty up to the time of writing. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS. THOS. TUCKER.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 6 in the splendid club-room at the Nightingale Hotel, the new head-quarters. The display was about the best the society has ever got together at an annual show, and a finer room, better lighted, more cosy and comfortable it would be difficult to find. Chairman Mr. Day is heart and soul in the success of the society, and Mrs. Day is even more enthusiastic than her husband. A more energetic and practical band of committeemen would be difficult to find. Mr. P. Brooks, hon. sec., has matters at his finger ends, but on this occasion his enjoyment of "the annual" was greatly marred by the dangerous illness of his little son, who, we are glad to say is now well on the way to complete recovery. Quality was at a high level all through, and the competition for specials was spirited and keen. Mr. P. Brooks won cup best, Ramsden's spl. and spl. best Norwich, all with a grand headed, lovely shaped, fine, silky-feathered variegated yellow. Mr. H. L. Huggins won spl. best Yorks; Mr. J. Pettit best Crest or C.-B., and Mr. E. Stephens best Brit. bird. The room was tastefully decorated with pot plants, the staging being skilfully draped; and Mrs. Day very kindly dispensed light refreshments to the committee and stewards during the judging. In fact, "Success" is the one word that has to be written over the proceedings. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Brooks, rare qual; 2, Pettit, fails trifle in type, else a good one. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, Griffin, grand head and body, nice feather; 2, Titchner, rattling bird, just a wee bit slack. VARIEG.: 1, cup, and 3 spls, Brooks, grand type and feather; 2, Griffin, not so good in head or so rich and silky. HENS: 1, 2 spls, Griffin, tkd. yell., rare type, qual. and col.; 2, 3, Brooks, nice pair, full of qual., a clear and variegated; vhc, spl, Marlin; hc, Titchner; c, Griffin. CRESTS & C.-B., all prizes and spls., Pettit, really good team, spl. for best going to a very fine headed C.-B. AMAT. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Pledger, nice feather and shape, just droops tail a trifle. HENS: 1, 2, Pledger, 1st good variegated buff. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Tolfree, nice pos., action and feather. BUFF: 1, Tolfree, smart; 2, Jones, very neat and nice. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Tolfree, two smart birds, each taking a special; 3, spl. Jones, full of nerve, nice feather. HENS: 1, spl, Tolfree, very pretty, grand feather, variegated. CRESTS AND C.-B.: Mr. Jones won 1st in each class with a grizzle Crest and a variegated C.-B., both nice birds. NOV. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, A. E. Brooks, good body, nice head and qual. VARIEG.: 1, Game, full of qual., nice shape and col.; 2, Bates, nearly gr., grand stock bird; 3, Day, variegated buff, rare type, nice head. UNFLIG.: 1, spl. Cobden, very sweet, full of col. and qual., nice body; 2, Game, not quite so nice in qual. or full in head. HENS: 1, Game; 2, Cobden; 3, A. E. Brooks; all three good hens of the right stamp and qual.; vhc, 2 spls, Day; hc, spl, Turley. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Huggins, nervy and good qual.; 2, Day, well after the leader, nice style. BUFF: 1, Day, smart, good pose, rare feather; 2, Huggins, another nice bird, not quite so long behind the leg; 3, A. E. Brooks, needs a little more taper; vhc, Huggins. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Huggins, lengthy, smart birds, full of nerve and tapered nicely. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, spl, hc, spl, Huggins, very good team, did the owner credit; 3, Day, good action, not quite so finely drawn; vhc, spl, Everitt; c, spl, Monteith. HENS: 1, cup, spls, 3, Huggins, a rattling team, winner a really typical Yorkie; 2, Cobden, smart, upstanding, well braced, nice; vhc, Mrs. F. Day. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, spl, vhc, spl, hc, spl, Warner, rare fine team, qual. and type A1. HENS: 1, spl, Cramer; 2, Surridge, both sweet little birds. GOLDF. (12): grand class: 1, 3 spls, 2, spl, vhc, spl, Stephens, grand team, winner a little swell in full rig-out; 3, hc, spl, Waldock, full of merit; c, Griffin. GREENF.: 1, Stephens, bonny Finch, rare col., bold and good; 2, Griffin, another good Greenie, hardly so full fronted; 3, Bates, good, will do better later; vhc, Waldock; hc, Jones; c, Smith. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Stephens, very fine team, all in the best of feather and full of col., Challinch, Bramble, and Chaffinch in order named; hc, Willis; c, Bates. LINNET: 1, Stephens, good markings, steady; 2, Bates, scarcely so lustrous, but very close up; vhc, Cobden; hc, Parish; c, Turley. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Stephens, Redpoll, little swell for col., markings and steadiness; 2, Parish, another bonny little Redpoll; 3, Jones, Siskin, very steady and well mkd.; vhc, Bates; hc, Willis. A.O.S.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, Willis, good team, including a Bunting, Hawfinch, and Sparrow; 2, Parish, another Hawfinch, and a nice one when fit. INSECTV.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Willis, a very nice Hedge Accentor leading, 2nd very tame Robin. MULES, DARK: 1, 2, Smith, Goldie-Can. and Linnet-Can., in good form; 3, Waldock; vhc, Pettit; hc, Mrs. Huggins. LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Smith, leader very pretty 6-pointed Yell. Goldie Can., all in good feather. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Willis, a good collection; hc, Turley.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Final show held Dec. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, with a good entry of 113. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged to the satisfaction of all. Prize winners of season's prizes: Champ.: 1, H. Long, 106 points; 2, W. B. Atkinson, 103; 3, E. Shepherd, 98; 4, J. Chippendale, 53; 5, J. Halliday, 52; 6, P. Mason, 49. Nov.: 1, F. Studd, 63; 2, S. Hall, 52; 3, J. W. Ellis, 39; 4, J. Harvey, 24; 5, H. Fretwell, 19; 6, G. Boocock, 16. Starred birds specials: H. Long, S. Hall.

Class 1: 1, Long; 2, 3, Atkinson; 4, Shepherd. Class 2: 1, Shepherd; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Drake. Class 3: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Mason; 3, 4, Atkinson. Class 4: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2 Mason. Class 5: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Drake; 3, 4, Chippendale; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Halliday; c, Broadley. Class 6: 1, Long; 2, Mason; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, Mason; vhc, Halliday; hc, Shepherd. Class 7: 1, 2, Atkinson, 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, Long; vhc, Mason; hc, c, Chippendale. Class 8: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, vhc, Long; 3, Chippendale; 4, C. Atkinson; hc, Drake. Class 9: 1, Mason; 2, Garnett; 3, Long; 4, Shepherd. Class 10: 1, Mason. Class 11: 1, Mason; 2, Chippendale; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, vhc, Long. Class 12: 1, Mason; 2, Garnett. Class 13: 1, Halliday. Class 14: 1, Halliday. Class 15: 1, Chippendale; 2, hc, Shepherd; 3, Denton; 4 Harney; vhc, Long; c, Drake. Class 16: 1, Denton; 2, 3, Halliday; 4, Broadley; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Long; c, Drake. Class 17: 1, c, Long; 2, vhc, Shepherd; 3, Harney; 4, Broadley; hc, Atkinson. Class 18: 1, 2, Studd; 3, Hall; 4, Spencer. Class 19: 1, S. Hall; 2, Studd; 3, Ellis. Class 20: 1, 4, Studd; 2, Harney; 3, vhc, Spencer. Class 21: 1, 3, Studd; 2, Hall; 4, Harney. Class 22: 1, Bradley. Class 23: 1, 2, Bradley. Class 24: 1, Harney. Class 25: 1, Harney; 2, Spencer; 3, Ellis. Class 26: 1, 2, 3, Ellis.—J. Taylor, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Fourth annual club show, held Red Lion Hotel, Stoke, December 26. There was a nice entry, many of the best birds in the district being staged. Norwich were a nice level lot, special best in section being awarded to a smart unflighted yellow, staged by Mr. N. Leese. Yorks. were excellent in qual., competition being very keen. Sp. for best went to Mr. G. Lawton's unflighted yellow, a very promising youngster. Mr. Pitchford and Mr. Davis had the British classes to themselves, but here local fanciers had an objectlesson of what constitutes a show specimen capable of gaining honours in the keenest competition. The winning Goldie won special best Brit. The medal competition over two shows resulted in a tie between Mr. Lawton and Mr. Leese, 35 points each. The competition for a tea service also resulted in a tie between Mr. Pitchford and Mr. Salt. Other specials were won by Mr. Davis, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Roberts. Mr. F. Bate judged. From the catalogue received the principal winners appear to be: NOR.: Leese, Bagshaw, Roberts, Fox, Bowers, Pitchford, Smith, Parker. YORKS.: Salt, Hawley, Lawton, Walker, Hawley, Ratcliffe. MULES: Davis, Walker, Pitchford. BRIT.: Pitchford, Davis, Lockett.—Ed.)

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Last show of the season, held Dec. 20, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entry was fairly good, 62 birds being shown. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged, and he got through his work in an able manner. Points winners: W. Ackroyd, 21; W. Richmond, 21; W. Forrest, 20; F. Page, 16; H. Raistrick, E. Marsh, and H. Taylor, 14 each; Towler and Hargreaves, 12; W. Winn, 6; and E. Allott, 2. Novice pts.: B. Wood, 6; C. Noble, 3. The final positions for the society's prizes are: W. Richmond, 101; W. Ackroyd, 90; H. Raistrick, 72; F. Page, 66; E. Marsh, 61; Towler and Hargreaves, 51; W. Forrest, 40; H. Taylor, 40; W. Winn, 30; J. Butler, 25; Noble and Son, 15; E. Allott, 9. Novice: H. Noble, 27; C. Noble, 21; B. Wood, 18; Towler and Hargreaves win Mr. Jeffrey's colour special.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Page; 2, Winn; 3, Richmond; 4, Marsh; vhc, c, Towler and Hargreaves; hc, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Raistrick; 3, Taylor; 4, c, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Marsh; hc, Richmond. MKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Page; 3, vhc, Towler and Hargreaves. BUFF (7): 1, Richmond; 2, 3, Marsh; 4, Forrest; vhc, hc, Page; c, Raistrick. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Forrest; 3, Taylor; 4, Raistrick; vhc, Marsh. BUFF. (7): 1, Forest; 2, hc, Ackroyd; 3, vhc, Marsh; 4, Taylor; c, Winn. MKD. HEN (8): 1, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Raistrick; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Allott; c, Winn. NOV., CK.: 1, C. Noble; 2, 3, Woods. HEN: 1, 2, Wood. GIFT (10): 1, Marsh; 2, J. Butler; 3, Forrest; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Winn; hc, Page; c, Richmond.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show, held at the Plummet Line Hotel, Dec. 13; 109 birds were staged. Mr. H. H. Towers, Keighley, judged, and gave every satisfaction (all hens except British). Messrs. Burdekin Bros. and S. Heap tied for club special in champ. classes; J. Corney won Nov. special.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Burdekin Bros.; 2, E. Saville; 3, c, Wilkinson; hc, Townsend. BUFF (11): 1, Townsend; 2, 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, hc, Saville; c, Dunn. GREENS (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Riley; 3, c, Simpson. NOV., CL. ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Speak; 2, vhc, Ogden; 3, c, Speak; hc, Mann. BUFF (16): 1, c, Holroyd; 2, Mann; 3, Sladdin; vhc, Wild; hc, Smith. DARK (4): 1, Speak; 2, Wild; 3, Mann; vhc, Holroyd. GREEN (4): 1, Mann; 2, Sladdin; 3, vhc, Woodhead. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, c, Clegg; 2, Mottram; 3, Saville; hc, Ingham. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, c, Heap; vhc, Mottram; hc, Ingham. NOV. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Lord; 2, 3, vhc, Corney; hc, Thornton; c, Craven. BUFF (6): 1, Thornton; 2, Lord; 3, vhc, Corney; hc, Wild; c, Craven. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, vhc, c, Mottram; 2, Ingham; 3, hc, Macpherson. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, 3, Macpherson; 2, vhc, Mottram.—H. Clegg, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Annual show, held Dec. 26, Grapes Inn. Entries turned up very well, and some good birds were on view. Mr. J. Wood won premier special for most points through the year with 148; 2, T. H. V. Hayter, 146; 3, G. Reynolds, 95 points; runners-up, R. Holmes 85, G. Hill 70, J. Bowers 66, J. Goode 59, J. Bostock 43; L. Radford 40, W. Ecob 34; J. Dickinson 37, J. Bunn 31, J. Williamson 31, W. Langham 28, W. Beers 22, G. White 24; D. Marshall 10; Housley 5. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Hill. LIGHT MKD.: 1, 2, Hill. HEAVY: 1, 2, Hill. VARIEG.: 1, Hill. YELL. D.C.: 1, 2, Reynolds. BUFF: 1, 2, Goode; 3, Reynolds; 4, Radford; 5, Wood. HEN: 1, Reynolds; 2, 3, Bowers; 4, Radford. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, Holmes; 2, Wood. BUFF: 1, Bowers; 2, Reynolds. HEN: 1, 4, Wood; 2, Reynolds; 3, Goode; 5, W. Williamson. UNFLIG. C.B.: 1, Williamson; 2, Bostock; 3, Bowers; 4, Holmes; 5, Radford. CREST: 1, Goode; 2, Radford. PAIRS, CREST: 1, Holmes; 2, Goode; 3, 4, Wood; 5, Bostock. MCLE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Hayter; 4, Bunn. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Bunn; 2, Goode; 3, Hayter; 4, Hill; 5, Wood. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Wood. GREENF. OR CHAFF., ETC.: 1, 2, Hayter; 3, Hill; 4, Beers; 5, Wood. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Hayter; 2, Marshall; 5, Beers; 6, Wood. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Hayter. SOFTBILL: 1, Beers. NOV., NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Langham; 4, 5, Dickinson. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, Bostock; 2, Williamson.—J. Bunn, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Show held headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, Dec. 27. Judge: Mr. W. Mundell, Manningham. There were 83 entries, and the awards were to the satisfaction of everybody.

CHAMP. SECTION. Class 1: 1, Crabtree; 2, vhc, Cooper; 3, Whitley; 4, Clegg. Class 2: 1, 3, Clegg; 2, vhc, Cooper; 4, Whitley; hc, Crabtree. Class 3: 1, vhc, Cooper; 2, 4, vhc, Clegg; 3, Whitwam. Class 4: 1, Whitby; 2, 3, Clegg; 4, vhc, Whitwam; hc, Cooper. Class 5: 1, Cooper. Class 6: 1, Whitley; 2, 3, Whitwam. Class 8: 1, Whitwam. NOVICE.—Class 17: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Craven; 3, 4, Butterfield; vhc, G. A. Bennett; hc, c, McEwen. Class 18: 1, G. A. Bennett; 2, 4, Sutcliffe Bros.; 3, Neeson; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Ratcliffe; c, F. Hill. Class 19: 1, 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Sutcliffe Bros.; 1, vhc, Neeson; hc, Butterfield. Class 20: 1, Bullerfield; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, vhc, Craven; 4, G. A. Bennett; hc, H. Shaw; c, Neeson. Class 21: 1, c, T. Smith; 2, vhc, G. A. Bennett; 3, 4, Butterfield; hc, H. Shaw. Class 22: 1, McEwen; 2, 4, hc, G. A. Bennett; 3, c, Butterfield; vhc, Neeson. Class 25: 1, Ratcliffe Bros. Class 26: 1, H. Shaw; 2, Neeson; 3, Sutcliffe Bros. Sp. best yell., Ratcliffe; buff, McEwen.—A. Cooper, Sec.

BRECON.

Seventh annual show of the Welsh C.B.C. held Dec. 17, Parish Hall a well lighted and commodious room, quite free from draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged, and made a good display, quality being excellent, particularly in Norwich. Local classes contained some smart exhibits. There was a good list of specials, and competition for these was very keen. That for most points resulted in a tie between Mr. D. Jenkins and Mr. Muscott, and had to go to the best team, when Mr. Jenkins won with a good lot of Borders, and the winning unflig. yell. Nor. Mr. G. T. Jones held the secretarial reins and did well, and with Mr. D. H. Tedstone as show manager, everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Tedstone, grand qual., feather, nice shape, good back, head, and neck, nice flights and tail, 2 hot col., nice back, flights, and tail, not quite the subs.; 3, vhc, G. T. Jones, well up in qual., nice back, flights, and tail, not quite so cobby; hc, Muscott. BUFF (3): 1, 3, G. T. Jones, 1 grand cobby shape, nice col. and qual., short flights and tail, well packed, round head, well filled back; 2, Lewis, smooth as glass, good back and chest, nice flights and tail, loses in head and neck. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, sp., 2, Tedstone, buff, mkd. head, wings and eyes, not a feather out of place, good shape, wings, and tail, well packed, nice qual., level col., 2 variegated buff, grand shape, good head and neck, level back, nice col., good flights and tail, not quite so tight in feather, still close up; 3, c, G. T. Jones; vhc, Muscott; hc, Collier. HEN YELL. (9): 1, Collier, grizzle capped, clinking shape, nice feather, short flights and tail, smooth round chest, level col., but not hot; 2, vhc, Tedstone, eye tkd., nice shape, good back, flights, and tail, good qual.; 3, Muscott, wing tkd., nice shape, good head and back, nice wings and tail, not quite so cobby; hc, c, Jones. BUFF (7): 1, sp., 3, Tedstone, cl., good size and shape, rare head and neck, round chest, wide back, nice feather and quality, 3 wing tkd., capital shape, nice wings, back, and tail, good feather, not quite the subs.; 2, Muscott, good shaped body, nice feather, back, and flights, just loses in head and neck; vhc, hc, G. T. Jones; c, Collier. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Jenkins, cl., good shape, nice size, good head, neck, and back, level and solid col., neat wings and tail; 2, G. T. Jones, cl., rich col., nice shape, good back, wings, and tail, just beaten in head; 3, Collier, grand shape variegated, nice chest, wings, and tail; vhc, Lewis; hc, c, Tedstone. BUFF (7): 1, sp., Lewis, mkd. eyes and wings, grand shape, smooth as glass, lovely qual., nice col., wings and tail, short and well packed, shade flat on head; 2, Collier, grizzled head, clinking shape, full round chest, good head and neck, short flights and tail, not quite the feather or polish; 3, c, G. T. Jones, rare fronted variegated, and grand head and neck, good back, wings, and tail; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Powell. NOV. (4): 1, sp., 3, A. E. Brown, nice shaped cl. yell., lovely col. and feather, neat head, wings, and tail, wins well, 3 cl. buff, nice feather and col.; 2, vhc, Powell, grizzle tailed buff, good shape, nicely mealed, neat wings. NON-FED (4): 1, Brown, good shaped buff Nor., deep chest, full neck and head, nice qual., good wings and tail; 2, Tedstone, buff Nor., grand feather, nice shape, neat head, wings, and tail, not quite the subs.; 3, Bevan, yell. Yorks., nice feather, neat head, stands well; vhc, Jones. CREST OR C.B. (1): 1, Muscott, gr., nice frontal, good droop, well radiated. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Cook, good length and pos., long flights and tail, grand col. and qual.; 2, Mock, nice feather, good pos., nice flights and tail, not quite the length of side; 3, Bevan. BUFF (2): 1, Mock, slim built, good pos., capital feather. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Bevan, buff, mkd. cheek and wings, grandly feathered, nice wings and pipe tail, stands well; 2, Mock, variegated, slim built, stands well. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Mock, capital length, nice pos. and feather, good length of side; 2, Watkins, nice feather, flights and tail, good stand, not the length; vhc, Bevan, Cook. BUFF (6): 1, sp., Mock, cap. mkd., gem for feather, pos., and finish, flights well packed, neatly folded tail, wins; 2, 3, Bevan, slim built, stands well, good length, not quite so clean in front, 3 nice length and pos.; vhc, Cook. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 3, wing tkd., slim built, good stand, well on leg, 3 cl., beaten in feather; 2, Cook, cinn. mkd., nice feather and col., neat tail, well packed flights. BUFF (5): 1, sp., Cook, lovely feather and col., slim built, stands like a soldier, well braced wings, pipe tail; 2, Mock, nice feather and pos., neat tail, good feather, not the length; 3, Watkins, good length, not so smooth under. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Watkins, nice lengthy mkd. buff. SCOTS FANCY (2): 1, 2, Jones, two nice exhibits. BORD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Jenkins, winner a gem, lovely shape, col. and feather, neat wings and tail, grand carr., 2 lovely feather, nice shape, neat head, wings, and tail; 3, Tedstone, capital feather and col., just beaten in head and neck. BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, Jenkins, head and wing cinn. mkd., feathered to perfection, lovely shape, neat head, wings, and tail, grand carr., in the pink, 2 cl., nice round head, grandly feathered, neat tail and wings; 3, Tedstone, good shape, nice wings and tail, just beaten in feather. A.O.V. (1): 1, Jenkins, yell. gr. Bord., sweet shape, grand col. and feather. PAIRS (6): 1, sp., 2, Jones, grand shaped Nor., two good pairs; 3, vhc, Collier, Nor.; hc, Brown. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Muscott, Siskin-Greenf., lovely feather, nice col., shape and bars; 2, J. H. Jones, Goldf.-Bullf., good col. and feather. GOLDF.: 1, sp., J. H. Jones, grand chest tanning, nice bars and buttons, and good blaze. BULLF. (2): 1, Muscott, wonderful cap, rich coloured breast, nice bars; 2, Lloyd James, hen, good shape, sound col., nice size, good cap and bars. LINNET, ETC. (1): 1, Lloyd James, grand Lesser Redpoll, well laced sides, good bib and col. A.O. HARDBILL (1): 1, Lloyd James, clinking Yellow Bunting, perfect V and cheek markings, nice shape and feather. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Muscott, grand plumaged Red-naped Lorikeet, lovely col., 2 Red-headed Gouldian, grand feather, nice col., well defined markings. LOCAL CAN. (11): 1, Owen, buff Nor., head tkd., good size and shape, nice back, head, and neck, good col. and qual.; 2, Williams, mkd. yell. Nor., nat. col., good size and shape, nice feather; 3, Ford, cl. buff Nor., nice col. and feather, loses in size; vhc, Hordson, Rowe; hc, Morris; c, Whitcombe, Thomas. GOLDF. (10): 1, 3, J. R. Davies, winner, nice coloured and well cut blaze, fine chest tanning, good bars, 3 nice shape and feather, beaten in body col.; 2, vhc, Williams, well tanned chest, nice bars and buttons, good feather, beaten in blaze; vhc, Owen; hc, Lewis; c, J. Davies.

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KENDAL C.B.S.

Sixth annual show, held Dec. 26, Town Hall, when there was a good attendance. The show was a capital one, considering the poor breeding season locally, for although entries were less than last year, there were some excellent birds exhibited. The president (Dr. Noble) is an ardent lover of birds, and he showed his interest by being present during the morning. The arrangements were carried out by a strong committee, consisting of Messrs. Thompson (chair. and treas.), Crossley, Dent, Dickinson, Mitchell, Parker, Pearce, Sumpter, Vart, Tedcastle, and Mr. W. Heywood, 4, Castle Garth, hon. sec. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, judged. Spl. best bird went to Dr. Allen, who also got medal hottest fed. Points prizes: 1, Dickinson; 2, Heywood.

NOR., CK.: 1, Heywood; 2, sp., r., vhc, Dickinson; 3, hc, Hawthornthwaite; c, Dr. Allen. HEN: 1, sp., Haythornthwaite; 2, c, Dr. Allen; 3, Crossley; r, hc, Dickinson; vhc, Hoyle. UNFLIG. BUFF CK.: 1, Dr. Allen; 2, sp, vhc, Heywood; 3, Dent; r, Hawthornthwaite; hc, c, Hoyle. HEN: 1, 2, 3, sp, Heywood; r, Dickinson; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Dr. Allen; c, Higginson. NON-FED CK.: 1, sp., Dixon; 2, Heywood; 3, c, Dickinson; r, hc, Mitchell; vhc, Sumpter. HEN: 1, sp, c, Sumpter; 2, Harrison; 3, Vart; r, Allen; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Dixon. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Cafferty; 2, Pye; 3, sp, r, hc, Harrison; c, Dr. Allen. HEN: 1, Cafferty; 2, Gibson; 3, c, Dr. Allen; sp, r, vhc, hc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, sp, Cafferty; 3, r, hc, Harrison; vhc, Dr. Allen; c, Higginson. HEN: 1, Cafferty; 2, 3, sp, r, Harrison; vhc, Dr. Allen. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, r, Pearce; 2, J. T. Allen; 3, vhc, c, Dixon. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, sp, Pearce; r, Crossley; vhc, Allen; hc, Dixon. YELL. HEN: 1, Dixon; 2, sp, r, Dickinson; 3, Heywood; vhc, Dixon; hc, Bell; c, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Heywood; 2, 3, sp, hc, c, Pearce; r, Higginson; vhc, Allen. NOV., CK.: 1, 2, sp, Armstrong. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Armstrong. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Hawthornthwaite; 2, 3, sp, r, c, Vart; vhc, Dickinson. GOLDF.: 1, vhc, Higginson; 2, sp, hc, Heywood; 3, Alexander; c, Hoyle. BULLF.: 1, sp, Alexander; 2, Heywood; 3, Bostock; r, Wells; vhc, hc, c, Gibson. LINNET: 1, Whalley; 2, sp, vhc, Alexander; 3, r, Wells; hc, Bostock; c, Dent. A.O. BRIT.: 1, sp, r, Alexander; 2, Bostock; 3, hc, Whalley; vhc, Dickinson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, sp, r, Alexander. DARK: 1, 3, sp, Whalley; 2, Alexander; r, Allen. FOR.: 1, sp, Dent. GIFT: 1, sp, r, Dickinson; 2, sp, Heywood; 3, Hoyle; vhc, Higginson; hc, Cafferty; c, Vart.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

List of members' points gained during 1913, with names of cup and other special winners: G. H. Pratt, total 193; S.B.F.C., 113; Newley's cup, 178. D. Jenkins, total 128; S.B.F.C., 87. A. J. Pratt, total 88; S.B.F.C., 64; Newley cup, 88. Madagan, total 97; S.B.F.C., 80; Newley cup, 72. Burton Bros., total 55; S.B.F.C., 45; Newley cup, 55. Roberts, total 17; S.B.F.C., 17; Newley, 7. Mrs. Salter, total 7; S.B.F.C., 7; Newley cup, 7. Dr. Lawrie, total 16; S.B.F.C., 16; Newley cup, 11. L. Short, total 5; S.B.F.C., 5; Newley cup, 5. W. W. Lathbury, total 4; S.B.F.C., 4; Newley cup, 4. A. W. Bacon, total 6; S.B.F.C., 6; Newley cup, 6. Hands, junr., total 5; S.B.F.C., 5. A. Silver, total 3; S.B.F.C., 3; Newley cup, 3. Mrs. Thynne, total 4; S.B.F.C., 4; Newley cup, 4. G. Gwilliams, total 2. W. Plank, 1. Bobbert and Wall, 2. S. F. Wiseman, total 14; S.B.F.C., 14. J. McGuffie, total 13; S.B.F.C., 6. Novice Section.—R. W. Claydon, total, 34; S.B.F.C., 34; Newley cup, 34. W. J. Saunders, 47; S.B.F.C., 47. H. Jones, 19; S.B.F.C., 19. G. Harrison, 3; 3; S.B.F.C., 3. W. G. Martin, 2; S.B.F.C. cup, 2; Newley cup, 2. H. W. Hobden, 7; S.B.F.C. cup, 7; Newley cup, 7. Onslow, 2. B. Green, 24; S.B.F.C. cup, 24; Newley cup, 24. F. A. Marriott, 41; S.B.F.C. cup,. 39. G. Martin, 19; S.B.F.C. cup, 19; Newley cup, 19. E. Pegg, 17; cup, 17. F. W. Pottin, 4; cup, 4. J. W. Philpot, 36; cup, 36; Newley cup, 36. J. Williams, 6; cup, 6. H. W. Warner, 5. G. H. Pratt wins marble clock, S.B.F.C. cup, and Newley cup; W. J. Saunders wins novice cruet. Other specials:—Clapham silver spoon, best in show, G. H. Pratt; diploma, runner-up, W. J. Saunders; best vhc, A. J. Pratt; diploma best nov., A. W. Claydon; Plymouth silver spoon and diploma, runner-up, G. H. Pratt; best vhc, Burton Bros.; nov. diploma, G. Martin; Portsmouth silver spoon, Messrs. Burton Bros.; diploma, runner-up, G. H. Pratt; best vhc, A. J. Pratt; nov. diploma, F. A. Marriot; Wimbledou silver spoon, Madagan; diploma, runner-up, D. Jenkins; best vhc, R. Roberts; nov. diploma, Claydon; Cheltenham silver spoon, Madagan; diploma, runner-up, S. J. Wiseman; best vhc, J. Madagan; diploma, best nov. and Leyton silver spoon, W. J. Saunders; diploma, runner-up, G. H. Pratt; best vhc, H. W. Warner; diploma, best novice, Marriot; L.C.B.A. silver spoon, E. R. Roberts, diploma, runner-up, and best vhc, D. Jenkins; best nov., J. H. Philpot. If there is any mistake in the above list, please send to me at once. All cups and other specials will be presented at Palace show. Winners of specials who are unable to attend, will have same sent on after the meeting.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Last competition for 1913, specials, cups, etc., held Dec. 26 at headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Entry of 121 was staged. Mr. F. Allen judged Yorks., and Mr. W. A. Cowgill Nor.

OPEN YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (GREEN OR CINN.- (3): 1, Naylor; 2, 3, Ludbrook. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Horsfield; 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, hc, Naylor; c, Ludbrook. A.O.V. YELL. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Ludbrook; 2, Helliwell; 4, Horsfield. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, Birbeck; vhc, Naylor. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Helliwell; 3, Birbeck; hc, Ludbrook. NOV. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, G. Hunter; 2, 4, c, E. Riley; 3, vhc, H. McEwen; hc, S. Bower. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, E. Riley; 2, T. Smith; vhc, Bolton and Lunn; hc, S. Bower. A.O.V. YELL. (4): 1, Bolton and Lunn; 2, T. Smith; 3, G. Hunter; 4, M. McEwen. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 4, T. Smith; 2, vhc, c, E. Riley; 3, S. Bower; hc, G. Hunter. BUFF (10): 1, 4, E. Riley; 2, H. McEwen; 3, vhc, T. Smith; hc, c, S. Bower. OPEN NOR. CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, vhc, Plowright; 2, 4, Roe; 3, Fortman; hc, Horsfield. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, 4, Fortman; 2, c, Plowright; vhc, hc, Roe. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 4, Roe; 2, hc, Plowright; 3, Horsfield; vhc, c, Fortman. CL. OR TKD. HEN (9): 1, 3, Horsfield; 2, c, Roe; 4, Clark; vhc, hc, Fortman. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 4, hc, Fortman; 3, c, Plowright; vhc, Clark. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 4, Roe; 2, 3, Wilcock; vhc, Plowright. NOV. NOR. CL. OR TKD. CK.: Void. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Lythell; 2, Hunter. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Lythell; 2, Hunter. CL. OR TKD. HEN (1): 1, Hunter. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Hunter; 2, Lythell. A.O.V. (not previously mentioned) (2): 1, 2, Clark. Mr. T. Smith wins cup most points Yorks., and Mr. T. Fortman Nor.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

DONCASTER.

Fourth annual show, Jan. 10, in the Co-operative Hall, an excellent place for the purpose, well lighted from both sides, but the weather was of the worst, being wet and dull, so that the light was none too good for the judging. Entries were good all through, British having the biggest classes. An unfortunate incident was the arrival of Mr. R. Gentleman's birds just as the judge had finished his last class; hard lines for this plucky exhibitor. Mr. G. Hunt, Sec., with the able assistance of Mr. G. Bescoby, had everything in perfect order, and the judging commenced in good time. The stewards kept the judges well supplied, so that judging was finished and award slips on cages in good time. The attendance was only moderate, no doubt owing to the unfavourable weather conditions. Mr. H. W. Battye judged Canaries; Mr. J. Maddison, remainder.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Dykes, neat shape, rich col., fine qual. feather; 2, Craig, grand pos., good legs, tight feather and cond.; 3, Radley, clean shape, fine qual., good wing and tail; 4, vhc, Snead; hc, Towers; c, Thomas. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Dyson, grand length and shape, capital wings and feather; 3, Ogden Bros., neat head and shoulder, finely drawn, capital feather and cond.; 4, Morrison; vhc, Fowle; he, Thomas; c, Cousins. HEN (8): 1, Ogden Bros., nice pos., finely drawn, grand qual.; 2, Radley, capital length and shape, level col. and feather; 3, Smith Bros, nice type, neat wing and tail; 4, Thomas; vhc, Snead; hc, Dyson; c, Fieldhouse. UNFLI. YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, good length and shape, rich col.; 2, Dyson, grand type and feather; 3, Fowle, nice pos., good legs and qual. of feather; 4, Craig; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Hall; c, Fieldhouse. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Ogden Bros., fine length and shape, rare qual. and feather; 3, Smith Bros., good shape and feather; 4, Dykes; vhc, Thomas; hc, Richards; c, Radley. MKD. or HEAVY VARIEG. YELL. (10): 1, 2, 4, Morrison, upstanding pos., finely drawn, rich col.; 3, Binns, good shape and col., tight feather; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Myers and Lamb; c, Mason. BUFF (8): 1, Hall, capital length and shape, level feather; 2, 3, hc, Morrison, well set up, nicely tapered, good qual.; 4, vhc, Dykes; c, Snead. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, Fowle, very neat shape, grand qual. of feather; 2, Myers and Lamb, nice length, finely drawn, rich col.; 3, Dykes, good shape and qual., tight feather; 4, Snead. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., grand shape and qual., very compact feather; 2, vhc, Morrison, good length and pos., well set up on leg; 3, Mason, excellent qual. and feather, neat shape; he, Knowles. CINN., TKD. or VARIEG. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Morrison, nice length, fine shape, excellent qual. of feather; 2, Towers, rare type, col. and qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., nice pos., finely drawn, rich col. and feather; 4, Thomas; vhc, Binns; c, Mason. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, Morrison, grand type and qual., very compact feather; 3, Mason, fine length, well tapered, good legs; 4, Hirst; hc, Atkinson and Firth; c, Hall. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Morrison, long and slim, good legs, fine compact feather; 2, Atkinson and Firth, fine pos. and shape, neat feather; 3, hc, c, Towers, rare qual. of feather, nice length and shape; 4, Ogden Bros.; vhc, Myers and Lamb. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Casey, good length and shape, very compact feather; 2, vhc, Morrison, well tapered body, tight plumage; 3, Ogden Bros. extra qual., finely drawn, good feather; 4, Myers and Lamb; c, Towers. NOV., £5 5s. LIMIT (11): 1, Naylor, fine length and style, capital qual. and feather; 2, Fisher and Dyson, upstanding, nice shape, col. and qual.; 3, Beckwith, fine pos. and shape, good feather; 4, Scaife; vhc, Gill; hc, Wood; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (17): 1, Knowles, plenty length, well tapered, neat wings and feather; 2, Wood, good type and qual., neat wings and feather; 3, Harrison, smart and stylish; 4, Spencer and Maiden; vhc, Marshall Bros.; hc, Beckwith; c, Naylor. HEN (16): 1, Wood, buff, erect pos., neat wings and tail, grand shape; 2, Wilkinson, yell., long and slim, neat wings and tail; 3, Gill, buff, fine shape and qual., good feather; 4, Naylor; hc, King; c, Potts. UNFLI. (11): 1, Fisher and Dyson, yell., grand length, shape and col.; 2, Wilkinson, good shape and style, paler col.; 3, Spencer and Maiden, yell., long and shapely, tight feather; 4, Potts; vhc, Tow; hc, Shaw; c, Naylor. NOR., YELL. (7): 1, Waters, hot col., grand qual., full head, neck and front; 2, Vardy, good size, very cobby shape, rich level col.; 3, Wilson, rare subs., hot col., bit longer behind; 4, hc, Thomas; vhc, Harland; c, Hunt. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Thomas, big and thick-set, grand head, full neck and chest; 2, Ball, plenty size, beaten head and col.; 4, Turner; vhc, Vardy; hc, Crashaw; c, Harland. HEN (11): 1, Thomas, cl. yell., rare type and qual., rich level col.; 2, Vardy, very cobby shape, capital wings and feather; 3, Turner, yell. var., very hot col., fine type and qual.; 4, Crawshaw; vhc, all; hc, Harland; c, Hunt. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Turner, cobby shape, grand head and neck, rich level col.; 2, Vardy, hot col., very tight feather, a bit less substance; 3, Parlett, varieg., capital head, neck and front, more length; 4, hc, Thomas; c, Barnes. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Thomas, rare size and subs., grand shape and feather; 2, Vardy, good, only a little less size; 3, Parlett, cobby shape, grand qual., paler col.; 4, Barnes; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hunt; c, Crawshaw. NOV., YELL., £5 5s. LIMIT (13): 1, Johnson, fine type and qual., hot col., good wings; 2, Dean, very cobby shape, grand feather; 3, Shepherd, grand head and full neck and chest, hot col.; 4, Morrison; hc Gregory; c, Smedley. BUFF (12): 1, Gregory, plenty size and subs., capital wings and feather; 2, 4, Morrison, varieg., full head, neck and front, tight feather; 3, vhc, Shepherd, big size, grand qual. and feather, rather lengthy; hc, Smedley; c, Brown. HEN (16): 1, c, Robinson, yell., neat shape, extra qual., very tight feather; 2, 3, Shepherd, buff, fine type and col.; 4, Dean; vhc, Cuss; hc, Harrison and Simpson. UNFLIG. (18): 1, 2, Shepherd, buff, grand cobby shape, short level wings, good feather, 2nd yell., fine type and qual., rich col.; 3, Smith, varieg. buff, rare type and qual. of feather, not over big; 4, Howarth; vhc, Hunt; hc, Morrison; c, Heald. CREST (7): 1, Mrs. Thompson, big round crest, neat centre, nice veiny feather; 2, 4, Radley, rare big crest not the shape of winner; 3, Memmott, crest of fairly good size, oval shape; vhc, Dodd; hc, Barker; c, Jeffries. C.B. (5): 1, Memmoth, massive cl., grand width of head, heavy feather, well lashed; 2, Radley and Son, lightly mkd., plenty size and feather, not so good head; 3, Mrs. Thompson, varieg., good hand and neck, less substance; 4, Barker; vhc, Twine. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 3, Radley and Son, big dense dark crest, good droop, neat centre, 3rd heavily varieg., very neat crest, but less size; 2, Dodd, grey crest, bigger than winner, bad centre; 4, Jeffries; vhc, Baxby; hc, Barker. C.B. (6): 1, 4, Radley and Son, rare big size, abundance of feather, full head and neck; 2, Holmes, very heavy feathered, narrower head; 3, Jeffries, good full head and neck; vhc, Barker; hc, Baxby. LIGHT MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet, head and wing mkd. Goldfinch, and neck mkd. Greenfinch; 4, Parlett, head and wing mkd Linnet; hc, Frankland; c, Humphries. DARK (8): 1, 2, Parlett, big yell. Greenfinch and a yellow Goldfinch, both in good order; 3, 4, vhc, Dr. Wilson, big, good coloured yell. Linnet; hc, c, Martin and Archer. HYB. and CAN. BULLIE (9): 1, vhc, c, Dr. Wilson, very hot coloured Can.-Bullfinch, in grand order; 2, Martin and Archer, well-known Greenfinch-Chaffinch; 3, Parlett, big varieg. Bulne Hybrid; 4, Inman, good Goldf.-Bullf., wants polish. GOLDF. (16): 1, Pitchford, fine size and shape, bold head, wide blaze of rich colour, good tanning and wings; 2, Blancheon, less size and subs., but very bright in all colours, grand qual. of feather; 3, Dr. Wilson, big rich coloured blaze, good wings and tanning, rather slack condition; 4, Almond, very rich blaze and tans, thin in body and slack at thighs; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Brooks; c, Inman. BULLF. (16): 1, Dr. Wilson, nice size, cobby shape, wide glossy cap, good wing bars and breast col., compact feather; 2, Parlett, just about equally as good, a little less sub.; 3, Fletcher, fine size and cobby shape, just beaten in col. and pol.; 4, Nicholson and Son, similar to 3rd, slacker feather; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Wood; c, Brooks. LINNET (17): 1, 4, Parlett, big and upstanding, rare cobby shape, level col., finely marked, shows himself well, 4th nice stamp of bird, wants a bit more subs.; 2, Oldham, fine bold fronted bird, rich level col., well marked, capital feather and condition, a trifle low on leg; 3, Smurthwaite, stands well, good shape, colour and markings; vhc, Francis; hc, Pitchford; c, Harland. GREENF. (20): 1, Carter, big and thickset, full head, neck and chest, rich col., good wings; 2, Cuss, equally as good, except a bit less subs.; 3, Nicholson and Son, non-fed buff, fine size and shape, good wings, feather and cond.; 4, Metcalfe, very hot colour, clean shape and feather, a bit less size; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Perlett; c, Francis. SISKIN (22): 1, 2, Nicholson and Son, big cobby shaped Siskin, good cap, bib and flank markings, 2nd Twite, fine size and shape, good wings and markings, excellent cond.; 3, McGuire, Lesser Redpoll, cobby shape, good cap, wings, col. and cond.; 4, Francis, very fine Siskin; vhc, Inman; hc, Robinson; c, Anderson. A.O. HARDBILL (13): 1, J. Walsh, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, capital head and cheek marks, best of feather and cond, very steady; 2, Milne, grand conditioned Hawfinch, clear cut bib and wing bars, in perfect feather; 3, Dr. Wilson, very pretty Meadow Bunting, steady and well put down; 4, Parlett, big Bramblefinch, grand col. and spangling; vhc, Falkling; hc, Francis; c, Middleton. A.V. F.M. (11): 1, Parlett, really good Linnet, size, shape, col. markings and steadiness combined; 2, Bescoby, Redstart, fine bold shape, bright in colours, good feather, fairly steady; 3, Davison, Hawfinch, very rich col., clean cut bib and wing bars, capital feather and cond.; 4, Nicholson and Son, Yell. Greenf.; vhc, Foster; hc, Jones; c Francis, SOFTBILL (11): 1, Fletcher, Chough, big size, very tight glossy feather, rich coral beak and legs; 2, Saywell, Waxwing, tip-top condition, excellent wings and tail; 3, Milne, good steady Nightingale, nice tone of colour, perfect feather and cond.; 4, Bent, Blackcap, very clean and tight in feather, steady, well put down; vhc, Scott, good Chough, beaten in size and col. of beak and legs; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Jackson. HEN, BRIT. (16): 1, Francis, Corn Bunting, very steady, in perfect condition, well spangled breast; 2, McPherson, Bullfinch, cobby shape, good cap and wing bars, excellent qual. and cond.; 3, Falliding, a lovely Bearded Tit, in capital cond., well shown; 4, Dr. Wilson, very fine Bullfinch; vhc, Scott; hc, Parlett; c, Pitchford. SEEDEATER: 1, 2, 3, and cash sp.b est champ. C.B. coupon bird, Almond, Rainbow Bunting, a real picture, 2nd Ruficauda Finch, 3rd a pair of Cubans, all in tip-top condition; 4, Lady Kathleen Pilkington, very handsome Silky Cowbird; vhc, Truman; hc, Ball. FOR. SOFTBILL: 1, hc, Nicholson and Son, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, in full bloom; 2, 3, vhc, c, Lady Kathleen Pilkington, Blue Tanager and Goldenfronted Fruitsucker, both in marvellous condition; 4, Saywell, very pretty Necklace Tanager. MEMB., YORKS., YELL.: 1, Truman; 2, Hunt; 3, Knowles; 4, Lumley; vhc, Tomkinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Knowles; 3, 4, vhc, Truman; hc, Temperton; c, Tomkinson. YELL., HEN: 1, Truman; 2, 3, Hunt; 4, vhc, Blancheon. BUFF: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Blancheon; 4, c, Truman; hc, Lumby. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Blancheon; 4, vhc, hc, Truman. BUFF: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, vhc, Blancheon; 4, Truman; hc, Tomkinson. NOR., YELL.: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Truman; 4, Wragg; vhc, Flint. BUFF: 1, Simpson; 2, 3, Truman; 4, Leam; vhc, Smith; hc, Smedley; c, Wragg. YELL., HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Truman; 3, 4, Flint. BUFF: 1, Flint; 2, Smith; 3, Mottram; 4, Truman. UNFLIG. YELL: 1, Smith; 2, Flint; 3, vhc, Simpson; 4, Smedley; hc, Truman. BUFF: 1, Flint; 2, Smith; 3, Wragg; 4, Truman; vhc, hc, Simpson. A.O.V.: 1, Baxby; 2, Leam. A.O.V. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Baxby. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, 2, 4, cup best Memb. Brit., Blancheon, Goldf., 2nd in open class; 3, Truman; vhc, Knowles. GREENF., ETC.: 1, hc, Carter; 2, Blancheon; 3, Simpson; 4, Temperton; vhc, Ball. LINNET: 1, Pogmore, SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Pogmore. SOFTBILL: 1, cup best non-fed Brit., Truman; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Bescoby. MULE: 1, 3, Blancheon; 2, Simpson; 4, c, Truman; vhc, hc, Spittlehouse. BRIT., F.M.: 1, 4, Bescoby; 2, Truman; 3, Blancheon; vhc, Spittlehouse; hc, c, Wade.

LARKHALL C.B.S.

First show of F.M Britishers held Jan. 10, Siskin and Redpoll. SISKIN: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Perrie; 4, 5, 6, Boag. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 4, Perrie; 2, Cummings; 3, Clark; 5, Melvin; 6, Smith. Next show Jan. 24 in Y.M.C.A. halls. F.M. Greenfinch and F.M. Linnet. Special for most points.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Penclawdd (S. Wales).—Ship and Castle Hotel, Jan. 31. Judge, W. H. Silvester. 4 classes: Can. 1, Brit. 2, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 3/-, 1/6; fee, 1/3. Ent. close Jan. 24, to J. Rosser, Myrtle Hill, Penclawdd, near Swansea.

Larkhall (Scot.).—Public Hall, Jan. 24. Judge, A. Chalmers. 16 classes: Brit. 9, Bord. 2, Comm. 1, For. 1, Mule 1, Hen 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 20, to J. McEwan, 59, McNeill Street.

Chalfont (Bucks).—Town Hall, Gerrard's Cross, Jan. 22. Judge, C. Watson. 5 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 3/-. Ent. close Jan. 13, to J. B. Gadsden, King's Road, Poultry Farm.

Brandon Colliery C.B.S.—Miner's Hall, Feb. 14. Judge, W. Reid. 22 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee, 1/-. Ent. close Feb. 9, to Geo. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery.

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Interesting Forecast of the CRYSTAL PALACE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SHOW.

Schedules of the Great Annual at the Crystal Palace (The London and Provincial O.S. Show) have been issued, and we give, below, a review of the classification. The number of classes has again been slightly reduced; 143, against the 145 of last year, and the 161 of 1912, although the class for cages, appliances, etc., has been re-introduced. White Canaries again have a class, and a class has been added for Dutch Frills, this being guaranteed by Mr. A. F. Fifield. The innovations have been introduced among the show rules respecting the British classes. Hens may compete on their merits in any of the classes, whether they be eligible for the hen class or not, and in the Nightingale or Blackcap and the Wagtail class, as also in two of the classes for various small species, birds may be shown singly or in pairs, the provision made being that pairs "will not necessarily receive preferential consideration by the judge." This should add considerably to the interest of these already interesting classes, and will remove the embarrassment with which the judge was faced last year, when he found he had to deal with several pair exhibits of Tits and other small birds.

The show is fixed for Feb. 6, 7, 9 and 10, inclusive. The front page of the schedule gives the dates as "6th, 7th, 8th and 9th inclusive," but the show will, of course, remain open until the Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10th, as usual. The inclusion of the 8th (Sunday), and the omission of the 10th, are obviously due to those slips known as "printers' errors," for the dates are made quite clear in the rules.

The 143 classes are divided among 17 judges, one more than last year, as follows:

OPEN CHAMPION SECTION.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 8 classes. Judge, H. W. Battye.

NORWICH NOVICE, 4 classes. Judge, J. Hodder.

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS, 10 classes (2 Nov.). Judge, T. Heath.

GREENS, 12 classes, 4 Nor., judge, H. W. Battye; 4 Yorks., judge, T. Heath; 4 Bord., judge, J. F. Dewar.

YORKSHIRES, 12 classes (2 Green-marked, 2 Cinn.-mkd.). Judge, W. Mundell.

YORKS. NOVICE, 7 classes. Judge, R. L. Crisp.

BORDERS, open 7, judge, J. F. Dewar; Novice 2, judge, H. Norman.

SCOTCH FANCY, 2 classes. Judge, C. A. House.

BELGIANS, 3 classes. Judge, C. A. House.

LANCASHIRES, 2 classes. Judge, C. A. House.

LIZARDS, 2 classes. Judge, C. A. House.

CINNAMONS, 5 classes (1 Nov.). Judge, J. Wones

FRILLS, 1 class. Judge, C. A. House.

WHITE CANARIES, 1 class. Judge, C. A. House.

A.O.V. CANARY, 1 class. Judge, C. A. House.

ROLLER SINGING, 3 classes. Judge, F. Oldroyd.

LIMIT, 7 classes (Nor. 2, judge, J. Hodder; remr., judge, G. Gardner).

MULES, open, 10 classes, judge, E. J. Lamb; Novice, 2 classes, judge, H. Norman.

BRITISH, 23 open classes, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch. Judge, G. E. Weston.

Lesser Redpoll; Mealy or Twite; Siskin; Bramble; Hawfinch; Yellowhammer: A.O. British Bunting (5 species); hen Finch or Bunting; Song Thrush or Blackbird; Starling. Judge, A. Silver.

Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay, or Chough; Nightingale or Blackcap; Skylark; Woodlark, and other named species; British Wagtail (5 species); Woodpeckers, and other named species; Fly-catchers, and other named species; Pied, Albino, etc.. Judge, W. Swaysland.

CONTINENTAL GOLDF. OR BULLF. Judge, J. F. Dewar.

LIMIT FINCH (any nationality). Judge, H. Norman.

NOVICE BRITISH, 5 classes. Judge, H. Norman.

FOREIGN, 10 classes: Budgerigars, etc.; A.O. Parrakeets, etc.; A.O. Parrots, etc.; judge, H. T. Camps. Avadavats, etc.; Waxbills, etc.; Finches, etc.; Tanagers; Sugar-birds, etc.; A.O.S., Small; A.O.S., Large; judge, H. J. Fulljames.

EXTRA STOCK, 1 class.

CAGES, APPLIANCES, Etc., 1 class.

Entries absolutely close Jan. 24. There will be no extension, and no whip-up cards will be sent. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible after the receipt of the schedule, and not wait until date fixed for entries closing. They are also requested to dispatch their birds by the night trains on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, or by early trains on Feb. 5th, arriving at the London termini not later than 2 o'clock (afternoon). All birds arriving after Thursday, Feb. 5th, will have to be marked, "Too late for competition." The show officials will be at the Palace to receive birds on Thursday morning, Feb. 5th, at 10 o'clock. The entrance fee is 2s.

THE PRIZE-MONEY is as follows:—1st 12s., 2nd 9s., 3rd 6s., 4th 3s., or gold, silver, and bronze medals to value at winner's option. Extra prizes will be awarded in particularly well-filled classes. Cash prizes will be sent, unless instructions to the contrary are given within three days of the show.

ADMISSION.—There is no extra charge for admission to the show beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace. The show opens on Friday at 3 p.m., and on other days at 10 a.m., closing each evening at 9.30, except on Tuesday, when it closes at 4.0.

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be made to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., who will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., and also pay prize-money and sale money. The show will be under the sole management of Mr. Ramsden, who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements, also dispatch Birds at close of show.

Caledonian Road, London, N.

JUDGES' LUNCH.—The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room of the Crystal Palace on Friday, Feb. 6th, Chairman, Geo. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 1.45 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (2s. 6d. each) may be had from exhibitors and friends, or the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are especially invited.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we are making arrangements to send by telegram or postcard results of the judging; further particulars will be announced in due course.

An Expert Opinion.

Several readers have written in the past to ask whether one or other of the specialists upon our staff would for a small fee give them a private opinion upon the merits, or mating, etc., of birds they are exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Show. We shall be pleased to arrange this. Exhibitors desirous of taking advantage of the offer must send to CAGE BIRDS Offices a stamped addressed envelope, together with sixpence (postal order) for each bird (Canary, Hybrid, British or Foreign) upon which they wish to receive an opinion when a letter will be sent them in due course.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Annual open singing contest held Joiners' Arms, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. There was a very fair entry, rather more than last year. The quality of the birds was excellent, the judges commenting on the high standard. The work of finding the winners was a difficult task owing to the keenness of the competition, a great number of the birds being almost on a level. There was a big rush of visitors, especially on New Year's Day, the room being crowded. Messrs. Lyons, Waring, and Netherwood judged, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS (45), judge, J. Lyons: 1, 30, Neuzebauer; 2, 30, Dimmock; 3, 29, Cole; ex. 3, 29, Humphries; 4, 28, Hayward; ex. 4, 28, Cole; vhc, 28, Wirth; vhc, hc, 28, 27, Ives; hc, c, 27, 26, Peel; c, 26, F. Oldroyd; c, 26, Johnson. CHAMP. TEAM: 1, 80, Cole; 2, 76, Ives; 3, 76, Wirth; 4, 75, Neuzebauer; vhc, 65, Hill; hc, 53, Humphries. NOV. YOUNG BIRDS (49), judge, J. Netherwood: 1, 29, Rawcliffe; 2, 29, Best; 3, 29, Rawcliffe; ex. 3, vhc, 27, 26, Lyons; 4, 27, Smith; ex. 4, 26, Best; vhc, 26, Hill, Lockwood, Dixon; hc, 25, Etherington; c, 24, Evans; c, 24, Meadows; c, 24, Packer; c, 24, Dixon; c, 24, Wanting. NOV. TEAM: 1, 71, Hill; 2, 65, Lockwood; 3, 45, Hirst. CHAMP. ANY AGE (20), judge, G. Waring: 1, 29, Hepworth; 2, 28, Pericles; 3, 28, Neuzebauer; 4, 27, Twigg; vhc, hc, c, 27, 26, 25, Pericles; hc, 26, Cole; c, 25, Hanbury. AMAT., ANY AGE (17), judge, G. Waring: 1, 27, Smethurst; 2, 26, Meadows; 3, 26, Percival; 4, 25, Scott; vhc, 24, Mason, Johnson; hc, 24, Heaton; c, 23, Smith, Leese. NOV., ANY AGE (28), judge, G. Waring: 1, 27, Watson; 2, 26, Roberts; 3, 26, Flitcroft; 4, 25, Derbyshire; vhc, 24, Boyd; vhc, 24, Smith; hc (2), 23, 23, Rothwell, 23, Portlock, 23, Mead; c, 22, Beardsworth.

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BANGOR C.B.S.

Fourth annual show, held Good Templar Hall, ...on. 8 and 9. The patrons of the Society are W. ...itchell-Thompson, Esq., M.P., Thomas Wilson, ...sq., Miss E. Correy, Wm. Marshall, Esq. Pres. ...J. McMeekan, Esq., J.P.; chair, Mr. S. Shannon; ...ou. sec., Mr W. J. McConachie; committee, ...lessrs. W. E. Alexander, Hugh Brennan, W. ...arlton, R. Stewart, and W. Beattie. Exhibits ...rned up well, seeing it is so late in the season, ...any birds being somewhat washed out. Nearly 300 ...irds faced the judge, and type, quality and variety ...ere leading features. Norwich were a fine lot, ...me of the finest in Ireland, some that could hold ...eir own in any show. Yorks. were fine. Mr. ...O'Reilly's buff winning CAGE BIRDS 10s. Special; ... is a real "topper," one of the finest ever benched ... the Emerald Isle. Mules and Hybrids were not ... good in numbers, but were full of quality. ...ritishers were a fine lot, the Goldies and Linnets ...ere two good classes, and were bad to handle, ...he competition being very keen. In members' ...lasses some fine birds were benched. The fanciers ...e very keen and true "sports," and we wish them ...very success in their next show. Mr. W. Mundell, ...radford, judged.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. HEN: 1, W. Dunlop, ...ll of nerve, plenty of subs., rare reach. BUFF ...K. (2): 1, sp., 2, Dunlop, 1st very nervy, rare ...ach and subs.; 2nd not so long in reach, full of ...rve. HEN (1): 1, Dunlop. CREST (3): 1, sp., ... Brownlee, dk. variegd. buff, good centre and ...roop; 2nd, dk. variegd., smaller in crest, plenty of ...ather; 3, Creighton, good centre and droop, nicely ...t down, might have gone up. C.B. (2): 1, 2, ...rownlee; 1st good head, dense feather; 2nd, plenty ...f body feather, fails a little in head. CL. OR ...KD. YELL. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Lavery, cap and ...ing mkd., very cobby, good head, boxey feather, ...ne carr., rich level col. throughout; 2, Thompson, ...dr. rich col., full of qual., good head and chest, ...ice wing carr., short tail; 3, spl., Connell, tkd. ...ead, rich col., nice type, full of qual. BUFF (3): ..., Teasey, good sound head, well filled in neck, ...ood chest, rich level col., short wings and tail, ...eening with qual.; 2, Connell, nice type, boxey ...eather, level col., good head and chest, rich col.; ..., Thompson, short and cobby, lovely qual. of ...eather, rich level col., very typical. YELL. HEN ...4): 1, Thompson, true to type, good head, well ...lled in neck, good chest, rich col., full of qual.; ..., Carson, boxey feather, grand wing carr., good head ...nd chest short and cobby; 3, vhc, Teasey; 3rd, ...hade long, rich col., full of qual. BUFF (3): 1, 2, ...onnell, col. fading, boxey feather, good type, ...ort and cobby; 2, sp., tick on head, full of ...ual., grand wing carr., level col.; 3, Thompson, ...nall, but very typical, feathered like wax, rich ...evel col. VARIEG. CK. (1): 1, sp., Thompson, ...ll., blaze of col., good head, neck and chest, ...ort and cobby, lovely qual. of feather. HEN (3): ..., Connell, yell., grizzled on head, grand size ...nd typical, good wings, short tail, full of qual.; ...nd, yell., blaze of col., nice type and qual.; 3, ...hompson, grizzled on back, good head, wings and ...ail, rich col., full of qual. YELL. UNFLIGH. CK. ...): Lavery, eye and wing mkd., rich col., full of ...ual., not the best of tail. BUFF (1): 1, Thompson, ..., buff, rich level col. throughout, good head and ...rest, full of qual. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 2, Teasey; ...r, grizzled head, good neck and chest, short and ...obby, level col., boxey feather; 2, clear rich col., ...ll of qual., short compact wings and tail; 3, vhc, ...arson; 3rd, cl., nice type, good wings, short tail, ...ich col., boxey feather. BUFF (3): 1, sp. best hen, ...avery, cl., lovely type and qual., level col., good ...ead, well filled neck, good chest; 2, Thompson, cl., ...od head, neck and chest, level col., full of qual.; ..., Teasey, nice head, short wings and tail; vhc, ...arson. NOV. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, he, Carleton; ...t, very typical, patchy in col., good head and ...est, short wings and tail; 2nd, mkd. head and ...eck, level col., short wings and tail, boxey feather; ...d, Hedley, variegd., rich col., full of qual., short ...ings and tail; vhc, Crawford. BUFF (6): 1, CAGE ...IRDS cp. 10s., he, c, Carleton; bd, nice type, hit ...ng in feather; 2, Carson, good head, short wings ...nd tail, bit rouga in feather; 3, Hedley, muffigh. ...ild; vhc, Crawford. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Crawford, ...kd. head, pale col., short flights and tail, boxey ...ather; 2, Dawson, tkd. on neck, pale col., boxey ...ather, short wings and tail; 3, vhc, Carleton; ...d, loose in neck. BUFF (5): 1, McConaghie, cap ...kd., rich level col., boxey feather, short flights, ...ompact tail wing; 2, he, Carleton, pale col., neat ...nd, short flight and tail, bit soft; 3, Crawford, ...ch col., boxey feather good head, bad wing carr.; ...hc, Carson. YORKS., FL. OR YELL., CK. (3): ... Fleming, very stylish, rich level col., neat head, ...ond wing carr., piped tail, boxey feather; 2, ...eating, neat head, rich col., well on leg, fails in ...ail; 3, Malcolm, patchy in col., nice wings, piped ...ail. HEN (3): 1, O'Reilly, well on leg, long flights ...o piped tail, bit open on breast, pale col., boxey ...ather; 2, Thomas, tkd. head, pale col., long ..., wide tipped to side, piped tail; 3, Keating. ...APIED CK. (3): 1, 3, vhc, Lynch, buff, clean ...ad, lovely qual of feather, great wings and ...iped tail; 2rd, buff, clean mkd., nice type and ...ual., not so long; 2, Porter, gr mkd., rich col., ...ll of qual, grand wing carr., piped tail. HEN ...): 1, Keating, clean mkd. veil., boxey feather, ...ch col., grand wing carr., piped tail, level head; ..., Lynch, clean mkd buff, clean YL. feather like ...x; 2, Fleming, gr mkd. veil., long flight and ...il, to drop on leg; FL. OR TKD BUFF CK. ...): 1, Carson, Blackpool, FL., buff, clean could ...old its own anywhere; 2, Lee of ..., beaten with ...ale pen; VHC, Malcolm, pale col., lovely ...; Commended, Lee of ..., good ..., piped tail, ...Keating, Hall of ..., YL. pen, on the small ...de, he, Power, c, Lynch. HENS (2): 1, 2, he, ...ne, very ... pen, ... feather, good ...d ... and broad to tail, piped tail, ...al, clean mkd., lovely qual of feather, he, ...; 3, Power, clean YL. Love follow with ... pen. ... (CRESTED), Fleming. NOV. ...ORKS., FL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, ...atching, pale col., boxey feather, ...ch, ...ad, tail, in head, ... of qual., ne ... and piped tail; 3, vhc, Webb, bit loose on ...ead, must need of feather, and placed wings ...ce to and must be Whitaker; c, Morgan. HEN ...): 1, Morgan, ... boxey feather, neat ...ead, pale col., Mr. Hall; 2, Smyth, pale col., boxey ...eather, nice wing carr., piped tail; 3, Whitaker, ...t put down to tail; vhc, Crawford. VARIEG. ...K. (2): 1, Morgan, ... lovely col. and ...ather, well on leg, pale ... M.; 2, Blain, heavily ...rizz, rich col., full of qual, very stylish, FL. ...R TKD BUFF Ck. (7): 1, Burtenshaw, grand ...ead, well placed wings, piped tail, rich col., full of qual., very typical; 2, Webb, pos. A1, boxey feather, good head, rich col., well placed wings, piped tail; 3, F. Lynch, small, but very stylish, boxey feather, rich col.; vhc, Cole; he, Wheatley; c, Graham, junr. HEN (6): 1, Beattie, very stylish, full of qual., nice wing carr., piped tail; 2, Wheatley, on the stout side, full of qual., neat head, not so well put down; 3, Wheatley, bit rough on thigh, very straight, piped tail; vhc, Cole; he, Burtenshaw; c, Blain. NAT. COL. (2): 1, M O'Byrne; 2, McKenzie. ANY COL. NON COL-FED. (4): 1, O'Byrne; 2, Cole; 3, vhc, I. M. Inglis. A.V. SONG BIRD (4): 1, 3, Beegan; 2, Cole; vhc, Owens and Majee. MULE, LIGHT OR VARIEG. (6): 1, Carson, Goldie-Can., buff, eye and wings mkd., in the pink; 2, 3, Creighton; 2nd, yellow Goldie-Can., lovely qual., tkd. one eye, and both wings mkd., a very near race, some thought it should have won; 3rd, yellow Goldie-Can., eyes and wings bit down when we saw it; vhc, Robinson; he, Kennedy; No. 3, absent. DARK (10): 1, 3, he, Alexandra; 1st, Linnet-Can., rare size, lovely col., in the pink; 3, Siskin-Can., nice size, rich col., in rare form; 2, Lavery, dark Goldie-Can., rare size, in the pink of condition; vhc, Kennedy; c, Cole. HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Alexandra; 1st, Goldie-Bullie, grand blaze, rich col., lovely cond.; 2 Goldie-Bullie, not so large, in fine form; 3, Grecnie-Redpoll, nice condition. GOLDF. (10): 1, Lavery, lovely bars and buttons, good square blaze, nice size, drops wings a little at times; 2, Mulcahy, rich blaze, grand col. and bars, fails a little in neck, and very light in buttons, but still a grand bird; 3, Robinson, nice blaze, bars and buttons, not so rich in col.; vhc, Savage; he, O'Bryne; c, Cahoon. BULLF. (6): 1, 2, 3, Mulcahy, 1st rare cap, rich col., nice bars, in the pink of condition, rare size; 2nd very neat, nice bars, not so rich in colour, fine cap; 3rd smaller, nice type, in fine fettle; vhc, Cahoon; he, Montgomery. LINNET (4): 1, spl, best Brit, Creighton, lovely bird, nicely pencilled, rich col.; 2, O'Byrne, nicely pencilled, not so large or so rich in col.; 3, Robinson, fine cond., nicely pencilled; vhc, Mulcahy. LINNET, F.-M. (6): 1, 2, 3, Mulcahy, a fine team of birds, will be heard of again when house-moulted; vhc, Savage; he, M'Ateer; c, Waters. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, M'Ateer, Mealy Redpoll, grand size, nicely mkd., well put down; 2, Waters, Twite, rich col., nicely pencilled, in the pink; 3, Carlton, Siskin, nice bib, rich col. and markings; vhc, Mulcahy; he, Hart. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, Lavery, lovely Greenie in the pink of condition; 2, Creighton, Yellowhammer, grand col. and condition; 3, Cahoon, Chaffinch, very steady and in fine cond., three nice birds, and any one might have won; vhc, Montgomery; he, O'Byrne; c, Cahoon. FOR. (5): 1, Absolom, fine Grey Parrot; 2, vhc, Carleton, Siberian Goldf., in fine form; 3, Creighton; c, Brennan. LOCAL. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, M'Conaghie; 3, Reynolds. HEN (2): 1, Charleton; 2, M'Conaghie. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Stewart; 2, Charleton; 3, M'Conaghie; 4, Clawson. HEN (1): 1, M'Conaghie. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Beattie; vhc, Ferguson. MULE (3): 1, Fergusou; 2, Carleton; 3, Peters. GOLDF. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Alexandra; 3, Carleton; he, Brennan. LINNET (2): 1, Nelson; 2, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (1): 1, Alexandra. BULLF. (3): 1, 2, 3, Alexander. A.O.V. (3): 1, Absolom; 2, Stewart; 3, Brennan.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL DINNER.

Brilliant Gathering of London Fanciers Enjoy Themselves in Holborn.

One of the most enjoyable functions we have ever attended in connection with the cage bird Fancy was the last dinner of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, held at the Holborn Restaurant on the evening of Thursday, January 8th.

After a capital repast, served in the very best style, a programme of entertainment was gone through which has seldom been equalled in the records of the club.

Mr. George Crabb, the President of the Society, occupied the chair. Amongst the large and imposing gathering of fanciers present we noticed the following:—Mesdames Crabb, Hodder, Ramsden, Mortlock, G. Harris, Bamber, Law, Tapper, Griffiths, Oldaker, Huggins, Trower, Robson, Lamb, Davey, Cook, Litchfield, Montgomery, C. Harris, Misses N. Cooper, F. R. Cooper, C. G. Oldaker, E. Wignall, Messrs. Heath, Crisp, Carl, Hodder, Matthes, Ramsden, Mortlock, G. Harris, Bamber, Griffiths, C. W. Law, Oldaker, Gill, Huggins, Trower, Robson, A. J. Slade, Lamb, Davey, Gardner, Frostick, Allen Silver, Cook, F. J. Day, R. J. Pretty, Carter, Shepherd, Allwright, Montgomery, L. Montgomery, C. Harris, Turner, Warner, Carroll, Graham, Hutton, T. G. Tapper, T. E. Tapper, and E. Law.

The following was the menu:

Croûte-au-pot.
St. Germain.

Suprême of Turbot Garbure.

Whitebait.

Vol-au-Vent à la Nesle.

Larded Fillet of Beef Nicoise.
Château Potatoes.
Stuffed Tomatoes.
French Beans.

Roast Turkey with Watercress.
Salad.

Orange Pudding.

Strawberry and Vanilla Ice
Wafers.
Dessert.

The President's proposal of the first toast, "The King and the Royal Family," which was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. Cook then gave "Success to the L. and P.O.S.," and commented on the remarkable energy and activity displayed by the society during its existence. There was no doubt that it was a very progressive organisation, and it had considerable claim to be considered one of the premier societies of cage birds in the world. He felt that the success of the society was due in a great measure to its association to that very important event the Crystal Palace Show, and that prince of show managers, Mr J. W. Ramsden. After paying very high compliments to their president, Mr. Crabb, and the committee, he coupled with the toast the name of the vice-chairman, Mr. J. Hodder. Mr. Hodder, responding, dealt with the programme of the Society and with its future intentions. His finances were in a most satisfactory condition, and he might justly describe the club as flourishing, as it had something like 140 members. It had made 35 new members during the past year, which was surely a record, but he appealed for a still larger membership, and gave a cordial invitation to all those present who were not within the fold to come and join them at once, and thus share in all the good things the Society had provided for its members in the future. Dealing with the fixtures for 1914, Mr. Hodder said the programme was as follows:—February 19th, pair show, judges Messrs. H. Norman and Allen Silver; March 19th, lantern lecture, "Round the Zoo with a Camera"; April, no meeting; May 21st, lecture on the Norwich Canary, Mr. J. Hodder; June 18th, questions and answers; July 16th, young bird show; August, no meeting; September 17th, lecture on British birds, Mr. H. Norman; October 15th, washing exhibition by Messrs. Hodder and Ramsden, also competition for members, medals given; October 21st and 22nd, annual autumn show; November 19th, lantern lecture, the L. and P.O.S. ramble in pictures; December 3rd, annual general meeting. Special features, March 19th and November 19th: These lectures are being arranged at great cost, therefore will members try and be present with a friend? Mr. Hodder referred also in flattering terms to Mr. Ramsden and Mrs. Ramsden, and spoke in high praise of the services rendered to the Society by Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. secretary.

Mr. F. S. Matthes was down to propose the toast of "The Visitors," but, unfortunately, being under doctor's orders, he had to retire early in the evening. In his place Mr. Crabb remarked he was delighted to see so many visitors present, more especially the presidents of other societies, among whom were Mr. R. L. Crisp, L.C.B.A.; Mr. Mortlock, North London; Mr. Shepherd, City and Suburban; Mr. Geo. Gardner, Highgate and Hampstead. He was delighted to see such evidence of good fellowship, for while it was desirable they should have a keen and friendly rivalry existing between the societies, they should one and all endeavour to avoid the slightest feeling of petty jealousy or envy.

Mr. Carl was due to reply on behalf of the visitors, but was unfortunately detained by urgent business, and did not arrive until later in the evening. Mr. Crisp said he thoroughly endorsed everything Mr. Crabb had said in regard to the question of rivalry, and that it gave him great pleasure to feel that his society and the L. and P.O.S. were on the best possible terms—(applause)—that they would see many members of the L. and P.O.S. present at the dinner of the L.C.B.A. He congratulated the Society upon the character and success of the function, and felt himself privileged to be a visitor in their midst.

Mr. Trower proposed the toast of "The Ladies." He said he thought the L. and P.O.S. was notable in three respects:—(1) It had a lady on its committee, Madame Madewell; this fact prevented members from being late on the third Thursday in the month. All the members now got home early from meetings, which fact, he was sure, made the wives feel glad. (2) It had more lady members than any other society; and, lastly, it had had a lady lecturer, Miss Durham, who was, he believed, the first lady to lecture to any cage bird society. How much they owed to the fair sex he could hardly say; the fancier's wife or sister looked after his birds, and did not forget incidentally to keep an eye on the prize-money.

Mr. Ramsden, replying on behalf of the ladies, said how very pleased they were to be present at the gathering, and what an excellent time they had had. Though the number of ladies present that evening was large, he hoped to see them still more in evidence next year.

Mr. Mortlock proposed, in eulogistic terms, the toast of "The Chairman." He was a worker of whom any society might be proud, and threw himself into his duties with all his heart. He felt also that he ought to refer to Mr. Law's connection with the Society, and to say how creditable were the results their secretary had shown.

Mr. Crabb and Mr. Law thanked the members for their generous reception of the toast, and the evening concluded with the usual chorus of "Auld Lang Syne."

During the evening the Chairman read a telegram from Mr. Madewell saying that he and his wife would unfortunately be unable to attend owing to the illness of his wife. This news was naturally received with regret.

The entertainers included Miss Florence Wetherdon, Miss Nance Haines, Messrs. Harry Kemp, George Blackmore, Arthur Drew, Fred. Gibson, and Master Fred. Pride. Every item was applauded and encored, and the programme throughout seemed to give the greatest satisfaction to all present.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Twenty-five birds sang for three prizes at Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newlown. 1, Binns; 2, Chippendale; 3, Brabiner. Judges, C. and A. Lorriner. —R. Ridgard, Sec.

Quality singing contest, held Skinners Arms, Burlingthorpe, Jan. 11. 1, Ward; 2, Chadwick; 3, Pearce. Judges, J. Granger and Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at Old Bird House Shannon Street, Jan. 16. Fifteen birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, Sissons; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wood. Judges, Mellia, Naylor. Jan. 11, 18 sang for 3 prizes. 1, Sissons; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wood. Judges, Hardcastle, Jennings, Naylor. Open contest for Rollers held Jan. 11. Seventeen sang for 3 prizes. 1, Lipman; 2, 3, Shared Lipman and Wood. Judges, C. Lorriman, H. Hayes, J. Sellers. Open contest for Rollers will be held Jan. 18, first pair hung at 7.30. —Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest, held Woodman Inn, Jan. 9. 23 entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, Nelson; 2, Williams; 3, Pugh. Opening, January 4. 32 entered for three prizes. 1, Nelson; 2, Piper, 3, Batchelder. Jan. 19, 23 entered for three prizes. 1, Nelson, 2, Pugh; 3, Smerrick. Opening, Jan. 11, 31 birds entered for three prizes. 1, Jones; 2, Proctor, 3, Pugh.—S. Pugh, Sec.

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BORDER hen 1/6, cocks, Siskin mule, 3/-; housemoulted Bullfinch, piper, 5/-; house-moulted Linnet, large Cinnamon hen, mulers, 3/-: Hepple, 19, Waddon New-rd., Croydon. (1214)

TWO Goldfinch Mule cocks, 6/6 each; two Roller cocks, 7/6 each; three hens, 2/6 each; strong, healthy birds, in full song: Valden St. Nicholas Rectory, Guildford. (1200)

TWO good feeding hens, 1912, 3/-; two Rollers, hens, 1913, 2/6 each; pure bred Field Spaniel puppy, 8/-; approval, deposit: W. Rolf, Gate Lodge, Mathon Park, West Malvern. (1213)

EXHIBITION dark yellow Linnet Mule, 15/-; yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; Border hen, 2/6; 3 Greenfinches, 1 Bramble finch, 1 - each; approval: Wm. Chambers, 4, Wood-st., Motherwell. (1189)

TWO pairs of high-class Yorkshires, one cock winner, 25/- lot; twice H.M. Goldfinch, full song, 8/-; grand Mule from sale, beautiful songster, 10/-; approval, deposit: Steele, 127, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1197)

TO Canary and Mule Breeders: For sale, beautiful healthy, cold-room, 1913 bred, Hartz Rollers, Norwich Roller cross, and Crested Canaries, cocks from 7/6, full song; hens, 3/6; Crested from 10/6, hens 5/6; offers: H. E. Smith, 62, Tranquil-vale, Blackheath, London, S.E. (1205)

A GRAND lot of prize-bred Yorkshire Canaries, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/6 a pair; Norwich Canaries, 8/6 and 10/6 a pair; Crested Canaries, fit for show, 17/6 and 22/6 a pair; warranted cock Larks, with cages, 2s. each; also warranted cock Linnets, with cages, 1/6 each; rock Chaffinches, 6d. each; also wanted cock or hen Bullfinches, 1 - each; cock Hawfinches, 2/6 each; hens, 1 -; hen Canaries want d: state prices; our bankers are the Nottingham Counties Bank, Ltd.: A. Leatherland, Poultry Farm, 116, Carlton-hill, nr. Nottingham. (1212)

GENUINE cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-; special, 4/-; grand hens, 1/- each; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-; hens, 1/-; rock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/3; yellow cock Greenfinches, 1/-, 1/6; hens, 9d., 6d.; Chaffinches, Linnets, Bramble finches, Yellow Buntings, 1/6 pair; cock Reed Buntings, 1/-, 1/6; Green Budgerigars, 5/-, 6/- pair; Yellows, 6/6, 7/6 pair; hen Canaries, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; cock Canaries, 5/- upwards; cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/- each; hens, 1/-; pair Pouters, 5/-; pair Jacobins, 3/6; pair Flying Homers, 2/6; approval willingly anywhere, cash or deposit: A. J. Underwood, Bird Specialist, Wellington-st., Kettering. (1207)

GENUINE BARGAIN

Cock Linnet, hen Canary; cock Greenfinch, hen Canary; two Goldfinches, and pair Roller Canaries, cock singing; approval; only 15/- lot: Bannister, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley. (1200)

COTTINGHAM OF NOTTINGHAM

Norwich cock Canaries, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, upwards. Now is the time if you want some good reliable birds; all on seven days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed. Seifert Rollers, cocks, in full song, many changes, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6. Siberian cock Goldfinches (giants), 5/-, 7/6. Cock Linnets, selected, singing, 1/-, 2 for 1/6; always open for inspection: Cottingham, 7 and 9, Peveril-st., Nottingham.

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Adult Yellow Budgerigars, 7/6 pair; White Java Doves, 4/- pair; Seifert Rollers, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens to match, 2/6, 3/6 each; cock Linnets, 8d., three 1/6; specially selected cock Linnets, in free song, 1s.; three, 2/6; Linnets for moulting out winners, 2/6 each; cock Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, Larks, 6d. each; cages for any of the above, 2/-, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6: 37, St. Peter's-st., Leeds. Established 1841. (1197)

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Siberian Goldfinches, good size and colour, 5/6; Sib. bred large Canary hens, 7/6; Norwich cock Canaries, full song, 8/6; German Rollers, 8/6 and 10/6; lovely foreign Finches from 2/6 pair; Green Budgerigars, Pink Cockatoos, etc.: Mrs. Martin, 92, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (1198)

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Parrots, tame, acclimatised, and genuine. Don't be deluded into useless, screaming, rare cockatoos, with pink breasts, or Parrakeets. Send for particulars of the genuine article; also exhibition and breeding green and yellow Budgerigars, etc.; see my advertisement on page 12: W. Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

C. A. LUER

Jackdaws, 2/6 each; Hartz Roller cock Canaries, on full song, 5/6 and 6/6 each; Seifert Rollers, 7/6, 10/6, and 12/6 each, all on a week's approval; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, and 3/6 each; German cock Linnets, 1/-; rock Greenfinches, 1/-; Redpolls, 1/-; Chaffinches, 1/- each; hen Bullfinches, 2/6 each; all sent on approval at my risk; cock Goldfinches, 3/- each, dealers write for wholesale lists; largest importer in the kingdom; exchange Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, Mules, etc. Note address: C. A. Luer, 22, East-st., Walworth-rd., London, S.E., and 87, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

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AMHERST cock for sale, three years old, price 20/-, plumage good: Mrs. Hallum, West Ledger-rd., Coleford. (1191)

VERSICOLORS, Elliotts, Amhurst, Reeves, Goelins, Swinhoe, Kalgee, Golden Amherst, and Swinhoe Silver crosses, cash, or exchange others; wanted, Golden hens: Benson, Dalbeattie. (1198)

WANTED.

WANTED, Canaries, Pure Yellow Foreign, N.B. (1174)

WANTED, cock Bramble, outdoor aviary: 7, Victoria-ter., Walsall. (1217)

WANTED, Tailors' cheap for cash: W. Groadrick, 59, Cleveland-st., Hinckley. (1211)

WANTED, anything alive, good prices for genuine stock: Royal Menagerie, Greenwich. (1215)

WANTED, wicker and small tall cages, buy, or exchange birds: Bannister, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley. (1209)

WANTED, supply of Norwich Canaries, must be healthy; state price: Gracie, 130, Main-st., Wishaw. (1198)

WANTED, for cash or exchange, a pigeon loft, in sections, 7 by 5: Graver, West End Bakery, Watton. (1197)

WANTED, Roller hens, exchange 4 rolling cock Linnets, or sell 4/- each: 3, Kates-terr., Wassand-st., Hull. (1220)

WANTED, Sparrow catcher's net or outfit, not too large: Code, 123, Chorley New-rd., Horwich, nr. Bolton. (1202)

WANTED, Norwich fer large aviary, cost 25/-; sell 15/-; glass panels; letters: Epps, 64, Gordon-rd., Herne Bay. (1213)

WANTED hundredweight clean mixed wild seed; price on rail: Rhodes, 273, Stretford-rd., Hulme, Manchester. (1187)

WANTED, two large Norwich buff hens, must have size, approval: Curphey, 21, Castle-st., Douglas, Isle of Man. (1211)

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for grey colour Parrot, tame; or sale, £1. H. Rudbone, 10, Baker-lane, Ealing. (1216)

WANTED, offers Yorkshires or Rollers for gent's gold-cased lever watch, value £1: 37, Lee-st., Louth, Lincs. (1208)

WILL buy for cash any quantity hen Canaries, 1/- each; colour-fed, 1/3: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (1213)

WANTED, a large quantity of hen Canaries and British birds; best prices given: Barnes, Aylmer, Merthyr Tydfil (1194)

EXCHANGE large cinnamon cock for large green or cinnamon hen; mutual approval: Wm. Sharp, 112, Mid-st., Bathgate. (1203)

WANTED, Border Fancies, lady or gent.'s watch, anything useful; exchange Norwich Canaries: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay. (1120)

WANTED, two yellow Norwich hens, or cinnamon hen, exchange buff, fed, 1913 Norwich cock: Redhill, King-st., Dunstable. (1207)

WANTED, large stock Norwich for toy black Pom bitch; sell 25/-; offers: Hardman, 39, Wilkinson-st., Nelson, Lancashire. (1199)

WANTED, Canaries either sex, colour fed preferred, state lowest price: Miss S. Caffrie, 8, Mansfield-st., Govan, Glasgow. (1203)

WILL buy for cash any quantity hen Canaries, 1/1 each; colour-fed, 1/3; hen Mules, 1/-: Holloway, 4, Nicholes-rd., Hounslow. (1188)

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshires; exchange Yorkshire Terrier brood bitch; approval: Tattersall, East Street, Farington, Preston. (1196)

WANTED, selected Goldfinches, for moulting; exchange thistle, dandelion, hardhead seed: J. Cowan, 25, New Stock-st., Paisley. (1197)

WANTED Borders or Norwich; exchange black vicuna overcoat, 48 chest, cost 63/-; yours first: Watson, 84, High-st., Forres. (1189)

WANTED, Scotch Fancys or Norwich; will exchange splendid (A) clarionet, in case, cost £6: Miss Cooke, 16, Pulchrass-st., Barnstaple. (1214)

WANTED two hen Canaries, exchange tame hand-reared cock Starling, commenced talking, excellent plumage: Dutton, Dunstable. (1164)

WANTED, Canaries or Foreign, in exchange for Irish Terrier, by champions, or sell: Cresswell, Adelaide-st., Chester-le-Street. (1199)

WANTED name of fancier in Liverpool who hatches Bantams by incubator: Miss M. Powell, Glendale, West Derby, Liverpool. (1189)

WANTED, large Norwich (1913), exchange good Yorkshires, off winners, sell 12/6 pair; approval: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1218)

WANTED, typical Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Borders, Cinnamons, and Lizards; state price: W. Powick, Eastfield-cottage, Dewsbury. (1205)

WANTED, good Yellow Norwich hen: exchange good British and cock Goldie Mule or Yellow-marked cock: S. Elce, Trowell, Notts. (1193)

WANTED: To catchers, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Bullfinches, any quantity: apply, J. Corniellie, 64, Conyers-rd., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1207)

FOREIGNERS or Canaries wanted; exchange Bramlon's patent oil oven, value 17/6; gent's cycle, value 50/-: Smith's Booteries, Bingley. (1191)

WANTED, good tame Talking Parrot, cheap, for cash, or give new clothing, boots, part exchange: Poplar, Close House, Bishop Auckland. (1216)

CHAFFINCHES, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches; wanted, a few extra big field-moulted cocks on approval: Adams, 26, Agnes-st., Glasgow. (1203)

WANTED, Crests, coloured Norwich, and Goldies, Bullies, Siskins; send lowest prices to A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (1208)

WANTED, good yellow cinnamon hen for cash, or exchange winning Norwich; see reports Truro, Newquay, etc: Collins, 60, Union-st., Camborne. (1055)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries, all kinds British Birds; state lowest price: Brain, Merchant, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (1203)

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries, also hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford. (1055)

WANTED, large yellow Norwich or Crestbred hens, exchange two pairs of good Yorkshires; sell 10/6 pair; hens first: Park, Ashman's Hall, Beccles. (1208)

WANTED, offers Norwich or Crestbred hens, exchange White Wyandottes, laying, Simon Hunter's strain, direct: Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles. (1199)

WANTED, dealers who can take large or small quantities of Linnets, Larks, all kinds of British birds: Chris. Hatton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton. (1197)

WANTED, Canaries, Puppies, Dogs, Parrots, Pigeons, Monkeys, Rats, Mice, Ferrets, Birds, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1217)

WANTED, clear buff Border cock and two yellow hens, exchange H.M. Greenfinch and Yorkshire hen, bred Mules, or sell, what offers: Hind, Lochfield, Annan. (1209)

WANTED for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, either sex; state price, if colour fed: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London. (1205)

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Mules wanted, colour-fed, giving 7/- pair, good birds, cash deposited: particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport place, Hoxton. (1183)

WANTED, dog's Song Thrush, last year's bird, hand-reared, pre-bred and on approval; price and particulars to J. Ody, 62, Brookland-rd., Old Swan, Liverpool (1216)

SEVERAL good Buff Cinnamon cocks; would exchange for Yellow Cinnamon cocks or hens, healthy: P. Southern, 52, Swanage-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (1195)

WANTED, pair of clear yellow Norwich Canaries, exchange two cocks, one cock Zebra Finches, adults, breed for: Albert Thorne, 58, Greenmount-st., Bolton Hall, Leeds. (1205)

TWO large Sib. hens, Norwich type, also large house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, give suits to fit average-sized man or pay good price for first-class genuine birds: Buchanan, 338, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1200)

WANTED, Siberian and British Goldfinches, held moulted, Bull Norwich Green hen; the above must be euro winners: Robert Clark, Little Boghead Farm, Bathgate. (1195)

WANTED, two buff hens, 1913, exchange marked bull cock, Midgley's, also new cycle frame, all parts except tyres, for four common cocks: T. Cook, Pembridge. (1210)

WANTED for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules and Goldfinches, colour-fed preferred; state lowest prices: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Be-son-st., New Cross, London, S.E. (1192)

A CREST hen, must be good, in exchange for Crest cock and C.B. hen, young birds, value £2 10s.; yours first: John Thomson, Smith's buildings, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn. (1180)

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Britishers, cocks, scrap brass, copper, exchange pair wool blankets, 25/-; tweed suit length, 25/-; approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas. (1198)

WANTED, good pair of inlighted Yorkshires; exchange good pair of Norwich, value 27/-, mutual approval, no rubbish wanted or offered: Dalzell, Ormrod-st., Oldham (1216)

WANTED, cash offer for finger-tame cock Bullfinch, will take food from fingers and mouth, good exhibition specimen: Chas. Harrison, Alrewas Mills, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. (1201)

WANTED, large or small quantities of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Mules, Canaries, etc., cocks and hens; state your price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (1176)

WANTED, pedigree Scalyham or West Highland Terrier, give good exchange winning Brit, Hybrids, Canaries, cash; appro.: Metcalfe, "The How," Sedgely Park, Manchester. (1217)

WANTED, any quantity of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, either sex; state lowest price; stamped envelope reply: Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

TYPICAL unlighted yellow Yorkshire hen, also self green Yorkshire unlighted hen, exchange cocks to value; yours first; mutual approb.: G. Elkins, Bargate-rd. Belper, Derbyshire. (1202)

WANTED, two good clubby yellow Norwich hens; exchange Mills' improved double-barrel muzzle-loader gun, with powder and shot flask, sell 50/-: Battison, 26, Goodhall-sq., Willesden Junction, N.W. (1214)

WANTED, from genuine catchers, large or small quantities of Bullfinches, Siskins, Twites, Hawfinches, etc.; highest price and prompt cash paid, and no niggling: W. Gore, Goochs-st., Birmingham. (1181)

WANTED, lady's cycle, exchange seven large Norwich cocks in full song, and three hens, 1913 birds, £2 10/-, and cash to value for genuine article: Murray, 84, Eddlewood, Hamilton, Scotland. (1212)

NOTICE; will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires; also wanted, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Crests; reasonable; cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (1148)

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WANTED for cash, healthy Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshires, cocks and hens, surplus, business straightforward; approval, deposit; see Linnets: G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (1198)

WANTED, gent's free-wheel cycle, good condition, or offers, exchange 2 heavily feathered green Crested cocks, winners, 2 firsts, sell, 50/- each, show cages included; approval.—Martin, Show Secretary, Castle Douglas. (1181)

WANTED, Redstart, good Siskin, Himalayan Goldfinch, Norwich hens, for cash, or exchange Yorkshire cocks, cycle covers, tubes, large leg vice, etc.; letters only answered: Waters, Cycle Agent, Glasthule, Co. Dublin. (1210)

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Mules and British birds, Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

WANTED, FULL-FLEDGED ACCLIMATISED

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Wanted, 3,000 pairs Canaries for export, colour-fed, natural colour, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, Lizards, Crests, and Scotch Fancies, and Mules; my annual sales are 20,000 Canaries; the largest dealer, breeder, and exhibitor in Great Britain: James Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. (1175)

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Mainly British.

WHAT offers in cage birds for 250 odd rubber heels?: Davis, Side Door, 126, Lord-st., Fleetwood. (1189)

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WILL exchange singing birds or show birds for Canaries, any sort: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1216)

PAIR Borders, Bullfinch, and Greenfinch cock, for Siberian cock: James Cuthbertson, Old Well-rd., Moffat. (1188)

THREE warranted cocks, one hen, Goldfinches, two cock Linnets, first P.O. 6/-: Lee, 20, Clarence-rd., Peterboro'. (1207)

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LINNET, H.M., 2/-; Greenie, 1/6; nice Starling, 2/-; exchange fowls, anything useful: A. Rennie, 8, High-st., Prestonpans. (1203)

THREE cock Siskin-Canary Mules, 5s. and 6s.: exchange one for good Goldfinch: A. S. Dunn, 18, Hill-st., Newport, Mon. (1120)

HAND-reared Starling, very tame, feed from hand, sell, or exchange anything useful: Mrs. Reeves, 772, Barrow-rd., London. (1201)

EXCHANGE Old English Game Spangle Bantams for good British cock Goldfinch: John Clapperton, Strathyre, Perthshire. (1195)

THREE large steady cock Linnets (caged month), 2/- each; exchange dice records, offers, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1216)

EXCHANGE 3 cock Greenfinches, hen mule, for hen Bullfinch and hen Chaffinch, or offers: Brown, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1214)

TWO monster exhibition cock Linnets; what offers in Canaries, Mules, anything useful. B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1217)

EXCHANGE two house-moulted cock Linnets for steady cock Goldfinch, in song: Adams, 2, Wilsongrove, Dalston, London. (1192)

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REAL Old English Black-red Game cockerel, price 10/-, or exchange exhibition British hardbills: Stewart Mill, Square, Morpeth. (1190)

BRITISH Bullfinches, cocks and hens; approval; pair, 2/6; exchange men's boots 9's; or offers: Fred. Nicholls, Tangier, Lostwithiel. (1186)

FIVE cock Bullfinches and two hens, 10/-; Goldfinch Mule, 12/6; another, 10/-; exchange winner, Yorkshire: R. Pinnell, Warminster. (1214)

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EXCHANGE three set boxing gloves, value 5/- set, for Goldfinches or singing Canaries to value: Harcombe, Eastgate, Inverness. (1193)

LINNET Mule, 15/-; three Border show cages, and case for four, 8/6; exchange British, anything: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1182)

PAIR gold solitaires, new, 10/6, exchange cock Goldfinches; offers; birds first: Larcombe, 65, King Edward-st., Blaengarw, Bridgend. (1203)

BARGAIN, 3 cocks, 5 hens, Goldfinches; 6 Redpolls; caged three months; sell 8/-; exchange garden gun: Harper, 45, Denmark-rd., Beccles. (1217)

LARGE new 9-compartment breeding cage, with all accessories; exchange cock Goldfinches: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs. (1171)

TWO house-moulted Linnets, bred Mules, 4/- each; Linnets, 4/- dozen; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches; offers: Cutler, 25, High-st., Walsall. (1194)

TWO cocks and hen Yellowhammers, two pairs of Greenfinches, and one Mealy Redpoll; exchange: W. Harris, No. 19, Coxes-lane, Oldhill. (1191)

EXCHANGE performing Redpoll and cage, and six dozen CAGE BIRDS for Yorkshire cock: Macdonald, 8, Hamilton-rd., Long Eaton. (1193)

LARGE H.M. Bullfinch, nice colour, hen Chaffinch, exchange for Yorkshire hen, or offers: Russell, 4, Malvern-bldgs., Fairfield Park, Bath. (1204)

SIX large pied cock Greenies and pair Chaffinches, exchange for two Norwich hens, or sell 1/- each: Gardener, Vicarage, Llanllovery. (1205)

THREE large H.M. cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; three hens, 1/- each; or exchange anything useful: Harold Noble, Green-lane, Linton, Cambs. (1195)

THREE singing cock Linnets, mulers, 3/-; large Greenfinch, fit for show, 2/6; approval; exchange: Reddish, 31, Edward-st., East Kirkby, Notts. (1186)

TWO fine cock Linnets, and two Redpolls, all exhibition specimens, exchange for large Norwich hens, 1913: W. Jessup, Aviaries, Bond-st., Boston. (1199)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, cock Chaffinch, six Redpolls, one with breast like a Robin, for two Norwich hens: Jim Moore, Whytefield, Ramsey, Hunts. (1202)

EXCHANGE Mealy Redpoll, 1 Lesser, season's pick, two seed hoppers; wanted Canary hens; offers: approval: Bedell, 8, Gresham-st., Lincoln.

FORFARSHIRE Linnets; 6 selected, 2/- each, or exchange large hen Canaries or Bullfinch hens: J. Fairweather, 53, Barngreen, Arbroath, Scotland. (1211)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens, C.F., for two cock Goldfinches, sell 3/6 each; approval, yours first: Simmons, 15, Hilton-grove, West Kirby, Cheshire.

WELSH Goldie and Bullfinch hen, sure breeders, exchange exhibition Goldie or what offers in show cages: H. Davies, 20, Wellington-rd., Llanrwst. (1209) (1193)

HOUSE moulted cock Goldie and Linnet; exchange 1913 buff Norwich hen, or sell 7/-; 2 field moulted Redpolls, 3 Linnets, 3/-: Fraser, Fordoun, Kincardineshire. (1209)

TWO aviary-moulted cock brown Linnets, one Greenfinch, in full song; exchange two hen Canaries; sell 3/-: Arthur Taylor, Warre-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1207)

LARGE cock Linnet, free songster, muler, 5/-; large cock Greenie, 1/6; hen Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange for hen Canaries; stamp, Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1199)

TWICE house-moulted Yellowhammer, very tame, good markings; exchange good yellow Yorkshire hen, or exhibition Goldfinch: Harry Gibson, 50, Main-rd., Windermere. (1198)

OFFERS Canaries or cages, breeders; state size, particulars, for Linnets, Chaffinches, Green., Bull., Gold., pair Larks, pair Tits: G. Pope, Aston Hill Farm, Tring. (1195)

COCKS, Blackbird, Thrush, dark Greenfinch Mule, also few good British show cages; exchange for breeding Budgerigars: Telfer Bros., Douglas, Lanarkshire. (1196)

WILL exchange hen Bullfinch and cock Greenfinch, have bred Hybrids two successive years, for two yellow Norwich hens: Middleton, 3, Southfield-st., Armley, Leeds. (1193)

I HAVE a few large Siberian cock Goldfinches for Mule breeding; will exchange for Canaries, either sex, or sell 7/6 each: Robinson, 33, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E. (1192)

EXCHANGE two hen Bullfinches, house-moulted cock Chaffinch, for a good cock Goldfinch, or offers British, or good Bramble: William Hughes, Gwendreath Town, Kidwelly. (1189)

TWO large 1913 Goldfinch-Greenie Hybrid hens, 5/- each; steady Siskin cock, 3/6; pretty Ox-eyed Tit, 1/; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton. (1196)

NEW breeding cage, 42in. x 20in. x 12in.; cock Goldfinch, three times house-moulted, make muler, wanted in exchange tall dog rose stocks: Purser, 15, St. Saviour's-rd., Leicester. (1198)

EXCHANGE or sell 3 cock Bullfinches, 4 hen Goldfinches, all aviary moulted, 1913, Hartz Roller cock wanted; yours first; approval both ways: H. Hosler, 21, Box Mill, Halstead, Essex. (1192)

GOOD field-moulted Goldie, 7/6, exchange for small steady cage-moulted hen Hawfinch; winning Lesser Redpoll for good yellow hen Siskin: Burrows, Aldersgate Chemical Works, Southall. (1202)

AVIARY, new condition, contains house-moulted Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, field-moulted Linnet, Chaffinch, two Mealy Redpolls £1; exchange, offers: Strong, 240, High-st., Ponders End. (1203)

CLEARING aviary, all H.M. cocks, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, six Greenfinches, two hens, pair Chaffinches, lot 6/-, or exchange hen Canaries: Sparks, Westcott, Dorking. (1196)

EXCHANGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, Siberian hen Bullfinch, for laying pullets or cock Goldfinch Mules, fowls preferred: Enoch Power, 91, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

EXCHANGE book on Canaries, British, and Hybrids, cost 23/-, for a good time singing contest Linnet, must have bird first: Thomas Meadley, 40, Watson-st., Central Estate, Hartlepool. (1204)

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BORDERS, three cocks, four hens, first 25/- secures, or exchange big Norwich hens: Bootmaker, Collyweston-rd., nr. Stamford. (1196)

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EXCHANGE hand-tamed and safety Rabbit, value 12/6, for good Yorkshire hen; yours first: Todd, Eton-st., West Hartlepool. (1207)

TWO clear buff Yorkshire hens, healthy, 6/6 each; exchange typical yellow Norwich hen, cold-room: Savage, Square, Abingdon.

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WHAT offers in Yorkshires for two variegated cock Goldfinch Mules, or sell for 10/- each: Harding, 32, Clyde-rd., Brighton, Sussex. (1202)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, clearing out; twelve cocks, fifteen hens; or exchange for boots: 49, Barnstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (1205)

THREE hen Canaries and 3 hen mules, 8/- lot; or exchange good house-moulted Goldie; yours first: Hanning, Albert-rd., Jarrow. (1189)

GOOD 1913 red yellow Norwich cock, 10/6; exchange large 1913 buff Cinnamon Norwich cock; approval. Butler, Rhosymeare, Rhabon. (1206)

BUFF Border cock, two yellow hens, house-moulted cock Linnet; exchange Norwich; sell, 20/-: Dempster, 7, Laighpark, Paisley. (1208)

TYPICAL ticked Border cock, correct type, accept 7/6, or exchange two typical buff hens; approval: Adamson, Mid-st., Bathgate. (1199)

LIVER Bedlington Terrier, 14 months; sell 20/-, or exchange two good Roller cocks: Liddle, No. 7, Fell View, Cockfield, Durham. (1175)

MULE breeders, Canary hatched and reared Greenfinches, cocks and hens, 2/6 each, exchange hen Canaries: A. March, Evesham. (1214)

LONG, slim Yorkie hen, grand bird, yellow Cinnamon, marked wings, model, 5/-, exchange songster: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Wallasey. (1211)

1913 YELLOW Norwich Yorkshire cock, 7/-; exchange H.M. Muling cock Goldfinch; Goldie first: Stone, 8, Watling-st., Leicester. (1193)

WATER Glucke Roller, grand songster, rung, 15/-; exchange Norwich songsters or common hens: Lea, 55, Waterloo-square, Camberwell. (1201)

EXCHANGE large clear Crestbred cock for clear or lightly variegated 1913 Crestbred hen: Yalden, St. Nicholas Rectory, Guildford. (1200)

GRAND pair large yellow Lancashires, Plainhead cock, Coppy hen, £1; or exchange Seifert Rollers: Hoddinott, Queen-st., Blaina, Mon. (1203)

EXCHANGE prize-bred Yorkshire Canaries for Scotch Fancies Canaries: G. Jackson, Brooklandterr., New York, Northumberland. (1187)

WANTED, three young feeding cocks; exchange Scotch Fancy, Buff Pied cock; sell 15/-; approval: Burnside, Elmbank, Lesmahagow. (1198)

TWO large Norwich cocks, four hens, £1 lot; exchange gramophone records; offers: Mathers, 36, Wellfield-rd., Preston, Lancashire. (1200)

YELLOW Yorks. cock, two buff hens; exchange exhibition yellow Norwich hen, or sell 17/6: Heald, Confectioner, Claypit Lane, Leeds. (1203)

EIGHT Seifert Roller hens, 2/6 each, one cock 7/6, breeding cages 1/6, complete; exchange entertained: Thwaites, 410, Harehills-lane, Leeds. (1209)

CANARIES, sale, or exchange anything useful: Norwich and Crested, from my winning strains: D. S. Dean, 24, Chester-terrace, Brighton. (1202)

EXCHANGE good green Borders for Norwich hens or good airgun; offers, anything: Crawford, 59, Last Main-st, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. (1213)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock, with fancy mahogany box cage, for two pure pullets or three cross: Law, 133, Enfield-st., Pemberton, Wigan. (1208)

SINGING cock Canary, exchange Indian Runner drake or two young hen Canaries, or offers: C. Andrews, Bowling-rd., Ware, Herts. (1195)

WANTED, a good Norwich hen; exchange yellow foul cinnamon hen, natural colour, or sell 10/-: R. Dixon, Gilpin-st., Houghton-le-Spring. (1188)

NORWICH cock, 1st at Southend, also Norwich hen, sell £2, or exchange yellow Norwich or poultry: Cundy, Priory-aven., Prittlewell. (1208)

FIVE Border Fancies, 2 cocks and 3 hens, valued £1 15/-, will exchange for exhibition light Goldfinch mule: George Gass, Causeway, Moffat. (1188)

CASE and three cages, Norwich, new case, for fine Yorkshires; exchange large hens: 57, Strathmore-crescent, Newcastle, Northumberland. (1202)

EXCHANGE two unflighted Yorks, yellow cocks, for two unflighted yellow ticked hens; yours first: £1: A. Halstead, Carr-st., Batley Carr. (1204)

EXCHANGE four clear buff Yorkshire hens, good birds, for new Yorkshire show cages, or sell £1: Bowden, Coronation-rd., Newton Abbott. (1209)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley, Yorkshire. (1173)

ONE Norwich cock, one Border hen and four Norwich show cages, lot 8/-; or exchange British: Solomon, Buxton House, Llandrindod Wells. (1203)

EXCHANGE one Yorkshire cock and four hens, colour-fed, good muling Linnet, for set six three feet long double breeders: 28a, Alma-terr., York. (1205)

EXCHANGE a pair of Yorkshire Canaries for a youth's suit or topcoat, 11 years; yours first: T. Brown, Ivy-cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven. (1204)

EXCHANGE Yellow cock and Buff ticked hen, 1913 Borders, for 1913 Buff Cinnamon Border cock: Smith, 13, Lewthwaite-sq., Port-rd., Carlisle. (1199)

CHEAP, three large, healthy 1912 Norwich hens, buff, green, cinnamon, good feeders, 10/- lot; exchange cocks: Carter, Ironmonger, Southwold. (1206)

EXCHANGE, six high-class young Border hens for good dark Goldfinch-Canary mule; mutual approval; sell, 12/-: Doctor Laurie, Glastonbury, Somerset. (1203)

EXCHANGE one buff, one yellow, cocks, 7/6 and 3/6 the two, c.f.; exchange good yellow Yorkshire cock (1913): Norwood, 21, St. Ann's-aven., Burley, Leeds. (1205)

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire buff cocks, unflighted singing, for green Yorkshire cock or pair of Norwich; yours first: Barton, 22, Sandfield-crescent, St. Helens. (1201)

WANTED, gramophone and records in exchange for pair good Norwich, 3 Linnets, Greenfinch, and Redpoll, all cocks: J. Gibb, 14, Whytes-bldgs., Brechin. (1205)

YORKSHIRES, two 1911 Buff hens, splendid feeders; exchange for long slim clear Yellow cock; or sell 10/- each; yours first: Stockin, 71, Merthyr-st., Cardiff. (1192)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires, Norwich, Seifert Rollers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, cages, for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see adverts., Yorks., British): North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1217)

GOOD breeding pair Yorkshire Canaries, sell 10/-; exchange pure bred rabbits, 2 double breeding cages, 2/6 each: Fred Storey, Byers' Green, Spennymoor. (1209)

EXCHANGE two grand pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, or pen 6 Leghorns, for good Pom or Yorkshire terrier: James Jeffries, 27, Sherbourne-st., St. George, Bristol. (1199)

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EXCHANGE two house-moulted cock Linnets for steady cock Goldfinch, in song: Adams, 2, Wilsongrove, Dalston, London. (1192)

SINGING Greenfinch Mule cock; exchange for Greenfinch or Linnet for show: Clare, 78, Knutsford-rd., Bootmaker, Warrington. (1208)

REAL Old English Black-red Game cockerel, price 10/-, or exchange exhibition British hardbills: Stewart Mill, Square, Morpeth. (1190)

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EXCHANGE three set boxing gloves, value 5/- set, for Goldfinches or singing Canaries to value: Harcombe, Eastgate, Inverness. (1193)

LINNET Mule, 15/-; three Border show cages, and case for four, 8/6; exchange British, anything: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1182)

PAIR gold solitaires, new, 10/6, exchange cock Goldfinches; offers; birds first: Larcombe, 65, King Edward-st., Blaengarw, Bridgend. (1203)

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SIX large pied cock Greenies and pair Chaffinches, exchange for two Norwich hens, or sell 1/- each: Gardener, Vicarage, Llanllovery. (1205)

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TWO fine cock Linnets, and two Redpolls, all exhibition specimens, exchange for large Norwich hens, 1913: W. Jessup, Aviaries, Bond-st., Boston. (1199)

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EXCHANGE two cock Linnet Mules, full song, for a pair of Lizards or Yorkshire Canaries: Collins, Stokenchurch, Bucks. (1193)

EXCHANGE clear buff Border cock for good muling cock Goldfinch: George Elder, Parkball-cottage, Douglas, Lanarkshire. (1205)

EXCHANGE good buff Norwich cock for good Siberian cock Goldfinch, or sell 10/6: Sharples, 15, Walker-st., Clitheroe. (1211)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock and two hens for German Roller cock; sell 12/6: Albert Bailey, 13, Junction-st., Barnsley. (1203)

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich and Yorkshire hens for second-hand gramophone records: Deau, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1193)

EXCHANGE 4 buff Norwich cocks for good Crested and Crestbred hen, or sell 30/-: Burnett, 63, Main-st., Bainsford, Falkirk. (1216)

A good

YORKSHIRE cock, good stock and singing bird, 1912 vested cock, 1913, 6 cock Linnets, 2 Greenfinches, ged 8 weeks, joint-made 5-compartment breeding age; exchange for Roller Canaries, yours first: ohn Dullenty, 28, Percy-st., Fleetwood. (1198)
NEARLY six-pointed Goldie Mule, winner, 14/-; ark Linnet Mule, wants colour fed, 9/6; Norwich ck, 5/-; Greenfinch, 1/-; Linnet, 1/-; Mealy Redoll, 1/-; approval; exchange Canaries, Goldies: alvert, Fairford ter., West Stanley, Durham. (1207)
HAVING selected my breeding stock I find two unflighted Yorkshire hens to dispose of; buff hen /-, yellow 20/-; Ogden Bros.' Palace strain; would xchange the pair for good buff Norwich cock or ellow hen, approval: Taylor, 59, Chapel-st., Leigh, ancs. (1204)
ABSOLUTE bargains. Cinnamon hen, clear buff en, Norwich type, 3/6 each, model feeders, rear ay young; yellow variegated Yorkshire cock, 6/-; ellow marked Yorkshire hen, 3/6; these are grand ype and length, all natural colour: Taylor, Causeay, Bideford. (1201)
EXCHANGE dark yellow Goldie Mule and dark yelow Siskin Mule, cocks, good songsters, pretty specimens, also two good Norwich hens, good type; for ellow Crested Norwich cock and hen, good class; r sell £2; approval both ways: Hanley, Pawnbroker, Longford, Ireland. (1184)
TYPICAL yellow Yorkshire cock, fit to win, 15/-; ellow hen, 6/-; also clear yellow typical Norwich ock, 17/6; clear buff hen and ticked buff hen to atch, 12/6; good birds, cold room bred; approval; xchange gent.'s cycle; offers entertained; Marsden, 26, Shadsworth, Blackburn. (1203)
NORWICH cocks, yellow cinnamon, 7/6; buff green, 6; foul buff, 7/6; marked buff, 6/6; H.M. Linnet uler, 3/6; Siberian Linnet, 3/6; large Linnet Mule, 8/-; three Goldfinch Mules, 5/-, 8/-, C.F.; anted, good buff Norwich cock; approval with easure: Portcous, Kirkstyle, Biggar. (1208)
"CAGE BIRDS" diploma winner: Richards, Cedar-L., Newport, Mon., will exchange 1913 buff hen, first bertillery, only time shown, for yellow hen, 1913, ual quality, or will exchange two buff hens, same od as diploma winner for yellow hen, same ality; yours first; approval; sell few. (1201)
WANTED, two beaded cycle tyres and inner tubes, ze 24, and one 28 by 1¼ tyre; will exchange following: Cinnamon Yorkshire cock, Greenfinch cock nd buff Yorkshire hen, brd Mule Gold Mask to ing case, pair Flemish Giant rabbits, 9 months, ours first: A. Willey, Flaxton Station, York. (1211)
MASSIVE buff marked Norwich cock, 1913, 12/6; lear buff Norwich cock, 1911, 10/6; thirty high las. Yorkshires from 7/6 up 40/-; approval: wanted, wo moulting Goldfinches, rocks, useful offers for ome in exchange; approval, yours first; all letters nswered: Edwards, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed, eicestershire.
GIVING UP.—Yorkshires, Yellow cock, C.F., 1912 inner numerous 1sts, Buff Variegated hen, grand tock bird, 3½/-; Buff Variegated cock (stock bird ady), 1912, nice typical yellow hen, unflighted, 5/-; Yorkshires as bred, 4/- each (twelve), or exchange the lot for good Norwich to value; mutual pproval; yours first: Walker, 35, Waverley-rd., outhsea. (1195)

Mainly Foreign.

TALKING Parrot, with cage, 27/6, or will exchange or Canaries or poultry, stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-t., Manchester. (1199)
WILL exchange Green Budgerigar for large yellow Norwich hens, or anything useful: A. Frankland, awdon, Leeds. (1217)
EXCHANGE, young talking Indian Rock Parrot for Yorkshires, or anything useful; offers: Goldsmith, 5, Woodbridge-rd., Ipswich. (1205)
AMAZON Parrot, very tame, thoroughly acclimatised, chattering, 20/-; or exchange real good Norwich: Lewis, 24, Clive-st., Hereford. (1211)
INDIAN Green Parrot, strong healthy bird, intelligent companion, 15/- with nice cage, or exchange: Lady, 5, Seward-stone-rd., Victoria Park, London. (1217)
EXHIBITORS: Splendid Hangnest, winner, perfect condition, fit for Palace, 20/-, exchange Hybrids; offers; approval: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (1198)
EXTRA fine acclimatised specimens, Diamond Sparrow, 14/6; Goldcrest, 3/6; new St. Helena Waxbill, 2/-; lot, 20/-; exchange British or unflighted Norwich: Robertson, 4, Rosefield-rd., Aberdeen. (1197)
SALE or exchange for good young Grey Parrot three very good Goldfinch Mules, two very light and one dark, one 3rd winner, grand songsters; give little cash for good Parrot; approval: J. Nichols, Canary Breeder, Wymondham. (1197)
RED-CRESTED Cardinal, twice British moulted, beauty, 10/-; pair Bishops, cock full bloom (scarlet and black), 6/6; large yellow-crested White Cockatoo and cage, great pet (ladies only), £2; exchange uy for Canaries or British (Goldies preferred): Allison, Market-pl., Blyth, Northumberland. (1199)

Miscellaneous.

PUG dog, for a good Bulldog Hybrid, or offers: W. Marks, 26, Queen-st., Devonport, Devon. (1190)
EXCHANGE field glasses, value 7/-, for two Goldfinch cocks: Pickles, Hairdresser, Skipton. (1216)
WHAT offers in Roller for rifle 4 by 10 bore, and case, cost £5: Griffiths, 21, Abbey-st., Rhyl. (1186)
GRANDE Airedale dog, 3/-, exchange breechloader; offer invited: George Askew, Willingham, Caudos. (1211)
EXCHANGE, ½-plate camera, with stand, for live stock; sell 15/-: Thompson, 73, Oakbank, Mid Calder. (1217)
WANTED to exchange adult Silver Pheasant, pure bred, about two years, Bunnich, East Hoathly, Sussex. (1201)
GENT'S bike, new last summer, cost £7, bargain, £4, or exchange Bike, 78, Stratford-rd., Birmingham. (1191)
TWO Black-red Bantam pullets and cockerel, warranted laying, 2/- each: Combon, Outotter, Portland. (1217)
WHAT offers in Canaries or British for black and tan terrier dog: Watts, Grove, Abertridwr, Merthyr Tydfil. (1196)
WILL exchange violin, two bows, and case, for pair Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 11/-: Russell, Seaton, Devon. (1191)
OFFERS wanted in hen Canaries for pair of short flying pigeons, winners: Cole, 9, Columbine-st., Dartington. (1204)
WHAT offers in exchange for a trio of Game Bantams, fit for showing, or sell: French, Baker, Hoisworthy. (1207)
POTATOE scales, to weigh 11lbs., for chocolate or black Pom dog, toy: Colston, 8, Stringer-lane, Willenhall. (1191)
PRIZE Black Rosecomb Bantams, exchange Goldfinches or Canaries: Candlish, Southwick-rd, Hebburn-on-Tyne. (1197)
WANTED offers in Norwich hens for good smoothing plane, or sell 6/-: Haddrell, South Godstone.
FOUR years of "Cage Birds," what offers in hen Canaries: Mr. White, 80, President-st., Goswell-rd., London. (1201)
EXCHANGE handsome black Spaniel dog, for Canaries or useful exchange: Day, 159, Alderson-rd., Sheffield. (1205)
SPLENDID mandoline, beautiful tone, value 15/-; exchange for Yorkshire hens: T. McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone. (1179)
EXCHANGE, a golden-pencilled Hamburgh hen, for a double Crested-bred hen Canary: Barkley, Gilling, E. Malton. (1195)
EXCHANGE for singing Canary or anything useful, 50 or more coloured plates: W. Wortley, 58, Dawes rd., Fulham. (1221)
25/-, book, "Canaries," new; exchange for good cutlery or household goods: Irvine, 166, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1198)
WANTED, leather or brass candlesticks; will exchange good cock Goldfinches: Manager, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool. (1168)
EXCHANGE, Hobbie's 5/- fretwork outfit, new, for hen Bullfinches; birds first: McGinn, 12, Aircy-ter., Walker-on-Tyne. (1210)
WHAT offer for a good retriever (dog), curly, unbroken, 8 months?: H. Wain, Stanton Lees, Bakewell, Derbyshire. (1188)
WANTED, Roller hens or Bullfinches, in exchange for Irish Terrier bitch: Gilbert, 51, Waterlow-rd., Dunstable, Beds. (1201)
GRAND piano, mahogany frame, by Broadwood, what offer in exchange? Or will sell: Thompson, 159, Beach-st., Deal. (1208)
EXCHANGE good hollow ground razor, never used, also new strop; what offers: Hamer, 11, Commercial-rd., Nelson, Lancs. (1186)
FOR sale or exchange, Archangel pigeon for good British bird: David Langlands, 73, Murray-st., Montrose, Scotland. (1216)
EXCHANGE or sell, roller shutter cage, new, complete, for anything in Fancy; yours first: F. Morris, Recreation, Chertsey. (1208)
RECREATION; suspending punch-ball, in good condition, 12/6; offers invited: Apply, J. Wilson, 115, Meigle-st., Galashiels. (1187)
SELL or exchange, lady's bike, practically new, cost £6 10/-; bargain, £2, or offers: Bliss, 782, Stratford-rd., Birmingham. (1195)
LARGE Dutch buck Rabbit, sell 3/-, or exchange British Bullfinch or Goldfinch preferred: W. Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire. (1195)
TWENTY-five-egg incubator, 15/-; rook rifle, 7/6; exchange British, Canaries, or Hybrids: F. Child, Downs, Luton, Beds. (1206)
EXCHANGE black Pom., good pedigree, for Canaries or British, to value of £1; pedigree sent: C. Lambert, Swinefleet. (1211)
EXCHANGE splendid Hercules electric belt, cost £2, for good pair of green Borders: Sneddon, 9, Kelvin-st., Coatbridge. (1199)
LADY'S high-class cycle, nearly new, sell 35/-, or exchange Canaries, etc: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1198)
WILL exchange Family Bible, quite new, cost 50/-, for Canaries, or anything useful: Oates, Ravenscar-place, Roundhey, Leeds. (1218)
FLYING foxes, hang upside down, great novelty, good shop-window attraction; 14/- each to clear: 11, Lupus-st., Pimlico. (1214)
WILL exchange, 5 golf clubs, with bag, and 7 balls, for pair of good Norwich Canaries: J. Hamilton, Queen-st., Kilmarnock. (1198)
WHAT offers for 70 "Cage Birds" books and a small domed aviary: Kent, Holmwood Stubbs, Tenderton-grove, Hendon. (1197)
WILL exchange game of table billiards, with cues and balls, for good British Goldfinch: J. Hamilton, Queen-st., Kilmarnock. (1198)
FLEMISH Giant doe, four young, for Bantams; two Norwich hen Canaries for small dog pup: Carter, Star-st., Ware, Herts. (1207)
FOR sale, Sandow five-spring grip dumbbells, 7/6; exchange for double breeding cage, etc.: J. Mercer, 1, Kay-st., Blackburn. (1203)
EXCHANGE two pedigree Pom pups, three months old, for Parrot, or anything useful: Cook, 270, Aqueduct-st., Preston (1209)
BROWN tweed hand-made suit, 32 leg, 35 breast; exchange pair good Norwich: Harry Johnson, 113, Heysham-rd., Southport. (1201)
WANTED prize-bred Canaries, exchange 30/- roller skates, chandelier, and other lamps: Mylchreest, 41, Osborne-rd., Tuebrook. (1198)
EXCHANGE good gent's cycle for selected Britishers, or sell, 24/-; yours first: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire. (1218)
ABERDEEN Terrier bitch, winner; exchange 6 yellow Norwich hens or Goldfinches: Holloway, 15, Gauna Park-rd., Plymouth. (1188)
FIVE pure Bantams, 12/6; lady's new watch, 12/6; dinner, tea sets, etc.; offers, Canaries: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (1201)
THIRTY-six sixpenny novels, good order; particulars, stamp; wanted offers in Yorks.: Palmer, Langford-rd., Weston-super-Mare. (1205)
BULL Terrier dog pup, 5 months, accept birds, gramophone, offers invited; cash or anything useful: 6, Melrose-st., Lincoln. (1193)
PAIR Golden Sebright Bantams, 10/-; exchange Goldfinches or Bullfinches; offers: J. Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1190)
WANTED, high class Norwich; exchange grand Buff Orpingtons, 1912 birds, Jack's strain: Chambers, Heath-rd., Dittou, Widnes. (1203)
BEAUTIFULLY marked black and white Pom dog, 18 months, £1; exchange Rollers; offers: Gibbs, Acland-rd., Bridgend, Glam. (1209)
EXCHANGE, Samlow's spring grip dumbbells, value 12/6, offers Norwich cock; approval both ways: Ray, 58, Grant-rd., Battersea. (1194)
EXCHANGE pair racing Homers, NURP13, flown 104 miles, ran be verified, for cock Britishers: Stockdale, Ashfield-terr., Bingley. (1201)
PERFECT Edison Gem Phonograph, brass horn, 60 records; exchange pair Norwich colour-fed, value £3: Owen Jones, Tryfan, Harlech. (1202)
EXCHANGE four Scotch Fancy show cages and cage for Canaries, British or Foreign cage birds: David Langlands, Montrose. (1216)
EXCHANGE pair clapnets, poles, pull lines, for moulting hens, or exhibition hybrids: Joseph Argyle, Brook-st., Codnor, Derbyshire. (1210)
EXCHANGE good disc records for Norwich cock, or good Cheveral cock Goldfinch: Chas. Pearce, Crimnis, Par Station, Cornwall. (1207)
LIGHTLY marked yellow Norwich hen, first local show, sell 6/6, or exchange Goldfinches, approval: Pugh, Church Bank, Llandovery. (1217)
EXCHANGE gent.'s keyless lever watch, new, accurate timekeeper; for what offers in cock Roller: Green, Milford terr., Old Ford, E. (1187)
WANTED, Schoolmaster, also Roller hens; will give ¾ h.p. gas engine; particulars: 2, Travis-st., Shaw and Crompton, Oldham. (1180)
TYPICAL black Pom bitch, shortly in season, good pedigree, sell £1; exchange Canaries, anything: Edmundson, Wall-st., Blackburn. (1202)
BOOK, "Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds," cost 25/-, accept 15/-, unsoiled: Batsford, 52, Gt. William-st., Stratford-on-Avon. (1185)
DACHSHUND dog, 2 years, exchange exhibition Goldfinch or Greenfinch, value £3, or Budgerigars: Gunning, Stannanman, Scotland. (1198)
CHILD'S pram, fair condition; exchange Roller cock and Norwich hen, yellow: Sherwood, 3, Woodfield-rd. North, Ellesmere Port. (1200)
WHAT offers in Yorkshire or Norwich for cabin trunk, never used, cost 30/-; yours first: Ellis, 190, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (1207)
TWO pairs Black Rosecomb Bantams, 5/, 7/6, or exchange good Yorkshires; yours first: Snowden, 18, St. Mark's-terrace, Southampton. (1193)
WANTED Canaries or other birds, in exchange for breeding cages or loose fronts, any size made: Irwin, 4, Kirkdale-rd., Liverpool. (1198)
EDISON Standard Phonograph, 2 horns, 40 records, very plain speaker, 40/-; offers: Clayton, 22, Chilton st., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent. (1217)
PERFECTION oil stove, ideal for bird room, value 15/-; exchange bull Yorkshire hen, length essential: Moule, 82, Almond-st., Abertillery. (1204)
EXCHANGE splendid phonograph, beautiful large horn, perfect order, also 22 records, sell 16/6; bargain: Edward, 12, Kid-st., Notts. (1194)
WILL give splendid pair large, warm, pure woollen, heavy, white blankets, for 3 pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1127)
EXCHANGE three racing homers, R.P. ring, 1913, for one unflighted buff Yorkshire hen, sell 15/-: Douglas, 15, Croft-st., Morecambe. (1196)
NEW and second-hand motor cycles for sale cheap: Apply, J. Wells, Motor Cycle Expert, 20, St. George's-rd., College Green, Bristol. (1192)
FAST Whippet dog puppy, four months, 10/-, or exchange H.M. Goldies or Mules, cocks: Kelland, 9, Edward-st., Ystrad Mynach, Glam. (1202)
EXCHANGE five-compartment black ebony breeding cage, value 17/-, for Yorkshire Canaries; offers, first: C. Richards, Ipstones, Staffs. (1196)
WANTED, good pair Norwich, exchange hand or stand camera, and two others, or sell 25/-: Bootmaker, Collyweston-rd., nr. Stamford. (1196)
TWO pair Nuns, 10/- pair; pair Fairy Swallows, 12/6; approval: exchange Canaries or Mules: Porter, 12, Constitution-st., Peterhead. (1198)
FAST Whippet bitch, twelve months, tame to rag, 15lbs., 30/-; also fawn dog pup, four months, trained rag, 15/-: Sparks, Westcott, Dorking. (1196)
EXCHANGE rifle, with quantity of cartridges and cash, for single-barrel breechloader; approval each way: Whitlow, Padgate, Warrington. (1208)
WANTED, yellow Norwich cock and hen, in exchange for natural history books, value 35/-: Davies, 67 Cochrane-st., Kilbirnie, Ayrshire. (1218)
RETRIEVER bitch, 10 months, 15/-, exchange for good Pom. bitch, or anything useful: Banagan, Burnley-place, Chadderton, Oldham. (1194)
CONVERTED Martini rifle, Parker Hale aperture, sights, nearly new, £1, or nearest offer: Burton, Rock-cottages, Crossbrook, Buxton. (1211)
NINE long distance flying pigeons, 4 flew Arbroath, 3 Bournemouth, 22/6, exchange anything: Read, 217, Hermitage, Coalville, Leicestershire. (1211)
OFFERS wanted for gent.'s gun-metal watch, new, 12/6; birds preferred: yours first; no postcards: Barber, Westgate, Southwell, Notts. (1189)
YORKSHIRE dog pup, fawn coloured, three months old, make grand pet, 15/-; or Canaries to value £1: Walker, Usworth Colliery, Co. Durham. (1209)
FREE.—Two full-sized tins washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1076)
AVIARY, 3ft. long, 3ft. high, 20 inches wide, glass round, 4ins. deep, sell, 15/-; exchange birds: Duke, 336, South Frederick-st., South Shields. (1195)
WHAT offers in Budgerigars for 1 dozen second-hand 2/6 records; quite clear, 10inch—: S. Waters, "St. Leonard's," Clarence-avenue, Woking.
EXCHANGE Sandow's spring-grip dumbbells, as new, for good Siberian cock Goldfinch, or what offers: Thompson, 44, Taylor-st., Clitheroe. (1211)
EXCHANGE cycle, 24in. frame, good condition, coaster hub, for talking Parrot and cage; offers; yours first: 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs. (1202)
EXCHANGE set of seven golf clubs and bag, for two pair of Canaries, for breeding Yorkshires preferred: Smith, 84, Shamrock-st., Glasgow. (1200)
EXCHANGE, 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 teaspoons, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1217)
A GOOD bred fox terrier dog puppy, pretty mark, 9 weeks old, will exchange for a pair of Canaries: John Foster, 10, Woburn-st., Nottingham. (1195)
WANTED, good singing cock Canary; exchange 3-piec set silver mounted meat carvers, new: Stroud, 14, Shaftesbury-aven., Forest-gate, London. (1187)
FOR sale, 8 volumes "The Modern Carpenter and Joiner and Cabinet Maker," cost £3; no reasonable offer refused: 222, Bristol-rd., Gloucester. (1206)
WANTED two good 1913 Norwich cocks in exchange for one Indian Game cockerel and pullet: A. Blinman, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. (1202)
WILL exchange good gramophone, also dozen records, for Canaries; or would sell £4 10s.; bargain: Wm. Lewis, Colliers Arms, Aberkenfig, Glam. (1200)
LARGE gramophone and 39 records, almost new, sell £3; approval, deposit; or exchange birds, yours first: Girvan, 30, Bow-st., Stirling, Scotland. (1210)
CARVED striking wooden clock, splendid condition, good make, 15/-; exchange hen Canaries: Lear, 66, Gloucester-rd., Peckham, London. (1216)
"OUR Canaries," not a spot on it, 10/-; case, with two Yorkshire show cages, by Reece, almost new; cheap, 5/-: Charles Henry Hill, Wivelscombe. (1200)
HARMSWORTH History World, 51 parts, complete; sell, £1; exchange British birds or Canaries: Smith, 23, Pentre-rd., Mardy Rhondda, Glam. (1186)
SMART, cobby, good-coloured Irish Terrier, female, 8 weeks, 8/6; good Airedale, female, 8 weeks, 10/-; offers; birds useful: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (1217)
SISKIN-Redpoll Hybrid for sale, winner; talking Parrot and cage wanted; offers, anything considered; approval: Perry Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire. (1205)
GOOD pair Old English Spangle Bantams (Babcock's), 6/6; exchange nonflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, anything useful: Fox, Ludgvan, Longrock. (1170)
ONE dozen Columbia Rena records, double-sided, good condition, 10/-, or exchange joiner's tools, brace and bit, planes: Glew, Doncaster-rd., Ferry Bridge. (1210)
EXCHANGE planed boards, 11-19in. long, 9in. wide, 11-16in. long, 9in. wide; offer, Norwich hens, unflighted yellow or buff: 26, Clifton-rd., Southport. (1189)
EXHIBITION Black-red, winner two 1sts, in good classes, cards sent; exchange good stock bird, Yorkshire yellow cock, or anything useful; approval, yours first: Lewis, Erw Howell, Llanrug, Carnarvon. (1205)
WANTED, two cock Canaries or five hens; exchange silver-plated cruet or six ivorine-handled knives, with nickle silver forks to match, new; approval: Robinson, 3, Thrumpton rd., Retford. (1216)
WAGONETTE, seat 6, £4 10/, mahogany Palace aviary, £2 10/; Yorkshire show cages, breeding cages; exchange anything, offers Cypher, Bedwas. (1209)
CAMERA, ¼ plate, magazine, and accessories, value 15/-; exchange for two clear yellow Norwich hens for mating: Thompson, Nag's Head yard, Kendal. (1207)
EXCHANGE real good Brindle and white Bull bitch for Canaries or talking Parrot; approval, deposit: Steele, 137, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1197)
EXCHANGE "Clarke's" patent stove, suitable for bird room or office, for Norwich Canaries, hens good) wanted: 43, Florence-rd., New Cross, S.E. (1201)
EXCHANGE pair Coal glasses, oling cage, value 15/, for cock Goldfinch Mule, good hardy songster, Finch no: Hewes, Brinsley Moor, Eastwood, Notts. (1202)
EXCHANGE Carbotron stove, in good order, cost 35/-, for yellow Norwich hen, or anything useful, sell 12/6: A. Newcombe, 49, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (1197)
EXCHANGE, electric tattooing outfit, complete, nearly new, for foreign specimens, or what offers, sell £1: Stephenson, Park Head, Stanhope, Durham. (1206)
PEDIGREE Fox Terrier bitch puppy, will make winner, kill rats, 25/-; exchange birds, or anything useful: Hodges, Saffron-rd., High Wycombe. (1211)
SPRINGER Spaniel bitch, under 2 years, good worker, wants little steadying, sell 25/, or exchange; mutual approval: Willis, Long-lane, Wimborne. (1218)
THREE Dark Spangle Bantam cocks, nine hens, 2 Blue cockerels, can win; exchange good cage birds, or offers, approval: Bell, Main-rd., Windermere. (1216)
EXCHANGE rubber water bed (26 by 18 inches), only used once, cost 35/-, for Canaries or breeding cages: Marlow, 11, Radford-rd., Lewisham. (1217)
WANTED offers, cock Norwich or Goldfinches, for 810 copies of "The Regiment"; yours first; approval: McGregor, Sarahville-cres., Larkhall, Scotland. (1199)
FINE big Airedale Sheepdog, beautifully marked, blue and white, sell £1, or exchange Goldfinch or Linnet Mules: Parker, 186, Bishopsgate, London, E.C. (1198)
EXCHANGE set carvers or six table knives, good quality, ivorine handles, for cock or three hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt st., Sheffield. (1213)
NOTICE.—Birds, any description, taken in exchange for cages or loose fronts, any size; state offers and what wanted: Leigh, 51, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (1198)
TWENTY-FOUR phonograph records and new 2/6 reproducer, in exchange for pair Canaries and cock Goldfinch: Rupert Mobbs, 41, Westbourne-rd., Bedford. (1201)
EXCHANGE, five-string ivory-studded banjo for Canaries, British, Mules, or sell 35/-; also book Canaries, British, Hybrids: Thomas, Hairdresser, Tonypandy. (1200)
BLUE Pigmy Pouter, 5/-; exchange yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hen; white African Owl, 7/6, exchange Norwich or Yorkshire songster: Prentice, Newport, Wight. (1200)
FOUR double-breeding cages, Reece's, 36in, four single 24in., with fittings complete, 22/-, or exchange for laying pullets: Spinner, 63, Oval-rd., Croydon. (1202)
WILL sell New Century bicycle, good condition, 35/-; or exchange for good pair Crests or Crestbred Norwich and cash: Watts, 417, Caledonian-rd., Islington, N. (1205)
EXCHANGE English buck and Belgian doe, both bred from winners, for one Roller and Norwich cocks, or sell 18/-: Thomson, 21, Wrightson-st., Norton-on-Tees. (1207)
BEAUTIFUL Whippet Greyhound for disposal, 5 months, well bred parents, catch anything, sell 25/-, or exchange; offer: Johnson, Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Festiniog. (1188)
WHAT offers, 140 bronze and silver coins, calabash pipe, silver-mounted ditto, meerschaum ditto, gent's stop watch, 9ct. gold pin: Halton, Boss's-gard n, Brighton. (1203)
WHAT offers in exchange for eight Yorkshire cocks, two Linnet Mules, hen Canary, rock Linnet, parent of above: Bennion, 374, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1216)
WANTED offers in exchange for a good set of double harness, no bits or collars, sell 25/-; approval both ways: J. Balls, 164, Dersingham-aven., Manor Park, E. (1201)
OVER 100 magazines, "Girls' Own," "Good Words," "Review of Reviews," "Nineteenth Century," exchange pair Canaries: Sylvester Wright, Shaftesbury. (1209)
FOUR travelling cases, 14 British show cages, good condition; cases hold 2, 3, 4,; exchange household goods; no live stock: England, Scotland-rd., Nelson, Lancashire. (1195)
EXCHANGE Black Pom. bitch, grand coat, head and tail carriage, for Norwich or Yorkshires, or anything useful; sale £1: Cruden, Hairdresser, Fraserburgh. (1211)
GRAMOPHONE, large oak model, and quantity double records, new Christmas, cost £3 7/-, bargain, £2; approval anywhere: 91, Mary-st., Balsall-heath, Birmingham. (1218)
GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-; exchange pair Norwich; four cock Canaries, sell 7/6 each, exchange good hens, yellow preferred: B. Youngs, Bridge-rd., Oulton Broad. (1204)
WANTED, Roller Canaries, exchange gent.'s silver Lever watch, value 12/6; also lady's silver watch, value 10/-, both in perfect order: Ley, Torrington-st., Bideford. (1204)
EXCHANGE, old silver, English lever watch with Verge case, in good working order, for Canaries, British or Foreign: Birds Hill, 12, Alfred-rd., Birkenhead. (1217)
PURE bred Belgian Hare doe and six young ones, three months old, will sell for 12/-, or exchange for four good pullets; yours first: Kiff, 9, Scrubbitsqs., Radcliff. (1202)
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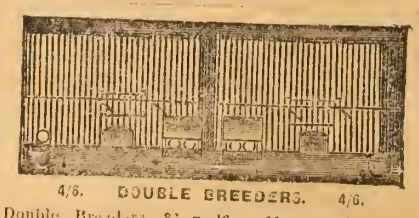

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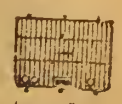

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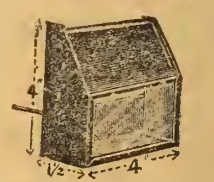

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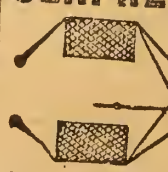

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WEEKLY supply; warranted good healthy cock Linnets, 5/- doz.; few extra good large birds, 1/- each; cock Larks, 4/- doz.; few very good birds, 1/- each: Crossman, 9, Hampton-st., Northampton. (1229)

COCK Goldfinch Mule, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, in song, 7/6 each; 4 clear Roller hens, cock Linnet, 10/-; cock Mealy Redpoll, hen Goldfinch, 5/-; Wall, 3, Fernbrook-aven., Southend-on-Sea. (1229)

EXHIBITORS, I have a few outstanding field-moulted cock Linnets to dispose of; should moult out champions; no fancy price; stamp reply: Osborne, Cage Manufacturer, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton. (1240)

WINNING British, fit for Palace Show; Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnets, Lesser Redpoll, Snow Bunting, also F.M. Goldfinch, Bullfinches, Linnets, grand birds: Mays, Kingschffe, Wansford, Northants. (1236)

SISKIN Linnet, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch, all cocks, and Clap Net Sell 12/-, or separate; also a cock Linnet Mule, on Linnet song only, sell 10/-; all good birds: John Greig, 60, Park-rd., Tranent, East Lothian. (1235)

TO catchers and contest singers; those requiring genuine singing cock Linnet, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, also Mules, on approval, cheap, send me your address, will send to you by return: Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable. (1155)

LARGE cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each; picked birds for mating and showing, 2/6, 3/6 each; handsome cock Bullfinches, 2/6; large young hens, 1/6 each; the above are all full coloured, clean netted birds: Morris, 2, Lucas-st., Brinksway, Stockport, Cheshire. (1236)

BULLFINCH cock, winner of 1st prize, 7/6; house-moulted cock Greenfinch (breeder), 5/-; six Redpolls, cocks, 4/-; Goldfinch, 3/-; Chaffinch, cock, 5/-, worth double; cash or deposit: Rees, Berry House, Abercanid, Merthyr. (1232)

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BOTTING, Billericay, Essex.—Grand British for disposal, including cage and field-moulted Hawfinches, Greenfinch, Chaffinches, etc., light mules, breeding, tock cages, must sell many; room wanted: The Hedgerows, Billericay, Essex. (1230)

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GIANT Mealy Redpolls, 2/6; Lesser Redpolls, 1/-; cock Goldfinches, 1/-; cock Linnets, singing, 1/6; Scotch thorn Linnets, 2/6; cock Siskin, 5/6; Yellow Wagtail, 7/6; hand-reared cock Skylark, 7/6; Barbary Doves, 2/6 pair, mixed aviary birds, 9/- dozen: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1236)

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(1181)

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HAND-reared singing cock Skylark and cage, sings gaslight; bargain, 4/6: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1232)

SELECTED cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, Redwings, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 51, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport. (1228)

LARKS, Larks, cock Larks: grand upstanding well spangled young cocks, 2/6 dozen: Joseph Moss, Gravel-la., Tarleton, Preston. (1235)

LARKS, cock Larks, large upstanding young birds, 2/6 dozen; warranted cocks: Wm. Moss, Mere Brown, Tarleton, Preston. (1237)

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MONSTER cock Skylark, loud songster, measuring fourteen inches from tip to tip, 1/-; this bird can win: Gale, 117, West-st., Dunstable. (1191)

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CREST and Crestbred for sale, same strain as my cup and Palace winners; reasonable price; state wants; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-aven., Wood Green. (1235)

1913 Crestbred cock, 1912 Crest hen, 20/-; 1912 Crest cock, 1913 Crest hen, 20/-; 1912 Crestbred cock, good dome, skull, well lashed, 12/6: Smith, 13, Bedford-pl., Aberdeen. (1231)

HAVING too many birds for breeding, I will sell cheap about 40 Crests, Crest-breds, good blood, cold-room; pairs, or single, from 7/6; deposit: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex. (1199)

JIM TAYLOR can spare four Crestbred hens, one Crest hen, three Crested cocks, one yellow, 2nd Newcastle, 45/-; same strain as my winners; approval: Robson-st., Shildon; stamp. (1236)

BARNETT'S direct. Crests and C.-B.'s, all my expensive birds and their young for sale; £1 to £5; giving up; letters only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham. (1161)

LARGE dark weeping Crested cock, £2; green do., 25/-; another, 15/-; very large clear, Crestbred cock, 25/-; dark Crested hen, £1; and several others; approval: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich. (1235)

W. GUTTERIDGE, The Stores, Haliburton Road, St. Margaret's-on-Thames, has decided to sell out his Crests, Crestbreds, cages, etc.; matched pairs from 30/-; Crestbred cocks from 12/6; grand bargains; approval, deposit. (1241)

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, best blood, massive birds, grand feather, 35 years breeder of the best, judge of 100 shows; fanciers wanting a good bird or two should write; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1201)

FOR sale, the finest stock of Crests and Crest-breds in the Fancy, yellows and buffs, a few good Plainhead Norwich, the same as our Plymouth winners, and many other shows, from 10/- upwards; can be seen any time: Symons Bros., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall (1188)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give; on approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1033)

YELLOW Crestbred cock, 30/-; another, 20/-; dark Crest hen, clear body, 30/-: cock, 25/-; large buff light Crest hen, 25/; also several Crestbred cocks, from 15/- to £1; also several Crestbred hens, 15/- to £1; all reliable birds, bred from winners; approval: H. Cowperswait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham.

ADVERTISER is absolutely compelled, through unforeseen circumstances, to sell his collection of Crest and Crestbred Canaries, no rubbish, all from prize strain birds; to be sold together or separately; approval on deposit; also breeding cages: A. Keyworth, 110, South View Crescent, Sheffield.

WANTED, pair 1912 or 1913, bred for Crest breeding, must have good head properties, in exchange for a lovely silver tabby neuter Persian cat, massive specimen, good in all points, winner 1st, sp., best cat in show, or sell 3 guineas; approval both ways, age 18 months: Jenner, Teston, Maidstone. (1230)

WE have received for disposal on behalf of a lady client, who is overstocked, about 20 pairs of young Crests and Crestbreds of highest quality; our client does not exhibit, but has (under the superintendence of a well-known fancier) been a breeder of Crests for some years. She has always bought for stock purposes best possible strains. Her stock is in perfect condition, amongst them being birds fit for keenest competition or breeding purposes. This is an opportunity for Crest breeders. We invite enquiries; low prices will be taken; may be seen here, or sent on appro., usual terms: "Pets" Supply Co., Coppice Drive Aviaries, Harrogate. (1230)

SPECIAL Notice: Must clear to make room for breeding; large feathered 1913 Crestbred hen, only 8/6; also real choice 1913 clear Crested cock, only 10/6; also monster exhibition dark Crested cock, immense drooping crest, only 25/-; also large feathery 1913 Crestbred cock, only 9/-; also monster exhibition Crestbred cock, large head and turnover to end of beak, sure winner in good company, only 22/6; also grand exhibition 1913 dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 21/-; also many others at all prices from 8/6 to £2 each; Palace winning strain; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1213)

THE CHAMPION STRAIN

Crested cocks, darks and greys, 20/6, 25/6, 27/6, 30/6 each; Crestbred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/- each; C.B. hens, 12/6, 15/6 each: approval, stamp reply: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby (1230)

VALUE INCOMPARABLE!

That are in my possession (not on paper, to be sold first and bought afterwards). Crests and Crested Breds. Crested Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- to 60/- upwards. Crested-bred Hens, 4/6, 5/-, 8/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Crested-bred Hens, 4/6, 5/-, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/- upwards. Pairs matched for Crest Breeding one Crested and one Crested-bred, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards per pair; approval. Cages, 3d. Note. Several Crests that are double Crest-bred; experienced breeders know the value of such in certain cases.

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Lizards.

LIZARDS; best blood in the world, 10/- pairs, 1913 bred, approval: Whipp, 483, Rochdale-rd., High Crompton, Shaw. (1230)

FRED HAMER, 98, Ronald-st., Oldham, again his strain of Lizards to the front, winning all round; pairs or single cocks; also pair Lancashires. (1191)

W. P. BARNES, breeder of champion Lizards, winner championship diplomas Longton, Newcastle, Preston, best bird L.C.B.A., Bradford National, best Lizard Sunderland; properly matched pairs 7/6, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6, approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (1229)

Lancashires.

YOUNG Lancashire hens for sale, pure bred, on approval: Apply, J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge-rd., nr. Rochdale. (1223)

GRAND straight yellow Lancashire Crested cock, ideal stock bird, a bargain, 15/6; approval, deposit: Hallett, Shrublands Smithy Bridge, Lancs. (1215)

Cinnamons.

ROBERTS' champion cinnamons, ten pairs to clear cheap; also few Norwich hens; approval, stamp: 8, Balfour-st., Blackburn. (1204)

CINNAMONS, Norwich type cocks, 12/6; hens, 10/6 upwards; best blood; see wins, stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park, Plymouth. (1242)

LARGE colour-fed Norwich buff cinnamon cock, winner, 1st Ipswich, £1 5/-; yellow green cinnamon, 10/-: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1234)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has decided to reduce his stock both in Norwich and Cinnamons owing to business pressure; some good stock birds cheap: stamp: approval. (1196)

WANTED large 1913 self yellow cinnamon Norwich cock; will give in exchange pair gent's new shoes, size 9, Krupp leather, value 12/-; approval: Needham, Saddler, Bakewell. (1231)

WM. COOK, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich Cinnamons and Norwich; 30 pairs for disposal; also muling cock Goldfinches and Goldfinch Mules; on approval, deposit. (1242)

CINNAMONS. Norwich type; winners two cups this season and numerous other events. All my own breeding. Now is the opportunity. Buy good stock cheap; cold room; stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1160)

MRS. DEACON'S CHAMPION CINNAMONS

Having purchased this famous stock entire, offer buff cocks, unflighted, from 15/- upwards; buff hens, 10/- upwards; one chance for novices, winners for sale; approval: Rev. Nunne, Harrington, Cumberland (see Norwich). (1147)

Belgians.

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

G. S. BAKER, Georges-rd., Barnstaple, has grand lot Belgians, bred from biggest winners living, reasonable prices, approval. (1144)

BELGIANS, few good pairs, several cocks, suitable Yorkshire crossing; cold room 1913 birds: F. Baker, 2, Brooklands, Totnes. (1235)

CHAMPION Belgians, several for sale cheap; bred from my winners at leading shows; approval: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1195)

FOR sale cheap to clear, two young buff Belgians, cocks, and one hen: Holliday, Rockholm, Vincent-aven., Shirley, Southampton. (1234)

CHAMPION Belgians, winners at Barnstaple, Swansea, L.C.B.A., Scottish National; also good stock birds; reasonable; approval: Fred Butts, 12, Lower Mandlin-st., Barnstaple. (1197)

FOR sale, four yellows, four buffs, cocks, 4 hens, 6 show cages, and case; these are the remaining stock of Belgians belonging to Mr. Robertson, who is giving up the Fancy; cheap to clear; exchange good talking Parrot; approval: Apply, Dan Harding, Harrington, Cumberland. (1231)

Greens.

GIVING up Fancy. Norwich greens, flight, breeding, and show cages, all utensils, cheap: Malone, 41, Guilford-st., Liverpool. (1207)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire green cocks, from 8/6 upwards, good feather and quality; approval, deposit: Riley, Grocer, Lee Mount, Halifax. (1204)

LOT of good Green cocks and hens in pure Yorkshire and Border Fancies; particulars or list free: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PAIR Yorkshire greens; cock singing, 10/6 pair; monster clear buff muling hen Canary, 4/6; bargains: Carter, Square, Uttoxeter. (1129)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

WANTED, monster yellow variegated Norwich cock, exchange 7in. buff marked Lancashire-Yorkshire cock: Easton, 132, Church-rd., Urmston, Manchester. (1233)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills, of my winners at the shows, Utrecht, Dusseldorf, Munchen, Rosenheim, etc., 1913; per pair 50/-, 60/-, 70/-; cash or deposit, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leeuwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

DUTCH Frills, young birds, 12/6 each, cash or deposit, very fine birds, July and August bred, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leeuwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin Street, Carlisle, Norwich Specialist. Unflighted buff cocks, size, type, quality, good heads, perfect wings, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; three unflighted yellows, 15/- each; unflighted buff hens, typical, grand quality, perfect wings, 7/6 each to clear. (1235)

TWO Norwich cocks, 11/-: Lutter, 101, Sutherland-rd., Croydon. (1224)

TICKED buff cock, ticked yellow hen, 9/- pair; genuine: Carter, Square, Uttoxeter. (1229)

LARGE variegated Norwich hen, 1912, healthy, 4/-: Sauter, 41, Rosemary-rd., Peckham. (1239)

WANTED, any quantity of Norwich for export, best prices given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1233)

SEVERAL prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, reasonable prices; on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

GIVING up the Fancy. All my birds for sale; stamp reply: Tweddle, Wemberley-st., Blackburn. (1217)

FEW Norwich for sale, price reasonable; approval; stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1216)

NORWICH cocks 6/6, hens 3/6 upwards; exchange Crests; approval: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (1232)

TEN pairs Norwich, 1912 and 1913 bred, 70/-; cash or deposit: Bourton, 19, Waller-st., Leamington Spa. (1224)

NORWICH cocks, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1224)

T. IRONS has some good Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, from 10/6; approval: Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1152)

A FEW most reliable Norwich to be sold cheap: Write J. Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield-rd., Macclesfield. (1239)

FOUR young Norwich Canaries, 3 yellows and 1 buff, untried, 10/6 lot: Godfrey Walton, Handford Hall, Ipswich. (1238)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 6/- each, good stock, and cold-room bred: J. Lawry, Illogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall. (1239)

FAIR good Norwich, 12/6, first P.O. gets these; also odd birds for sale: Patterson, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow. (1229)

NORWICH, 10/6 pair, and upwards, only few pair left; approval, stamp: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (1212)

TWO large 1912 buff Norwich stock cocks, and one yellow hen, lot 35/-: Gossling, King's-rd., Walton-on-Thames. (1239)

ALL show and stock birds for sale, pairs 10/6 to 50/-, or one lot; stamp reply: Adams, 51, Stanley-st., Coventry. (1193)

YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, 8/6; buff and yellow hens, 4/-: Gray and Duncan, 23, Guthrie-port, Arbroath. (1239)

STARK'S noted strain, yellow or buff cocks, unflighted, 8/6 to 20/-; good value; approval: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (1202)

TWO double breeding cages and two pairs of good Norwich Canaries, 25/-, bargain: Abbott, 4, Bright-st., Peterborough. (1230)

TEN pairs of high-class unflighted Norwich, sell in one lot, or pairs from 12/6; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton. (1230)

STRONG healthy 1913 cocks, 7/6, 8/6, yellow and buff, pairs 10/6, cold room bred: Miss Fooks, Cottesmore, Brentwood. (1198)

FOR sale, Norwich cock Canaries; yellows 10/6, variegated 7/6, green hens 4/-: Combes, 28, Station-rd., South Norwood. (1227)

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, winner first, full song, exchange large Norwich hen yellow, value £1: Jones, Vaynol House, Harlech. (1232)

FEW good-bred Norwich for disposal, prices reasonable to clear; approval, deposit: Bennett, 26, Hampden-rd., Wrexham. (1211)

NORWICH Roller cocks, excellent songsters, every bird warranted, 7/6 upwards: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1230)

FEW typical Norwich, winning strain, mostly yellows, cocks 8/6, hens from 4/6: Bonniwell, 63, Highlever-rd., North Kensington. (1192)

TWO high class buff Norwich cocks, colour fed, 1913 bred, will sacrifice for 30/-: Frankling, Wellingborough-rd., Irthlingborough. (1228)

NORWICH, grand hens from winners, yellows and buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 9/- each; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (1231)

NORWICH, buff cock, yellow variegated hen, 12/6; another buff cock, 10/6: Hunt, 26, Graham-rd., Cholmondeley-rd., Pendleton. (1225)

CHAMPION large pairs Norwich, 20/6 to £5; singles from 10/6; state wants: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1242)

GRAND stout buff cock, colour fed, winner 1st Ipswich, 15/-; large buff hen, 2nd Ipswich, 12/-: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1234)

BARGAINS.—Norwich, buff cock, 7/6; yellow ticked hen, 5/6; yellow marked cock, 7/6; buff hen, 4/6: Eddy, Bellevue-terr., Penzance. (1225)

EXTRA good stock birds; Buff cocks, hens, very reasonable; approval, cash deposit: Arthur Wake, 128, Prince's-rd., Middlesbrough. (1240)

TWO good yellow Norwich cocks, splendid condition, prize winners, 40/- each; approval; deposit: Woods, 9, Doughty-st., Stamford. (1226)

A FEW colour-fed cocks, stock birds, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval, deposit; songsters, 5/-: Ashby, Shoe Market, Bury St. Edmunds. (1239)

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 to 10/- each; hens from 3/- to 6/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Croutwell-st., Red Lane, Coventry. (1239)

TWENTY clear buff Norwich hens, young, healthy birds, ready for breeding, 3/- each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (1239)

FINE buff Norwich cock, winner of 1st at Wimbledon, also very neat hen to match, £2: Mr. C. Pratt, 3, Vowler-st., Walworth. (1236)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks and hens, 8/- to 12/- each, same as my winners; approval: H. S. Naylor, 1, Round-st., Bradford, Yorks. (1222)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room cocks, full song, 6/-; unflighted hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1235)

TWO grand stock cocks, yellow, buff, clears, great size, good heads, feather, 30/- each; approval: Henson, 357, Bradford-rd., Manchester. (1231)

UNFLIGHTED buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-; buff hens, 7/6 each; own breed; approval, stamp; J. Haythurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley. (1228)

GOOD feeding clear buff Norwich hen, 2/6; excellent single breeder, complete, 2/9; 20in. hand saw, pincers, 2/6, cash: Hubbard, North Kilworth, Rugby. (1224)

HANDSOMELY variegated Norwich cock full song, 4/-; two hens, both bred, 2/6 each; one bred Mules, 3/-: Jackson, Canal-st., Congleton. (1224)

STRONG 1913 Norwich cock Canaries, from 4/6 each; hens, clear and variegated, from 3/-: Miss Pratt, 5, The Quadrant, Exeter. (1236)

ALL Mr. Whalley's winners and stock birds for sale; nothing withheld; inspection any time: 1239, Chester-rd., Stretford, Manchester. (1232)

NORWICH Canaries, cocks 7/6, hens 4/-, bred and wintered in exposed outdoor aviary, very hardy: Corbett, Stonegate, Spalding, Lincs. (1229)

PRIZE bred Norwich, pairs from 10/6, buff hens 4/-, yellows 4/6, marked cocks 10/6; 1913: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (1232)

FOR sale, 8 good quality buff hens, 5/- each; 2 extra good yell. hens, 6/- each: J. Dowling, 8, Shepley-rd., Audenshaw, nr. Manchester. (1225)

DECLINING Fancy: All my prize bred Norwich also stock new joiner made breeding cages, cheap: Hopkinson, 28, Fulham-st., Nelson. (1231)

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich, for show or song; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

TWENTY typical Norwich, champion strain, yellows and buffs, unflighted, from 7/6 each; stamp: Jay, 176, Astonville-st., Southfields (1175)

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfinch type, large round heads, grand feather: approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1207)

NORWICH, large, goog type, yellows or buffs, cocks 7/6 to 15/-, hens 4/6 to 12/6; approval, deposit: Archer, 136, Narboro'-rd., Leicester. (1202)

TICKED buff cock, 12/6; variegated buff cock, 10/-; green buff cock, 10/-; all unflighted: A. G. Smith, 42, Carlton-st., Old Trafford, Manchester. (1234)

EXCHANGE two large buff Norwich hens, rare size and substance, for good yellow cock, or sell 10/- each: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1234)

THREE large buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; one pair, 10/6: Roberts' strain; own breeding; cash or deposit: Wheeler, Griffins Wood, Epping. (1214)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, full song 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6; clear yellows and buffs; 3/-, 4/-; 7 days' approval: Gater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1188)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1211)

YOUNG buff Norwich cocks, stock birds, 12/6 each; Borders, all colours, 12/6 pair, prize bred: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FIVE pairs Norwich, Vardy's strains, young birds, colour fed, 50/-; deposit, approval; or sell in pairs: Palmer, 3, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts (1224)

EXHIBITION Norwich yellow hen, winner, report—rare head, cheeks, clean-cut; bargain, £1 with show cage: 26, Silton-rd., Moston, Manchester. (1230)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N., has a few Norwich for disposal; pairs from 10/6; related to his winners:

WANTED, good Norwich hen (yellow); will exchange set boxing gloves, as new, cost 15/-; approval both ways: James, The Cafe, Bridgwater.

1912 LARGE Norwich hen, bred Mules, also large moulted hen Greenfinch, laid in cage, 7/6 the two; offers: Salmon 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead.

ALFRED BREWSTER, Breeder and Exhibitor. Selling at sacrifice his high-class Norwich, from 7/6: Monumental Works, Magdalen-rd., Norwich. (1218)

SEVEN real good Norwich cocks, 6/6 to 15/-; 3 good hens, 7/6, 5/-, and 4/-; yellows and buffs; approval, deposit: A. Bareham, Sible, Hedingham, Essex. (1239)

LARGE unflighted marked buff cock, paired to good size yellow hen, grand pair, 17/6; also very short marked buff hen, 7/6: Burgess, Arcade, Ramsgate. (1234)

SHORT, typical, fine feathered Norwich, yellow and buff, at keen prices, single birds from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; approval: Ballantine, 15, Caledonian-pl., Edinburgh. (1207)

HENS.—Smart Yellow, 7/6; grand Buff, 10/-; Buff variegated, 7/6; small Buff, 3/6; also three grand pairs, 20/-, 22/6, 25/- per pair: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (1240)

C. H. GOODMAN has some fine yellow hens, direct from his winners in champion competition, at 10/6, 20/-, and 30/- each; approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (1181)

GIVING up Fancy: Even-marked yellow cock, buff variegated cock, two buff variegated hens, cheap to clear: Andrew Miller, 3, Stephen-ter., Annieslland, Glasgow. (1231)

TWO clear Yellow Norwich hens, 7/6 each; two Variegated Yellows, 6/- each; two Variegated Buffs, 5/- each; wanted, Crested-bred hen: Dickinson, Queen's-rd., Kendal. (1240)

WINNERS in good competition, buff cock and yellow hen, 50/- pair; yellow hen, 10/-; best blood obtainable; approval deposit: Scarborough, Crispin-st., Rothwell, Northants. (1233)

TO clear, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 12/6; ticked buff cock, 7/6; buff hens from 3/6; these are cheap; approval, deposit: Smith, Chemist, Scarborough. (1225)

FIFTEEN prize and prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, grand healthy birds, all non-fed 1913 birds: Mrs. James Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth, Scotland. (1203)

CANARIES: Handsome, rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 3/6, two 6/6; hens, 2/3; safe delivery: Franklin, Briden Villas, Ashfield-av., Feltham. (1231)

GRAND healthy stock birds, lovely quality, big heads, short tails, will breed winners, cocks from 12/6, own breeding only: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (1228)

THREE Buff Norwich hens, breeders and feeders, 2/6 each, 6/- the lot; buff hen, Mule breeder, 4/-; two hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/6 each: Philip Vincent, 11, Prospect-place, Aylesbury. (1234)

THE whole of my stock for sale; some grand show and stock birds for sale; also show and breeding cages; approval, deposit: Alex. Fleming, Cairdsrow, Musselburgh, Scotland. (1200)

I HAVE a few good Norwich, yellow hens, 5/- and 7/6 each, also few buff hens 5/- and 7/6 each; yellow and buff cock 10/6 and 12/6 each: Crossman, 9, Hampton-st., Northampton. (1238)

GREAT bargain; Norwich, 2 clear yellow cocks, 10/6 each; 2 buff cocks, 6/6, 8/6; buff hen, 10/6; yellow, 10/6; pairs from 15/6; colour fed; approval: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1226)

OWENS, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeslon S.O., Carnarvonshire, 22 years breeder and exhibitor: breeder of W. H. Williams' noted even mark buff, has few of the same blood for sale. (1208)

SEVERAL grand colour-fed flighted and unflighted stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, yellows and buffs hens from 5/-, cocks from 12/6; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1177)

UNFLIGHTED large healthy typical Norwich hens, buffs and yellows, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; cold-room bred; seven days' approval; state requirements; cash or deposit system: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1140)

The Right Stuff at the Right Prices.

In my possession; not on paper only. High-class Cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. Hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. Including some evenly marked of both sexes. Many of these can win. Have on approval and make the comparison with the so-called "wonders" and so-called strains.

Few other prices here given: Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 3/-, 3/6. Pairs, 8/6, 10/6. Cages 3d.

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HAVE several birds, high-class Norwich, yellows and buffs, 15/-, 17/6 pair; odd cocks, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-; colour fed; bred from winners: Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex.

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; cold room; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1193)

TWO yellow marked Norwich cocks, bred from classic show birds, 12/6 each; wanted large clear yellow Norwich cock, grand stock bird; exchange entertained. J. Vickers, Union-st., Wigton, Cumberland. (1231)

GRAND yellow cock 30/-, ditto hen 30/-, yellow variegated, buff variegated, cocks and hens, 15/- upwards; all good stock birds, type, size, quality; approval, deposit: Kemb, Wellington-place, Montrose, N.B. (1232)

FIFTEEN young variegated Norwich hens, 2/6 each; twelve clear buffs, 2/6 each, four 3/-; also 5 pairs typical Norwich, properly mated, grand birds, 15/- pair: satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove.

A. HOLDEN, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of championships, diplomas, etc., has a few typical stock birds for sale; the right sort to breed winners; stamp; approval: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead. (1240)

LARGE unflighted ticked yellow cock, good type, 12/6; clear yellow unflighted hen, 8/6; unflighted buff cock, brother to Bedford winner, 10/-; six good unflighted buff hens, 4/6 each; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1233)

FOR sale, a few good Norwich, winners and bred from winners, also cages, shows cages, and carrying boxes; belonging to a well-known breeder; can be seen any time: John Smith, 4, Buchanan-st., Partick, Glasgow. (1236)

THOMAS SMITHERS, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, has several grand typical Norwich for sale, related to his winners; see report, "Cage Birds," Dec. 6, Malling, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge Shows; cocks 15/-, hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval. (1202)

WINNERS, tick buff, 32/6, two buff hens, 25/- each; large yellow hen, 15/-; five feeding hens, 2/6 each, 10/- lot; Yorkshire buff and yellow cocks, 12/6 each; two buff hens, 10/- each; Andrew Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (1195)

WELLSBURY, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of N.S.N.C.C. cup, 1912; has some good birds for disposal, bred from my winning strain, prices reasonable; stamp reply; 173, Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1229)

ONE large clear, deep yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; six large clear buffs, all good heads, necks, 6/6 each; variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, 7/- pair; 12 really good hens, 4/- each; must sell, 40/- the dozen: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (1233)

ONE large yellow marked cock, 1912, with clear buff hen, to match, 17/6, worth 30/-; 2 yellow marked cocks, 1913, 10/6 each; several others cheap to clear; all own breeding; particulars, stamp; approval: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1239)

R. GARDEN: Having selected my breeding stock I have for disposal a few pairs of Norwich from my noted strain from 15/- to 60/- per pair; a few odd cocks and hens from 7/6 to 40/-; to effect a quick clearance: 23, Culbard-st., Elgin. (1233)

VALUABLE stock birds; fine quality, size and type, in Buff or Yellow cocks; 1912, 1913 bred; from 8/6 each; some extra specials at £1 to 30/- each; own breeding; colour fed; sent on approval, cash or deposit: Hudson, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare 20 yellow and buff cocks, 10/- each, from one of the oldest and most reliable strains; 45 years breeder and exhibitor; probably more winners have been bred and sold by me than any man living; approval.

CRESTED cock, £1 10s.; buff Norwich hen, £1; Lemon-crested Cockatoo, £2; sale, or exchange yellow Norwich; must be winners: David Craigen, Comrie, Cairnie, Huntly. All the above birds are winners; also muling Twite, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Redpolls. (1219)

OUTDOOR aviary, 16 cages, six new show cages, 14 cocks, 5/-, 7/6; 16 hens, 2/-, 2/6; sell singly, pairs, or offers for lot: everything good condition; all birds guaranteed strong and healthy; seen any time except Sunday; write now: Cooper, Oaklands, Whaley Bridge. (1235)

OVERSTOCKED.—Can spare Yellow Variegated cock, big bird, 12/6; clear Buff hen, good sort, 8/6; ticked Buff cock, big bird and full of quality, 12/6; variegated Buff hen, good chubby bird, 8/6; Norwich hens for muling, 6/- each: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1242)

MR. ECKERSLEY'S famous strain is known and valued all over the United Kingdom; some grand stock birds to spare, from 10/-, that will do their future owners good when the breeding season comes round; splendid chance for ambitious novices: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1228)

CHAMPION winning Norwich, some grand birds for disposal, including many winners; see show reports; I have several good yellows which can win in the keenest competition; also tip-top hens, yellows and buffs; kindly state requirements, and I will send them on your approval with pleasure: C. W. Silk, Glen Rosa, Emsworth. (1230)

CHAMPION exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, a perfect gem, sure winner anywhere, only 21/-, honestly worth treble; also choice exhibition yellow hen, grand size, type, and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner in good company, only 21/-, recently cost £2; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1238)

GRAND exhibition yellow Norwich cock, real model for type and quality, grand depth of chest, perfect gem, sure winner, only 42/-; also monster exhibition buff cock, grand size and substance, large head and neck, rare type and quality, win anywhere, make champion stock bird, only 45/- or £4 the two, can soon win their cost, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1238)

RIGHT PRICE, QUALITY, AND TYPE
Real good pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby. (1230)

NORWICH PALACE WINNERS
BUFF cocks, 25/- each, yellow cocks, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-; buff hens from 7/6 to 20/-: L. J. Richardson, 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe. (1239)

RETIRING FROM THE FANCY
Norwich winners and stock birds, also cages, prices cheap to clear; inspection invited: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1197)

NORWICH CANARIES
Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

J. AND J. HOPKINS
can spare several good yellow and buff cocks, also grand rich coloured unflighted yellow green cock, 25/-: 126, Bury New rd., Bolton. (1228)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH
LARGE typical cocks, 9, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; size winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

R. W. SMITH'S
Noted Norwich all for sale; my birds have taken premier honours for their new owners; unflighted buff hen, 4th Sunderland, 30/-; others from 7/6; cocks from 10/6; approval, stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1229)

T. H. MASON
Winner Illingworth Cup, Hull Cage Bird Society's Cup, runner-up for O.N.P.C. championship, has a few nice birds for disposal; every bird shown for the above trophies guaranteed my own breeding; approval, stamp: 11, Victoria-sq., Ella-st., Hull. (1233)

CLITHEROE CUP WINNER
If you wish to equal the performance of Mr. Barnes, of Whalley, you must get the same strain as his well-known unflighted buff, winner of the Clitheroe Cup, etc., which was bred by me; having decided to further reduce my stock, and in order to effect a speedy clearance, I am offering clear, ticked, or variegated yellows or buffs from 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- to 30/-: R. Whittaker, 15, Clark-st., Rishton. (1228)

R. HANFORD, DERBY
has for sale exceptionally fine collection Norwich Plainheads; cobby cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; lovely hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; pairs correctly matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cages 3d.; perfect condition, cold room bred; send trial order to old advertiser and judge; full list and approval terms post free: R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby. (1241)

J. C. BARNES
113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield,
NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALIST
Winner of Sheffield challenge cup (outright, three years in succession). Well-known strains; type and quality a special feature. Can spare some grand stuff, both varieties, over 200 birds to select from; cocks 20/- upwards, hens 10/- upwards; few special pairs, correctly matched, £3 to £5. To those fanciers who can visit me I extend a hearty welcome. Those unable to do so write full requirements, and I will endeavour to give every satisfaction; approval with pleasure; stamp reply.

£300 STOCK
To sell of the finest Norwich living. This strain needs no paper bounce. Have won at every show; have bred, exhibited, and sold more winners in Norwich Plainheads than any breeder. Grand unflighted yellow and buff hens from 7/6, cocks from 10/-; pairs from 15/-. Birds sent out on approval before payment to known exhibitors; or cash, or deposit Editor. State wants. Note the only address of the Greatest Norwich Specialist: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1228)

THE EVER INCREASING SALES OF MY
Norwich Plainheads are entirely due to their superiority. What massive birds I sell! Such large bold heads, deep chests, beautiful quality. That is what my customers are saying all over the country. For quality and cheapness I challenge any fancier to beat me. Try these, all 1913 bred, colour fed; they have the size, with big heads, deep chests, rare wing carriage and lovely colour; champion clear Yellow cock, show bird, only 50/-; clear Yellow cock, topper all over, 21/-; massive marked Yellow cock, 20/-; another, 15/-; monster clear Buff, also ticked Buff cocks, the kind all judges admire, only 21/- each; champion show bird, Buff clear cock, £2 2/-. In hens I have them, such big 'uns. Clear Yellow, slasher, 30/-; clear Yellow hen, 20/-; another very large clear Yellow, only 10/6; monster marked Yellow, only 20/-; another ticked Yellow, very large, grand head, 10/6; four big headed and extra large clear Buff hens, 10/6, 15/6 each; slashing marked Buff hen, only 10/6; several good hens at 7/6 each; above all, bred from great winners; can win and breed winners; approval cash or deposit; stamp for reply; latest testimonial out of several received recently:—Jan. 16, 1914. Newton, Tibshelf, Alfreton, Derbyshire. "Birds received this morning; very pleased indeed with them. If I had known about you having such birds a few weeks ago it would have been a good thing for me, as I have bought a good few birds lately, not so good as you sent, and at a lot more money.—Yours, John Smedley." Write and state requirements. George Cubley, Lutton Gowls, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1230)

SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL
Notice. Overstocked, and must clear the following high-class Norwich Plainheads at given-away prices to effect speedy clearance: Ten large clear yellow cocks, only 12/6 each, six large marked yellow cocks, 11/- each; seven large clear buff cocks, 11/- each; nine marked buff cocks, 10/6 each; ten large clear and marked yellow hens, only 7/6 each; twenty large clear and marked buff hens, only 6/6 each; also many others. All the above are clean, strong, and healthy, all cold room bred from the best blood in the Fancy, all 1912 and 1913 bred, and include many future winners; they are all of good size, type, colour, and quality, and are simply invaluable for stock. Any bird offered is honestly worth double; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval. Conyer, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1241)

CHEAP AND GOOD
Yellow cocks, grand type, size, quality, from 15/-; buffs from 10/-; pairs, perfectly matched, from 20/-, bred from my winners, see Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, National, Aberdeen, Consett, Scottish, National reports; fourteen firsts, twelve 2nds, thirteen 3rds, eleven 4ths, eighteen specials, including special for best Norwich best bird in show, championship diploma; approval; see also Cinnamons: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland. (1225)

Pure Typical Norwich, cold-room bred yellow
or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval. —WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1179)

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I have bred and supplied winners which have won at the Crystal Palace and all the leading shows. They have been winning for 17 years and are still winning. See show reports of Longton, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham, Tideswell, Sale, Bradford National, Scottish National, and Doncaster. **This strain heralds itself.** See show reports; inspection invited. Approval. Prices reasonable.
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15/- and 20/- Pairs.
Pure Norwich.
Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens, Yellows or Buffs, from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the originals testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years. —SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.
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BREEDER'S CARD.
ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.
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THOS. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Champion Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers: 20, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (1120)

PAIR pure St. Andreasbergs, excellent breeders, 8/-: Jackson, Canal-st., Congleton. (1224)
CANARIES: Three 1913 Rollers, two cocks, singing, lot, 7/-: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1233)
WANTED, a large quantity of Rollers for cash, best price paid: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1233)
PURE Seifert Rollers, club rung 1913, 10/6 to 15/- per pair: R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescot. (1236)
FOUR 1913 pure Randal's hens, and two 1912, 3/- each, worth double; Rankin, 16, Whitehall-rd., Didsbury. (1239)
1913 Rollers, club rung, cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, hens 5/- each, 9/- for two: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham. (1211)
HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 10/6; hens, 2/-, 3/- each; in full song: Cutforth, Hairdresser, Oakham, Rutland. (1234)
HIGH-class Rollers, full song, no choppers, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; stamp reply: J. Bennett, 23, Enville-st., Stourbridge. (1196)
HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks from 12/- upwards; hens 4/- and 5/- each; cash, deposit: Wirth, Knowsley-rd., Liverpool. (1215)
BEST'S contest Rollers, some good birds for sale cheap, cocks 10/6 upwards, Hens 5/-: 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds. (1213)
SEIFERT Roller Canaries, in full song; cocks from 7/6, hens 2/6; approval: Fred Parker, Green Lane, Leamore, Bloxwich. (1177)
HIGH-CLASS Rollers, British Roller Club rung; cocks 10/- and 7/6, hens 5/-, 3/6; approval: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop. (1232)
GRAND; 2 Roller cocks in full song, 5/6; 4 hen Rollers, 1/6; 2 Norwich hens, 2/3 each: Staniland, Collingham, Newark. (1226)
GLUCKE Rollers, bred from my last year's winners, cocks from 12/6, hens 5/-: Brown, Titford-rd., Langley, Birmingham. (1181)
SEIFERT Rollers, in full song, sing anywhere, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; grand hens, 2/-, 2/6; cold-room; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall. (1181)
WANTED, a good Roller cock in full song, in exchange for a real good Goldie, winner 2nd: Jenner, Teston, Maidstone. (1230)
MAWHOOD'S contesting Rollers cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-, B.R.C.C. rung; approval: 25, Walton-lane, Nelson, Lancs. (1204)
CONTEST Rollers, 3 cocks, 4 hens, breeding cages, singing cages, all utensils £3/10s.; a bargain: Wright, 11, Coach-hill, Birstall. (1229)
HIGH-class Roller hens, 2/6 each, two for 4/6, to clear; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Bretton, 1, Wellington-st., Radcliffe, Manchester. (1198)
CHAMPION strain, Seifert and Glucke hens, 3/- each, B.R.C.C. rung; useful exchange entertained: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (1206)
HIGH-CLASS 1913 Rollers, Walton's strain, cocks 7/6, hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 13, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (1232)
LIGHT Roller cocks, singing hard, 7/6 each; 12 hens, 2/6 each, 1913 bred; no reasonable offer refused for lot: Walker, 53, Grosvenor-st., Hull. (1230)
HIGH-CLASS Water Glucke Roller cocks, rung, 10/6 each; inspection invited; on approval: T. Wilson, 35, Botany lane, Ashton-under-Lyne. (1226)
FEW deep Glucke Rollers, winning strain; cocks, 10/6, hens, 3/6; approval: A. Parker, 5, Gladys-rd., Boarwood, Smethwick, Birmingham. (1230)
FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmaster 10/-, hens 3: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)
FOR sale 1913 Roller bred and pure Roller Canaries, fine songsters; cocks, 5/; hens, 5/-; a few good 1911 birds: Anderson, Poltimore, Exeter. (1235)
GRAND Seifert Rollers in full song; cocks 7/6, 8/6; hens 2/6, 3/-; nicely finished box cages 1/3 each; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury. (1233)

GLUCKE cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, bred of Randle and Walton strains; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: James Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe.
HARTZ Mountain Roller cock, 1912, good school master; ditto hen, son 1913, and two Roller hens, 1913, lot 28/-: Gossling, King's-rd., Walton-on-Thames. (1239)
OFFER wanted one Roller cock, two hens, and two Norwich hens, all 1913 cold room bred; approval: S. Humphreys, 81, Halsbury rd., Kensington, Liverpool. (1233)
SUPERB songsters, Roller cocks, 1913 rung, Randall's strain, 8/6; hens, 4/-; 12/- pair; approval. Simon, 5, Sewardstone rd., Victoria park, London. (1212)
ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, Randall, Fisher, Dinmock strains; cocks from 10/-, hens 3/-; wire training cages 7/6: Condliffe, 16, Borwnhill-av., Harehills, Leeds. (1233)
CONTEST Rollers, guaranteed lovely songsters, cocks 10/- and 12/6, hens 5/-, approval, or call and hear them: Particulars, S. Gommer all, Birstall, Leeds. (1234)
MISS THOMAS has for disposal good 1913 Roller songsters from 8/6; pure Seifert Schoolmasters from 35/6; hens from 2/6; deposit: 10, Randolph rd., Boscombe. (1221)
NOTICE; grandest lot Rollers Canaries in the world, full song day and gaslight; prices reasonable; easy payments taken: McKrand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)
PURE Seifert Rollers, hens, 1913, 7/6 couple; few cocks left, good birds, 9/- each, Wirth strain; approval, deposit: Turner, 8, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (1227)
GLUCKE Rollers, all bred direct from winners, champion classes, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 10/-, hens 4/-; approval, deposit: Beardsworth, 100, Haslingden-rd., Blackburn. (1236)
ROLLERS, 1913, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 4/- and 5/- each; wins at Wolverhampton, Wakefield, Grimsby, Edinburgh: Broadhent, 80, Alverthorpe-rd., Wakefield. (1188)
HIGH class rollers, Foulds' strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 1913, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair, hens 3/- and 3/6 each; 1st prize L.C.B.A. and Birmingham; 4th, champion, Bolton, approval: Hayward, Melksham. (1227)
GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room English bred, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton Manchester. (1151)
BUY from the breeder and trainer, Seifert Rollers, grand cocks, on full song, with many lovely changes, including the deep bass roll, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6 each: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1234)
FOR sale, finest lot of Rollers in the country, Bird and Dimmock strain, cocks, full song, price 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 upwards; also hens, 3/6 each; approval: Wooldridge, 18, Park-st., Lye, near Stourbridge. (1241)
ROLLERS: Real Seifert and Glucke strain; cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; few good Seifert hens 4/- and 4/6; all B.R.C.C. rung; cold room bred: Newton, 69, Stafford-st., Wolverhampton. (1232)
ROLLER schoolmaster, with double bass rolls, heavy chattering, can win, only 8/6; hen, same strain, 2/6; approval willingly, cash or deposit: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1241)
HIGH-CLASS Rollers for sale, Randall and Fauld's strain, winner of cup and medal, B3 rung, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6 to clear; 3 days' approval, cash or deposit: R. Roberts, Poplar House, Madeira-hill, Wrexham. (1236)
ROLLERS, real Seifert and Glucke strain; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/-, £1; come and hear them, hens, 2/6; all full week's approval; price list of cages post free: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton. (1159)
FOUR young Seifert cocks, Glucke strain, singing freely day and gaslight, 3/6 each to clear; also one magnificent schoolmaster, a champion songster, 7/6: Stanley, 148, Mary-st., Balsall Heath, Birmingham. (1240)
HIGH class Rollers, deep Glucke and Water Glucke, bred from winners of cups and medals; two cocks, 15/- each, others from 20/-; hens, same strain, 6/6; cold room bred, B.R.C.C. rung; approval: Rhodes, 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs. (1227)
CHILLCOTT and Randall's strain, all deep hollow roll song, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks 8/6, 10/6 each; only four cocks and six hens left for sale; hens, 3/6 each; cash or deposit with Editor; seven days' approval willingly: Smith, 205, Boulevard, Hull. (1143)
FEW high-class Rollers left, Randall's strain, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; have two with a slight fault, sharp flute notes, 8/6 each; sings all the principal changes of song; hens, 4/- each only; all club rung, 1913; week's approval, deposit: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston. (1150)
WINS this season: 3rd, special, Wolverhampton; 3rd, 5th, 5th, hc, Leeds; 6th, hc, Wakefield; 2nd Walsall; deep voiced Rollers, no chopping; Glucke cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton. (1217)
GLUCKE Rollers, in full song, 1913 birds, cold room bred, cocks from 9/- upwards; hens, same strain, from 3/- upwards; can be seen and heard by appointment. Please note—nothing but Rollers kept: Whitaker Crossley, 4, Wensleydale-terrace, Bradford-rd., Batley. (1222)
WINNING strain; bargains to clear: Wolverhampton 2nd, two spec.; Leeds, 1st, spec.; Wakefield, 3rd, two spec.; Manchester, 1st, spec., hc, c, winner of six spec., three large silver medals young bird classes this season; cocks, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 6/-; approval: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. (1230)
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of the popular glucke and water glucke strain; a few grand stock birds for sale at ridiculously low prices for speedy clearance, 25/-, 30/- each: K. Pericles, Akropolis, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (1198)

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Hartz Mountain Rollers, in full song, 6/6 and 7/6; St. Andreasberg Rollers, 8/6 and 10/6; Seifert Rollers or Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each; Hartz Mountain Roller hens, 2/- and 2/6 each; Seifert Roller hens, 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6 each; Matched Pairs, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, and 25/-.

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A grand selection of Yorkshire Canaries, Cocks, guaranteed, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each; Yorkshire hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/- each; Matched Pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-.

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Also a grand selection Norwich Canaries, Cocks, guaranteed, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 25/- each; Norwich hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- each; Matched Pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-.
Good Mating Hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6. Genuine Siberian Cock Goldfinches, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6.

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in full rolling song; cocks, 7/6, 8/6; one week's approval; hens, 2/6; cages, 3d. each extra: E. Wilson, 407b, West Green-rd., London. (1176)

HIGH-CLASS ROLLERS, English cold room bred, perfectly trained; cocks in full song, with wonderful length and variety, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each; grand lot of hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; approval. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1179)

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advertisements it is rather difficult for the intending purchaser to make a final selection. However well off a man may be, he does not like the idea of not getting fullest value, does he? For many years I have publicly stated that the Leipsig Roller, as imported by myself, is far and away better value than any Roller on the market, and have invited all intending purchasers to test the truth of this statement by testing a Leipzig Roller against any other costing up to three times the price, and have repeatedly published letters from persons who have done this. I now hold an enormous stock (over 900) of genuine Weber's Leipzig Roller cocks, all in full song, day and gas light, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, sort roulades, water bubble runs, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, bell, harp, gong and flute notes, etc., and guaranteed entirely free from any harsh objectionable notes whatever; price 7/6 and 8/6 each. Special bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell tours, 10/6 and 12/6 each; hens same strain, 2/6 each; 4/6 couple. I also have a splendid lot of loud, free singing Hartz cocks in full vigorous song at 5/6 each; hens 2/- each, 3/6 couple. These Hartz cocks are specially suitable for public bar or coffee house and those who like a noisy songster. Special travelling cages, 2d. extra. Singing box cages, 1/6 each. Special Roller singing cabinet cages, with folding doors and loose fronts, made specially for Rollers, 3/- and 4/- each. Kindly note full name and address, also date of following letters. I have thousands similar, open to inspection at any time:—"Kibworth, Jan. 6.—Sir,—Leipzig Roller arrived today and began singing at once. I am well pleased with him.—Yours, B. Green." "27, Porchkerry-rd., Barry, Jan. 10.—Sir,—Received bird on Tuesday in grand condition, and consider it excellent value.—Yours, M. Gibbs." "Springvale, Ballywater, Ireland, Jan. 9.—Sir,—Birds arrived safe and cock is singing splendidly.—Yours, Alex. McCormick." "10, St. Andrew-st., Dublin, Dec. 29.—Sir,—Please let me know if you have few more of your famous Rollers for friends who have heard the one I had from you four years ago. I have just sold him at double the price, and he is better now than ever.—Yours, T. Henry." "43, Talbot Grove, Notting Hill, London, Jan. 9.—Sir,—Am well pleased with Roller, and thank you very much for sending such a nice bird. He started singing soon as unpacked.—Yours, W. Burt." "24, George-st., Burnbank, Hamilton, Jan. 19.—Sir,—I got a Roller from you seven years ago, and it has just died. It was as good as ever right up to the last. Please send another. P.O. enclosed.—Yours, T. Armstrong." "22, Stafford-st., Stockton-on-Tees.—Sir,—Received Roller on Tuesday, and am highly satisfied. Please send two hens.—Yours, J. Kemp." "20, Park View, Tredegar, Dec. 28.—Sir,—Received Roller safe at 4.30 on 24th; it was singing splendidly up to 12 o'clock same night. I am more than delighted with it.—Yours, R. Lane." "Sunnyside, Whitwell, Mansfield, Dec. 24.—Sir,—Just a line to let you know that both my friend and self are highly satisfied with our Rollers. Thanking you for straightforward and honest dealing.—Yours, S. Wilson." "80, Beaumont Terrace, Westerhope, near Newcastle, Jan. 14.—Sir,—Roller you sent me is singing grand, and I am well pleased.—Yours, W. Henderson." Please note, all birds are sent on full week's trial solely at my own risk during whole time either on receipt of cash or "Cage Birds" deposit system, and fullest satisfaction guaranteed or money instantly refunded in full. I am sole importer of Weber's Leipzig Rollers, and all cocks are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig." Among the advantages of the Leipzig Rollers is the fact that they retain their song for life, not merely one season, as is the case with many Rollers. The breeders of Leipzig Rollers have been improving the strain for past 20 years, and the result is round about perfection. I care not how hard a person is to please, I am convinced that I can do so. If any person would like to hear a Leipzig Roller sing and cannot call at my premises to do so, I will willingly send them one on week's approval (even if they have no intention of purchasing). I only ask that they will deposit price of bird with Editor of "Cage Birds." Let me remind you that I am sole importer of this strain, and no other dealer can sell unless he first purchases from me. (1634)

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Facts v. Fairy Tales

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH**

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For many years I have supplied thousands of customers with the best singing Canaries that have ever been heard. If you require a genuine, reliable singing Canary I invite you to come and inspect my stock and select one for yourself, any day except Sunday. If you cannot come allow me to send you one on seven days' approval. You can see the quality and hear its song before deciding to keep it. I guarantee every customer satisfaction. I have many hundreds of unsolicited testimonials open for your inspection. The following is a sample of the many received this week:—23, Comer-terr., Cockfield, January 3rd, 1914.—I have given the Roller a fair trial and am pleased to say that we are more than satisfied. Many of my brother fanciers acknowledge he is a first-class songster at a reasonable price.—R. Heckley. Please remember that I import all my Rollers direct from the best and most reliable breeders, and can give the best possible quality for money. Every bird is tested as to its singing qualities before being dispatched, thus avoiding your disappointment. St. Andreasburg Roller cocks, with full change of song by day and artificial light, genuine, up-to-date songsters, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; a few extra good contest songsters, 15/, 17/6, 20/-; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each (not common German rubbish). For cheap reliable songsters my Hartz cocks are uncqualled, and acknowledged by all to be the real working man's friend. Birds in full, loud, free song by day and gaslight, real loud, sweet songsters, Hartz cocks, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each, according to quality of song. Matched pairs for breeding songsters, 7/6, 8/-, 8/6. Neat travelling cages, 3d. each; special quotations to clubs and dealers. Travelling cages from 2/- dozen, 20/6 per gross. All birds are on 7 days' approval at my sole risk; cash or deposit: E. L. Storey, The Roller Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

Scotch Fancies.

FOR sale, yellow and buff cocks, Scotch Fancy: A. Crosbie, 156, Scott-st., Galashiels. (1198)

RELIABLE Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, all colours, cheap: A. Clark, 39, Queen-st., Rutherglen. (1229)

SCOTCH Fancy cocks, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; pairs from 20/-, 25/-: James Strachan, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath. (1234)

SCOTCH Fancies, three buff hens 15/-, one yellow hen, 20s., bred 1913: Alex. Kirk, 57, West Bridge, Falkirk. (1224)

TWO yellow green cocks, one buff pied hen, good birds; very reasonable prices; no approval: Petrie, 6, Jameson-pl., Leith. (1211)

PRIZE-bred Scotch Fancies, cock and hens, typical birds, young, cheap; approval: Hugh Howie, 29, Oswald-rd., Kirkcaldy. (1194)

NOTICE; grand lot Scotch Fancies, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

SCOTCH Fancies, guaranteed reliable strain matched pair, £3 10/-; buff cocks, 22/- and 45/-: Frank Pamcay, 27, Cross-st., Tyldesley. (1219)

SCOTCH Fancies, matched pairs, one pair 27/-, one pair 45/-: Robert Willison, 49, Stanley rd., Barrow-in-Furness: overstocked, room wanted. (1206)

TEN Scotch Fancies for sale, mostly young, from 10/- to 40, each, or would sell the lot cheap: Robt. Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (1233)

THREE yellow pied cocks, two buff cocks, two buff pied hens, one buff hen, two green hens, two yellow hens: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead. (1180)

70 SPECIALS, 85 FIRSTS, 74 SECONDS, 58 THIRDS.

The above is the record already secured by my birds this season, and they are still going strong. They have also won the N.F.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. competition, also several silver cups and bowls, gold and silver medals, diplomas, and numerous other trophies. Every bird has been shown in open champion classes only, and in hottest competition. I have also a large number of letters from fanciers all over the country who are winning regularly with birds supplied by me, or bred from my stock.

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CHAMPION NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN.

Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- to 100/- per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain ofwinners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Grand cobby hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Matched breeding pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/- per pair.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Grand, lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position, and in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Erect, racy hens, feathered to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Matched pairs, personally selected, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

EXHIBITOIN YORKSHIRES.

I have a few specially good birds, ready for immediate benching, that can easily win their cost in prize-money. Cocks or hens, in clears, ticks, or marked, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Also a few specially matched pairs, bred from the best blood in the Fancy, and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. I have also a few of this season's open winners for sale at a working-man's price. Write for particulars.

CRESTS AND CRESTED-BRED.

I am offering wonderful value in this variety, as follows: Crested Cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Crested Hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- 25/- each. Crest-bred Cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crest-bred Hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Matched Pairs at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- per pair upwards. The above are large, massive, feathery birds, and will give satisfaction anywhere.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

I have a very large stock of these marvellous songsters, and am in a special position to give satisfaction to all Roller fanciers. Kindly note the following prices: Cocks, thoroughly trained and in full rolling song, with many changes of tours, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Genuine Schoolmasters, specially trained for contest singing, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each upwards. Hens, guaranteed same pure strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each.

Grand, healthy Sib. hens, for muling, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; Linnet Mules, in full song, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each.

Travelling Cages 3d. extra in all cases.

I have also a splendid selection of Border Fancies, Lancashires, Scotch Fancies, Lizards, etc., etc. **Kindly remember, I issue an open invitation** to all fanciers to call at any time and inspect my stock. You need not announce your visit; come at any time (except Sundays). You will be sure of a hearty welcome and will be shown round my rooms whether desiring to purchase or not.

Any fancier requiring stock is invited to come and make his own selection. To those unable to come I am prepared to send one or more birds to any address in the kingdom at my sole risk. I will send on 7 or 10 days' approval anywhere, and will guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer or cash returned in full.

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SCOTCH Fancy, matched pair, £4; yellow piebald cock, clean buff hen, each first prize in their classes last Kilmarnock Show, see last week's "Cage Birds": Gillies, John-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (1236)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, all colours, the same as my winners Scottish National, two cups, Broughty Ferry, and CAGE BIRDS Diploma, cup Dundee; cheap to clear: Thos. Thomson, Rothesfield, Markinch. (1207)

JAMES NAIRN has some good high-class Scotch Fancies for sale, both sexes, and colours, winners at all leading shows, cheap to clear; some good birds to choose from: 65, Institution-st., Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire. (1234)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, Champion Yorkshire breeders; finest strain in the world, which is proved by the champions we have bred, sold, and exhibited for over 30 years, winning thousands of prizes and championships at leading shows. Three times best in show Crystal Palace. This season have sold some of the biggest champions on the bench. For sale, a few clinking pairs, wonderful length and quality, from 15/- to 60/-; also some lovely hens, full of style and feathered like wax, 7/6 to 30/-. Winners, fit for keenest competition. Better Yorkshires cannot be bought. Approval, cash or deposit.—Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorks.

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T. BENNETT, Specialist in high-class Yorkshires, over 25 years' breeder and exhibitor, winner of more first prizes than any other fancier with birds (own breeding) remember, no bought or claimed winners here, every bird absolutely his own breeding, from the purest, finest, and oldest strain in the Fancy. Winner of Yorkshire challenge and other cups, championship diplomas, gold and silver medals, also other trophies far too numerous to detail, at all leading exhibitions throughout the land. Matched pairs from 15/-, on approval: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. (1149)

W. H. SHACKLETON can now offer some splendid birds, bred from his noted winners, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, to 60/- per pair. Single birds proportionate. Stamp particulars.—Melrose House, Lynton Road, Girlington, Bradford, Yorks.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, 15/- a pair: Lutter, 103, Sutherland-rd., Croydon. (1224)

GREEN Yorkshire hen, young, good condition, 4/-: 41, Rosemary-rd., Peckham. (1239)

THREE 1913 Yorkshires, two cocks, singing, lot 7/6: 23, Colonel Gors-inon, Swansea. (1233)

FEW Yorkshire birds left, real noble prices, Bailey's strain; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

HIGH-CLASS strain Yorkshire cocks, 5/-, hens 3/-; no fancy prices: Harrison, 18, Bank-st. Ossett (1241)

MARKED buff Yorkshire cock, 1913, gem, singing, 8/6; sacrifice: Carter, Square, Uttoxeter. (1229)

TYPICAL Ticked Yellow Yorkshire cock, topper, full song, 7/-: Jackson, Canal-st., Congleton. (1224)

TWO RTEEN Yorkshire hens, 3/- each: cocks, 6/- and 7/6: Rose, Berry House, Abercanaid, Merthyr. (1232)

7-in BUFF Yorkshire cock, 6/-; ditto yellow, 6/6; buff, 5/-; Parrot cage, 2/-: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley. (1230)

TWO 1914 bred yellow Yorkshire hens, well on leg; two buff hens, 10/- each: Mundell, Carlisle-pl., Bradford. (1230)

YORKSHIRES for sale, bred from winners, all colours, low price to clear; H. H., 293, Brockley-rd., S.E. (1228)

YORKSHIRES, several good cocks, all colours, from 5/6, ditto hens from 4/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1195)

SMART yellow cock 8/6; stylish buff cock 7/6; 1913, full song, from my winners: Hicks, Show Secretary, Holsworthy. (1233)

WANTED, a large quantity of Yorkshires for export, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1233)

SIX Yorkshire hens, 1913, also few good stock cocks, buffs, good strain: Davis, 4, Church-rd., Bedminster. (1228)

MUST sell cock Yorkshire, good singer, and two hen Yorkshires, 6/- the lot: Brook, Draper, Bradford-rd., Brighouse. (1233)

REDUCING stock; big, long Yorkshires, hens 4/- each, cocks 5/-; or pairs cheap; approval: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (1231)

COME and inspect my noted stud of Yorkshires, prices to suit all; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, must be sold; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; pairs, 7/6; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1157)

STYLISH yellow cock, variegated buff, 7/6 each; these are exceptional quality: MacVicar, 21, Wood-st., Tunbridge Wells. (1225)

HIGH-class Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some over 7in., from 7/6: stamp reply: Fletcher, Horne House, Whitby, Yorks. (1193)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, winners of numerous 1sts and specials; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; approval: Cross, 41, North-st., Dowlais. (1236)

FEW good Yorkshire cocks and hens for sale, cheap, or exchange anything useful: Morrish, 137, Havelock-rd., Brighton. (1226)

HIGH-class Yorkshire cocks, full song, bred from my own winners, 10/-, 15/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (1207)

ALL my birds for sale, including winners, cages, everything; no time to look after them: Metcalf, 17, Soppett-st., Redcar. (1226)

YORKSHIRE; three cocks, good birds, own breeding, also few hens, no rubbish; approval: Naylor, 78, Tivoli-pl., Bradford. (1234)

WINNER of two cups and gold medal: fine lengthy birds from 12/6 pair: approval, no rubbish: Olive, Sittingbourne. (1167)

JAMES THOMAS has rare good lot of young Yorkshire cocks and hens for sale, reasonable; approval: Bugle, Cornwall. (1228)

TEN pairs colour-fed Yorkshire, for sale, 6/- pair, worth double; clearing out: Beaumont 62, Long lane, Dalton, Huddersfield. (1233)

MONSTER Yorkshires, 1913, some C.F., full song or money returned; cocks, 7/6: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1232)

TWENTY clear buff Yorkshire hens, young, healthy birds, ready for breeding, 3/- each, approval: Roper 131, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (1229)

F. KING, winner Metropolitan Champion Cup, has stylish Yorkshire cocks from 7/6, typical hens from 5/-: seen any evening: 49, Inworth-st., Battersea. (1193)

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Over 500 specimens to select from, and all bred from, or related to the best winning strains of to-day. Read following testimonials from, Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin, January 10th, 1914: "Yorkshire hen arrived in A1 condition, and suits me in all respects.—John Bryne to J. Taylor." Another from 16, Longford Street, Rochdale, January 9th, 1914: "I received the three Yorkshires alright, and are just the birds I required.—H. Wootton to J. Taylor." Another from 38, North Road, Bargoed, Cardiff, January 11th, 1914: 'The Yorkshire you sent me is a gem, and an extra good songster.—C. Berrington to J. Taylor." Another from 35, Curtis Terrace, Landport, Portsmouth, January 10th, 1914: "Yorkshire hen to hand safe, and is a grand specimen. Will recommend you to all I know.—C. Mitchell to J. Taylor."

Grand Yellow and Buff Yorkshire Cocks, on full song, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All standard length. Pairs matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. In clears, ticked green marked, and cinnamon marked. Extra Good Yellow and Buff Hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. All cold room bred and kept. Colour fed or natural colour. Over 100 winners supplied this season at home and abroad. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cage, 3d. extra. All on seven days' approval at my risk.

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Large short-bodied Norwich Cocks at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Pairs accurately matched to breed winners at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Clears, ticked, and green marked. Splendid large Hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Colour fed or natural colour, and all cold room kept. Specially selected Yorkshire or Norwich Songsters at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each, on full song by day or gaslight. Sib. bred muling hens at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6 each. **Easy Payments.** Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Full particulars and price list post free. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Only and old address. All on seven days' approval.

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, BRADFORD.

SEVEN pairs Yorkshire Canaries, matched for breeding, every pair high-class winners, 15/-, 20/- pair: Spann, Stirtchale, Coventry. (1234)

GRAND Yorkshire cocks from 6/-, 7/6, 8/- upwards; also several good pairs from 8/6 upwards: A. Kew, Breach-rd., Langley, Heanor. (1236)

CHAMPION Yorkshires from 12/6 pair; inspection invited; some typical buff cocks: Rorke, 50, Ringmere Avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham. (1238)

TEN typical Yorkshire hens, bred from my winners, yellow or buff, 4/- to 10/- each: Hannaford, 65, Saint Quintin-aven., North Kensington. (1215)

YORKSHIRE, same strain as winners ten firsts, buff hen, 7/6; two yellows, 5/- each: Dimmock, Market Square, Leighton Buzzard. (1240)

YORKSHIRES, several winners, also good stock birds, from 12/6 pair; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; approval: Cattell, Winsgrove-rd., Newcastle. (1240)

TYPICAL tight feather Yorkshires, reliable strain including winners; cocks 10/6, hens 4/-: Bonniwell, 63, Highlever-rd., North Kensington. (1193)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, own breeding, colour-fed cocks 6/-, hens from 2/-: Joseph Martin, Rock Villa, Norristhorpe, Liversedge, Yorkshire. (1234)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale; cocks, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6; hens from 2/6: J. Lamb, 1, Tasker's Villas, Church-lane, Carcroft, nr. Doncaster. (1238)

THREE unflighted yellow Yorkshires, cock feathered like wax, 15/- each; grand stud birds; stamp: Mundell, Carlisle Place, Bradford. (1215)

CINNAMON marked yellow cock, 8/6; green marked yellow cock, 8/-; clear yellow cock, 8/-; all sound young birds: Mitchell, Stocks Bank, Mirfield. (1227)

G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for sale cheap, from winners leading shows; see report Sunderland; approval: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (1237)

NOTICE: Grand lot high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

WANTED, offers cash for eight Yorks, yellow cocks, 1913, C.F.; also four buff Norwich cocks, C.F. 1913; they are from winners over 50 prizes: Fred Gray, Filey. (1201)

FINE Yorkshires, can supply dealers with high-class Yorkshires, sexes guaranteed, and in full song, 6/6 pair, 5 pairs upwards: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett. (1233)

PRIZE-bred Yorkshires, splendid feather, cocks, full song, from 7/6; hens from 5/-; pairs, to breed winners, 12/6 to £1; approval: Gamble, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester. (1151)

BARGAINS: Giving up; cock Yorkshires, singing, Ogden's and Dyke's strains, from 10/- each; two show cages and case, as new, 4/6: Y. Lomer, Ashden, Regents Park, Southampton. (1233)

EIGHT pairs high-class Yorkshire for sale, colour-fed, cold-room bred, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-; 7/- pair guaranteed strong, healthy birds: J. Bower, 7, Park-grove, Keighley, Yorks. (1233)

TWO grand marked yellow cocks, big length, first-class 8/6 pairs, 20/- each; hens, good, 15/- each; marked buff hen, 6/-; other yellows and buffs, 5/- worth double: Foster, Fruiterer, Loughborough.

SIX unflighted yellow tick cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; buff hens to match, 5/- to 10/- each; winning strain, Huddersfield, Sheffield, etc.: approval, deposit: L. Jobson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe. (1233)

FIFTY pairs of high-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, show or stock cocks 10/- to 50/-, hens from 3/- pair 7/-; satisfaction guaranteed, cash or deposit: Priestley 14, Guythorne-st., Pendleton. (1233)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, typical cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; good matched pairs, 8/- upward; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Cross-le-Keighley. (1233)

TWELVE cocks and 11 hens, also six cocks and two hens, Rollers; nine large breeding cages, four lift cages; must be sold, no reasonable offer refused: John Palmer, 44, Milford-st., Swinton, Pendleton. (1233)

It is the Value that Counts.

I wish to draw your attention to the Yorkshires I am now in possession of, and ready to send out at an hour's notice. The present stock comprises winners that will be sold at stock bird prices. This is a fact that will take some beating. Have on approval and be convinced. Don't take my word without you like.

Yorkshire Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 8/6. Pairs, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.

Cages 3d.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich

HIGH-CLASS yellow and buff cocks, make good stock birds, from 10/6; typical hens from 6/6; matched pairs from 15/-; approval, deposit; seen any time: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1181)

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

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MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Annual general meeting held at Cafe Tea Rooms, Jan. 1. Mr A. Mohat presiding. Report and balance-sheet were received with satisfaction, and adopted. Agreed to have our annual show Dec. 5 and 6, at Town Hall, as usual. Office-bearers for the existing year were elected: Pres., Mr. A. Mohat; vice, Jas. Sinclair; sec. and treas., A. Hoyle; committee, Messrs J. Lawson, J. Little, D. Blodell, C. Watt, J. Sykes, R. Lees; auditors, Messrs. Jas. Spenton, Jas. Skinner. A. Hoyle, Sec.

SPRINGBURN (Possil Pk.) C.B.C.

Annual meeting, held Reid Hall, Jan. 14, Mr. A. Sloan presiding. Sec. intimated that he was forced to give up office owing to increased duties with Union; his resignation was accepted, and a vote of thanks awarded him for past services. The following office-bearers were elected: Pres., Mr. A. Sloan (re-elected); vice-pres., Mr. J. Swan; vice, Mr. T. Penman; committee, Messrs. J. McLeod, J. Crawford, M. Donaghy, T. C. Burns, W. Downie, W. Dunlop, J. Dunlop, J. McNeish, D. Hunter, and P. Braid. Rules were passed as read, with the exception of Rule IV. T. Penman moved the adoption of closed rings to be of a visiting committee. F. Taylor moved the amendment that they be not adopted. The latter was declared, and on the vote being taken carried in favour of the amendment. This leaves closed ring optional, as last season. Challenge cup and gold medal's won at annual show were presented as follows: Best Young Bird Cup and medal, J. McMillan; Young Border Cup and medal, J. Crawford; Mule, Brit. and For. Cup and medal, D. F. Webster; Novice Cup and medal, R. Terney. A new cup promised for Yorkshire section, to encourage new members in this section. A vote of thanks to the Chairman finished the meeting.—T. Penman, Hon. Sec.

ISLINGTON F.A.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 5, when room was packed. An increase in members, and a balance in hand of £5 10s. 9d. proved the year a great success. Agreed that shows for this year should be—First season show July 11, young stock Sept. 26, and our grand annual show Nov. 28. No change in the two chief offices, the secretary being Mr. G. Wainwright, and his assist., Mr. H. A. Brown, who are hoping to do great things for the club by the end of 1914. Pres., T. Wiles, Esq.; vice-pres., De Graff, Esq., B. Harris, Esq.; hon. vet. surgeon, Marcus Stevenson, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.; chair., A. King, Esq.; vice-chair., F. W. Wardell, Esq., G. Emury, Esq.; auditors, J. S. Jackson, Esq., R. Thompson, Esq.; treas., A. King, Esq.; committee, Messrs. Wearne, Amery, Inn., Holmes, Fellows Bassitt, Smallman, Esqs., S. Wardell, Cresswell, Bibb, Langden, Payne, Sandbel, Bartlett; hon. assist. show sec., M. G. Jennings.

READING C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 7, before very good attendance. Mr. Ront elected a member. Balance-sheet for year was brought forward. After a very expensive year, we have a balance of £7 13 9s., which was considered very satisfactory, and congratulations were handed round that made the hon. sec's ears burn. Mr. G. H. Acton, with his usual kindness, offered to provide the honorarium for him to save the funds, which was thankfully accepted. Sec. read a letter from Mrs. G. W. Palmer, consenting to become president in succession to the late Right Hon. G. W. Palmer; unanimously elected. Other officers: Vice-pres., L. G. Sutton, J.P., W. H. Palmer, J.P., S. Pike, Esq., G. H. Acton, Esq., H. D. Astley, F.Z.S., Alfred Palmer, J.P., C. E. Keeper, M.A., J.P., H. W. Sutton, J.P., F. Cowslade, Esq., Capt. Leslie Wilson, D.S.O., M.P.; chairman and treas., Mr. J. Brooker; committee, Messrs. Vince, Yates, Avis, Munday, Dearlove, Tremlett, Laurence, Meadowcroft, E. J. Smith, Hayward, George, Eggleton; auditors, Messrs. J. P. Laurence, E. J. Smith; hon. sec., W. H. Pyke; assist., O. C. Smith. Decided to hold annual show on Nov. 11 or 18, providing we can get judge; pair show for March, and lecture afterwards; also decided that all birds entered for cups, except points cups, must be rung with rings purchased through hon. sec. Next meeting will be a novelty: What variety shall I take up, and why? Papers will be given on Norwich (O. C. Smith), Borders (P. Meadowcraft), Mules (W. H. Pyke), British (S. H. George), Foreign (G. H. Acton), Yorks. (H. F. Chubb). Best paper will win a book prize at winner's option. This ought to be a record meeting. W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

LOWESTOFT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Show of Canaries and Brit. on Jan. 8, at meeting room, at Mr Lowe's, in Tonning Street. The entries were far below the average, although quality was well maintained, and I hope all members will try their utmost to increase the membership in the coming year. A lot can be done in this way by visiting fanciers' rooms and giving a few useful hints during the breeding season, and introducing CAGE BIRDS to young fanciers, which gives them an increased interest in the Fancy, and they will count upon Friday coming, which brings them their old friend CAGE BIRDS to help them over many little difficulties. The principal winners were: Mr. Kirk, cup most points in champion section, with a team of very nice Plainheads. Mr. Castleton and Mr. L. Lowe had out some nice exhibits. In the novice section Mr. Hutchings won cup for most points with a really good team of very nice colour and quality. Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Butcher, and Mr. G. Lowe were well up in the list. Many thanks are due to Mr. Lowe, the secretary, for the way in which the show was managed, and I hope local fanciers will rally round him and give him plenty of work when the show comes round again. Mr. W. Harl, of Norwich, kindly made the awards, with every satisfaction.

DARVEL C.B.C.

First annual general meeting held Jan. 13, in Town Hall, Mr. N. Hopkins in chair. Financial statement for year showed a balance of a few pounds be carried forward to 1914. It being the club's first year, this was considered highly satisfactory, and the report was unanimously adopted. Office-bearers for 1914:—Pres., Mr N. Hopkins; vice-pres., Messrs. Wm. McNair, T. H. Anderson, and D. Hopkins; sec. and treas., Jas. Robertson, jun.; committee, Messrs. J. Brown, J. Morton, H. Allan, T. Nisbet, J. Taylor, and D. Thomson. Mr. G. Acton placed the awards on the Canaries entered for table show. Buff Bord.: 1, 3, Murdoch; 2, Allan; 4, Nisbet. Yell.: 1, Murdoch; 2, 3, Allan; 4, Nisbet. Nor. Clk.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Anderson; 4 Allan. Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Hopkins; 4, Anderson Boys' Class: 1, C. Murdoch. Next meeting, Feb 10. Classes for table show: 1, Mule or Hyb.; 2, Bramble or Chaff.; 3, A.V. Bunting; 4, Mealy Redpoll or Twite; 5, A.O.V. British; 6 Foreign Goldf. or Bullf.; 7, Fer., A.O.V. Mr. J. Faithful admitted to membership.—J. Robertson, jun., Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The competition for cup and bowl and rescue prize at pittodrie show, have finished as under: Cup, R. Martin, 103 points; A. Harris, 87; A. Maxwell, 80; Bowl, A. M. Gardiner, 93; F. Barron, 50; R. Martin, 38. Novice prize, D. Harper, 53; A. Watt, 39; A. strachan (George St.), 21. J. Brown, hon. sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held Jan. 12, Mr. W. Smith chair. Proposed and seconded that we hold a social in March for the distribution of prizes. Table show for pairs next meeting night; judge elected, Mr. W. Jepps, Mr. J. Johnson. A washing exhibition was given by Messrs A. Montgomery and J. Johnson, which was very instructive and interesting. A hearty vote of thanks to the two members brought a pleasant meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts.

MARKINCH P.P. AND C.B.S.

Annual meeting held in Ladie's Rooms, Mr. J. Thomson presiding. Sec. read over statement regarding recent show which proved to be a great success, the best for years. Mr. J. Lindsay was re-elected Sec., Mr. G.C.O. Mitchel chair, and Mr. J. Summers vice; the rest of the committee were all re-elected. Next show fixed for the usual Saturday, 7th Nov.—John Lindsay.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting, Jan. 13, Mr. F. J. Randall in chair. Final arrangements made for second International Show, Feb. 6 and 7. Some of the specials (there are 90) were on view and much admired. Several letters were read from members giving their views on the different Glucke tours, also on the hollow bell and schacked tours. After the business was done, the meeting discussed the tours of the birds brought by Messrs. Neugebauer and Williams, all very good, and some very useful information was acquired by the members present.—J. W. Norris, Hon. Sec.

FORFARSHIRE C.B UNION.

Deputation meeting held "Bowmans Bar," Jan. 2. Mr. J. Stevenson, Kirriemuir, chair. Sec. gave his report for the year, which was approved of. Point for the 18 shows in Forfarshire, confined to members of the various societies in Union were: 1st, gold medal, J. Craig; 2nd, silver medal, G. Mitchell; 3, silver medal, Crabbe and Finlayson.—J. Gray, sec.

HALTWHISTLE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Mr. Nicholson's. The balance-sheet was read, and accepted as being very satisfactory; and officers were elected for ensuing year: Pres., Mr. R. B. Webster; Chair., Mr G. H. Bowerbank; Vice., Mr. J. Bowerbank; treas. and show manager, Mr. J. Nicholson; auditors, Messrs. T. Fawcett and W. Howe; committee, Messrs. W. Graham, J. Dodd, R. Spark, J. Nixon, R. Morrow, W. Spark, R. Topping, J. Benson, J. Tallantyre, J. Elliott, and G. Heslop; sec., Wm. Tallantyre. Decided to hold show Nov. 20 and 21, and several judges were nominated to be asked for their terms. Other small items were dealt with, and the meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman.—W. Tallantyre, Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

Annual general meeting held headquarters Jan. 15, Mr. C. Sorrell presiding over about sixty members. S. H. Platten, Esq., presented cups and trophies won at annual show. Secretary's report and balance-sheet showed a successful year's working; 111 members. Cash in hand, £6 0s. 7d.; value of assets, £28 15s. 1d. The association welcomes new members from any part of the country.—W. H. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 54, Willoughby-lane, Tottenham.

KENT COUNTY C.B.S.

Winners of cups for 1913 are: Yorks., Mr. Austin, Dover; Norwich, Mr. Pilcher, Walmer; British Mr. E. C. Rayner, Dover; Borders, Mr. Wood, Dover; Mules, Mrs. Soames, Bromley; Lizards, Mr. Wood, Dover; adult Borders, Messrs. Burton Bros., Lee Green.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Meeting at headquarters, Jan. 13. Mr. Massey chair, and a very good attendance of members. Decided that members do their utmost to make the coming int rnational show a big success. Passed that the next secretary should receive a guinea for the coming year. Officers elected:—Pres., Mr. W. Massey; vice-pres., Mr. J. Ball and Mr. J. Ridings; sec. and treas., Mr. J. Kilshaw; emergency committee, Messrs. J. Rothwell, J. Flitcroft, J. Hill, T. Gradwell, J. Gostling; auditors, Messrs. R. Nuttall and J. Ridings. After a discussion on the judging at the various shows, a vote of thanks was given to the chairman, and the meeting closed. Jos. Kilshaw, Hon. Sec., 5, Orm Street Bolton

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Monthly meeting held Laidlaw's Temperance Rooms, Mr. A. G. Forrest in chair. Sec. read all correspondence, then balance-sheet was read by treas., and found correct. Office-bearers for 1914; Pres., A. G. Forrest; vice-pres., A. Borrie; treas., J. R. Fullarton; sec., J. L. Smith, 120, High Street. Moved we have pairs matched for breeding show on Jan 31, in Laidlaw's Rooms, entry money 6d. per pair. Classes for Scotch Fancy, Borders, Crest, Norwich, Hybrid, Muling Pairs, A.O.V., British Birds. All birds to be in room by 2.30 p.m.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Jan. 6, Mr. T. Dawn presiding over a very large meeting, a very good omen for the success of the season (we all intend passing all records). The chief business was the syllabus for 1914, as follows:—Jan. 29: Annual dinner at Stephenson's Restaurant, at 7.30 prompt; tickets, 2s. each. Feb. 3: Table show Canaries; judge, Mr H. W. Battye. March 3: Lantern lecture by Mr. George Fletcher. April 7: Table show British; judge, Mr. J. Beswick. May 5: Arrangements for nest feather show, also table show. Foreign; judge, Mr. John Mace. June 2: Table show young birds; judge, Mr. G. Browning. June 7: Ramble, via Wortley. July 4: Nest feather show; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. July 12: Ramble, via Cordwell Valley. August 11: Question night. Sept. 1: Arrangements for All-England show. October 6: Arrangements for members' show. Nov. 6 and 7: All-England show; judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, J. Robson, J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye, and J. Beswick. Nov. 10: Lecture by Mr. W. Mundell. Dec. 8: Election of officials. There are to be gold medals for winner of most points in each section at all table shows and nest feather show. Final arrangements for annual members' show were made. Don't forget the annual dinner Jan. 29; tickets, 2s. each. Bring your friends with you. J. A. T. Woodall, Press Corresp.

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HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

14th annual general meeting held Jan. 14, at headquarters, Royal Oak Hotel. There was a fair attendance. Mr. F. Slack occupied the chair. Owing to secretary's absence from home, Mr. A. F. Godden kindly made the arrangements. Balance-sheet showed cash in hand £4 17s. 2½d. We started the year with a deficiency of over £1, and it is the first time for some years that the balance has come out on the right side. During the year we have made a number of new members. The first feather shows proved a success, and the evening show and lecture by the president (Rev. T. M. Paterson) created a record attendance. As a number of specials—given by Mrs. Kirk Bullock—were held over from the annual show, and will be competed for during the early shows, it is earnestly hoped there will be a record number of entries. The three most important items of the year were the local pageant (the society obtaining 1st prize), the annual open show (larger entries than last year, and exhibits better in quality), and the presentation of prizes, a record attendance (over 60) being present, and many turned away, also for the number of special prizes, most of which were given by Mrs. Kirk Bullock. Balance-sheet and report adopted unanimously. In future the society will be known as the "Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S." Will members please note alteration in Rules 3 and 6, which will be sent out shortly. Carried that following should be included in Rule 12: "The Kirk-Bullock trophy for best unflighted bird at annual show, to be bred by the exhibiting member, to be won three times in succession or five times in all, before becoming the sole property of winner. The runner-up for trophy same conditions. Silver sugar bowl, for best hybrid bred by exhibiting member, to be won three times before becoming sole property. Officers for 1914: Patrons, Lady Webster, Mrs. Kirk-Bullock; president, Rev. J. M. Paterson; vice-presidents, The Mayor, Mrs. Frank Shaw, Mrs. Herbert, Fleetwood Ashburnham, W. Ruskin Butterfield, F. Slack, T. G. Coombs, B. Jarrett, J. Booty; hon. auditors, Messrs. A. E. Godden and W. Ellis; hon. sec. and treas., Miss Kirk-Bullock. Committee, A. E. Godden, R. Craggs, A. George, T. Veness, B. A. Greengrass, W. Ellis, J. Dawson, E. Olle, H. Pennells, M. Wilson, W. Elliott, J. Stevens, N. F. Cheal, G. Barham, Mrs. Crofts. Feb. 18, pair show matched for breeding, at 7.30; at 8.30, a lecture on bird breeding, by Mr. W. Ellis. It is hoped a lecture on Yorks. will be given during March by Mr. F. Wraight. First feather shows, May 27, June 24, and July 15. Mr. J. Stevens again elected as judge. All shows and lectures are held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Castle Street, except where otherwise stated. The chairman presented our former secretary and treas., Mr. T. G. Coombs, with a silver-plated cake stand on his recent marriage, as a token of our appreciation of his past services, and wishing him every happiness in the future. The secretary would like to take this opportunity of expressing her appreciation and thanks to Mr. Coombs for the kindness and courtesy shown to her during their term of office. Notices of shows, meetings, etc., will be given in CAGE BIRDS; will members please look out for same?—Miss J. Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec.

GAMBORNE F. & H.S.

Annual general meeting held Tehidy Working Men's Club, Jan. 9. Sec. gave his report and balance-sheet, which showed an increase of 72 in the membership for the year. Total income for the year was £81 12s. 3½d., and expenditure £60 3s. 2½d., leaving a credit balance of £21 9s. 1d. Mr. John Davey was elected pres., Mr. H. H. Berriman chair., and Mr. W. Harvey vice-chair. Messrs. W. A. Luke and F. J. Lee, the retiring auditors, and Mr. W. Lidgey, treas., were all thanked for services rendered, and by a perfectly unanimous vote were re-elected. Unanimously decided to ballot for a general sec. There were only two nominations, and Mr. A. Scoble was re-elected by a majority of 38 to 7. Messrs. A. Ford, W. A. Luke, J. Howard-Temby, R. Lowry, and B. Nicholls were elected to form committee, which, acting in conjunction with chairman and sec. of each section, and the general chairman and sec. would constitute a finance committee. Members of various sections decided to meet during next week and each form their own committees. Meeting adjourned until Friday, 16th inst., when it will be decided what radius the membership will be open to.—A. Scoble.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 15 at the Duke of York. Mr. T. J. Weaver presided over a good attendance. Sec. presented balance-sheet and report of the past year's work which showed a level balance. When the few debts are paid up there will be a balance in hand, with assets valued at £3. During the past year the 12 showing members have worked wonders, having won the Midland Inter-Club cup for the first time in four attempts, but the first year it was put up we were only beaten by 1½ points; this speaks well of a society which only has 18 members on the books, but every member knows what a bird is, and how it should be looked after when at a show. The report met with unanimous approval, and was adopted with a vote of thanks to the sec. and other officers. The election of officers for 1914 was postponed until the next meeting as the annual show was more important; the date for this was fixed for Nov. 13 and 14 so as to avoid clashing with other Midland shows, show to be held in the Co-operative Hall, Mr J. Robson judge. The society also accepted the offer of Mr. W. Harrison, one of the committee, to erect an illuminated lamp outside the show room, which will be a good guide to visitors. Sec. read points for the cup as follows: Messrs. Gough and Leach 36 points, J. Gibbons 33, E. Hall 29, F. J. Weaver 29, G. Harris 27, Robinson 26, Crundell 26, Hinton 24, Hampton 18, J. A. Tonks 18, F. Garfield 17, G. Raby 14, Rowley 6. Every one has a chance of winning it, as this coming show is the one when the top sawyers fall. Classes for members' show Jan. 31 are Nor. cl. or ticked yell., ditto buff, variegated or gr. yell. or buff, hen yell. or buff, unflig. yell., ditto buff, unflig. hen; Yorks, yellow cock, ditto buff, variegated or gr. yell. or buff, hen yell. or buff, unflig. yell. or buff, Goldie, Linnet, Bullie or Greenie, unflig. yell. or buff, Goldie, Linnet, Bullie or Greenie, unflig. yell. or buff, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, A.O.V. Brit., Nat. Col. Canary; fee 4d., 1d. deducted for judge's fee. Our programme for the year is a very good one, and we cordially invite fanciers and friends to visit our final cup show at the Duke of York, Princess Street, Jan. 31.—J. Gibbons, retiring sec.

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Twitterings.

The date for Bathgate and Dis. C.B.S. annual show has been fixed for Feb. 28, writes Mr. Alexr. Nicols.

The Penicuik O.S. we are not certain of carrying on, unless we get a stronger local membership, writes Mr. J. Weir (Hamilton-place). Now, fanciers, rally round.

I have found that "Nutshell" No. 11 is a very great help to me for Bullfinch keeping in captivity, for I have lost none since I received this book.—W. D. Cox (Shipton).

In the foreign bird advertisement of Mr. W. Rudd (Norwich) our printer last week made him speak of "rare" Cockatoos, which should have been Rose Cokatoos.

All prize-money was paid out on the second day after the Sunderland show, writes Mr. J. Peacock, hon. sec., and any fancier who has not yet received his money should make enquiry at once.

Mr. W. Tallantyre, hon. sec. Haltwhistle C.B.S., writes that the date of the annual show is fixed for Nov. 20, 21 (see show dates fixture column). Will other secs. please note, to avoid clashing?

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Chatham and Dist. F.A., and my successors are Messrs. J. Jolley and A. Wyatt, 81, Charter-street, and 25, Listmas-road, Chatham, writes Mr. H. Wray.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Brechin C.B.S., writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, and all communications should now be made to my successor, Mr. John Grabb, 120, Montrose Street, Brechin.

I have changed my address, writes Mr. J. G. Cowlty, from 49, Warner-road, Hills-bro', to 58, Bellhouse-road, Shiregreen, Sheffield where I shall be pleased to see any of my birdy friends whenever they desire to give me a call.

I have sold my champion non-flighted Buff cock, 1st prize winner at Truro, matched to a lovely Yellow hen, to Messrs. Badcock Bros. (Holsworthy), and I wish their new owners every success, writes Mr. T. H. Boundy (St. Teath).

Kindly state that the City and Suburban C.B.S. annual show, writes Mr. Wynn, the hon. sec., is again fixed for the same dates as for many years past, on account of our being able to have the hall only on those dates each year, viz., Nov. 13 and 14.

Morpeth C.B.S. next open show will be held on October 10, writes Mr. Wm. Summers. Will secretaries please note; also that I have been elected secretary, so all correspondence should be sent to me at 82, Newgate Street, Morpeth.

Palace Show: Post your entries to-day. Price your birds at the lowest price you are prepared to accept. There is a big demand at this show for decent birds at reasonable prices. It will pay breeders to enclose an advertisement for the catalogue with their entries.—[Advt.]

Our first annual dinner, social, and distribution of prizes, writes Mr. C. E. Hylton, 2, Croft Top. sec. Idle and Dist. C.B.S., will be held at the White Bear Inn, Idle, on Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. sharp; tickets, 1s. 6d. each. All fanciers welcome; if coming please notify the secretary at once.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, that I have resigned the secretarial duties of the Barnsley and District C.B.S., and have handed over the society's books, etc., to my successor, Mr. E. Tomlson, 102, Cope-street, Barnsley, to whom all communications regarding the society should in future be addressed. Secs., and others, please note.

Dutch Frills at the Palace.

I notice in your review of the Palace schedule, writes Mr. A. F. Brooks, you state that the Dutch Frill class is guaranteed by Mr. Fifield. That is not quite correct, as, although the schedule does not say so, the class is being guaranteed by Mr. Fifield and myself.

We are informed that Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, has been appointed to judge at Lincoln Show, Dec. 5.

We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes, of Grantham, is engaged to judge the pair show, Feb. 28, and the F.F. show, July 4, of the Lincoln and Dist. C.B.S.

All prize-money and specials won at Doncaster show have been paid, writes Mr. C. Hunt, Hon. Sec., 19, The Crescent, Balby-road, Doncaster. Anyone overlooked kindly apply.

We hear that at the Sheffield O.S. open show, Nov. 6 and 7, all prize-money will again be guaranteed by those two prominent keen blades, Dr. W. Craig and Mr. T. Dawn.

Would fanciers please note, writes Mr. G. Harrer, hon. sec. Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., that we have booked those popular judges, W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, James Maddison, Newcastle, and T. Dixon, Bedlington, for annual show, Nov. 13 and 14.

We are asked to state that Mr. B. Bailey has resigned the secretaryship of the Rotherham C.B.S. Communications regarding the society should be addressed to Mr. J. E. Taylor, 26, Tusmore-street, Rotherham, who has taken over the office. The club-house has been removed to the Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate. The annual show is fixed for Nov. 20-21. Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, judge.

Will Mr. H. Lomas, who forwarded to Mr. C. S. Kent, Hendon, two birds to be exchanged for a Roller cock, as advertised, please send his address to the advertiser? No address was sent with the birds.

A PAGE OF BIRTHDAY NUMBER CONGRATULATIONS CROWDED OUT.

One of the features of the recent fine special issue of our interesting contemporary, "Fur and Feather," was a most life-like and lovely coloured plate of Mrs. Slingsby's famous Blue Persian cat, the work of that talented and versatile artist, Mr. E. G. Wippell. Mr. Wippell (The Homestead, Winchcombe, Glos.) is prepared to undertake the painting in oils or watercolours of pets of all kinds.

Under the auspices of the Edinburgh and Dist. C.B.S., a grand smoking concert is to be held in the Old Union Hotel, Lothian Road, on Jan. 24, writes Mr. J. C. Charlton, sec. (33, Watson Cres.), when it is hoped there will be a large turnout of members and fanciers. Fanciers should not miss this night's entertainment as it promises to be one of the best. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m.; tickets, 6d. each.

We, along with others who have been in the Fancy about two years, would like to know about the Blackburn Club, if it is still in existence. It seems to us, judging by the number of birds sold this last month, about 600, there must be some fanciers somewhere and we don't see why Blackburn shouldn't have a good club. Hoping some Blackburn reader will reply.—T. Duckworth, M. Berry.

All steps will turn towards the City and Suburban's Pair, British and Foreign Bird Show to-day (Saturday), when you will see perfection in the art of pairing, besides the well-known quality of their famous British Birds. The splendid hall, the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, Marylebone, is five minutes' walk from Baker-street (Metropolitan) and Regent's Park (Bakerloo Railway) stations, and Baker-street 'buses pass the street. Admission 6d., including catalogue. —[Advt.]

The many friends of Mr. H. J. Chittenden, writes Mr. H. Hill, Bradford, will regret to hear that he is suffering from a very severe illness, and confined to his bed. As he has been unable to reply to several invitations for lectures, etc., which have come to him during the past fortnight, he asks me to give this explanation. I feel sure that all readers will join me in wishing Mr. Chittenden a very speedy recovery from his illness, and sympathise with him in his enforced absence from our midst.

CLOTH THAT WEARS LIKE LEATHER.

A marvellous holeproof cloth that will not tear, and yet looks exactly as the finest tweeds and serges, has been discovered by the Holeproof Clothing Co., 51, Theobald's Road, London, W.C. They make from these wonderful cloths a well-cut man's suit for only 19s. 9d., breeches 6s., or a pair of well-fitting trousers for 4s. 6d.; and if a hole appears within six months another pair is given. See advertisement on page 23, and write for patterns, etc.

Alteration of Folkestone's Date.

Compelled to postpone date of Folkestone show to Feb. 6. Entries close Jan. 30, writes Mr. J. W. Gambrill, hon. sec.

A Club for Beckenham.

An association has just been formed, we are requested to announce, called the Beckenham and District Fanciers' Association. Full particulars can be obtained from Mr. Howard (sec. pro tem.), 2, Grace Villas, Anerley.

Anticipating the Spring.

On Jan. 9 Mr. C. Blakiston Houston, J.P., the popular master of the North Down Harriers, found a Robin's nest with two eggs in a wall at his hunting stables in Comber.

Foreign Bird Classification at the Palace.

We are asked to point out to foreign bird exhibitors that all Weavers except Orange, Red-billed, and Napoleon go into Class 136.

In the event of the weather being exceptionally severe at the time of the show, and provided that the F.B. judge and the show manager are of the opinion that any of the more delicate of the soft-billed foreigners would be exposed to undue risk by remaining in the show, the Crystal Palace authorities will allow such birds to be removed for good at the closing of the show on the Saturday night. This concession will not apply to any birds other than the delicate soft-billed foreigners.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. Naden, Rochdale.

It is my painful duty, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, of the Rochdale O.S., to announce to you the death of our president, Mr. John Naden, who has been associated with this society for over 30 years, and was well known as a breeder and judge of Lancashires. He was a popular president, and always to the fore in all our undertakings, and his assistance and advice will be greatly missed. Many local fanciers and also members of the Rochdale Angling Society, of which he was secretary, attended at the cemetery, a striking testimony to the respect felt for him by those who came in contact with him.

Mr. Todd, Darlington.

It is with regret that I have to announce the death of that well-known Northern fancier and exhibitor, Mr. Todd, senr., Darlington, which took place on the 20th inst, writes Mr. J. Foster. Mr. Todd had been suffering from a painful illness for some time, consequently the well-known name of Todd and Son has not appeared in the front as much as usual. He was chairman of the Darlington C.B.S. for some years, and in his time bred and exhibited several well-known Hybrids and Mules. He was 65 years of age, and the interment will take place on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. His widow and family would like to see any old friend or fancier who can make it convenient to attend. I am sure fanciers in general will join me in expressing our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Todd and family in their sad bereavement.

In the Novice unflighted class at Doncaster, Mr. W. J. Dean was 3rd not Smith.

Don't forget to visit the Grand Show of Canaries and British Birds at R.O.C. Rooms, behind Public Hall, Rochdale, on Saturday.—[Advt.]

North London C.B.A. Concert.

An excellent Bohemian concert is being held by the North London C.B.A. to-day (Saturday), Jan. 24, in the Library Hall, Church-street, Stoke Newington, commence at 7.30 p.m. The members hope to see a good attendance of friends; all will be welcomed. A number of very talented artists will, we hear, provide the entertainment. Tickets from 6d. each.

Dysart and District C.B.S.

With reference to the Club Report published by us on December 27th, under the heading of Dysart and District C.B.S., we are informed by Mr. J. Hutchison that the matter forms the subject of a dispute between himself and the Dysart and District Cage Bird Society pending in the Kirkcaldy Sheriff's Court, Mr. Hutchison is of opinion that the terms of that notice are injurious to himself. We wish to state that the notice was published by us in the ordinary course of our business and we had no intention whatever of hurting Mr. Hutchison's feelings or inserting anything in the slightest way injurious to him. If there is anything in that notice which can be construed as a reflection upon him we are sincerely sorry, as nothing could be further from our intention.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona fide* one.

England.

Jan. 29-21.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hore, 5, Wellington Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21-22.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley Ho., Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.)

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Rd.) J.R.

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.)

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

MAKE SURE OF IT

Don't Let Slip YOUR CHANCE in Our Competition at the Palace.

ENTRIES for the great show at the Crystal Palace close this week-end, certain—*there is no extension*—and intending exhibitors should post them to reach the show manager, Mr. J. W. Ramsden (11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.) on Saturday. Mr. Ramsden does not undertake to accept entries after that date. Any received after Monday's post (Jan. 26) will have to be returned.

Those exhibitors entitled to compete for Cage Birds Championship Competition special prizes (a full list of which appears in the schedule and in last week's issue) should adhere carefully to the simple rules we have adopted, which we also printed last week. Fanciers entering in the Novice section should be quite clear that they are still entitled to compete therein according to the terms of our Novice rule (this, by-the-way, is the same as that adopted by the officials of the Palace Show to define a Novice) which is as follows:—

A novice is a person who has never won a first prize for Canaries, or Mules and Hybrids, or British, or Foreign birds, in a class at any show other than one confined to club members, or residents in the town or county where the show is held, or limited as to the price at which the exhibit is to be sold (price not to exceed £5), or three first prizes in open novice classes. All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have to compete.

We hope that competitors in our scheme will take the fullest possible advantage of their opportunity of securing their share of the valuable cash and other prizes we offer. The wisdom of entering the largest possible number of birds allowed by our rules should be obvious, for one cannot be certain which bird will "catch the judge's eye," and the bird *you* think your best may not be so in the view of the judge, but be placed by him behind a member of your team less favoured by yourself. Take the tip, exhibitors, and enter every possible bird; then you will have no cause to waste time in vain regrets after the results are known at having missed nominating the very bird that would have brought you a splendid cash reward.

(For Rules See Last Week's Issue.)

"I have had the greatest of satisfaction with my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS."—E. ROWE (Chatteris).

"I find no difficulty in clearing surplus stock when I send advert. to CAGE BIRDS. The difficulty is to supply all enquirers. Wishing your next and al future numbers increased circulation."—W. H. HARRIS (Dorchester).

ANOTHER SHOW EXTRA.

To clear from off our Editorial table a large number of arrear show reports we have again devoted Four Extra Pages to these interesting Fixtures.

LLANELLY.---GREAT SHOW OF BRITISH.

Held Jan. 12 in The Market Hall, undoubtedly the finest hall in Wales for a show; the only drawback being it is rather cold, otherwise it would make an ideal place for an exhibition. The society this year fell back on their old date and were well rewarded by having a bumper entry. The exhibition did not open as well patronised by the public as usual, due undoubtedly to the being such an intensely cold day; still, we understand a tremendous amount of tickets have been sold, and the society should have a good balance on the right side when accounts are made up. Everything was done for the comfort of the exhibits, their wants being well attended to by a hardworking band of stewards headed by the genial show managers, Messrs. T. J. Gregory and D. H. Davies. Our old friend, Mr. Dan. John, though far from well (he having barely recovered from an illness extending over four months), stuck to his post manfully, and we very much regret to hear that it will be impossible for him to continue in office another year, a decision that will be heard with regret by all Welsh fanciers. Norwich did not come up very well in numbers, still some really good exhibits were staged. Yorks. made a fine show, nearly all the cracks throwing down the gauntlet, attracted, no doubt, by the cup offered. The judge had great difficulty in these classes owing to the birds being affected by the cold and later in the day many awards could have been changed. Borders were good, Messrs. Harry, D. Jenkins, Allen and Johnston staging some real gems. The Hybrid section contained some well-known crack exhibits, and most of the found their way to the front. British was par excellence the great feature of the show. A splendid classification was given, and magnificently responded to. The entries were nearly doubled this year and Mr. Boulton found a very stiff day's work to get through; all through this section the exhibits were of the very highest class. Foreign birds in two classes were good, but not numerous. Mr. H. Siddall's birds only arrived in the show room about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and were thus too late for competition. CAGE BIRDS champion 10s. was by Mrs. Longden's Red-naped Lory, in the pink of condition; 10s. novice champion F. Samson, with a grand Yellow Norwich of very high merit. Diploma winners were: Best champ. Hyb., Mr. E. J. Lumb; novice, Hughes Bros.; champ. Hardbill, Mr. J. E. Jeffries; novice, S. S. Brooks; champ. Softbill, S. Jones, jun.; novice, J. Abbott, jun.; champ. For., Mrs. Longden. Mr. J. W. Battye judged Canaries, and Mr. C. Henlton the remainder.

NOR. YELL. CK. OR TKD. (7): 1, Silk, cl., blaze of col., nice type and qual., well braced wings, good pos.; 2, Hitchings, cl., neatly rounded head, well filled neck, very shapely, hardly col. of leader; 3, James, cl., grand col. and qual., neat size and shape, not so neatly rounded in head as leader; 4, Sampson, cl., nice size, rol. and qual., grand wings, shade long; vhc, Edward; hc, Harry; c, Slee. BUFF (5): 1, Addison, cl., a honner, good head and neck, well filled chest, lovely col. and cond., mealed to perfection; 2, Edwards, cl., grand size and shape, nice wing carr., many preferred 3. Davies and Jones, grand exhibit, lovely col. and qual., beautifully mealed, grand type, shown to perfection; 4, Collier, good size and shape, loses wing carriage; vhc, Greaves and Richards. VARIEG. (6): 1, Silk, cap and wing mkd. bull, grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual., good wings and tail; 2, Sampson, yell., good col. and qual., neat wings and tail, hardly as cobby as leader; 3, Davies, heavily variegd., grand head and neck, nice shape and size, teeming with qual.; 4, Hitchings, var. buff, lovely feather and type, shown to perfection; vhc, Collier. RBN (12): 1, 4, Harry, cl. yell. leading, good size and shape, lovely col. and qual., shown in A1 style; 2, Capt. Collier, grizzle mkd. buff, grand shape and style, lovely col. and qual., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, close up; 3, Slee, yell., good col. and qual., neat head, well filled neck, hardly cobby as leaders; vhc, Williams; hc, Ball; c, Hitchings. YNELIG. CK. (11): 1, Sampson, eye mkd. yell., a blaze of col., lovely qual., correct type, trifle low on leg his only fault; 2, 3, Capt. Collier, grizzle mkd. buff leading, good type and qual., very shapely, rather lucky to beat 3rd, var. yell., real gem, a blaze of col., grand type and qual., nicely rounded head, correct wings and tail, many thought best in class; 4, Davies, cl. buff, very cobby, nice col. and qual., hardly size of leaders; vhc, Williams; hc, Davies; c, Jenkins. HBN (6): 1, Sampson, var. buff, good size, shape, qual. and col., neat wing carriage; 2, Slee, yell., grand colour, lovely qual. and cond., neat type, loses trifle subs.; 3, Capt. Collier, var. buff, good size and shape, lovely mealing, well braced wings and tail; 4, Hitchings, var. buff, good col. and qual., neatly staged, loses trifle subs.; vhc, Collier; hc, Chard. YORKS YELL. (12): 1, J. Mock, cl., well-known, grand length, good head and neck, nice straight back and tail, well braced wings, feathered to perfection, wins; 2, Thompson, tkd., lovely col. and qual., nice length, neat wings and tail, stands well; 3, Dobbs, tkd., another good one, nice pos., grand type and qual., well up on leg; 4, Hawes Bros., tkd., grand col., qual. and cond., well filled back, grandly braced wings, neat tail, full of nerve; vhc, W. J. Mock; hc, Cook; c, Williams. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Phillips, beauties, leader wing tkd., grand qual. and col., very typical, grand pos. and length, latter cl., beautifully mealed, trifle better length, full of nerve, lovely qual., stands like a guard-rail, might have won; 3, Hawes Bros., wing tkd., grand length, neat head, neck, well filled back, good leg, nice pos.; 4, Thompson, cl., close up, nice pos. and style, full of nerve, grand col. and qual; vhc, Weston; hc, Mock; c, Richards. VARIEG. (11): 1, Dingmore, buff, real gem, grand col. and qual., well proportioned, stands well, nice leg; 2, Wells and Clemson, yell., good col. and qual., neatly braced wings and tail, grand head and neck, nice pos.; 3, Weeks, buff, good type and qual., nice head, neck, back, and tail, well up on leg; 4, Phillips, cy. and wing mkd. yell., lovely qual. and col., grand pos., well staged; vhc, Dobbs; hc, Owen; c, Mock. HBN (14): 1, Hawes Bros., real good 1, feathering like cap, grand type, lovely pos. and length, grand head and neck, well balanced wings and tail, wins; 2, Wells and Champion, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., good length, loses trifle on head; badly, may thought lucky, as also was 3, Dobbs, cl. buff lovely qual. and cond., nice length, col. the best of wing carr., both might have given way to 4, Mock, cl. yell., lovely qual. and cond., grand head and neck well pencilled wings, neat tail, tired well, a trifle pale in col. her only fault; vhc, Weston; hc, Webster; c, Harry. LNTLS. CK. (7): 1, Dingmore, cap mkd. yell., real topper, blaze of col., grand length, perfect wings and tail, stands like a major; 2, Hawes Bros., cl. yell., good col. and qual., lovely type, grand leg and nerve; 3, Dykes, cl. yell., close up, beautiful col. and quality, neatly packed wings, full of nerve, nice pos.; 4, Cook, cl. buff, good length, well on leg, hardly qual. of leaders; vhc, Billman; hc, Mock; c, Portman. HEN (17): 1, Hillman, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, well filled back, nice pos.; 2, Phillips, cl. buff, teeming with qual., grand length, well up on leg, correct type; 3, Richards, var. yell., grand col., neat wings and tail, hardly as good head proper ties as leaders, still a good one; 4, Thomas, cap mkd. buff, nice length and pos., good type and qual.; vhc, Harry; hc, Cook; c, Allen. NON-FED (6): 1, W. J. Mock, var. yell., real gem, grand col. and qual., correct type, staged to perfection; 2, J. Mock, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice length, full of nerve, hardly pos. of leader; 3, Williams, yell. green, lovely qual. and col., grand nerve, hardly length of leaders; 4, Cook, cl. buff, good type and qual., nice pos. and leg. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Harry, cleans, nice col. and qual., nice type; 3, Harry, cleans, nice col. and qual., nice type; 3, Harry, cleans, nice col. and qual., true Border type, feathered to perfection, we thought the latter the best in class, perfect Border, feather like wax, grand shape and qual., hard lines; 4, Gunn, cl., very shapely, but could do with a wash; hc, Portman; c, Bowen. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Harry, toppers, lovely col. and qual., in excellent order; 3, Jenkins, close up, grand col. and qual., faultless cond.; 4, Hoodinot, cl., lovely col., neat type, very jaunty; vhc, Sanders; hc, c, Gregory. YELL. HEN (6) (Marked in catalogue cancelled): 1, 2, 3, 4, Harry, good team, true Border type, all in excellent cond.; 5, Bowen. BUFF (12) Grand class: 1, Jenkins, well-known, faultless cond., needs no comment; 2, Harry, cl., lovely col. and qual., nice type and style; 3, Harry, cl., good feather and cond.; 4, ab type, staged well; 4, Cook, cl., nice size and shape, good wings, grand col. and qual.; vhc, Jenkins; hc, c, Saunders. VARIEG. (8): 1, hc, Jenkins, cinn. mkd. buff, well-known, real gem, exquisite qual. and cond., put down in this owner's well known style; 2, 4, Unwin, var. buff and cinn. mkd. yell., real good ones, lovely type and qual., staged in A1 order; 3, Harry, cy. and wing mkd. buff, another good one, grand type and qual., neat exhibit; vhc, Haddinot; c, Dr. Lawrie. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, Jenkins, yell. gr., lovely grass green col., perfect model, good col. and qual.; 2, hc, Johnson, cinn., perfect feather, lovely col. and qual., grand type; 3, vhc, c, Allen, yell. gr. leading, grand type and qual., hardly as rich col. as leader, still a good one. LOCAL NOR. (15): 1, 3, Thomas, cl. yell. leading, really good exhibit, lovely rol. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, good type, latter variegd. buff, good size and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Harry, cl. buff, grand size and shape, neat wings and tail, nicely moulded; 4, Davies, good type, col., and qual., shade smaller; vhc, c, Lewis; hc, Jones, YORKS (21): 1, 2, c, Owens, good team, leader cap mkd. yell., grand length, well up on leg, full of nerve, staged in A1 fettle, latter cl. yell., blaze of col., neat head and neck, well braced wings, good piped tail, nice pos. and qual.; 3, Phillips, cl., good length, nice leg, hardly col. of leaders; 4, Morgan, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., nice pos. and nerve, stands well; vhc, Davies; hc, Webster. NON-FED: 1, Webster; 2, Marks; 3, Davies; 4, vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Phillips. MULE (10): 1, 3, hc, Jones, jun., eye tick Gold.-Can., buff, medium size, grand cond., and a good dark buff Gold.-Can., in A1 order; 2, Jas. Davies, good size dark buff Green.-Can., fine feather and cond.; 4, Jenkins, var. buff Gold.-Can., in nice order; vhc, McDougall; c, Gregory, jun. BRIT. (16): 1, 2, vhc, Jones, jun., strong team, Waxwing, Goldie, and Bullfe, all in fine order; 3, Lewis, very good Linnet; 4, H. W. John, fine Jay; hc, Gregory; c, S. Lewis. OPEN DARK MULE (10): 1, R. J. McFealfe, grand large Siskin-Canary, in champion order; 2, 3, Portman, very good Yell. Goldf.-Can., and good coloured Yell. Greenf.-Can., former best condition; 4, Nicholas, pretty Yell. Goldf.-Can., in fine order; vhc, Hoskin; hc, Jeffreys; c, Gough. A.V. VARIEG. (8): 1, Lamb, variegd. Yell. Greenf.-Can., in very grand order; 2, Hughes Bros., var. Goldf.-Can., very nice quality, col., and cond.; 3, Ball, var. Greenf.-Can., very pretty; 4, Davies and Jones, fine uneven Goldf.-Can, full bloom; vhc, J. Gough; hc, Lang; c, Smith. CAN.-BULLF., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Lamb, very fine Can.-Bullf. and large Chaff.-Greenf., both in grand cond.; 3, Blake, very nice, rather pale Redpoll-Bullf., fine feather; 4, vhc, Oldham, good Linnet-Bullf., and neat Siskin-Greenf., in rare good feather; hc, Hughes Bros., foul tail Can. Bullf., good cond. HYB. HENS (6): 1, Lamb, pretty cl. Goldf.-Can.; 2, Ball, light variegd. Greenf.-Can., good col. for a hen, but got benefit; 3, Ford, very large foul Twite-Can., in fine order; 4, Gregory, variegd. Goldf.-Can.; No. 3, Evans, var. Goldf.-Can., w.c., singing hard. GOLDF. (21) Grand lot all through: 1, 2, c, Jeffreys, well-known team, leader is noted crack, winner of over 40 firsts, wearing well, in fine order, only weak point a few sticky feathers top of head, left side, very slight and only temporary, 2nd tip-topper, in grand order; 3, 4, vhc, Richards, grand trio, and hard to separate, press leaders very close, all excel in fine standard qualities; hc, Whinstone, very smart finish. F.M. (22): A capital lot, finest seen together for some time; 1, Holborrow, marvellous Finch in every respect, wins hand-somely; 2, Portman, really good, just gives way a little in massiveness only; 3, Lewis, nice face, moons, tan, etc., fine cond.; 4, hc, Jones, jun., good pair for moulting, fine order; vhc, Lewis; c, Rees and Son. BULLF. CK. (15) Excellent quality right through; 1, Cheney, marvellous for a cin. bird; 2, Jones, jun., another gem, A1 cap, back, etc.; 3, Nicholas, also fine; 4, hc, Lewis; vhc, Gregory; c, Holborrow. HEN (18): 1, Hawkes; 2, Lloyd James; 3, Jeffreys; 4, Gregory; vhc, Ford; hc, Jones, jun.; c, Nicholas; all fine birds, latter out of condition a little or might have stood well in front. HAWFINCH (6): 1, Jeffreys, well finished; 2, Portman, nice size, just beaten in gloss; 3, Crawford, smaller, grand feather, etc.; 4, Gregory, fine bird, loses on condition; vhc, Rix; hc, Hawes. LINNET C.M. (15): 1, Nicholas, wins well on brightness and glossy condition 1 day; 2, hc, Hughes Bros., very shapely, beat in polish only; 3, Richards, longer, nice col. etc.; 4, Jones, jun., grand markings, etc., in fine cond.; vhc, Jeffreys; c, Oldham. F.M. (25) Great class: 1, 2, Gregory, very fine, especially leader; 3, T. Phillips, smaller, grand markings; 4, vhc, Ford, col., markings, and cond. A1; hc, R. J. Phillips; c, Joyce Bros. CREST. (2) Single splendid; 1, Lloyd James, gem all over; 2, Fine, buff, fine bold head, grand cond.; 3, R. J. McFealf, well up in cond., only size gets in front of 4, Bancroft, vhc, Holborrow, hc, Edwards; c, Heal. CHAFL., ETC. (15): 1, Lloyd James, very fine all over; 2, Heal, nicely spangled Bramble; 3, Jeffrey, very pretty Chaffinch, nice condition; 4, Metcalfe, Bramble, shade darker than 2nd; vhc, Cheney; hc, Ford; c, Gregory. YELLOW BUNTING (9): 1, Walsh, very perfectly mkd., grand cond.; 2, Jones, jun., practically equal and hard to separate; 3, Mrs. Longden, just gives way in V marking only, A1 cond.; 4, hc, Lloyd-James, grand pair of nat. col. birds; vhc, Cheney; c, Lord. F.M. REDPOLL (8): 1, vhc, Jeffreys, quite a good one; 2, Jones, jun., also promising; 3, Nicholas, and close up; 4, Ford; hc, Cheney; c, Smith; all smart to work upon. C.M. (7): 1, Lloyd-James, very pretty in all points; 2, Jeffrey, quit close up in all points, only hadle smaller; 3, Lewis, good bib, col., and markings, smaller; 4, Ford, rare good bird, lot off; vhc, Gregory; hc, Robinson; c, Oldham. TWITE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Heal, Twite and Redpoll, both in fine order; 3, vhc, Gregory, Twite and M. Redpoll, both nice, but smaller; 4, Oldham, nice Mealy Redpoll. SIS KIN (21) Best lot seen together for a long time; No 1, Siddall, grand bird, too late for competition; 1, Gregory, large, A1 cap, bib, col., markings and cond.; 2, Lloyd James, very good, foul tail bird; 3, vhc, c, Raby, rare good trio, in fine order; 1, Edwards, good, well fed, but no bib; hc, Jones, jun. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Jeffreys, fine Meadow Bunting, in splendid cond.; 2, 3, 4, Corn, Reed, and Corn Buntings, did good.; 2, 3, 4, Corn, Reed, and Corn Buntings, all in fine condition; vhc, Mrs. Snow Jones, jun., all in fine condition; vhc, Mrs. Snow Bunting, bit off. HENS (12): 1, Mays, grand conditioned Bramble; 2, Heal, fine Corn Bunting; 3, Jones, jun., very good Linnet; 4, Jeffreys, nicely marked Twite; vhc, Nicholas, Big Yell. Bunting, nice condition; hc, Williams, good Goldfinch; c, Holborrow, Greenfinch. THRUSHES, ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Longden Hybrid Tare, Light a la Java, grand; 2, Abbott, grand Song Thrush, in spotless condition; 3, Diplomia winner novice Softbill; 3, Mays, very fine Blackbird, late cock; 4, Chas. Grice, very tight Mistle Thrush, in A1 condition. A.O. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Jones, jun., in fine condition; 2, Mays, Chou-la and Waxwing, latter bit soft to-day; 4, Mays, very pretty Creeper, in A1 condition; 4, H. W. Jones, Woodpecker, nicely shown. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Longden, nice quartett, good Nonpareil leading; 4, Muscott, Red-headed Grassbird, bit parrel leading; 5, Muscott, Red-headed Grassbird, bit soft; hc, John, Bishop, a bit off. LARGE (7): 1, Longden, excellently conditioned Red-nape Lory, takes 10s. champ. "C.B." special, and well wins it; 2, T. Jones, nice Alexandrine, in good plumage; 3, Phillips, fine feathered Blue fronted Amazon, in A1 order; 4, hc, Muscott, Green Eclectus and Lory, former down on bottom of cage and soiled breast plumage; vhc, Mills; c, T. Phillips.

DENNY AND DUNIPACE.

Seventeenth annual show, Jan. 17. Entries exceeded last year's total, which was very gratifying, as it was only at the last moment that the show was got up, but it would pay them to advertise a little more, both in the Fancy Press and by issuing more schedules. The date is a very suitable one, as there is practically no opposition. The hall is very suitable, having plenty of roof light, and very cosy and free from draughts. The committee being fanciers of the right sort, and management was all that one could wish for, the they did everything in their power to make the show a success. See. Mr. A. France is the right man at the helm, and is ably assisted by Pres. Mr. R. Anderson, and Mr. D. W. Herd; vice-president. Mr. Jas. F. Dewar, Edinburgh, judged, and his decisions were well received. The show was well patronised by the public.

CREST CK.: 1, 2, Donaldson, leader, wing mkd. D.C., lovely formation, neat centre; 2nd, variegd., nicely rounded Crest, capital feather; 3, M'Intosh, nearly gr., large-sized Crest, nice veiny feather; 4, Hood. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Donaldson, beauties, cl. body D.C. leading, neatly formed; 2nd fails Crest to winner, grand body subs.; 3, Hood, wing tkd. D.C. of good radiation. C.B. CK.: 1, sp, Morehand, grand width of skull, rare body subs.; 2, Chalmers, plenty of size and feather for a green, good browing; 3, 4, M'Intosh, hade pinched in head, fine subs.; 5, 6, Hood. HEN: 1, Hood, massive, rare width of head splendid lash; 2, Donaldson, not so good head, but carries plenty of body feather; 3, M'Intosh and Son, great size and subs., good head and neck; 4, Chalmers. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Herd, lovely head and front, capital wing and tail carr., rattling col.; 2, Sharp, good size and shape, neat frontal, nice subs.; 3, Chalmers, grand robby shape, lovely qual. and col., fine wings. HEN: 1, sp, Chalmers, cl., best of type and qual., neat head and frontal, wins; 2, 3, Herd, 2nd, foul side of neck, capital wings and feather, well placed; 3rd, tails size to winner, nice qual. feather; 4, M'Intosh and Sons. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, Chalmers, grizzle neck, clinker for size and subs., beautiful head and front, rare wings; 2, Sharp, good head and neck, fine size and shape, well put down; 3, Herd, grizzle head, grand qual. and feather; 4, Herd, grizzle head, grand qual. and feather; vhc, Dick; 5, Donaldson. HEN: 1, Chalmers, good one, nice chubby shape, tight in feather; 2, Herd, shade thin in front, nice qual. feather; 3, France, shade long in body, neat head and neck, well braced wings. VARIEG. CK.: 1, sp, Sharp, buff variegd., rare size and subs., grand feather and cond.; 2, Chalmers, lightly mkd. yell., teeming with col. and qual., in grand bloom; 3, Aitken, capital buff variegd., fine full head and neck, rare subs.. HEN: 1, Davie, mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, grand shape and feather, good one; 2, Godfrey, clinking col., 3 marded head and front, A1 wing; 3, Gorrie, fine tkd. head on the small size, capital bloom. NON-FED YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Gorrie, gem, beautiful head and front, grand cobby shape, terms with qual.; 2, Godfrey, full head to wings, plenty of size and subs., good wings; 3, No name, good head and neck, nice qual., feather; 4, Aitken. BUFF: 1, sp, Godfrey, Rose, variegd., rare size and shape, wonderful shape, grand flight; 2, Herd, capital col., grand head, fine full neck and front, close up; 3, Burnett, head grizzle, plenty of size, capital wings and feather; 4, M'Intosh. BUFF HEN: 1, No name, lovely col., rare type and qual., neat wing and tail; 2, Herd, fails front, full of qual., in nice order; 3, Aitken, tkd. head and wings, nice cobby shape, rattling feather; 4, No name. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Burnett, gem of a cl., neat head and neck, grand wings, neat pipe tail; 2, Strachan, lovely head and front splendid qual. and type, rare bloom; 3, 4, Hislop, grand feather, neat head, best of wings and tail carr.; 5, Gentleman; 6, Ayton. HEN: 1, Burnett, charming type and qual., fine size and weight, well drawn, wins; 2, Kay, capital type, well rounded head and front, splendid taper; 3, Gentleman, beaten head, nice cock, well laid on wings, well placed; 4, 5, Strachan; 6, Ayton. BUFF CK.: 1, Burnett grand col. and qual., perfect wing and tail carr.; 2, Irvine, full of style and qual., neat and typical shade pale in col.; 3, Gentleman, gem for type and qual., beautiful head and front, inclined to cross wings; 4, Dunmore; 5, Kay; 6, Strachan. HEN: 1, sp, Burnett, well known winner, in rare bloom; 2, Gentleman, well siz and shape, capital head and neck, good wings, neat taper; 3 Strachan good head and front, fine weight, well laid on wings, grand qual. and feathers; 4, M'Greabair; 5, Dunmore; 6, Ayton. A.O.V. CK.: 1, sp, Mollat, cracking yell. cinn., fine texture of feather, nice pencilling; 2 Kay, capital yell. green, grand tone of col., good markings; 3, Irvine, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, rare type and qual., neat taper; 4, Gentleman; 5, C. Strachan. HEN: 1, Kay, rich yell. green, best of type, sound col., rare pencilling; 2, Bent, grizzle on head and neck, good size and shape, sweet wing and tail carr.; 3, Strachan, capital variegd. buff, gem for type and qual., rare taper; 4, M'Intosh; 5, Ayton; 6, Rankin. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Allen, Goldf., wonderful blaze of deep crimson, grand tannings, fine wing bars, nice mounting; 2, Devine, grand square cut blaze, shade paler, good tans, and buttons; 3, Parker, nice sized Bullfie, grand cap, fails a little in breast col., good wing bars; 4, Mollat, 5, King. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, sp, Gentleman, lovely N.F. Siskin, grand cap and wing bars, well laced at thighs, neat bib; 2, M'Gavin, F.M. 'Poll, grand col. and markings, very steady; 3, Devine, nicely fed Siskin, dense black cap, good facings, capital size; 4, Parker; 5, M'Intosh and Son; 6, Quinn. GREENF.: 1, sp, Gentleman, monster for size and shape, rare col. and qual., wins; 2, Moreland, hot-fed yell., hard lines to meet such a champion, lovely bloom; 3, Burnett, beaten head, rare size and subs., well staged, looks like Dunfermline winner; 4, Southern; 5, Parker; 6, Duncan, LINNET: 1, Moreland, good size, gem for col. and markings, grand polish; 2, Douglas, good one, beaten size, beautiful pencilling; 3, 4, Parker, nice size, tails col. to leaders; 5, Waugh; 6, King. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Godfrey, grand coloured Hawfinch, splendid bib, capital bloom; 2, M'Intosh, Yellowhammer, grand size and col., good V.; 3, Arnott, fine big Chaffie, good breast col., grand whites, 4, Southern; 5, Parker; 6, Mollat. SOFT BILL: 1, sp, Godfrey, beautiful Waxwing, shown in rare bloom; 2, Anderson, grand Magpie, in rattling cond.; 3, Arnott, very stylish exhibit, nice feather and bloom; 4, Anderson. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Arnott, wonderful team, headed by his well known Tanager in grand order; 2nd, Cordon Bleu; 3rd, capital pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills; 5, Gorrie, MULE OR HYB.: 1, Duncan, fine big Linnet Mule, fails col.; 2, Pagan, capital Goldie Mule, nice flush fare; 3, Pagan, nice coloured Linnet Mule, beaten size; 5, Hislop; 5, M'Intosh.

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BURNHOPE C.B.S.

First annual show held Rifle Range, Jan. 17, many good birds being staged, and over 80 entries. The Range is a good place for a show with very good light, both at sides and top. Mr. J. Riseborough, Sunderland, judged, and gave everyone satisfaction, and everything went off without a hitch. The officials were congratulated by the visitors on the way the show was carried out.

NOR. CK.: 1, sp, Robson and Dawson; 2, Cox; 3, Harrison. HEN: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Yetts, 1913: 1, sp, Robson and Dawson; 2, 3, J. Robson; vhc, Harrison. YORKS CK.: 1, sp, Harrison; 2, J. Robson; 3, Pashton. HEN: 1, sp, J. Robson, 1913: 1, sp, Harrison; 2, Hogg. BORD CK.: 1, sp, 2, Davison; 3, Soulsby; vhc, Ferguson. HEN: 1, sp, 2, 3, Davison; vhc, Soulsby; hc, Ferguson. 1913: 1, sp, 2, Davison; 3, Soulsby; vhc, Ferguson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, 2, Davison; 3, Dunn; vhc, Burnip. MULE or HYB.: 1, sp, Robson and Dawson. BULLF.: 1, sp, H. Barron; 1, sp, 3, Soulsby; 2, Robson and Dawson; vhc, Cox; hc, Usher. REDPOLL: 1, sp; vhc, Robson and Dawson; 2, Blackburn; 3, Davison; hc, Barron; c, Cox. LINNET, H.M.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Blackburn; 2 Robson and Dawson; 3, Harrison; c, Nicholson. F.M.: 1, sp Robson and Dawson; 2, Barron; 3, Yett; vhc, Mitchell, Usher, W.C. A.O. BRIT HARDBILL: 1, sp, hc, Barron; 2, Harrison; 3, Soulsby; vhc, Mitchell. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, 3, vhc, Nicholson; 2, Davison. FOR.: 1, Burnip. We received many specials and donations including £1, Capt. J. R. Ritson; 10s., Dr. Wilson; 10s., Newcastle Breweries; 10s., Mr. J. Dixon.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Last show of the season, held Jan. 17, for silver cup and medals. Mr. W. Mundell judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Mr. E. Neeson won cup and gold medal. Mr. J. Powell 2nd prize. Mr. S. Varley 3rd. Mr. J. Pearson 4th, Mr. A. Grange sp. best bird in show, also sp. best ck. Mr. F. Darwent last hen, Mr. J. Lunn sp. urthe. Mr. H. Grange 10ths. hen, Mr. F. Darwent last 4th bird. CLASS 1: 1, Lunn; 2, 3, vhc, Varley; 4, Terry, hc, c, Powell. CLASS 2: 1, Grange; 2, Lunn; 3, Graham; 4, Neeson; vhc, Grange; hc, Ward; c, Powell. CLASS 3: 1, Grange, 2, Pearson; 3, Neeson; hc, c, Darwent; vhc, Wood hc, Grange. CLASS 4: 1, Darwent; 2, Varley; 3, 4, Powell vhc, Ward; hc, c, Neeson. CLASS 5: 1, Ward. CLASS 6: 1, Grange; 2, Neeson; 3, Dickenson; 4, Ward. CLASS 7: 1, Pearson; 2, Cockerill; 3, Lunn; 4, Graham; vhc, Powell, hc, c, Lunn. CLASS 8: 1, Grange; 2, Neeson; 3, vhc, Powell; 4, Terry. H. Graham, Sec.

THORNTON.

Eighth annual show, held Public Hall, Nov. 29. Entries were down, many of the classes being cancelled. In the 41 classes provided there were a little over 150 entries, a state of affairs which could be remedied by a little more advertising; a great many fanciers round about the district never knew that the fixture was taking place. The exhibits might have been better staged, some of them being on the floor, while nearly all were staged with the backs of cages to the light. Judges were Mr. R. Menzies, Edinburgh, and Mr. G. Arnott, Sinclairtown.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCIES, CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (4): 1, Leslie, sweet head, neck, and nice shoulders, fine droop and action, fine depth; 2, Thomson, good pos., fine shoulders, good droop, loses action and head; 3, Menzies, fails in top end to leaders, good action, fine head and neck; 4, Birrell. BUFF (2): 1, Thomson, good top end, fine length, size, and pos.; 2, Leslie, fine style, fails size, good action. YELL. PIE. OR GR. CK. (2): 1, Thomson, good pos., nice top end, good action, gets tail well under; 2, Menzies. CL. OR FOUL YELL. HEN (1): 1, Birrell, fine size, sweet head, nice shoulders, good pos. BUFF (1): 1, Dryburgh, fair one, fails depth through. YELL. PIE. OR GR. HEN (2): Leslie, very nervy, good pos. and head, gets well down, good shoulders, wins; 2, Gilmour. BUFF (3): 1, Leslie, wins, fine head, neck, and shoulders, fine pos. and action, good depth of heart; 2, Gilmour; 3, Thomson. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, McConville, tick, line head and neck, good body shape, fine qual. and col., fails wings; 2, Ross. BUFF (3): 1, Sanders, good head, front, qual. and col.; 2, Wier and Hutt, good qual. and wing carr.; 3, Thomson. CL. YELL. HEN (1): 1, McConville, fine size, good head and neck, nice body and wings. BUFF (1): 1, Baird, fair size, and type. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, Spence, good head and neck, fine body, nice size, good qual. and colour, crosses wings at times, wins; 2, McConville, good qual. and col., fine wings, weaker in head. HEN (5): 1, Mowbray, heavy var., good head, short stout body, good wings, col. and qual.; 2, Thomson; 3, McConville. UNFLIG. CK. (3): 1, Spence, green, short stout body, fine qual. wings and tail, wins; 2, Wilson; 3, Nairn. HEN (5): 1, Thomson, rather small, fair head and body; 2, Sanders, short body, wings, and tail, good qual. and col.; 3, Adamson, our choice for first, nice head and neck, good body, fine wings and tail, nice qual. and col. NON-FED CK. (1): 1, Morgan. BORD., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Craig, hot col., grand qual., fine wings and tail, well moulded; 2, Paterson (G.), fine qual., wing carr. and pos. CL. OR TICK BUFF CK. (2): 1, Craig, fine model, grand type, lovely qual., nice wings, a beauty; 2, G. Paterson. CL. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Craig, sweet one, lovely qual., grand type, sweet head, neck, and body. BUFF (1): 1, Craig, good one, in grand form. VAR. YELL. (2): 1, Craig, well drawn, fine mould, rare qual., fine wings; 2, Paterson. BUFF (2): 1, Craig, beauty, put down in best style, easy win; 2, Paterson. BULLF. (8): 1, Summers, good cap and bars, fine size, pale breast col., fine cond.; 2, 4, Mackie, well known hen, our choice, a picture, put down in grand order; 3, Pringle, fine broad skull, rare good cap and bars, fine back and breast col.; 5, Thomson; 6, Black and Lumsden. GOLDF. (4): 1, Pringle, lovely flush, fine cut, good shape, grand tans, fine bars, and buttons, grand cond.; 2, Chalmers, fails blaze and tans, bit lucky to beat the 3rd, Mackie, better blaze and tans, good bars and buttons, fine order; 4, Mowbray. GREENF. (6): 1, Wilson, fed buff, good size, fine head, good body, qual., and markings; 2, no name, unfed buff, smaller, better type, fine qual. and cond.; 3, Black and Lumsden, good head, neck, and body shape, fine qual.; 4, Wilson; 5, no name; 6, Black and Lumsden. LINNET (5): 1, Pringle, fine Nor. type, good size, nice breast, fine col.; 2, no name, fails breast, smaller, not so clear in markings; 3, Black and Lumsden, larger in lacings, loses in type and whites; 4, Nicol; 5, Allison; 6, Lister. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, L. Leitch, Twite, steady, fine size, distinct markings, fine bib, presses; 3, Blyth, Redpoll, good size, but rather plain; 5, Poulter; 6, Blyth, our choice for 3rd, not the size, better lacings. SMALL BRIT. (2): 1, No name, Bullie hen; 2, Hutcheson and Swan, Skylark, very steady, grandly pencilled front, put down in grand order. LARGE (5): 1, 2, Bisset, 1st, Mixed, in grand order, markings run a bit on one side, otherwise good; 2, Song Thrush, rather cloudy on front, good cond.; 3, Malcolm, Starling, lovely order, breast covered with nice small ticking, our choice; 4, Poulter, Hawfinch; 5, Watt, black and white spangled Blackbird. HYB. OR MULE (3): 1, Beattie, Linnet-Bullie, nice size, fine col. and cond., shows parentage well; 2, 3, Pattie, dark Linnet; 3rd, Siskin. BULLF. OR GOLDF., FOR. (1): 1, Poulter, Goldie, good blaze and body, pale in body col. FOR. (3): 1, White, Yell. and Green Budgerigars, well mkd., in fine order; 2, Poulter, Greens; 3, Murdoch, Green. COM. CAN. (6): 1, 4, Duncan; 2, 6, Wier and Hutton; 3, no name; 5, Morgan.

GAINSBOROUGH C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Dec. 6 in the Co-operative Hall. Mr. G. Harland judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. 120 birds were staged, and qual. was very high. The show was greatly appreciated by the public, the gate receipts being £7, speaking well for the prospects of the society when it ventures on an open show in the near future, which is the members' desire.

CL. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Green; 2, Palliser; 3, Foster; vhc, Jackson; hc, J. Riley. CL. BUFF CK. NOR. (4): 1, 3, Conway Bros.; 2, King; vhc, Green. TKD OR VAR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Green; 2, Jackson; 3, Conway Bros. BUFF (3): 1, King; 2, Foster; 3, Green. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Green; 2, Palliser; 3, Foster; vhc, hc, c, Conway Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Green; 2, Palliser; 3, Foster. CL. YELL. CK., UNFLIG. (5): 1, Green; 2, Palliser; 3, Crowston; vhc, Conway Bros.; hc, Foster. TKD OR VAR. YELL. CK. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 3, Green; 2, Palliser. BUFF (3): 1, Crowston; 2, Green; 3, Conway Bros. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Jackson; 2, Conway Bros.; 3, King. BUFF (9): 1, hc, c, Crowston; 2, Green; 3, vhc, Riley; vhc, J. Riley; c, C. King. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Antingham; 2, Burland; 3, Williamson; vhc, Burland; hc, Collinson. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Collinson. HENS (7): 1, 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Collinson; hc, Antingham; c, Burland. CK., UNFLIG. (6): 1, Collinson; 2, hc, Cooper; 3, Williamson; vhc, c, Antingham. CREST OR C.B. (1): 1, 2, 3, Green. GOLDF. (6): 1, Miller; 2, c, Williamson; 3, vhc, Riley; hc, Rogers. LINNET (1): 1, Miller; 2, 3, vhc, Williamson. A.O.V. HARDBILL (9): 1, 2, 3, Miller; vhc, Williamson; hc, c, Rogers. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, c, Jubb. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Collinson; 2, Riley. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Palliser; 2, Cooper; 3, hc, Rogers; vhc, Foster. Special winners were: Best bird, Nov., C. Crowston; unflig., Nor., Green. Brit., Jubb; 2nd, Miller; most points Canaries, Green; Brit., Miller.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual members' show held Jan. 17 at Montgomery Hall. The entry was not quite so large as expected, quality and variety were superb. Yorks were the feature, with Norwich and British good, Foreign gave tone. In the "long and slim" section Dr. W. Craig benched a wonderful team, gaining special for best in show with an "eye opener" of a yellow cock; while amongst the "short and thick 'uns," Mr. A. H. Waters claimed the biggest plums with gems. In Crest and C.B. Messrs. J. Evans and J. M. Memmott put down characteristic specimens. British claimed many admirers, Messrs. P. Walsh, G. Fletcher, J. Milne, and F. Bearder staged charmers, strenuous battles being fought. Foreign beauties were those owned by Messrs. Colton and Dawn, G. Fletcher, and W. Baxby. Specials went as follows: Most entries, Yorks B. Porter, Nor. A. H. Waters, Crests J. Evans, Brit. and For. G. Fletcher; most points in show G. Fletcher, 2nd A. H. Waters; most points sectional, Crests J. Evans, Yorks Dr. Craig, Nor. A. H. Waters, Brit. and For. G. Fletcher; Nov. Yorks G. Simpson, Nor. J. Matthews; best birds, Nov. Yorks E. Simpson, Nov. Nor. J. Matthews, Crests J. Evans, Yorks Dr. Craig, Nor. A. H. Waters, Brit. and For. G. Fletcher; challenge cups, Yorks Dr Craig, Nor. J. Matthews, Crests J. Evans, Brit. and For. G. Fletcher. The management was of an A1 order as usual; enthusiastic workers are Messrs. T. Dawn, the popular chairman; J. A. T. Woodall, vice-chair; Dr. Craig, treas.; and G. Fletcher, the Foreign expert. Secs. Messrs. E. C. Job and R. Colton are a worthy brace, and control easily and masterfully. The committee are a lot of well-known and pushful agents, who work and don't shirk. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, sp, Dr. Craig; 2, Webster. BUFF (5): 1, Webster; 2, Craig; 3, vhc, hc, Porter. HEN (8): 1, 2, Craig; 3, Sampson; vhc, Spencer; hc, c, Webster. NOR. (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Waters; 3, Howe and Senior. MKD. (5): 1, 2, Howe and Senior; 3, vhc, Waters; hc, Lindley. CREST (5): 1, sp, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, vhc, hc, Colton and Dawn. C.B. (5): 1, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, vhc, hc, Colton and Dawn. YOUNG BIRDS—CHAMP. YELL. YORKS (10): 1, 3, Dr. Craig; 2, vhc, Furniss; hc, Ridal; c, Spencer. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Furniss; 2, Ridal; vhc, hc, Sampson; c, Spencer. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 2, hc, Dr. Craig; 3, Ridal; vhc, Furniss; c, Sampson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, 3, hc, Dr. Craig; vhc, Furniss; c, Ridal. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Waters; 3, Howe and Senior. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Waters; 2, Howe and Senior. HEN (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, c, Waters; hc, Howe and Senior. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, Evans; vhc, c, Memmott; hc, Moore. C.B. (7): 1, 2, Memmott; 3, c, Evans; vhc, hc, Colton and Dawn. GOLDF., ETC. (14): 1, Walsh; 2, Beader; 3, vhc, Fletcher; hc, Colton and Down; c, Milne. • LINNET (9): 1, 3, Walsh; 2, Bearder; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Fletcher; c, Hartley. GREENF. (5): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, vhc, Walsh; hc, Hartley. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Milne; 2, Fletcher; vhc, c, Walsh; hc, Bearder. A.O.V. (3): 1, Milne; 2, 3, Walsh. INSECTIV. (7): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Fletcher; c, Milne. LARGE (2): 1, Fletcher; 2, Baxby. FOR. WAXBILLS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Fletcher; vhc, Baxby. PARROTS (5): 1, sp, 2, vhc, hc, Fletcher; 3, Baxby. A.O.S.A (3): 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Colton and Dawn. NOV. YELL. YORKS (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Simpson; vhc, Cadman (H); hc, Cadman (W). BUFF (6): 1, Maynard; 2, Simpson; 3, hc, c, Cadman (W); vhc, Cadman (H). HEN (9): 1, 3, Cadman (W); 2, Cadman (H); vhc, Simpson; hc, Maynard. NOR. BUFF (12): 1, sp, 2, 3, Matthews; vhc, White. VARIEG. (6): 1, 2, 3, Matthews; vhc, hc, Smith; c, Markall. HEN (9): 1, hc, c, Matthews; 2, Markall; 3, vhc, Smith. A.O.V. (2): 1, Colton and Dawn; 2, Snape. GIFT (13): 1, Dr. Craig; 2, Rickett; 3, Webster; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Tow; c, Ridal.

SMALLBRIDGE C.B.S.

Third annual show, held in St. John's School, Smallbridge, Nov. 22. Entries were not quite up to the average, but quality was much better, some real tip-toppers being shown, which will make a name for themselves thereafter; in fact, a few have already figured well in open competition. Sandiford's medal was won by Messrs. Low and Johnson with a red-hot yellow Yorks cock; 2nd hottest, Mr. Hartley, a cl. yell. Nor. cock, running close up. Best bird, Mr. Cheetham, with a self green Crest-bred. Mr. F. Armstrong, Halifax, judged, and gave complete satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, sp, Coupe, 1st, good top, wins on points; 2nd, close up, loses in top end, good qual.; 3, Atkinson, nice qual., good col., a bit loose in front; 4, J. W. Cryer; vhc, Tonks; hc, Low and Johnson; c, E. Bamford. HEN: 1, Howarth, beautiful type, qual., and col., wins well; 2, 3, sp, Bamford; 4, Low and Johnson. BUFF YORKS. CK.: 1, Low and Johnson, good type and qual., boxy feather, wins; 2, sp., 3, Bamford, 2nd, spoilt in wash, very open; 3rd, close up; 4, Tonks. HEN: 1, 4, Bamford, 1st, good type and qual.; 2, 3, Coupe, 2nd, loses in front to winner, good col.; 3rd, nice type and qual.; vhc, Low and Johnson; hc, J. Atkinson. YELL. YORKS., UNFLIG.: 1, sp, Howarth, good type and quality, good wings, 2, Coupe, crosses wings a little, close up to winner in type and qual.; 3, Lord, crosses wings; 4, Tonks. HEN: 1, 2, Coupe, 1st, lovely type and qual., wins easily; 2nd, nice qual., loose in front; 3, Howarth, loses in qual. and front. BUFF HEN: 1, Coupe, good type, feather, and qual., wins on cond.; 2, Low and Johnson, loose in feather, otherwise good type; 3, Atkinson, not in such good cond. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, sp, Hartley, good head and qual., nice type; 2, Lord, loses in head entrance. BUFF: 1, sp, Lord, good type, col., and qual.; 2, Bamford, loses in type, otherwise nice bird. BUFF HEN: 1, Lord, good type, col., and qual., nice wings; 2, 4, sp, Hartley, 2nd, rather slack in feather, loses in qual., better head than winner; 3, Bamford, good type fails in head; vhc, Hollows; hc, c, Mayers. YELL. NOR. CK., UNFLIG.: 1, sp, Hartley, good col. and head; 2, Lord, fine qual., loses in head. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Lord, 1st, fine qual., nice head; 2nd, fails in head to winner; 3, Bamford, bit too much front. YELL. HEN: 1, Lord, nice subs., good qual.; 2, Bamford. BUFF: 1, sp, Hollows, nice qual. and type; 2, Bamford, loses in subs.; 3, Lord, on small side. NOV. YORKS.: 1, sp, Howarth; 2, Cryer. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Cheetham, fine unflighted Crest hen, lovely crest and subs., good feather; 2nd, scarcely as much subs., nice crest; 3rd, fine crest slightly broken, will improve; 4, vhc, Mayers. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Cheetham, 1st, best bird in show, self green, fine qual., good length of feather; 2nd, cl. yell., nice length of feather; 3rd, unflig. variog. yell., close up; 4, vhc, Mayers. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, sp, 2, Tonks, wins on cond.; 3, Hartley. BRIT.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Mayers; 2, Tonks; 3, Hartley; 4, Cheetham. Mr. Coupe won silver medal for most points in Yorks; Mr. Lord Nor.; Mr. Bamford, sp. most points throughout show.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

PELTON FELL.

Annual show held Dec. 6, Colliery Inn, in a large room kindly lent by Mr. E. Waugh, a very generous patron of the society. Entries came up splendidly, totalling 243, easily constituting a record for the society, and it must have been very gratifying indeed to the chairman, Mr. J. Stanger, and sec. Wm. Forster, to find their united and untiring efforts to bring forward the cage bird fancy in this district so well rewarded. Norwich and Bord. were strong in numbers, and competition was very keen. Brit. made a fine display, the quality of many leaving nothing to be desired. The genial and obliging sec. had everything in grand order. Mr. Stanger is grandly supported by a hard-working committee composed of such sterling fanciers as Messrs. W. Davidson, R. W. Boyd, A. Forster, R. Ward, J. McDonald, T. Elliott, S. Lindsay, L. Redpath, R. Foster, J. H. Elliott, and R. S. Bewick, all keen and willing to give of their best. Special winners: Most entries, also most points Stanger, best Crest or C.B. Bewick, Nor. Lindsay, Yorks. Ward, Bord. Stanger and Elliott divide, Brit. Boyd, most points Nov. Gladstone, best For. McDonald. The show was well attended, and there is every prospect of its turning out a financial success. We were informed by Mr. Forster that an effort is to be made to form an amalgamation of all local societies, comprising Pelton Fell, Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Beamish, and hold a big show annually. Judges were Mr. J. Hands, Canaries; and Mr. J. Riseborough, the remainder.

Unfortunately we were unable to obtain notes of the Canary classes, but the awards were:

NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Stanger; 2, W. Forster; 3, R. Forster. BUFF (10): 1, Lindsay; 2, Wm. Forster; 3, R. Forster. HEN (6): 1, Stanger; 2, Wm. Forster; 3, R. Forster. YELL. 1913 (4): 1, Lindsay; 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Stanger. BUFF (6): 1, Stanger; 2, R. Forster; 3, Stanger. HEN (8): 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Stanger. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, S. Foster; 2, 3, Ward. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Ward. HEN (5): 1, Ward; 2, Foster; 3, T. Elliott. YELL. 1913 (4): 1, 2, Ward; 3, T. Elliott. BUFF (2): 1, Ward; 2, Stanger. HEN (2): 1, Ward; 2, T. Elliott. CREST (2): 1, 2, Bewick. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Bewick; 3, Coates. CREST 1913 (6): 1, 2, Bewick; 3, Coates. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Bewick; 3, Redpath. BORD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Bates; 2, Henderson; 3, Bewick. HEN (10): 1, J. H. Elliott; 2, Bates; 3, Bates. BUFF CK.: 1, Henderson; 2, Stanger; 3, Bates. OR. (8): 1, Stanger; 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Henderson. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Stanger; 3, W. Forster. NOV. (4): 1, 2, York; 3, Gladstone. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Lindsay, Dark Yell. Goldie-Can., fine size and shape, lovely col., grand feather and cond; 2, Davison, Dk. Linnet-Can., nice size and shape, good col., polish and cond.; 3, Stanger, Greenie-Can., plenty of subs., rich tone of col., level all through; vhc, A. Forster, LINNET, H.M. (4): 1, Boyd, nice size, fine shape, lovely nut brown col., grandly pencilled; 2, Davison, plenty of size, nice shape, scarcely rich col. of leader, nicely pencilled; 3, York, shapely, neat pencilling, nice cond.; vhc, Davison. F.M. (6): 1, Boyd, big and shapely, grand col., lovely pencilling, very profuse all over, nice wings, grand feather and cond.; 2, vhc, Elliott, nice size, and shape, good col., well pencilled, but not quite so clear as leader, shown in good order, col., and pencilling, hardly so profuse; hc, York; c, Davison. GOLDF. (5): 1, 3, Boyd, leader grand clean cut blaze, very rich and pure in col., nice moons, lovely tanning, 3rd not quite so expansive in blaze, good col., nice wings; 2, W. Forster, nice size, shape, and col., not the rich tone of leader, nicely tanned, A1 cond.; vhc, Elliott; hc, Davison, nice Goldie, but looking a bit soft. BULLF. (1): 1, Davison, good breast col., clean cut cap. REDPOLL (6): 1, Forster, nice size lovely col., grandly pencilled, clean cut bib, well laced on flanks; 2, 3, Boyd, nice size and shape, scarcely so good in bib and lacing, 3rd shapely, nicely pencilled, well laced flanks; vhc, A. Forster; hc, Lindsay; c, Bates. SISKIN OR TWITE (2): 1, 2, Boyd, both Siskins, nice size and shape, good col. and condition, leader excels in bib and lacing. GREENF. (6): 1, Lindsay, fine size, lovely shape, short and thick set, nice head, level col, nice polish and cond.; 2, A. Forster, better col than winner, but not the grand waggon-horse type, nice wings, fine polish and cond.; 3, Boyd, similar build, nice wings, not quite so rich in col.; vhc, Lindsay; hc, McDonald; c, Redpath. BUNTING (4): 1, A. Forster, Yellowhammer, fine size and shape, grand col., nice head mark, grand feather; 2, Boyd, Snow Bunting, nice size, good col., nice feather; 3, vhc, Davison, Corn Bunting, shapely, plenty of size, good col. and markings. HEN BRIT. (7): 1, McDonald, lovely Bullie, fine size, short and cobby, lovely col. for a hen, nice shaped cap, clean cut; 2, Donaldson, nice Bramble, good size and shape, nice col., head and back, well laced; 3, Boyd, Greenie, shapely, level col., neat head, good wings, fine cond.; vhc, Davison; hc, Lindsay; c, W. Forster. A.O. BRIT. (6): 1, Lindsay, nice Chaffie, good size, shape, and head, good whites, rich body col., in the pink; 2, Boyd, Bramble, nice size and shape, grand breast col., carried well down, nicely spangled back, neat head, nice cond.; 3, Ward, Hawfinch, nice col., neat head and wings not up yet; vhc, Davison; hc, Boyd; c, Elliott. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, vhc, Davison, leader well-known Waxwing, looking as well as ever, 3rd Blackbird, sound col., good beak and eye ceres, fine cond.; 2, Boyd, grand Missel Thrush, fine size, lovely col., and markings, grand cond. BRIT. NOV. (4): 1, York, nice Linnet, good shape and size, nicely pencilled, good cond. and feather; 2, 3, vhc, Gladstone, nice team, Greenf., Linnet, and Chaffie. FOR. (6): 1, Davison, Ring-necked Parrakeet; 2, McDonald, pair of Budgerigars; 3, Gladstone, Love Birds; vhc, hc, McDonald; c, Gladstone.

LINGFIELD F.S.

Quite a nice collection of cage birds were got together in the Victoria Institute, Jan. 14, and 15. Mr. John Stone, the hon. sec., is a host in himself, having mastered every detail of a show. He is backed by a committee of splendid fanciers, with whom no item is too small to attend to. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and the quality all round was good. Goldfinches were a fine lot for quality, and took some sorting. Mr. C. W. Silk won members' special in Canary section, and Mr. Potter that for British.

NOR. (5): 1, 2, Kilby, grand tick necked yell., in fine trim 2 buff, c'ose and compact, good type; vhc, sp, c, Silk; hc Potter. NON-FED. (3): 1, vhc, Ollie, leader, variog. yell., nice qual. and good shape; hc, Potter. YORKS (3): 1, Nicholls, nice positioned buff, good feather and straight. YORKS, NON-FED (3): 1, Crick, fair pos., nice qual.; vhc, Bacon; hc, Robinson. GOLDF. (9): 1, Relf, served up very well, lustrous, grand face, full bars, and good tanning; 2, Crick, smart Finch, nice wide blaze, not yet at its best, good shape, whites, and tanning; 3, Horne, very sweet, not so lustrous, or so rich, but a pretty little bird; vhc Beard; hc, Potter; c, Bacon. BULLF. or GREENF. (3): 1, Kilby, topping Bullie, very clean at thighs, rich breast col., nice poll; vhc, sp, Potter; hc, Beard. LINNET ETC. (5): 1, 2, Beard, leader sweetly pretty Siskin, nice markings, good cap; 2, an equally nice Redpoll; vhc, hc, 3 Foster.

IPSWICH.

21st show of the Eastern Counties C.B.S. held Jan. 26 and 27, Social Settlement. Entries were about the same as last year. Mr. C. Simpson judged. Quality created a record, and Mr. Simpson had considerable difficulty in adjudicating upon many of the classes. Sir Daniel Goddard's cup for best bird fell, for the second year in succession, to W. Gunn with a typical crested Canary; second best a beautiful glossy Starling, shown by Andrews Bros. Best novice, Mr. Bloomfield. In foreign small Andrews Bros. secured the first three awards for birds with a Paradise Whydah, Superb Tanager, and Black headed Mannikins; 1 and 2 in A.O.V. with a Glossy Starling and Blue faced Barbette. The Mayor opened the show, and in doing so said that he did not believe a better exhibition of cage birds had ever been seen in Ipswich. There were two hobbies which anyone could take up with satisfaction to themselves, and their friends one was the growing of flowers and the other the breeding of cage birds, and more harmless hobbies could not be imagined. He then handed Mr. Simpson a mahogany chimney clock and an illuminated address as a slight token of the members of his efforts during the past twenty-one years. A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mr. Simpson concluded the proceedings. The arrangements were, as usual, of a high order, thanks to the energy of the secretary, Mr. W. Barritt, and a strong working committee under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Mouser.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, Tydeman; 2, hc, Schofield; 3, vhc, Cole; vhc, Baker. BUFF NOR.: 1, vhc, Baker; 2, Schofield; 3, vhc, Cole; vhc, Barham. TKD., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Cole; 2, Gunn; 3, Baker; vhc, Andrews Bros., Schofield; hc, Barham. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Mouser; 3, Cole; vhc, Baker, Barham; hc, Schofield; c, Gunn. GR HEAV. MKD.: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, hc, Baker; 3, vhc, Tydeman. NOR. HEN., YELL.: 1, 3, Mouser; 2, hc, Cole; vhc, Tydeman; c, Schofield. BUFF: 1, vhc, Mouser; 2, vhc, Tydeman; 3, vhc, Cole; vhc, hc, Clarke; hc, Baker. NON-FED YELL.: 1, Pratt; 2, Schofield; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, Barham; 3, Smith. HEN: 1, Clarke; 2, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Tydeman; 3, Smith; vhc, Cole; c, Mouser. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, Tydeman; 3, Le, Cole; vhc, Baker, Smith; hc, Barham. CINN. YELL.: 1, 3, Cook; 2, vhc, Andrews Bros.; vhc, Bevan. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Andrews Bros.; 3, Bevan; hc, Baker. HEN: 1, Cook; 2, vhc, Andrews Bros.; 3, Baker; hc, Bevan. UNFLIG. CINN.: 1, Cook; 2, hc, Bevan; 3, Andrews Bros.; vhc, Baker. C.B.: 1, hc, Gunn; 2, Roper; 3, vhc, Pratt. CREST.: 1, hc, Gunn; 2, 3, Pratt; vhc, Harvey, Roper. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pratt; vhc, hc, Flatt; hc, Read; c, Ryde. BUFF: 1, vhc, Pratt; 2, Ryde; 3, vhc, hc, Read; vhc, hc, Flatt. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gunn; 3, Hammond. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Buxton; 2, Robinson; 3, hc, Richold; vhc, Baker; vhc, c, Flatt; vhc, Pratt; c, Ryde. BUFF: 1, Bloomfield; 2, 3, vhc, Flatt; vhc, Pratt and Buxton; hc, Baker and Richold; c, Hammond and Ryde. HEN: 1, Baker; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Flatt; vhc, hc, Robinson. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Baker; 2, Richold; 3, H. Buxton; vhc, F. Buxton; hc, W. Robinson; c, W. Flatt. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Pratt. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Flatt. HEN: 1, Richold; 2, 3, Cook. LINNET, CK. OR HEN: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, Flatt; 3, Wheeler. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Bloomfield; vhc, Flatt. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Andrews Bros. NOV. A.V.: 1, vhc, Smith; 2, 3, hc, c, Flatt; hc, Tydeman. FOR., SMALL.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Andrews Bros.; vhc, Flatt. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Andrews Bros.; 2, vhc, Gunn. GIFT: 1, Gunn; 2, Schofield; 3, Cook. OPEN TO IPSWICH, A.V.CAN., MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, Tydeman; 2, Jasper; vhc, Master Andrews; hc, Miss Callingham, Payne. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Mayne; 2, Driver; 3, Cole; vhc, Pizzy. Special prizes were awarded in each class.

JERSEY.

Although the cage bird fancy in Jersey is not so strong as it used to be a few years since there was quite a nice little collection of good class exhibits on view at the exhibition of the Jersey Poultry and Ornithological Society which was held in the Prince of Wales Rooms on Jan. 7 & 8. Mr. C. A. House had been engaged to judge, but owing to some misunderstanding in reference to his engagement at The Hague he was unable to be present, and Mr. G. H. Billett very kindly stepped into the breach at short notice, and his awards were well received. The exhibits were nicely staged, and all their needs well looked after by a most excellent committee at the head of which was that good fancier Mr. S. Sinnott. Mr. J. P. Laurens made a splendid secretary and he received most capable assistance from Mr. A. C. Walker.

YORKS. CL. (4): 1, sp, Picot, very long, straight, stylish, close feathered yell., of good col. and position; 2, Hodgetts, hardly so tight in feather, but a long, reachy, stylish yell; 3, res, Bree, nice col. and feather, not quite so thin and straight. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Hodgetts, long racy, close feathered tkd. yell., capital wings, as straight as a dart, 2nd buff of lovely qual. and style, plenty of length, a shade stout; 3, Picot, grand stylish yell., well shown, hardly so clean cut. HEN (5): 1, hc, Hodgetts long slim, shapely tkd. yell., capital legs, wings, and tail, full of style and nerve; 2, Bree, long, racy yell., not quite so neatly shaped, but a good shower; res, hc, Picot. NON-FED (7): 1, Bree, clinking yell., lovely shape and length, rare carriage and feather; 2, 3, Hodgetts, very smart, well feathered buffs of grand style, not quite so slim in waist; res, hc, Le Rossignol, very smart Green, of good shape; vhc, Renouf. CREST: 1, Le Poidevin, very neat grizzle, nice frontal; 2, 3, Mrs. Bray, heavily variog., and a clear, not much between them, neat, but not so much headgear as 1st; absent, Gendewar. NOR. (3): 1, 2, sp, Picot, grandly feathered buff, rare chest and back, capital head, lovely qual., and nice col.; 2nd high qual. variog. yell., neat and smart, not quite so chubby; 3, Bree, capital feather and style, neat body, hardly so stout in head. A.O.V. (4): 1, Picot, very handsome Yell. Cinn., good Nor. shape, capital col. and feather, very smart and stylish; 2, 3, res, Mrs. Bray, a very useful team of C.B.'s, 2nd well feathered, nice skulled variog. buff, carried the best frontal. MULES (1): 1, Lander, neat bodied, nice feathered, variog. yell. BRIT. GOLD. (8): 1, Hodgetts, beautiful bright blaze, rich tanning, good bars and buttons, in rare form; 2, 3, Connell, two good shapely, neat feathered Finches, nice clear buttons, good col., not so deep in blaze; hc, Landrich, Le Brocq (2). A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, res, Connell, two grand shaped, rich coloured, well feathered Bullies, lovely caps, grand backs and bars, well finished; 3, vhc (2), Landrich, grandly mkd., neat feathered, rich coloured Chaff., very steady; hc, Hodgetts. A.O.V. and GIFT: Cancelled. FOR. (1): 1, sp, Benest, a charming group of African Finches, a pity there was no competition. SELL. 15s. (2): 1, Le Rossignol; 3, Hodgetts.

SUNDERLAND SCORES A SUCCESS.

EIGHTY MORE ENTRIES THAN LAST YEAR.

The Celebrated Hybrid Wins Special for Best Bird in the Show.

24th annual exhibition, held Jan. 16 and 17, in every way one of the most successful shows ever held in the town. The Miners' Hall was again the venue, and is in every way splendidly adapted for the purpose, the only difficulty being that the light is not quite ideal on such dull days as were experienced during the time of the show. Entries came up splendidly, 570 open and 120 members, about 80 more than last year. The new staging was beautifully arranged, and looked very neat, while a liberal display of charming plants and flowers gave the hall a delightful appearance. The management was a treat, not the slightest hitch occurring during the show. In Mr. John Peacock the society possess an ideal secretary, and he spared neither time nor effort to make the show one of the best ever held. All his work is done with methodical precision, and a glance through his well-kept books showed that he has nothing to learn in secretarial work, while his courteous manner and willingness to oblige make it a pleasure to meet him. Mr. F. Riseborough, the assistant sec., rendered great assistance, getting through a large amount of work with every credit. The genial chairman, Mr. John Farrer, is still at the head of the workers, and that means everything. Quiet and unassuming, he is yet firm, and everything under his care must be done thoroughly and well. He was well backed up by a splendid body of fanciers: vice-chair., Mr. C. Waters; treas., Mr. G. Davidson; and Messrs. A. Elliott, J. Machin, T. Davison, T. Gray, T. W. Smith, A. Walker, W. Reid, J. Riseborough, J. M. Walker, and Mr. John Hutchinson, the genial secretary of the Northern Crest Club, who rendered every help during the first day of the show.

Norwich were a nice lot, averaging about 10 per class, and many of the birds were real toppers, Mr. W. H. Butler's nuffighted yellow taking diploma for best in section. Crests averaged nearly 7 per class, and though not quite up in numbers the quality was all there, Mr. Geo. Dobson taking the diploma for best. Yorks. came up well, over 14 per class, quality throughout being superb. Mr. L. Dykes took diploma for best. Borders were a grand lot, and about the best section in show, 1st in 9 classes, and the judge had his work cut out to select the winners, so keen was the competition, one class including 5 Scottish National winners. The best in section went to Mr. J. Nicholson's Cinn. mkd. yell., and it wasn't Jimmy Johnstone's fault that the bird didn't get diploma for best bird in show, for he made a grand fight for his selection. Lizards were good, 20 in two classes, Mr. W. P. Barnes taking most of the plums. Mules and British also made a fine display, quality being well to the fore. The celebrated variegated Canary-Bullie was again on view, and attracted a great deal of attention. It stood first in its class, and won diploma for best bird in show, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cowgill both deciding in its favour against the yellow Border already mentioned. We heard only one fancier who declined to accept the Canary as one of its parents. Some thought the bird somewhat lucky to beat the clear Goldie Mule in the same class, but Mr. Wilson stated that he put the bird up solely on account of its rarity, it being the only specimen of its kind in existence, which could not be said about the clear Goldie.

The show was grandly patronised, the takings exceeding by several pounds last year's amount. Very few birds, however, changed hands, and the receipts from sales was not so high as usual. Diploma winners were: Best in show, R. D. Parlett; champ. Nor., W. H. Butler; nov., H. D. Pyman; Crest or C.B., Geo. Dobson; champ. Yorks., L. Dykes; nov., S. Knowles; champ. Bord., J. Nicholson; nov., Wm. Howe; Liz., W. P. Barnes; Mule or Hyb., R. D. Parlett; Brit., R. D. Parlett; For., P. Arnot; Bord. F.C.C. medal, W. T. Wilson; most points in Brit., R. D. Parlett.

In members' classes Mr. W. F. Swan won the Hunter cup, Mr. T. Riseborough Davison cup for 5 nominated birds, also Thompson cup for most points in members' classes; this he has now won outright; best bird in members', Sandiford's medal, E. Kennerson; most points in novice and open members' classes, T. Smith. We must not forget little Miss Kate Walker, who looked extremely pretty in a dress made of CAGE BIRDS coloured plates, the design being very neat, and arranged to the best advantage. Judges were: Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Nor., Yorks., Crests and Lizards), Mr. J. Johnstone (Bord. and Sell.), and Mr. Geo. Wilson (Mules, Brit. and For.).

The Critique.

Mr. Cowgill's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Thomas, grand shape and subs., lovely col. and qual., grand head and neck, deep chest, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Smith, nice shape, col. and qual.; 3rd, similar, bit longer in barrel. BUFF (4): 1, Thomas, grand one for shape and size, deep broad chest, good head, thick neck, lovely col. and qual. and neat wings and tail; 2, Snowdon, not the size of leader, but a good one for shape, lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, deep chest, well cleaned under; 3, Frazer, neat head, nice col., bit lacking in qual., we preferred 4, Peirson. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Frazer, wing tkd. yell., lovely shape, medium size, grand col. and qual., nice head and neck, nice chest and back, good wing carr.; 2, Briggs, variegated buff, grand size, fine shape, lovely col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 3, Peirson, variegated yell., not the size of leader, lovely shape, nice head, qual. of the best, grandly cleaned out; 4, Ross and Duncan; vhc, Edwards; he, Roddam. HEN (10): 1, Butler, yell., grand one all over, lovely shape, nice size, grand col., exquisite feather, nice head and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, McGinn, not so thick set, grand shape, lovely qual., neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail, well cleaned under; 3, Peirson, buff, grand shape, nice size, good col., nice feather of fine texture, sweet head and neck, nice wing carr.; 4, Winter; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; he, Topping; c, Briggs. YELL. (13): 1, Butler, gem all over, nice size, beautiful shape, short and thick-set, lovely col., finest qual. feather, good head, neck and chest, lovely wings and tail, takes diploma for best Nor., and deserves it too; 2, Thomas, equal size and shape, grandly rounded chest, nice head and neck, red-hot col., but lacks the beautiful feather of leader; 3, Russell and Teasdale, grand one for size and shape, neat head and neck, nice chest, not quite the col. of leaders, lovely wings and tail; 4, Moore; vhc, Stephenson; he, McKay; c, Laidlow. BUFF (15): 1, Roddam, nice size and shape, neat head, fair col., bit rough in feather, we thought lucky to beat 2, Butler, tkd. head, lovely shape, grand col. and qual. of the very best, well rounded chest, neat head and neck, short, well carried wings and tail, we liked for first; 3, Russell and Teasdale, grand shape, deep broad chest, lovely col. and qual., neat head, gets wings over a bit at times, yet we made 2nd; 4, Hume and Crackett; vhc, Thomas; he, McKay; c, Forster. HEN (16): 1, Thomas, buff, gem for size and shape, short and thick, neat head, well rounded back and chest, lovely col. and qual., short wings and tail; 2, Moore, yell., grand one, medium size, beautiful shape, sweet head, nice chest and back, rich col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 3, Axe, bit longer in body and wings, grand col. and qual. of the best, neat head, gets wings over a bit at times; 4, Smith, nice size and shape, neat head, good chest and back, nice col.; vhc, Morgan; he, Kennerson; c, Laidlow. NOV. (10): 1, 4, c, Pyman, leader variegated, yell., lovely shape, nice size and col., good qual., neat head and neck, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Priestly, cl. buff, grand size and shape, nice chest and back, good col. and qual., neat head, well carried wings, nicely cleaned out; 3, Reed, cl. yell., more size than leader, but not so short and cobby, nice col. and qual., neat head, a bit lacking in finish, and might have given way to 4th; vhc, Proctor; he, Winter. CREST (7): 1, diploma best in section, 2, Dobson, beauties, leader grand densely feathered Crest of fine shape, grand size and radiation, neat centre and droop, 2nd, nice size and shape, hardly the same grand leafy feather of leader, nice centre and droop; 3, vhc, Hutchinson, foul green, nice size crest, hardly so shapely, perhaps, neat centre and droop; 4, J. Taylor, wing mkd., nice shaped crest, good droop and radiation, bit open in centre; he, Farrer. C.B. (6): 1, Swan, foul tail gr., grand size, rare skull, grand width and entrance, carries any amount of feather, well lashed; 2, J. Taylor, var., wonderful subs., grand skull, fine rise and entrance, not quite so thickly thatched on top; 3, Dobson, var., good one for feather, nicely domed top, good lash, nice flow of feather; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Hanson and Scorer; he, J. Walker. CREST, 1913 (6): 1, J. Taylor, wing mkd., nice size crest, good droop and radiation, neat centre, nice leafy feather; 2, Dickenson Bros., variegs., more body subs., nice crest of good shape, well radiated from a neat centre, lacks the finish of leader; 3, Riseborough, wing mkd., nice crest for size and shape, good droop and centre, again beaten in finish; 4, Dobson; vhc, Farrer. C.B. (7): 1, vhc, Dobson, cl., grand subs., rare skull, grand rise and entrance, any amount of good feather, well lashed; 2, 4, Hutchinson, 2nd, variegs., plenty of subs., nice broad skull, fine entrance, scarcely so well packed behind; 3, J. Walker, foul tail green, bit narrower in skull, nice rise, not so densely feathered on top; he, Hanson and Scorer; c, Swan. YORKS., YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, gem all over, fine length, straight as a rush, well rounded body, neat shoulders and waist, nice head, good col. and qual., well braced wings and tail, takes diploma for best Yorks.; 2, vhc, Pyman, fine length, lovely pos., straight as a gun-barrel, grandly drawn, scarcely so neat in head as leader, nice col. and qual., lovely wing carr.; 3, Simeson, trifle weaker neck, a good one for length and pos., neat narrow shoulders, finely drawn, not far behind; 4, Deighton; he, Crawhall; c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, 3, he, Crawhall, grand team, leader nice one all over, fine length, stands like a guardsman, lovely shoulders and waist, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 3rd, a topper, fine length well up, better col., and clothed with most exquisite feather, sweet head and neck, beautifully rounded, nicely tapered and grand wings and tail, hard to find a fault with; 2, Simeson, fine length, well up on grand legs, nice col., lovely wing carr., neat head and shoulders, not quite so boxy in feather; 4, Pyman; vhc, Dykes; c, Cattell. HEN (13): 1, 3, Crawhall, beauties, leader yell., nice length, lovely pos., neat head and neck, grand shoulders and waist, good col., feathered like wax, lovely wings and tail; 3rd, another yell., not the col. of leader, yet a grand hen, well up on legs, nice length, neatly drawn, well braced wings and tail; 2, Deighton, buff, nice length, straight as a gun barrel, neat narrow shoulders, well tapered waist, nice col., qual. of the best, lovely wings and tail; 4, he, Coulson; vhc, Leck; c, Kennerson. YELL., 1913 (13): 1, Simeson, medium, length, lovely pos., sweet head and neck, neatly rounded shoulders, well tapered, nice col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Dykes, leader better col., but not so slimly built, nice length and pos., neat head, good shoulders and waist, lovely wings and tail; 3rd, wonderful length, slim and beautifully rounded, not quite so well up as leaders, grandly drawn, lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail; 4, Towers; vhc, Pyman; he, Coulson; c, Crawhall. BUFF (15): 1, he, Dykes, medium length, grand position and lovely shoulders and waist, nice colour, exquisite feather, neat head and grand wing carriage; 2, Wigglesworth, not so well rounded, nice length, straight up, nice colour, but hardly the grand qual., neat head and wing carr.; 3, Stewart, hardly so erect as leaders, nice length, good head and neck, nice col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 4, vhc, Crawhall, nice length, shade heavier build, nice col. and lovely qual., feathered like wax, lovely wings and tail; c, Pyman. NOV. YELL. (17): 1, Alston, medium length, straight as a rush, grand col. and qual., smooth as a bottle, neat head and neck, nicely rounded shoulders, grand wings; 2, 4, Midgley, leader good one for length and pos., nice head and neck, nice col., but not the qual. of leader, nice wing carr.; 4th, bit heavier build, nice length, well rounded, good col. and qual.; 3, Leck, shorter a bit, but all there for pos., grandly rounded, well tapered, neat head, beautiful col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; vhc, Gregory; he, Moore; c, Witherby. BUFF (15): 1, Knowles, nice one all over, good length, well up on nice legs, good shoulders and waist, well drawn, lovely col. and qual., neat head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Farnish, nice length and beautifully drawn, nice pos., neat head, well rounded shoulders, nice qual., but not so good in col.; 3, Alston, grand length and pos., sweet head, clothed with grand qual. feather, slim and finely drawn, a bit open in breast feather, otherwise hard to find fault with; 4, Smith, nice length, good pos., hardly so well rounded; vhc, Lumsden; he, Midgley; c, Pyman. 1913 (16): 1, Hedley, yell., nice one all over, good length, lovely pos., neat, narrow shoulders, well drawn, nice col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 2, Midgley, buff, fine length and pos., good col. and qual., well carried wings; 3, Thurston, eye tkd. yell., better col., grandly drawn, lovely pos., neat head and shoulders, beaten a bit in wing carr.; 4, Farnish, nice length, buff, hardly so well up as leaders, hot col., nice feather; vhc, Witherby, he, Petch; c, Smith. LIZARD, CL. CAP (9): 1, 2, 3, he, Barnes, Gold, fine size and shape, lovely ground col., nicely spangled back, well rowed, good feet and legs, takes diploma best Lizard; 2nd, Silver, good one all over, nice size, good ground col., spangling nice and clear and laid on in regular order, neat cap; 3rd, Gold, nice size, not the col of leader, nicely rowed and spangled, neat wings; 4, Davidson, good col., sound all through; vhc, Riseborough; he, Reid. BROKEN (11): 1, 2, 3, Barnes, Silver leading, lovely col., grand back, spangling clear and distinct and well laid on; 2nd, Gold, nice size and shape, good col., nice spangling, well rowed; 3rd, Silver, nice size, good spangle, not so distinct as leader, nice col.; 4, Hyslop, Gold, nice size and spangle, well rowed; vhc, Hyslop; he, Riseborough; c, Reid.

Mr. J. Johnstone's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CK., CL. OR TKD. (19): 1, Nicholson, topper, grandly moulded, sweet head, well balanced all over, lovely col., exquisite feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Smart, equal all round to leader, lovely shape, magnificent col. and qual., nothing to choose; 3, Browell, beautiful shape, well balanced, good col. and qual., lacks the grand finish of leaders; 4, Purves, gem all over, fine shape, grandly rounded, lovely col. and qual., grand wing carr., hard to find a fault with; vhc, Espie; he, Watson; c, Bates. BUFF (20): 1, Large, lovely shape beautifully rounded, sweet head and neck, lovely col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 2, 4, Espie, wing tkd., not so neat in head as leader, but close up; 4th, another nice one for shape, col. and qual., lovely wing carr., again beaten in head; 3, Smart, beautiful shape, well balanced, sweet head and neck, lovely wings and tail, beaten in col. only; vhc, Nicholson; Purves, c, Potts. MKD. (20): 1, vhc, leader well known uneven cinn. mkd., beautiful shape, grandly rounded, sweet head and neck, lovely col., exquisite feather, grandly finished. Diploma best Bord., and runner-up for best bird in show; 2, c, Lloyd, uneven mkd. buff, lovely shape, grandly balanced, sweet head, lovely col. and qual., not a feather out of place; 3, Watson, even mkd. yell., good one for shape, well rounded, good head and neck, nice col. and qual., lovely wing and tail, well cleaned out; 4, Schooler and Briggs, buff, grand shape, lovely feather of exquisite qual., sweet head and neck, nice col., lovely wing carr., not much between any of the four; he, Wilson. HEN (27): 1, Bates, uneven mkd. cinn., gem all over, lovely shape, grand back, sweet head, lovely col., best of feather, grand wings and tail, runner-up for best Bord.; 2, Smart, uneven mkd. buff, hard to find a fault with, beautifully moulded, sweet head and neck, lovely col. and qual., good all over; 3, Montgomery, even mkd. yell., gem for shape, well-moulded back, lovely col., clothed with exquisite feather, a topper; 4, c, Nicholson, well known buff, again a topper for shape, beautiful col., feathered like wax, sweet head, lovely wing carr., grand one; vhc, Watson; he, Wilson. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. CK. (26): 1, Parker, gr., topper, one of our old favourites, grand col., beautifully level throughout, nicely pencilled, fine shape, sweet head, grand wings and tail; 2, Wilson, cinn., beautiful shape, well rounded, and grandly balanced all over, lovely col., bright and pure in tone, nice head, grand wings and tail, a treat; 3, Campbell, gr., fine shape, well rounded back, sweet head, grand col., but not quite so sound throughout as leader, lovely wing carr.; 4, Arnott, lovely shape, sweet head, grand col., but a shade heavier in pencilling, grand carr., lovely qual. and finish; vhc, Lock; he, Stephenson; c, Lambie. BUFF (16): 1, Wilson, cinn., lovely shape, beautifully balanced, sweet head and neck, lovely col., sound and pure in tone, lovely wing carr., grandly cleaned under, a gem; 2, he, Montgomery, gr., grand shape, well rounded, lovely sound col., pure in tone, sweet head, well-braced wings and tail; 3, Affleck, grand shape, well balanced, grandly rounded back, rich col. and qual., not the clear distinct pencilling of 2nd; 4, Whitelaw, grand shape, good col., sound and pure, neat head, grand wing carr., again beaten a bit in pencilling; vhc, Chapman; c, Parker. HEN (39): 1, he, Montgomery, yell., grand one all over, lovely shape, sweet head and neck, rich col., level in tone throughout, neat wing carr., beautifully cleaned under; 2, Wilson, buff cinn., grand one, sweetly moulded, grand jaunty carr., neat head, lovely col., qual. of the best, grand wings and tail; 3, Barker, buff gr., fine shape, rich level col., exquisite feather, sweet head, lovely wing carr.; 4, Chapman, yell., grand shape, nice head, lovely col., rich and pure in tone; vhc, Greenwell; c, Whitelaw. NOV., CK. (26): 1, Tallantyre, yell., grand one all over, beautiful shape, grand col., feather like wax, sweet head, lovely wings and tail; 2, 3, Howe, leader buff, gem for shape, sweet head, lovely col., exquisite feather, nice wings and tail, beautifully finished; 3rd, yell., not the rich col. of leader, yet a grand one otherwise, lovely shade, grand head and wing carr.; 4, Davison, buff, nice shape, sweet head, good back, rich col. and qual.; vhc, Reed; he, Affleck; c, Wilson. HEN (14): 1, 4, Howe, brace of beauties, leader buff, lovely shape, sweet head and neck, lovely col., and feathered like wax, grandly carried wings and tail, takes Diploma for best novice Border; 4th, eye tkd. buff, nice one, for shape, neat head, good col. and qual.; 2, vhc, Wilson, yell., grand one, fine shape, jaunty carr., good head, nice col., smooth as a bottle, lovely wing and tail carr.; 3, Porter, wing tkd. buff, fine shape, neat head, good col. and feather, nice carr., bit soiled in plumage; he, Forster; c, Heslop Bros.

Mr. Geo. Wilson's Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (6): 1, R. D. Parlett, celebrated variegs. Can.-Bullie, "White Rose," we rather preferred 2nd, Butler, cl. Goldie-Can., nice size, lovely col., nice face and wings, lovely feather and cond.; 3, 4, Wilson, both Can.-Bullies, leader lovely col., medium size, grand feather and cond.; vhc, Dunn; he, Miller. DARK (10): 1, Parlett, well. Greenie Mule, nice size and shape, lovely col., neat head, grand polish and cond.; 2, 3, Wilson; leader, Redpoll-Can., plenty of size, nice shape, good col. and feather, shows parentage well; 3rd, Linnet-Can., fine size and shape, lovely col. and qual., lovely polish, faultless cond.; 4, he, Johnston, well known Siskin-Can., "Kelly"; vhc, Owens; c, McGuire. LINNET, H.M. (14): 1, 2, Parlett, gems, leader grand size and shape, lovely col., beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, lovely feather and cond.; 2nd, little, if any, behind winner, lovely shape, grand col. and pencilling, nice cond.; 3, Wilford, bit darker in col., nice size and shape, grandly pencilled, nice feather and cond., bit lively; 4, Edwards; vhc, York; he, Boyd; c, Waters. H.M. (22): 1, Parlett, nice size, lovely shape, beautifully pencilled all over, good col. and cond., steady as a rock; 2, vhc, Pettersons, bigger, nice shape, well pencilled, but scarcely so profuse, good col., grand cond.; 3, Wilford, nice size and shape, bit dark in col. perhaps, nice pencilling, but not so bold and distinct as leaders, nice cond.; 4, Jamieson and Johnson, medium size, nice shape, well pencilled, nice col., but runs a shade light under; he, Cope and Hall; c, Boyd. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, Jamieson and Johnson, Lg Goldie, grand expansive blaze, square, and clean cut, nice col., good tanning and cond.; 2, Wilson, Goldie, not the expanse of blaze as leader, but a grand color col. and polish, well tanned, nice wings and cond.; 3, Almond, Goldie, not the size of leaders, but a beauty for blaze, col., bright and pure in tone, grandly tanned; 4, Knowles; vhc, Telford; he, Gostling; c, Hollins. REDPOLL, ETC. (14): 1, Forster, Lesser Redpoll, nice size, grand col. and feather, nice shape, lovely flank markings, in the pink; 2, Humphrey, Twite, good size and shape, fine col., well pencilled all over, neat head, fine cond.; 3, Edwards, Siskin, fine size and shape, grand body col., nice shaped cap, well laced, extra cond.; 4, Hetherington, Mealy Redpoll, nice size, neat shape; vhc, Parlett; he, Peart; c, Haldane. GREENF. (10): 1, Johnston, jun., lovely shape, short and cobby, nice size, grand bold head, rich col., very level, lovely feather and cond.; 2, Mrs. Henderson, grand shape, fine col., though not the depth in wings and tail of leader, nice head and chest, fine cond.; 3, Parlett, plenty of size, nice shape, bold head, nice chest, good col., but lacks the qual. of those above it; 4, Cuss, big one, but does not show to advantage; vhc, Stewart; he, Waters; c, Elliott. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (7): 1, Parlett, big, bold Bramble, lovely col., well spangled back, grand head, lovely cond.; 2, Elliott, Chaffie, good one for size and shape, lovely col., good head, shows plenty of whites, grand cond.; 3, Wilson, Chaffie, even bigger than 2nd, but not so good in head, grand shape, lovely whites, grand col. and cond.; 4, vhc, Waters; he, Haldane; c, Humphrey. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (8): 1, Axe, Hawfinch, fine size and shape, lovely col., grand bold head, good wings, lovely feather and cond.; 2, Gostling, nice big Corn Bunting, stoutly built, good col., abundantly pencilled, nice feather and cond.; 3, Wilson, Meadow Bunting, sweet and pretty, nice head markings, good feather, grand trim; 4, Davison, Hawfinch; vhc, Knowles; he, Hooper; c, Graham. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Scott, fine big Chough, rare col. and polish, good col. beak and legs, nice cond. FOR. SMALL SEED-EATER (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Atwood, lovely team, leader, Rainbow Bunting, magnificent col. and feather; 2nd, pair Rufouuda Finches, nice col., good feather and polish; 3rd, pair St. Helena Waxbills, in fine trim; 4, Hollins. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Arnot, leader Purple-wing Sugar bird, lovely feather; 2, Golden-fronted Honey Sucker, in good col. and feather. MEMBERS, NOR., YELL. CL., ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, Kennerson; 4, c, Riseborough; vhc, he, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Kennerson; 2, vhc, Riseborough; 4, he, Smith. TKD. OR VAR. (13): 1, 2, vhc, Kennerson; 3, Reid; 4, he, Machin; c, Riseborough. NOV. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Smith; 2, 4, Proctor. PAIRS (7): 1, c, Kennerson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Riseborough; he, Smith. CREST, DARK, BUFF MKD. (7): 1, Riseborough, 2, c, Swan; 3, vhc, he, Farrer; 4, Smith. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Swan. CREST, A.O.V. (8): 1, Farrer; 2, 3, Swan. PAIRS FOR CREST BREEDING: 1, 2, Swan; 3, Riseborough. CINN. YELL. (1): 1, Riseborough. BUFF (1): 1, Riseborough. BORD. YELL., CL., ETC. (9): 1, 2, Davison; 3, 4, Swan; vhc, he, J. M. Walker. BUFF (10): 1, 2 Davison; 3, 4, Swan; vhc, he, c, J. M. Walker. TKD. OR VARIEG. (7): 1, 2, c, Davison; 3, 4, Swan; vhc, he, J. M. Walker. NOV. (3): 1, 2, 3, Smith. PAIRS (10): 1, 2, 3, Davison; 4, J. M. Walker; vhc, c, Swan; he, Smith. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (10): 1, 4, J. M. Walker; 2, 3, he, Kennerson; vhc, Swan; c, Riseborough. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, Riseborough; 4, J. M. Walker; vhc, Gray; he, c, Kennerson. YORKS (12): 1, 2, 4, Swan; 3, J. M. Walker; vhc, he, Kennerson; c, Riseborough. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Smith. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, 3, J. Kennerson; vhc, Swan; he, Riseborough; c, J. M. Walker. LIZ., GOLD., CL. CAP. (2): 1, Reid; 2, Riseborough. SILVER (1): 1, Riseborough. BROKEN (5): 1, 4, he, Riseborough; 2, 3, vhc, Reid. NOV. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Davidson. PAIRS, A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Riseborough. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Waters; 3, J. M. Walker; 4, Machin; vhc, Owen. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, Machin; 2, Waters; 3, Smith; 4, Riseborough. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (10): 1, 2, 4, Waters; 3, J. M. Walker; vhc, Riseborough; he, c, Machin. GOLDFINCH OR LINNET-CAN. MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, J. M. Walker. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Riseborough. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Riseborough.

STAMFORD C.B.S.

Members' show held Jan. 17, when about 100 birds were staged; Mr. Barnes, Grantham, judged. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Spriggs; 2, Wright; 3, Grimes. BUFF: 1, 3, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Grimes. YELL. HEN: 1, Grimes; 2, Spriggs; 3, Fancourt and Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Welsh; 3, Grimes. 1913 YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Grimes. BUFF: 1, sp. Welsh; 2, Wright; 3, Grimes. HEN: 1, Spriggs; 2, Fancourt and Harrison; 3, Grimes. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, sp. Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Laughton and Son. HEN: 1,: Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Laughton and Son; 3, T. Wright. 1913 YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Fancourt & Harrison. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Laughton and Son. HEN: 1, 2, Laughton and Son; 3, Wright. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 3, sp, Baker; 2, Fancourt and Harrison. GOLDF.: 1, Brown and Locke; 2, 3, Fancourt and Harrison. BULLF.: 1, Naylor; 2, Fancourt and Harrison; 3, Terry. GREENF.: 1, Brown and Locke; 2, Terry; 3, Naylor. CHAFF.: 1, Baker; 2, Brown and Locke; 3, Lee. LINNET: 1, 2, Lee; 3, Terry. REDPOLL: 1, Lee; 2, Terry; 3, Naylor. A.O.V.: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Terry; 3, Naylor. BULLF. HEN: 1, 2, Browne and Locke; 3, Lee. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Naylor.—F. Terry, assist. sec.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Members' show held Crown Hotel, Mr. E. Gedley, Rishton, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. CINN. CK.: 1, Hartup; 2, R. Hartley; 3, O'Brien. HEN: 1, 2, Hartup; 3, R. Hartley. UNFLIG.: 1, Hartley; 2, 3, Hartup. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Crawshaw; 3, A. Hirst. BUFF: 1, A. Hirst; 2, Crawshaw; 3, Hartley. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Crawshaw; 3, A. Hirst. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Hirst; 2, 3, Crawshaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Crawshaw; 2, Hirst. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Crawshaw. YELL. NOV. NOR. CK.: 1, Whewell; 2, Rooney; 3, Harwood. BUFF: 1, Harwood; 2, Rooney; 3, Whewell. NOR. HENS: 1, 2, Rooney; 3, Parkinson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Rooney; 3, Whewell; 3, Stuttard. BUFF: 1, 3, Rooney; 2, Stuttard. HEN: 1, 3, Rooney; 2, Parkinson. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Ramsden; 2, 3, Hirst. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hirst. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hirst. UNFLIG: 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Ramsden. YELL. YORKS. NOV. CK.: 1, Harwood. BUFF: 1, Harwood. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Harwood. A.O.V.: Harwood. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Harwood. A.O.V.: 1, Hartup; 2, 3, Hartley. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Richardson. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Patterson. FOR.: 1, Patterson; 2, 3, Crawshaw. Champion cup and Sandiford's medal W. Crawshaw, best bird A. Hirst, novice cup winner J. Rooney.—D. Harwood, sec.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS.

First open show held Jan. 8 in Victoria Hall. The society may be proud of their first venture, and it is only a just reward for the grit shown by all the members, especially to those who stayed up all night unpacking and re-arranging the staging, which proved too small for the 851 entries in all sections. These enterprising fanciers are headed by the Rev. Ivor Farrar, who is a worker indeed and a great enthusiast in cage bird circles. Our section was in the hands of the Misses Thomas, Mr. Storey, and a gentleman whose name we failed to catch. The sec., Mr. J. C. Mossop, worked like a Trojan, and although this was his first attempt he seems to be able to give lengths of start to more experienced secs. Everything was ready in good time, awards up at once, and all his instructions were received willingly by a whole-hearted band of stewards. His assistant, Mr. W. J. Shepherd, gave admirable help. Quality was very high, some startlers being on view. We noticed a lot of fanciers from a distance. All exhibits were away for the mail train. With a little more advertising our section should provide a show second to none in North Lancs. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Bradley, cl., bouncer for type and qual., rare head and neck, like a ball of fire; 2, Park, neck mkd., close up, broad head, thick set body, short and compact; 3, Dent, capital qual., nice shape, sweetly cut away, very broad back; vhc, Heywood; hc, Dr. Allen; c, Dickinson. BUFF (10): 1, Heywood, round as a ball, bonny head, covered with meal, extra short in flights; 2, 3, Dr. Allen, excellent type, plenty of size, grand heads and necks, both a bit slack in feather or might have gone up; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Park; c, Woodward. YORKS. YELL. (19) A real good class: 1, vhc, Coulson, straight as a guard-man, full of qual., A1 type, nice legs; 2, Woodward, round as a pencil, leggy, pipe tail, not quite qual. of winner; 3, Sneed, erect and fearless, capital style, bit open in front; hc, Bradley; c, Douglas. BUFF (18): 1, 2, sp best in show, Bradley, beauty, not a feather out of place, stands like a soldier, lovely head, well braced wings and tail, a show specimen throughout; 3, Ramsden, excellent pen, full of style, well staged, wedge shape, grand sweep; vhc, Coulson; hc, Harrison; c, Henderson. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, Lofthouse, capmkd., full of style, marble head, well defined character, teeming with qual.; 2, vhc, Wilson, shoulder and eye mkd., capital type, jaunty and free, sweet contour, just beaten qual.; 3, Moore and Sons, variegs., topper for type, neat head and well drawn wings, bit loose in feather at times; c, Large. A.O.V. (4): 1, Wagstaffe, Buff Cinn., grand head and neck, wonderful depth of col., easy win; 2, Whalley, dark, wonderful depth of col., easy win; 2, Whalley, well fed Nor. Gr., nice size, nice front and feather; 3, Vart, Crest, nice radiation, wealth of feather, well staged; vhc, Dr. Allen. A.V. NON-FED. (9): 1, c, Mossop, nice Yell. Yorks., straight as an arrow, well staged; 2, vhc, Misses Thomas, Buff Nor., excellent shape and style, short and cobby; 3, Trelfall, Buff Gr. Yorks., nice col. and pencilling; hc, Rev. Farrar. LOCAL: 1, Misses Thomas; 2, Fossey; 3, Jackson. LOCAL NOV.: 1, vhc, Misses Thomas; 2, Rev. J. Farrar; 3, Jackson; hc, Mossop. GOLDF. (6): 1, 2, sp, Bertram and Bains, rare brace, grand mazes, richly tanned, capital bars and buttons, winner has it in tanning only; 3, c, Heywood, nice face, deep tanning, plenty of col., well staged; vhc, he, Higginson. BUFF. (6): 1, Higginson, monster, grand cap and bib, excellent col., steady; 2, Trelfall, good one, stylish, capital back, fails cap to winner; 3, Jackson, unsteady, looks like making a good one; vhc, c, Mrs. Atkinson. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Whalley, monster Linnet Mule, grand col. and cond., easy win; 2, 3, Trelfall, Linnet-Greenie, nice bird, grand col., bit on small side, 3rd Linnet-Mule, nice qual., well put down; vhc, Mossop; hc, c, Jackson. FOR., SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Misses Thomas, lovely team, in charming feather, pair of White-headed Nuns leading, fit for better competition, well staged; vhc, Jackson; c, Rev. Farrar. LARGE (3): 1, Thompson, Rosella in grand plumage; 2, 3, Jackson, splendid pair of Cockatiels, bit wild.

ST. JAMES' GATE (Dublin) F. AND I.A.

Sixth annual show held Dec. 13, at the Workmen's Rooms, Bellevue. The weather was all that could be wished for; attendance was very good, and exhibits in good form. British led the way in number and some very fine specimens were among them. A few good Yorks. and Norwich made up the Canary section, and there were some capital hybrids staged. Mr. P. Mulcahy won the sp. best bird with his grand Chough, adding another prize to its long string of honours. The hall is the finest in Dublin—it is large, well lighted, and free from draughts. The management was all that could be desired. Mr. C. H. Heaslip, the hard-working sec., had everything in apple pie order, assisted by hon. treas., Mr. T. S. Carey, and the stewards, Messrs. Buckley, Fiddes, Malone, and Brady, worked well too, as could be seen by the way everything was carried out. Mr. W. C. Shedden judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. (5): 1, 2, sp, P. T. Farrell, cinn. mkd., good head and neck, nice long wings, close to sides, fine feather, good leg, rather cobby, not quite in full feather, long tail and wing tip, tail a bit rough on the edges; vhc, he, G. Farrell; c, Mahon. NOR. (4): 1, vhc, he, Kavanagh, good cinn. bold, nice pencilled grand feather, cinn. col., he, P. Farrell. YELL. Ick. (3): 1, vhc, sp, Kennedy, Nor. type, large, bowing high paired well, good feather and well set, T. Farrell; c, Kavanagh. GOLDF. (8): 1, Mulcahy, good in all, blaze, nice wing, good fine mealy, good col., not brown breast, 2, Mulcahy, fine mealy, good col., not quite so much shimmer, close up wing, not so good a head or blaze; vhc, he, Kennedy. LINNET (6): 1, he, Mulcahy, fine nut brown col., nothing carried down, to fine a pink, 2, Jackson, nice head, mealy, good col., but a trifle too much shimmer, 3, Kennedy, LIZARD. (1): 1, Mulcahy, good col.,

A GROUP OF BEAUTIES FROM FOREIGN CLIMES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(Continued from page 17.)

An article specially written round Mr. Goodchild's charming coloured plate.

The Occipital Blue-Pie (*Urocissa Occipitalis*).

THIS is a creature of size, its length being 24ins., of which the tail measures 16ins.; its beauty is undeniable, and the gracefulness of its form and deportment is above the average. The sexes are alike in plumage, but the beak of the male is a little longer and more slender than that of the female, and a detailed description of the plumage is uncalled for save such as is given in the following note by the Revd. J. M. Paterson, which I quote from "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club:—"I am afraid I know very little about *Urocissa occipitalis*, though I have seen him often enough in the Himalayan forests, as every traveller does, for as he rises and flies high up into the trees he is a most conspicuous object. He is a ground feeder, and spends a good deal of his time on *terra firma*, and as he rises from his feeding ground—the top of some tall tree being his objective—he always attracts the eye with his brilliant colouring. His whole upper back and wings and tail appear to be bright blue, but when he settles high up he only shows a bright coral-red beak, set off with black head and neck, and silky white waistcoat and under-tail feathers distinctly barred. His nest is generally built in the topmost fork of a high tree, strongly and compactly built of twigs. The bird is a bold one, and fearlessly approaches villages and the habitations of mankind, though he is a true forest bird in his habits. The natives frequently keep it in a cage, and it becomes very tame."

In captivity it soon becomes tame and makes a charming and beautiful pet, for this bird is fully as fearless, impudent and mischievous as the English Magpie, and very strongly resembles it in his general habits and deportment. But it is on the wing that it is seen to the best advantage. Some few years ago several Occipital Blue-Pies occupied one of the aviaries on the North bank of the Regent's Canal at the London Zoo, and I spent long periods watching their beautiful plumage, graceful wing evolutions, etc., both from the upper and lower paths—the memory is green still; in fact, I shall never forget the sight from the upper path as they flew up and down with their long tails and beautiful wings outspread.

Their requirements are easily met; a large cage or roomy aviary (the netting could be of fairly large mesh, say, 1in.), and nothing much seems to come amiss to their large appetite. A good coarse insectile mixture will form the staple dietary, the bulk of which could be swelled with table scraps, e.g., bread, cake, potato, salads, minced meat, etc. Boiled rice is also eaten and any kind of live food obtainable, also any small mouse or similar mammal which, with chopped lettuce and other green food, will supply an ample and varied dietary.

The Triocoloured Tanager (*Calliste Tricolour*).

I shall not attempt description with this species, sometimes called the Green-headed Tanager, for Mr. Goodchild's drawing of the bird on the wing portrays so clearly the plumage pattern, and colour arrangement, that nothing more is necessary; though the colour process does bare justice to the intensity of the glistening hues that make up its complete satin-like garment. It has been known to aviculture for many years, but has never been so common as the well-known Superb, and according to my experience, is not quite so robust as the last-named species. I have, however, had specimens which have lived several years (four to six), and one is before me as I write this, not in life, unfortunately, for he met with a tragic end at the hands (beak) of a pet Shama, a tap on the skull and all was over, nothing left but the body with plumage in exhibition trim. Out of doors from May to end of October, indoors for the other period, once acclimatised, they do well, and amid the living green of an outdoor aviary are a dream of beauty and interest while the outdoor days last. It has not yet been bred in captivity in this country; personally, I am not sure of ever having possessed a true pair; at the same time, one must be careful how one mixes up Tanagers, even in a roomy garden aviary, for there are many mischievous and unamiable individuals among them, but a few odd cocks can be included in most series.

As to cage-life, Tanagers are apt to die from over-eating and lack of exercise, so be lavish in the cubic capacity of your cages, and tolerate nothing less than 24 ins. long by 15 to 18 ins. high, and about 12 ins. deep; use natural branches as perches, and keep them to each end of the cage so that the bird must fly from one to the other, and if possible let it have a fly round the room periodically. As regards their menu, this is simple, viz., ripe fruit *ad lib.*, insectile mixture, and occasional live insects—my birds always have access to milk-sop, and I always think are the better for it, but many birds are kept in cages without it and do well.

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The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 585.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

TWO separate definitions may be placed upon the term novice; it may mean one that is not experienced in the rudiments of canary keeping and breeding, while from a show secretary's point of view a fancier is a novice until he has won two first prizes, no matter how experienced he may be from a breeder's point of view. In this case I am assuming that the term applies to my first description of a novice.

This question will appeal to the majority of new fanciers, so I will endeavour to point out the cause in the majority of cases, where the novice procures good bred stock, and their progeny fail to realize his expectations. The experienced will accept a good singer, without questioning about its pedigree. The song is to him the "hall mark" of good breeding, and as the particular bird is capable of rendering a good song he accepts the possibility that it will be capable of transmitting to its progeny its own good qualities. On the other hand, take the bird of moderate quality offered for sale in the open market, where nothing can be learned regarding its parentage, then also the value is set on its song. Traces of good breeding may be apparent from the bird's ability to sing one or more tours in good style, and this fact would enhance its value accordingly.

Again a bird may come from the stock of a breeder who procures the best money can buy; he will, so to speak, obtain what he requires first, and ask the price afterwards; his sole ambition is to maintain, and better, if possible, the quality of his birds. He uses his fine judgment in tutoring, using only the best of any that may be suitable. The weeds receive a strict and prompt dispatch, I mean by "weeds" the very inferior singers, these are not offered for sale in the usual channel. Oh no! the breeder with a reputation to uphold does not send anything out that is likely to bring discredit on himself. You may ask "What becomes of them?" Some are sent "home," others are given away as pets, while the rings may be removed from others, and the birds sent to a dealer to lighten the seed bill.

This stock is well bred, and is usually fit to be in the money at the shows, and in this case surely some account can be taken of the bird's parentage in addition to its quality of song in fixing a market value. Of course, this decision would be applicable where the breeder has preferred to build up a stud of his own in preference to obtaining the ready-made article, and where his birds have attained such merit that they are qualified to compete at the exhibitions.

It is certainly to be recommended that good quality birds should be used for stock purposes, i.e., to breed from, but the best youngsters are not always bred direct from the prize winner. Many well bred, though faulty, birds are equally as capable of producing a prize winner. Take the bird that was a good quality bird in its younger days, and has become faulty with advancing age; mate this bird to a suitable hen, and it will produce youngsters of as fine a quality as it would have done in its prime. Yet were nothing known of what the bird had been its value would be in the quality of its song. If we place this class of bird or any other well bred though faulty singer in the hands of an experienced breeder, he would use the cock only for breeding purposes and provide a suitable tutor for the young birds.

The new fancier breeds from the faulty singer, and afterwards uses it for a tutor, and the result from an exhibitor's point of view is not satisfactory. I am inclined to think that this has been attributed to the raising of the question "Shall we pay for pedigree or song?" Consideration is not given to the value of the stock bird, which in many instances is only one quarter or one half the value of its sire, the contest singer.

It would be very difficult to set the price the fancier should pay for a stock bird, as the quality of its song and its breeding would vary in nearly every case, as would the opinion of the seller. I think the novice will see the error of his ways, and it is "up to him" to rectify his mistakes, and procure a suitable and qualified schoolmaster to tutor his young birds.

A suitable bird would be one that sings a similar style of song to his own birds, and qualified by its variety of good tours, with the faults at a minimum. For instance a bird singing four or five tours that may be termed of just a moderate quality, and, in addition to these, a couple of faulty tours, would not be of sufficient merit to use as a tutor, whereas one with five or six, or maybe more, good tours, with one fault would probably be acceptable. A great deal would depend upon the quality of those good tours, and to the extent the faulty passage would jar on the ear.

The song of our birds varies so much that it is difficult to define a suitable candidate, but from the above meagre instructions it will be ascertained that good qualities must compensate for the inferior. In some instances the suitability would only be ascertained by noticing whether the youngsters have made any attempt to copy their master. Some birds will be able to produce each other's song to a nicety, so long as they only hear birds of their own strain, whereas the different style of singing appertaining to other strains would be too difficult for them.

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THE ART OF STAGING BRITISH BIRDS.

By C. PRIOR (Ripley).

(Continued from page ii. No. 1.)

ANY of the various shades of pure green will serve for the display of whatever excellence of colour your bird may possess, while if *his* colour is wrong, no colour that you put on his cage can make it right. Two colours in green, then, will cover the whole ground, and a few exchange sets of perches, varying just a trifle in thickness, will be a much more profitable investment than the laying in of a stock of enamels to carry out hypothetical colour schemes.

Having chosen your colour, the next thing will be to get it on to the cage. Enamels, if put on too thickly, will trickle down the back and sides; hence two coats thinly spread will leave a much better finish than the same quantity laid on all at once. If a start is made on naked i.e., unpainted, wood, the first coat should be flatting or priming, obtainable at any oil and colour stores. This should be rubbed smooth with fine sandpaper and all dust brushed away before applying the two coats of colour, and each coat must be perfectly dry before the next is applied. A flat brush should be used, and the finishing strokes should be firm, light sweeps, always in the same direction. A perfectly dry atmosphere is indispensable if the best results are aimed at. Paint, thinly covered with one or two coats of the best varnish, is rather easier to manipulate, and will make as good a job as enamel; a far better one, in fact, than enamelling carelessly done.

The whole of the inside, including the edges of the door and the wires, should be coloured, and the top and bottom rails of the detachable front may also be coloured to match the inside or they may be blacked to match the outside. If the paint and varnish method is adopted, a little of each should be well mixed together to cover the wires only; that being better than using them separately on the wires. The whole of the outside will be blacked, and the edges of the top and bottom and two ends will make a neat black framing for the picture inside.

Shellac, dissolved in methylated spirit, and mixed with lamp black, makes a very quick-drying "spirit black," suitable for application to raw wood. Bicycle enamels give a very good finish and dry quickly, but many of them are apt to crack and chip off. Japan black and Aspinall's black enamel are the real goods, drying with a surface like polished ebony, and never cracking or showing marks of usage. Like other enamels, however, they require care in spreading, and a dry atmosphere until thoroughly set.

The tin or zinc drinker should be blacked (or may be coloured to match the inside of the cage) on the outside only; the inside of it should be left plain. If it is desired to renovate the show cage after a little service, without change of colour, all that is necessary is to thoroughly clean it all over and apply a thin coat of good varnish.

One other point is material for the cage bottom. Some exhibitors leave it bare; others, possibly those who have fowls at home, litter it with seed. My own predilection is in favour of a little fine cokernut fibre, slightly damped and firmly pressed in. Sawdust is sometimes used, and so is sand; but neither of these is recommended.

The round-topped or bow-fronted show cages which now and again enjoy a little vogue have nothing to commend them over the ordinary square-topped pattern, and more than one objection. The theory is that the rounded top renders inspection of the bird easier to the judge. The fact is that he can see all that is necessary without it. One drawback to the half-open rounded top is that it is not in the least suited to birds at all inclined to be nervous, as will be forcibly apparent when, for instance, the lights suddenly go up just as they are settling themselves for the night. Another drawback is that it (the round top) admits dust, seed husks, and other refuse from the higher tiers of cages, which the square top keeps out. Either of these objections is sufficient to condemn it. Besides, you don't want to show your bird in a blanky tunnel, as one exhibitor said to another.

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Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For Rules see last issue).

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AILING NORWICH HEN (J.T.).—You ought to have said how the hen has been fed and treated hitherto. See that she is quite free from cold draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and treat as follows for a fortnight, and if she is not well in that time please write again, and give fuller particulars, and I will advise you further. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition to this give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and either a small spray of watercress or a morsel of banana every second day. On the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. Limit the diet to this for the time named. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece for three consecutive days, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for the remainder of the fortnight.

A SQUEAKY NOISE (A.B.).—Possibly your treatment has failed because you have not removed the exciting causes of the complaint. See that the bird is not exposed to any cold draughts or extremes of temperature. Keep in a fairly cosy place, though you need not overheat it, but let the warmth, whatever it is, be fairly constant, and do not keep it where it will be exposed to the heated and impure fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for three weeks, and on the alternate days give a morsel of green food or a little banana. Also make a paste by well mixing on a hot plate a teaspoonful of pure honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of grains of paradise, adding whilst mixing sufficient finely powdered biscuit to make the whole into the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it will become harder and may be cut into cubes and stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at when it is so disposed. Keep a little of this past in the cage and renew when necessary for the next two or three weeks. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture every second day, for three weeks, if necessary. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drahm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

STARTED SINGING AND MOULTING (Constant Reader). Glad to hear the bird has recovered sufficiently to commence to sing. It is most likely that it did not complete its moult in the autumn, and is now just finishing up. Keep it in a tolerably warm place, but do not overdo it, and see that it is quite free from cold draughts. Continue the same dietary as advised in last reply for another month. Add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water daily for a week, and after this dissolve half a drachm of ammoniat d citrate of iron and quinine in one ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. In ordinary circumstances the bird should be in good condition to start the breeding season at the proper time.

LOOSE IN FEATHER (R.C.C.).—In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight or three weeks, as may appear necessary, and on the alternat days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazel, and broken groats. Give also a morsel of banana about three times a week. In the drinking water give the quinine mixture as advised to "Constant Reader" in this issue for two or three weeks.

MATE FOR BORDER FANCY (Cinnamon Mark).—A clear yellow pink-eyed hen for one, and a cinnamon eye marked yellow for the second, would be the most suitable mates for the cock you describe, as true colour is concerned; but you must, of course, see that they are a suitable match for him in other respects, such as type, quality of plumage, etc. It will not matter if the yellow marked bird is also ticked or frilly on the wing with cinnamon colour, but try to avoid head, breast, shoulder, and back markings. From these a bird you should get some nicely ticked and marked birds, with a fair chance of a decent yellow marked one here and there.

INCREASE THROBBING (S.B.R.). It depends upon what is the cause of the heavy throbbing of the breast whether it would be safe to breed with it or not. It may be nothing at all important, or it may be as likely be due to bronchial trouble, or it may be merely the result of overfeeding. Keep it in a cosy part of the room out of the way of draughts; give a diet of plain canary and rape, in which add three times a week for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece every second day for a week, and after this give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight. Report result of this treatment, and I will advise you further if necessary.

KEEPS LOSING FEATHERS (C.H.S.).—Please see reply to "R.C.C." in this issue, and follow the advice given therein, which will be quite suitable for your bird. It is very probable that the bird is exposed to cold draughts or extreme and rapid fluctuations of temperature. In either case you must take the necessary steps to remove these setting causes. Keep the bird in a cosy but not necessarily overheated place, and do not allow it to hang near or over a burning light in the evening.

NORWICH CRESTBRED CROSS (F.W.).—If you have a fairly decent type of Norwich I should advise you emphatically not to think of mating your small non-feathery Crestbred hens with the Plainheads. Although the Crestbreds may, as you say, be lacking in feather properties, there is certain to be an innate disposition to produce a greater abundance of feather than is at all desirable in the Plainhead. In addition, there is probably a certain amount of "browiness" and tendency to long flights and tails, as well as other physical properties which are not wanted in the Plainhead. These things may not be at all pronounced in the imperfect Crestbreds you suggest using, and yet come out in their progeny to an extent which would give you much trouble to breed out in future years. Altogether it is not worth taking the risk. Far better discard the hens or relegate them to the "feeding" class at once.

A YORKSHIRE TRIO (C.L.F., Finchley). (1) I presume the feathers are always sticking out at the sides, as you describe, when the bird is active and hopping about as well as when it is at rest. In this case, it is due to the bird being naturally long and heavily feathered, and there is nothing you can do to cure it. The remedy is to mate the bird with a very trim and closely feathered bird, and one for preference that has been bred from parents that did not show this fault. You might do something to reduce the loose appearance by keeping the bird in a larger cage and allowing it to have a free use of the bath. Freedom to bathe at will, and a more liberal amount of space for exercise would do much to induce it to pull itself together and keep its plumage in a trim condition. You may give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it daily for a week. (2) No, the position of the cock will not be likely to bring it into breeding condition too early. About the middle of March, however, you should place him where he can see the hen for a time before putting them together. (3) Provided the cages are kept quite clean it is not necessarily harmful to keep birds in brass cages. But if such cages are neglected, they are most liable to form verdigris about the wires, etc., which, if pecked off by the bird, is most poisonous.

CHRONIC ASTHMA (Iredale). If, as your letter suggests, the bronchitis has become chronic, I am afraid there is very little hope of any real cure taking place. Temporary relief is all that can be expected in such cases. As you seem satisfied that it is not exposed to any draughts, see that it is also protected from extremes of heat and cold, from the impure fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and do not allow it to hang high up near the ceiling, nor in a dusty atmosphere. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw. Keep a little of the paste advised to "A.B." in this issue in the case for it to peck at. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week, and after this go on with the chlorodyne mixture advised to "A.B." also in this issue, and continue this for three or four weeks. Report result at end of this time, and I will advise you further if necessary.

COVERING AND CONDITION (J.W.).—(1) Your birds are in a totally different condition from those in the reply to which you refer, but even in your case, if you took the same precautions to have the cages placed at night in such a position as would afford protection from the prevailing winds in a sheltered corner, I should say they would do better without a cover than with one. Indeed, birds kept under the conditions yours are, should be, and doubtless are, quite capable of withstanding life in an outdoor aviary permanently. Covering the cages is apt to encourage red mites, and unless the flimsiest material is used is also apt to cause the air in the cages to become stuffy before morning. A thin gauzy cover which did not prevent the free passage of air could, however, do not harm, and would be quite sufficient to shield the birds from the artificial light. You might treat the Birds that are soft the same as advised to "Constant Reader" in this issue for a fortnight. (2) The best way of telling when the cocks are ready for mating is by their generally high condition and behaviour. They will be singing violently, so to speak, and frequently calling out frantically to the hens, and responding to the calls of the hens, and making determined efforts to get to them, or craning their necks to see them if they happen to be out of direct sight, and now and again they will be seen picking up any trifle they can get hold of and carrying it up to the perch, or attempting to "feed" their own feet, or placing half digested food on the perch. If a hen is within reach they will be frequently feeding her with tit-bits through the wires which separate them, and singing at them.

HEAVY BREATHING (H. L. W.).—I am inclined to think the birds are a trifle overfed. See that they are free from cold draughts and damp, and then try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if the heavy breathing and noises are not better in that time, stop this treatment, and go on for the next two or three weeks with the treatment advised to "A.B." in this issue. For present treatment give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only, and twice each week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. If the weather is mild give a spray of watercress daily. Limit the diet strictly to this. In the water add during the first week six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day, and in the second week give instead 20 drops of chemical food every second day.

REASON FOR EGG-LAYING (A Novice).—The only reason that can be assigned for a hen laying a casual egg in the flight at this season is that the ovary has been roused to temporary activity by some means. With prolific hens it is by no means uncommon for such a thing to occur occasionally during the winter season, and no importance whatever is to be attached to the occurrences. The eggs are, of course, useless, and may as well be destroyed when found. It might help to keep such hens back a little if they could be kept out of sight and earshot of lusty cocks. The very mild intervals we had up to quite recently are doubtless responsible for many similar happenings.

SEEMS TO BE COLD (B. B.). Is the bird a cock or a hen? If the former, does it sing at all? In either case does it appear to be in good health generally, or does it wheeze, or show any difficulty in breathing? You see, you really ought to have given some few particulars. Many birds may sit a little puffed out as though they were cold at this season, when they have so little else to do, but eat and "rest upon it" without anything being materially wrong with them. Your dietary might with advantage be a little more generous. Try the following for a fortnight, and if not then quite well, write again, and give above details. In addition to the staple diet, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and twice a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and a morsel of banana or sweet apple about as often. Dissolve a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day, and for a few days afterwards substitute 20 drops of chemical food. Keep in a bright, healthful place, free from draughts.

YORKSHIRE NORWICH CROSS (A Constant Reader). Your birds are simply cross-breds, and of no material use for breeding back either to the pure Yorkshire or Norwich. They are only of value as songsters, or for breeding more singers of the same type, so if you wish to keep up the improved appearance of the birds, and also retain a fairly good type of song, you should mate these birds with two first-cross Roller-Yorkshire hens. Two pure Roller hens of a good singing strain would be the next best thing, but the young may not be quite so good looking.

MOULTING STOPPED (E. L.).—Thanks for your letter. Very glad to hear that the moulting has stopped, and that the noises in the throat are much better. The bird will doubtless resume its song in the course of a few weeks, but is not very likely to do so until it is in a fair condition of health. You may now treat it as advised to "A. B." in this issue, giving it the paste referred to for a month or so, and the mixture in the water also for that length of time. I think this should be sufficient to set matters quite right again.

A CURIOUS CASE (Dundee, New York).—I do not know which, if either, portion of your pseudonym indicates your locality, and I'm afraid I cannot assist you much on the particulars given in your letter. It is certainly somewhat curious that all your stock should become affected in the same way, and go bald about the eyes and around the beak from no apparent cause. How many birds have you, and are they kept in a room by themselves, and had you introduced any fresh birds about the time the stock became affected? Also, did the eyes appear inflamed, or discharge at all, and do they seem normal now? If the eyes are still swollen, get a few chamomile flowers from a chemist, place half a dozen in a teacup, and pour on them a cupful of boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse for 15 minutes, then strain off the clear liquid, add 30 drops of tincture of opium, and bathe the eyes once daily with a little of this liquid, using a little fresh liquid and a clean dossil of cotton wool for each bird. Anoint the bare skin twice a week with boracic ointment until you see the new quills sprouting. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week, and a pinch of mixed seeds on two other days. If the birds do not quickly improve under the above treatment, please write again, and give full particulars as indicated above, when I shall be only too pleased to assist you as far as I can.

DOUBTFUL SEX (Puzzled).—A mistake may be made in the sex of a given bird occasionally by even the most expert, so it is quite possible that the bird you bought for a hen may, after all, be a cock. I hope you do not mean that you have actually put the birds together for breeding yet. It is a great deal too early for that. Cage the supposed hen alone for a few weeks, and give, in addition to the staple diet, a little egg food twice each week, a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, niger, millet, and teazle on two other days, and a morsel of banana or sweet apple three times a week. This will give an opportunity to exert itself and show its sex more definitely by the time it is seasonable to commence breeding—ab, say, the end of March. Meantime remove the partition and allow the hens to have the whole of the double breeder for exercise until ready to begin breeding.

GETTING YOUNG COCKS ON SONG (Ranzo).—Seeing that the youngsters have the privilege of hearing an older bird singing constantly, they should, if in sound health and condition, have been in good song by this time without any forcing at all. Still, you may try what this treatment will do for them in the course of two or three weeks. In addition to the staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Also keep a little of the paste advised to "A. B." in this issue in the cages for them to peck at. Add ten drops of glycerine and ten of lemon juice to the water for a week or so. It is not possible to name the breed of the other bird which sings from your description, but I should imagine it to be a Roller. As regards breeding, you do not say what you wish to breed, whether Canaries or Mules. The cages you mention, if they have partitions fitted to them, would make four excellent breeding cages in which you could breed with four hens, either with as many cocks, or by running one cock with two hens. The best thing you could do would be to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free 7d., from our Manager: or, if you are thinking of going in for Mules, "Secrets of Hybrid-breeding," 1/2 post free from the same source, and be guided by the advice you will find therein on their respective subjects. It is much too early to begin breeding yet, so you will have plenty of time to read up the subjects before starting.

MATING RELATIONS (W. M.).—Such close inbreeding as the mating of brother and sister, or father and daughter, is always more or less detrimental to any stock, and should never be resorted to, unless there is some very definite object in view, and even then it should be limited to none but strong and robust specimens, and such as have not previously been inbred to any great extent; and it should never under any circumstances be repeated as close as this one year after another. There is, as a rule, a distinct loss in size and stamina in birds so bred, and whilst it is of great use in fixing any given point in a strain of birds, it is just as potent in fixing and exaggerating either typical or physical imperfections, consequently it must always be used with the utmost discrimination, and it is rarely that inexperienced fanciers have any likelihood of carrying it on with beneficial results.

PROPERTIES AND EFFECTS OF SEEDS (Hay Mill, Birmingham). I doubt if anyone knows completely all the precise effects of each particular kind of seed upon Canaries. You see, these seeds are not generally fed to the birds as their sole food supply for a considerable period, as they would need to be to give such details as you suggest. The question can only be answered in a general way, and what applies to one variety of Canary, such as the Norwich, will apply equally to any other, not excepting the Roller. British, German rape is a food rich in oils and fatty substances of a very nourishing nature. When well ripened and in good condition, it has a rather acrimonious effect. It may still retain a little of this quality when cut green, or even more so if ripening in the sun, but in that case it is often of great benefit in cooling the blood. It is also of great benefit in moulting time. It is used in excess all the year round it is apt to set up skin and feather troubles. Hemp, on the contrary, is exceptionally oily, and stimulating, and is not suitable for extensive use as part of the regular diet. It is said to be slightly laxative. Maw is an oily, but innocuous seed full of a bland oil, which seems to have a soothing effect upon the stomach and bowels, and is of service in correcting diarrhœa. Except during intervals of sickness it cannot be said to form a material portion of the regular diet.

MAKES HUSKY NOISE (A Novice).—It is probable that the bird has been kept hitherto in a warmer room than yours, as you say that you are keeping it in a cold room. Try moving it to a cosy place where the temperature is fairly equable and free from cold draughts, but do not overdo the thing and keep the bird too warm. You only want to keep it away from the quite cold chilly side. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week a pinch of mixed seeds, and for the next fortnight give on the days intervening between the giving of rape half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. In the drinking water during the same time add 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, shaken well together, every second day. If the dose not quite set matters right write again and I will advise you further.

LIZARDS AND YORKSHIRES (Novice).—(1) Concerning the lizards your ideas are evidently all at sea. They were clearly not in a fit condition for breeding last season, and are not so as long as any of them are losing feathers. Moreover, it is months too early to think of breeding yet, so that the hen which will not begin to attempt nesting shows at least some discrimination. Then, why do you think the cock is a faked Silver Lizard? It is not at all uncommon for Lizards to moult into a lighter plumage after the first adult moult. The cock is clearly a Silver, and as you say the hens are Golds; this is as it should be, and you would do wrong to replace him with a Gold cock for mating with these hens. The proper and orthodox way of mating Lizards is Silver to Gold, which is completely analogous to mating yellow to buff, as is done in other varieties. My advice is, seeing that you are evidently quite a tyro in this matter, that if you purchased these birds from one breeder or dealer as matched birds for breeding you should let things remain as they are, and not attempt to alter it to suit your own fancy, and breed with them when the proper season arrives, if they are then in the proper condition. I see no reason to doubt the silver being a cock. (2) Your query about Crested Lizards is rather vague. Do you want to know whether you can purchase Crested Lizards? If so, I can only say I do not at present know of the existence of any. I have no doubt such a variety could be built in the course of time, but it would be a distinctly new creation, which would require both much time and skill. You will do well to master the breeding of Lizards without crests before attempting to produce Crested Lizards. Get Part 12 of "Our Canaries" for full details of Lizard breeding. As I really cannot advise you to breed with this bird, as even if you do manage to raise some young the sex of which is doubtful, they would, almost to a certainty, be congenitally predisposed to troubles similar to the cock, and sooner or later—and it is generally sooner—they would become physical wrecks, which can never be much pleasure to anyone, besides which, it is, to my mind, refined cruelty to assist in bringing such birds into existence. Only strong, healthy stock should be used for breeding. The bird may yet have a number of years before him if kept singly as a songster. Keep him in a fairly warm and equable place, quite free from draughts, but at the same time do not overheat him. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, gold of pleasure, and teazle. On each of the remaining days give a morsel of watercress or some kind of sweet fruit. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week. After this give 20 drops of the mixture named below every second day for two or three weeks, and on the intervening days in the first week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

GROWTHS ON HEAD (Scaasi).—Without the advantage of seeing the bird I am inclined to think that the substances are abnormal feather growths. Treat as follows for a month, and if the bird is not well in that time, write again and say what (if any) change has occurred. Keep perches as clean as possible, and see that they are of soft material and smooth, so as to avoid irritation as far as possible when the bird rubs its head on them. Also remove the cuttlefish until the head is better, as it will only help the bird to irritate its ill whilst in its present condition. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this give a small teaspoonful of the mixed seed you have already been using twice a week, and on two other days each week give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and two or three times a week a small spray of watercress or a morsel of banana. In the water give as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, twice a week, giving this on the days following those on which you give the bread and milk. Allow the bird to bathe freely if it desires to do so in mild weather, and anoint the bare places on the head every third day with sulphur ointment. Just moist in the skin and the substances with the ointment without unnecessarily daubing the bird, and before releasing it dust the moistened places freely with boracic acid.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Keen Amateur).—I gather from your letter that your object is to keep British birds in your aviary for the pleasure of hearing them sing and not for breeding purposes. I would therefore advise you to have all cock birds, for although they will occasionally have a "scrap up" between them, you will not find so much real quarrelling as when the hens are there. On the other hand the hens are quite as interesting as the cocks, and if they pair on properly you may have a peaceful collection. Without any prevention to breeding you could keep thirty birds in your aviary. You could have all the finches and the Buntings, and a few Canaries. I do not think the Greenfinches were responsible for the death of your Goldies, the fact of the new one being in with them for the last six weeks is almost a proof of it. You may have turned them out just before a sudden snap of cold weather came on, when they would probably catch cold, and without proper remedies would soon go on. The book I would recommend is "The British Bird Manual," published at this office in two parts, "Hardbills" and "Softbills." It deals with each bird in a state of Nature, and also in captivity, cages, food, etc.

LINNET BARE (R.W.).—Probably your bird has insects either among his feathers or in the cracks of the cage. Examine him carefully for the former and if present dust thoroughly with insect powder every four or five days until clear of them. Thoroughly scrub the cage with "Lifebuoy" soap, drying it properly before returning the bird. Although you give your seed diet you say nothing of greenfood, and it is very essential that the Linnet should have a fair supply of chickweed, groundsel, and watercress, particularly as you say he is very fat. Give him an aperient as advised to others for Finches. Let him have a cage large enough to exercise in, and don't forget the bath. When you get some of the fat off him I have no doubt he will improve. Just smear the bare places with a touch of warm Kerol ointment. He would be just the bird to run with a good yellow Norwich Canary hen, if you have one, if not, you should procure one at once.

SHRUBS, ETC., FOR AVIARY (T.F.).—(1) You should furnish your aviary in the following manner: Procure some very coarse wire netting and fix it up rather loosely at the back and sides of the aviary, then fasten in among it, somewhat thickly, some heather and gorse; if you do it properly it has quite a good effect. Here and there you must work in a small branch for perches, or they will use the heather and soon mess it up. If you are blessed with a little artistic taste you could fasten up some Virginia cork by means of wire, which the birds would probably make use of as a foundation for nesting purposes. As regards green shrubs I do not think you can do better than use box, although whatever you use some of the birds are sure to peck it, particularly the Bullfinches. Plant two or three of the box trees in large flower pots, or tubs, keeping one of them outside to exchange with one that is not doing well in the aviary. (2) Winter-caught birds that have been kept in a quite cold place could be turned out as soon as there is a change in the weather. Be sure and place the seed and water so that the birds can easily find it, anyway for a time, until they get used to the place. (3) The three pairs you mention would do very well, and as they have all bred in captivity you stand a fair chance of being successful. Yes, you can breed with Linnet and Canary in a cage. It is not a difficult cross. Let them fly together until March, then part them for a time, and when both are ready you can place them together again for breeding. (4) The Bullfinches should be fed upon a staple food of 2 parts canary, 1 each of rape and linseed, with a spoonful of Finch mixture twice a week, and sunflower seeds on other days. The Goldies can have equal parts teazle and canary with ¼ part summer rape, and the Finch mixture and sunflower every day. The Greenfinches same food as the Bullies, without the linseed. Give all of them a spray of watercress, chickweed and flowering tops of groundsel. If you watch this column you will see more detailed methods of feeding each variety. (2) Inga and niger seed are the same. (6) Hen hybrids are practically of no use, but fortunately the majority of hybrids turn out to be cock birds.

PROPOSED AVIARY (A Young Reader).—You omit the most important item when asking for advice about the birds for your aviary, that is the size of it. All I can tell you is that Canaries and Goldfinches can be turned into the same aviary in the spring. If you will send particulars as to size of aviary, and if you want birds for breeding or simply for song, or anything else you wish to know I shall be pleased to advise you.

ANOTHER PROPOSED AVIARY (R.S.T.).—Your proposed aviary would comfortably hold thirty birds, but as you think of trying to breed with them I would advise you to have as few as possible. The following cock birds would possibly suit you: Linnet, Goldfinch, Siskin, Greenfinch, Redpoll. You would not be able to turn in more than one hen Bullie with any safety, and the remainder could be Canaries all hens if you want hybrids. If you cared to you could have some of the birds in pairs, such, for instance, as the Greenfinch and Redpoll, as Canary hybrids from these are, as a rule, not so valuable. Have plenty of nesting boxes; it prevents quarrelling among the hens for choice of site, if two select the same you must remove one of the birds, as it is generally a quarrel to the bitter end, with disastrous effect to the nest and eggs. Don't apologise for asking questions; we expect them, and the more you ask the better we can fix you up.

SEX OF GOLDFINCH (Goldie).—It is just possible that your birds are both hens. The blaze of the cock Goldie should come well past the eye; the head is inclined to flatness, with the beak fairly strong at the base; the shoulder butts are greenish-black. If you particularly want a pair of Goldfinches you must try again and buy one that is unlike the birds you have, in the point I mention; or you could retain the two hens and put in the aviary with them a cock Linnet and a cock Greenfinch, and try to breed some hybrids. Many Goldfinches are in song now, and if you go somewhere where a stock is kept you could possibly detect one singing a bit; this would assist you in making your choice.

TROUBLE WITH TISRUSH (R. Hutson).—You had better give your bird a change of food. To keep even the commonest redpoll in captivity in good health requires a variation in diet. First of all, give him an aperient, dissolve a much smaller salts as will cover a shilling in his drinking water, and give him a couple of days, allowing a clear day between them. Then procure some high-class insectile food, as used for the more delicate birds, and feed him on this for a time, mixing it with scraped raw carrot, boiled potatoes, or minced watercress. He should have an occasional change by using the food you mention, or any other good brand, or crush some puppy biscuit, soak in hot water, and give as it is, or mix a spoonful of meat-meal in with it. Offer him three or four mealworms or cockroaches, and sometimes a small portion of scraped raw lean meat. This change should prevent a further loss of feathers. You might just touch the bare spots with a smear of warm Kerol ointment. Let the bird bathe on fine days, and be careful to keep his perches perfectly clean.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

ZEBRA DOVES (B. K. G.).—This species does not call for any special treatment; they do well on the seed menu of any hardbill series, but of course a small tin of Dove mixture kept up is cheaper than all canary and millet. This species has been fairly frequent in many aviaries, for many years past, but not so frequently of late years, only isolated cases having occurred. The female is a wee bit smaller than the male, and also slightly paler in colour, more particularly on the crown. If they do not nest, the males would display at certain periods, and the difference in demeanour of the respective birds would enable you to decide—if the attitude and demonstrativeness of the two birds are exactly similar, then you have two cocks. If you have a pair I can only counsel patience. I may say, however, that too many species of Doves kept together is not wise; they frequently interfere with each other's breeding. The cold and sunless character of a good portion of last summer caused much disappointment and failure to many aviculturists.

PROCURING A GREY PARROT (No Talkee).—I am rightly not allowed to express any opinion respecting respective traders, and I can only say that in general it is best, if possible, to procure from your local dealer, where you can see the bird, even if his prices are a little higher. A young Grey is always a more or less risky purchase, and you cannot consider yourself safe with it for six months, at least; thus the advantage of seeing it and being able to judge by the clearness of its eye and general demeanour as to its being fairly healthy will be at once apparent to you. A young Grey should be kept warm at first, and you should ascertain how it has been fed and continue this for a time, even if the dietary is not orthodox; any necessary change made should be gradual. If you have not our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," you should get it—2½d., post free, from our manager. It will help you.

BIRDS FOR BREEDING AVIARY (Foreign, H. R. Y.).—(1) Not more than twelve pairs, but I must tell you no man living can give a selection of birds that will all breed in the one year. It is impossible to deal with foreign species as Canaries; they are erratic, a species that will breed freely one year will not do so the next. (2) I can only name species that usually breed freely, placing the more regular ones first in each group:—Zebra, Ribbon, Bib, and Red-head Finches, White Java Sparrows, Rengalese, Silverbills, Magpie Mannikins, Grey Singing Finches, Common Avadavats, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches. The following are all probable breeders:—Alario, Cuba, Diamond, Gouldian, Olive, Parrot, Saffron, and Scaly-crowned Finches; also St. Helena and Gold-breasted Waxbills. (3) There is no reason why the cock and two hen Canaries should not do well with the rest, and if one of the hens was neglected it would not be of much account, as some odd foreigner would probably mate with it, for you cannot stock an aviary without losses, and odd birds are sure to crop up sooner or later. (4) Mice in their depredations vary in respective aviaries; if they get access to nests, etc., they often scare the parent birds off at night, and eggs are spoiled or young perish. A mixture of eucalyptus oil and carbon powder about the cycle-shed, renewing it as it loses its pungency, should help to keep them at bay. (5) It will be best to keep only one pair of Bengalese; if you keep more they usually all crowd into one nest, and many eggs are spoiled. You could keep a pair each of Bengalese and Silverbills together, and both would probably breed, but I must add again that foreign species take their own time to settle down. You must give them the best arrangements you can and chance your luck.

WHAT BIRDS? (T. H.).—Your birds are Avadavats, and you are treating them correctly, though you might keep a millet spray in the cage for them, also a coconut shell nest or a rush nest as a sleeping place for them, the latter for preference. The temperature of an ordinary sitting-room will suffice for them, but their cage must be kept below the level of any gas fittings. Our Nutshell No. 16 (Avadavats), 2½d., post free from our manager, would assist you, and tell you all about these charming sprites.

ZEBRA FINCHES (Yorkshire Bite).—The Zebras should do well in your roomy cage; use only twiggy branches as perches, and keep these at each end of the cage, leaving the centre open for flight exercise. When procurable, a piece of turf, similar to a lark turf, put in will tend to their well-being, especially if you are able to get it yourself and cut one that has the grass in flower or seed; besides, they get many small insects and earthy matter from round the roots, which will be to their benefit. Either a rush nest, husk, or a box-nest will suit them well, and fine and coarse hay and long grass will be all their require for nesting material. You can keep the cage out of doors from May 1 to Oct. 31, but you must put some kind of a curtain before the cage front, which will admit a little light and air, to prevent them being scared at night by cats and other vermin. Your cage is hardly large enough for them to be out of doors summer and winter in Yorkshire.

About Sixty Queries Answered by Post.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. Johnston.—The Crystal Palace show is open to any bird, whether a diploma winner or not, and all birds compete, of course, for the usual prizes and special prizes. Had you obtained a schedule, this would have been made clear to you.

Caging Birds (D. Robertson).—Thank you for your letter.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Aintree Fanciers' Society.—Jan. 28, Aintree Institute, 8. General meeting; statement of accounts and secretary's report.—J. A. Anderson.

Bargoed C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Parker's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. To make arrangements for members going to Palace show; election of officers; draw up programme for year; make new members.—E. J. Chisholm.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. To arrange members' table shows, and other important business.—R. Elliott.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—Jan. 24. Workmen's Institute, 6.30. Discuss alteration in rules, and other important business. Fanciers invited to join.—J. Stephenson.

Brandon Colliery C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Miners' Institute, 7. Open show business.—G. Reed.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Jan. 26, Market Tavern, 8. Meeting, very important; balance sheet, and other business. All interested kindly attend.—H. Hill.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Colliery Inn, 6.30. Prize money; other important business.—J. W. Robson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Maskell Hotel, 8. Special meeting to complete rules, etc., re members' cup; very important.—E. Thomas.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Jan. 28. Lamb Hotel, 8 p.m. sharp. Important annual meeting.—A. S. Treasure.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 26, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Adjourned annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

Derby C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Balance sheet and election of officers.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Black Bull, 7.30. Pay members' prize money, arrange for dinner, and other important bus.—G. Hunt.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Important business. Fanciers invited.—Geo. T. Lynn.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers 1914.—W. Hodson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Imperial Hotel, 6.30. Third annual Burns' supper, Jan. 31, Co-operative Hall, at 5. Breeding pair show.—R. T. Campbell.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Black Swan, 7.30. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—H. Cockrem. —(Please send address.—Ed.)

Glasgow West of Scotland.—Jan. 31, Nelson Temperance Hall, 7.30. Matched pair show. All variety Canaries, mule pairs, and hybrid pairs.—Wm. Hutchison.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 24, Butcher's Arms, 8 p.m. General meeting. Members' show; birds staged at 3 p.m. Judge, W. A. Cowgill.—J. Holroyd.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 24, Grange Congregational School, 8 p.m. Election of officers, and other important bus.—W. A. Brown.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Jan. 27, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8.—A. Roberts.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Crown Inn, 7. Important business; new members cordially invited. —G. Vipond.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Spencer Hall, 8. Annual general meeting; important bus. Election of officers, and alteration of rules. All members make special effort to attend.—J. Hyde.

Hirst Universal.—Jan. 24, Universal Club, 7.30. To consider a bird show to be held at Linton and Woodhorn, Jan. 31.—J. Smith.

Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S.—Jan. 27, The Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30 p.m. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Hodder.—P. Brooks.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30. Special business.—W. Ayers.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

John B. Brown.—Pneumonia, due to changeable weather conditions. The bird otherwise was in good form, nor was there any suspicion of contagious disease, or injury such as you have suspected.

G. Clyne.—Am afraid your birds are dying of septic fever. The one you sent me could not have been long affected. There were two small centres of disease in the liver and the spleen; the organ most generally affected was quite free. As you are sure to lose more, perhaps you had better send me another to confirm my diagnosis.

W. Hardy.—Congestion of the lungs was cause of death, due to weak heart action, possibly following depression resulting from a chill.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Jan. 27, No. 2, Goth, 6. Special meeting to discuss classification for open show.—A. Dickson.

Leeds Roller Club.—Jan. 24, 55, Briggate, 2.30 p.m. Members' contest. Judge, Mr. Roebuck. Four classes; entry 6d. per cage.—H. Best.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 24, Mowbray Arms, 8. Adjourned annual meeting; rules; arranging for dinner; Yorks. Union business.—H. Grange.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Crown Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; business very important.—A. Wake.

National British Bird and M.C.—Jan. 29, "Feathers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8 p.m. Important bus.—J. P. Carr.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—Jan. 24, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30. Urgent bus.—J. Chambers.

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Foster's Cafe, Shields Road, 7.30. Table show; Nor., Yorks., Bord., A.O.V., Brit. Judges, Mr. T. Robson and Mr. J. G. Hutchinson.—J. W. Coutts.

Northern Brit, Mule, and F.B.C.—Jan. 28, Headquarters, 8. Table show; medals, etc. Judge, Mr. F. C. Crawhall. 3 classes; see club report.—W. Curry.

Glasgow North West C.B.C.—Jan. 29, Blythswood Halls, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of office-bearers.—W. Loan.

Oldham C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8 p.m. Table show of Yorks. Mr. J. Schofield judge. All fanciers invited.—J. Cope.

Oxford C.B.S.—Jan. 25, 58, George Street, 8. Committee meeting.—A. F. Filield.

Poplar C.B.S.—Jan. 29. Table show. Judges, Messrs. Leech and Hunt.—H. W. Cook.

Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Long's Memorial Hall, St. Paul's Square, Southsea, 7.30. Annual general meeting. Most important bus. Fixing show dates, judges, electing officers for ensuing year, etc.—Hall and Joiner.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Financial statements, election of office-bearers, alteration of rules, surplus stock table show.—R. Heggie.

Richmond C.B.S.—Jan. 29, St. John's Hall, 8. General meeting.—W. Nichols.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting to promote scheme for increasing society's finance, etc.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Mail Coach Hotel, 8. Classes for pair show. All members please attend. —J. E. Taylor.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Jan. 28, Headquarters, Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Pair show.—E. Rone.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 24, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Show accounts, etc.; members to bring in tickets, etc.; arrangements for annual meeting. J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers; balance sheet, etc.—W. Walker.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Jan. 28, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8. Minutes of last annual meeting; correspondence; treasurer's and secretary's reports and statement of accounts; election of officers and committee; business for the year; subs. are now due.—Harold C. Colebrooke.

Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 24, Crown and Anchor, 8. Election of officers; payment of prize money to members; annual general meeting.—J. Isherwood.

Walsall C.B.S.—Jan. 28, White Hart, 8.30. Important show business.—F. Price.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Paper on "Mating Norwich," by Mr. J. D. Leigh. Judges and date for open show.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Headquarters, 8.30. Balance sheet, table show, Yorks. Buff, ditto hen, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, Greenies.—W. G. Andrews.

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Correspondence.

The Blue "Magpie."

Sir,—Your coloured plate of Foreign Birds is, without doubt, the best plate issued yet with any fanciers' paper. It is specially welcome to me, as the Blue Magpie seems to have been painted from life from my poor old bird that won so many firsts and medals, including gold medal at Taunton. It is exactly as my bird was at his best, but, alas! he is gone the way of all flesh, after being my pride and delight for over seven years. The Fruitsucker is also grand, and exactly as I have my old winner mounted. All "Foreign" fanciers' best thanks are due to you.

C. P. ARTHUR.

An Appeal to Crest Breeders.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you for your 12th birthday issue of CAGE BIRDS; it is a masterpiece. Also the 16-page illustrated supplement. I was very pleased to see you gave half a page of it to a splendid drawing by your artist, H. Norman, of a Crestbred and Crested Canaries. I do wish breeders of this variety would come forward and give us their experiences on the management of this breed. We get plenty of advice on Yorkshires and Norwich, but Crests seem to be left quite out of it. I do believe a few letters from Crest breeders would help this variety a good deal. Young fanciers would take more interest in it.—From one

JUST STARTING THE CREST FANCY.

Aged Goldfinch as Mule Breeder

Sir,—These few lines may be of interest to Mule breeders in giving their old Goldfinches a chance. I had a British Goldfinch that bred 12 Mules with two hen Canaries at eleven years old, but he unfortunately died this year aged 12 years. He was in fine condition. I have had him in my possession since a greypate, and also while I am writing would like to ask if it is a record for one pair of Canaries to hatch and rear 20 young ones in one season. I could not possibly keep them from breeding. I put them up last April 1, and by the end of July had hatched and reared the 20 young ones, and at the present time they are in first class condition, and would nest now if I would let them. I may say the cock would feed the young as soon as hatched. I never saw or had a better pair for breeding and feeding, and what makes it more wonderful, they were hanging in my shop, which is a boot repairing shop, and customers would stand and see them feed the young in the nest, so you see by the above results the banging and hammering which I do did not affect the eggs in any way.

A. HERBERT.

A Rare Visitor to Scotland.

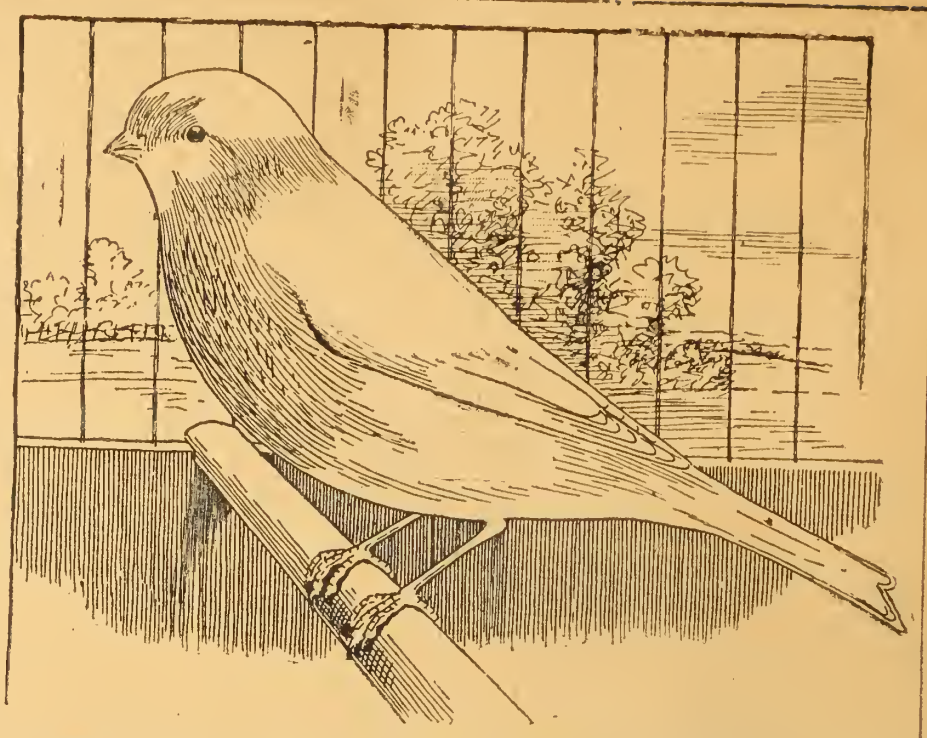
Sir,—To Mr. C. Sykes, the well-known Musselburgh naturalist and bird fancier, belongs the credit of recording the appearance of an exceptionally rare visitor to Scotland, viz., Richard's Pipit. The bird, in an injured condition, one night in December, crept into the doorway of the house occupied by him, where it was picked up by his son Joseph. Mr. Sykes at once recognised that the bird was something out of the common, and finally identified it as above. Richard's Pipit is a soberly-clad little bird, and considerably resembles the Rock Pipit, though it is somewhat larger. It is an Eastern Siberian species, and has appeared in England on several occasions. Though it has been known to science for over one hundred years, this is, however, only its third recorded appearance on the mainland of Scotland. The bird, unfortunately, succumbed to the injuries it had received (possibly from coming in contact with telephone wires in the vicinity). The body was forwarded for preservation to the Royal Scottish Museum, where the correctness of the identification was confirmed by Mr. Eagle Clarke, the eminent ornithologist. Mr. Sykes, naturally, greatly regretted that he was unable to save the life of his distinguished visitor. One imagines that the little bird must have chosen where it would be well looked after.

M. B. TOMLINSON.

How to Make Shows Pay.

Sir,—On reading Mr. Pope's excellent letter re how to make shows pay, I notice he gives Carlton as having an average of 1½ per class at Novice Yorks classes. The Cardiff show had 96 entries in five classes. We had at Norwich 1 Novice Border, the total entries being 16. We find by carefully checking the movements, our membership has increased through it.

E. THOMAS,
Sec. Cardiff C.B.S.



This Unflighted Buff Norwich Plainhead, a bird of grand type, but very oddly marked, has met with considerable success on the show bench: 1st, Clapham, 2nd Wimbledon, etc., for its breeder, Mr. Frank Cole, of Dulwich.

Failure of Yarm, Eaglescliff and District C.B.S. Show.

Value of Our Fixture List,

Sir,—Will you permit me, through the medium of your popular paper, to explain to your numerous readers the reason of our abandoning this year's show? The date originally fixed, viz., the 10th inst., was our usual date, or, to be quite exact, the second Saturday in January, when, to our dismay, the committee found that that date had been fixed for the holding of the Doncaster Show, and under the impression that Saturday, the 17th, was clear in the North-East District, that date was fixed upon, and then we found that Sunderland Show clashed with us, which was far more serious than to clash with Doncaster. The committee felt they were quite justified in expecting bumper success with their efforts for this year's show from the fact that their past record had assured the confidence of exhibitors, as all prize-money had been posted to successful exhibitors on the date of the show. Every care was taken of exhibits, and no complaints have been received from exhibitors. You may judge of the concern of our committee when they found out that through our clashing with Sunderland the number of entries was so small that they reluctantly had to decide to abandon the show, and return the entries to the exhibitors, as the only honourable course open to them. We are of opinion that more care should be taken by committees promoting their annual shows, in having the same duly announced in your columns in good time, so that the possibility of two or more shows in any one district being fixed for the same date would be reduced to a minimum. It will be quite clear to any unbiased reader that by abandoning our show for this year our society suffers a loss, but had we persisted in still holding the show under the adverse conditions above mentioned, the loss would not only have been much more serious, but in all probability our society would have been utterly ruined.

I therefore appeal to your readers to extend their sympathy to us under the circumstances, and as true bird fanciers to rally round us when we again make an appeal to them.

THOMAS F. WILSON, Secretary.

Railway Arrangements for the Palace Show.

Sir, Mr. J. A. Turner, of the Midland Railway Company, writes me to say that in connection with the Palace Show, bookings from Bradford to St. Pancras for ones, three, four, or six days can be made per train leaving Bradford Midland Station at 10.45 p.m. on Friday midnight, February 6, and if those who intend to travel by the Midland will kindly write Mr Turner at the District Superintendent's Office, Midland Railway, Bradford, he will be delighted to make all necessary arrangements for their comfort en route. Intending visitors to the Palace Show kindly bear this in mind.

H. HILL.

The Southern Norwich Club and Its Affairs.

Sir,—Mr. Tomsett is incorrect in the deductions he draws from my previous letter in your columns, and unjust in the suggestions he makes based upon the views I expressed in it. I yield to no one in my desire for fair competition and "clean" showing, but he should remember that in matters affecting the club, like those now under discussion, there are many who may hold views like himself, while others, with equal integrity, may have entirely opposite views, and it is only by fair and friendly discussion, and a little accommodation on both sides, that a working basis can be arrived at. I am ashamed neither of my name nor my opinions. You, sir, have the former, and can substantiate my claim to be what I represent myself to be—"Yet Another Member" of the S.N.P.C., and it is immaterial to the present discussion whether I disclose my identity or not. What difference does it make to the force of my arguments?

The opinions I gave are briefly these:—(1) That it would be more reasonable for members to bring their complaints and views before the management in the first instance than to disseminate them in the Press. (2) That, although there is much more credit in members breeding their own winners there is no reason why they should be debarred from purchasing them and from obtaining the best returns possible from such purchases. (3) That it is immaterial to us, as a specialist club, whether a member rings his birds or not; and (4) that there is no reason why he should be coerced in the matter.

Whether, when I temperately express these views, it is fair and friendly in your correspondent, and shows no trace of the "acrimony" which he disclaims, to at once announce that "my bump of fairness is strangely developed," and to insinuate that I might as well (to put it shortly) suggest the lending of birds for exhibition, I leave your readers to judge.

I strongly urge members to think twice before introducing unnecessary coercion into the club, particularly in the matter of the ringing of birds, or they will be much more likely to see the writing on the wall than by following a fair and broad-minded policy in the matter. STILL THE SAME MEMBER.

[With these observations this controversy may very well conclude. We do not see that anything will be gained by pursuing the matter further.—ED. "C.B."]

A Class for Hen Mules.

Sir,—In reply to "Interested," re hen Hybrid classes, I should like to point out that the Cardiff Cage Bird Society provided a class for hens, Mule or Hybrid, at our 1912 also at our 1913 show. We intend to give this class again this year; we believe that the class will pay, as now it is often asked what has become of all the hen Mules, and it is very rare that a hen has the slightest chance against cocks. If societies will provide this class it will, I am sure, encourage the Mule and Hybrid breeders, as it will create a value on hens.

E. THOMAS,
Sec. Cardiff C.B.S.

Some Seasonable Advice to Fanciers.

Sir,—In the spring-time the Fancier's thoughts turn to getting his stock ready for the coming breeding season. What aspirations and resolutions he makes for the show season that is to come! His sole aim (whisper) is to make some of the B'hoys sit up, by producing something in the way of a phenomenon. In the first place, might I be allowed to sympathise with the artisan or workman on the way he is handicapped (in many cases) for want of time, money, and accommodation to give full attention to his pets, while others in a better position, financially and otherwise, are enabled to give them perfect attention?

To be successful in the Fancy nothing must be done by proxy; personal attention (as in any other business) is the secret of success. No one knows the needs, etc., of his pets like the owner himself. We will take the hens for example. Don't force them into breeding condition by feeding on egg food, etc. If they are healthy stock they will come naturally into condition themselves and at the right time. Same applies to the cocks. Have both in perfect condition at the time of pairing; the cocks in full song with flights going, showing them to be in full vigour; hens calling with flights going when cocks are singing.

Now, re breeding cages. In my humble opinion, I think there is nothing to beat the open wire cage with detachable wooden bottom, my reason for this being cleanliness and freedom from red mite pest.

There is no doubt that wooden box cages painted in various hues inside show your birds off to better advantage, and tend to enhance a bird-room, but give me the old style wire cage for sanitation and good sound health. Another idea of mine is not to have too many pairs together in the one room or apartment, as this has a tendency to foster restlessness in the hens when sitting, and causes over rampness in the cocks.

In conclusion, let me advise regularity in the bird-room as regards feeding and cleaning. Disturb as little as possible, and spare time in the evenings devote to reading up any wrinkles that may be sent in to CAGE BIRDS by honest Fanciers. On the show bench lose and win with good grace. Reserve your opinion. Accept the judge's decision, and, win or lose, come up again smiling next time.

GEO. STRACHAN.

7, Kenmure-st., Pollokshields, Glasgow.

The Three Wild Caught Liverpool Hybrids.

Sir,—I here send you a few notes about the three "wild caught" Liverpool Hybrids, if you consider them worthy of the trouble to publish in "C.B." Since I wrote you to record these captures I have had the pleasure of thoroughly examining them. Mr. J. Metcalfe has the one that was exhibited at the Liverpool B.B. Annual Show by Mr. Lloyd, Liverpool's enthusiastic British bird specialist of Wellington-road Aviaries. This hybrid (I will call it No. 1) is certainly a difficult bird to identify, about the size of a Siberian Goldie, a dark Goldfinch-like Mule showing a slight black bib, this suggesting Redpoll as one parent. The other bird (No. 2), caught at Wallasey, now in the possession of Mr. Barker, the British bird fancier and botanist of that district, is certainly either a Linnet-Greenfinch or Greenfinch-Linnet. It shows both parental characteristics, beautifully and distinctly. At first sight it appears like a big, sturdy brown Linnet, but at closer inspection its sturdiness and strong beak leaves no doubt as to its Greenfinch qualities. Its colour above is Linnet, breast Greenfinch, wing bars yellowish, tail Greenfinch shape, upper sides yellow, under side white (that is the outer web of feathers are yellow, inner web white like Linnet). It is a fine example of the cross. Mr. Barker kindly brought it across for my inspection.

No. 3, which was caught at Flint by that veteran bird-catcher, Mr. Craig, of Brainard street, I have identified as an Argentine Seedeater, "a small Serin" now classed under the genus Sycalis. Unfortunately this died on the 10th inst., whilst in my possession: it was a hen bird. The question that suggests itself is: "Were these Hybrids produced in the wild state?" I think not; there are so many bird-keepers unknown to the Fancy world who may have bred them and let them out because they were useless as songsters.

J. W. CUTMORE.

A Club for Parkhead.

Sir,—I have to inform you of a proposal for a new club for Parkhead and district. Any fancier wishing to join might communicate with Mr. Matthew Kean, 1332 Duke-street, Parkhead. Now, old Parkhead fanciers, gather round. Here is another chance for us having a good club in Parkhead.

M. KEAN.

Special Prizes at Federation Show.

Sir, -My attention has been drawn to a letter in CAGE BIRDS, of Jan. 17th, signed by C. Roberts, of Bayswater, referring to special prizes at the Federation Show, held last January. The prize-money was paid and specials sent off early last spring. I have looked up the slips and find that Mr. Roberts tied with Mr. and Mrs. Salter for special No. 3, and as Mr. Salter took most prize-money the special went to him, there being no rules to the contrary. Special No. 22 was sent by parcel post with others last March. I have not received any communication from Mr. Roberts on this matter.

J. W. DEWHURST, Hon. Show Sec.

The Sensational Hybrid at the Scottish National.

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to a letter over the signature of the present owner of the much-boomed Hybrid. In his letter he attacks the Scottish National Committee and the judge—the former for allowing fanciers to handle the cage containing this wonderful gem, the value of which remained unappreciated for a year and a-half, although it had been seen by a number of our best known fanciers and judges, who evidently failed to discover anything remarkable about it, which, of course, proves their ignorance, and to return this bird home from a show with the cage bottom wet. Dear me, what a shame! I sincerely hope that a new and more efficient committee will be appointed for the next Scottish National Show, or we may be deprived of the pleasure of seeing such rare mysterious Hybrids, but mentioning rare Hybrids reminds me that Mr. Parlett also complains of not winning the rarity special, which I understand is given for the rarest Hybrid. Now, if the mystery is a genuine Canary-Bullfinch, how can it be a rarity, when a hundred or more Canary-Bullies have been bred. A Greenfinch-Chaffinch was awarded the special, only three of this cross have been staged, so why the growl? Mr. Parlett also draws attention to the deep yellow bar on the flight and tail feathers, and says that no other Canary-Bullfinch shows it. That is exactly what has created a doubt in many fanciers' minds, coupled with the fact that the beak, head, and body are not like any other Canary-Bullfinch, and that except for the light feathers it could not be distinguished from a Greenfinch-Bullfinch; all the dark feathers on back, breast, flights, and tail are decidedly Greenfinch-Bullfinch in colour, and the only trace of Canary in the whole bird is the light feathers. If the owner is so positive of its bona fides, why does he not show it in a class for light Canary Mules? Has he also a doubt? His threat to boycott judges who dare to put it lower than first may help it to win. We will wait and see. I notice it was second in a class of five entries at Guildford last week, another dark Canary-Bullfinch beating it, which adds another poor judge to the black list, but they who have yet to be honoured with the privilege of judging it will have to be careful, and put it on top, or their reputation will be utterly ruined. I regret to have to take any part in this controversy, but when the owner of a bird writes to the Press in the middle of the show season praising his own bird, and condemning other fanciers' birds, and threatening judges and secretaries, I think anyone is justified in showing their disgust at such conduct.

SCOTTIE.

Sir,—On my return from Scotland, where I spent the New Year holidays, I was agreeably pleased to get your beautiful Diploma and 10s. special for honours won by my Goldfinch-Bullfinch in the CAGE BIRDS championship competition at Kingstown.

Also permit me to thank Mr. Norman for his clever sketch of my bird which appeared in your issue of last week. I had this same bird at the Scottish National, when he topped all the specimens of the same cross in his class, and just missed the money by the wholesale honours shouldered on the Canary-Bullfinches.

I saw the light-feathered Hybrid around which so much controversy has raged, and am satisfied that it was right classed as a Bullie-Hybrid, but it probably is an Albino, which I think would account for the abnormal markings that are not clearly traceable to Canary parentage. If it were not for the assurance of the breeder I would class it as an Albino-Greenfinch-Bullfinch, but to say that it is only a rare-feathered Bullfinch is sheer nonsense.

D. E. ALEXANDER.

What Happens to Rare Birds.

SIR,—It might interest your readers to know four Waxwings have been shot at Oulton Broad this last week; by the papers this seems to be an exceptional year for these birds.

B. YOUNGS.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax Show.

Sir, Seeing that this matter has been dropped by the Yorkshire Union, I may as well give you a little idea of how I feel about it. In the first place, when Mr. House disqualified the bird, I thought, and also did the others who were present, that he had every reason for doing so. The bird was penny about the cheek, and there was a bare place and it was very red. He did not know whose bird it was till after I followed him down the room and took the cage number. Well, everybody knows what happened in the Council room. The first resolution was that on the evidence in respect to the exhibit No. 3, in class 12, as given before the Council, they could not uphold the disqualification; 2nd, that Messrs. Ogden Bros. be exonerated from all blame of showing a bird for any fraudulent purposes at Halifax show; and 3rd, that the Halifax Show Committee be also exonerated from all blame. Now between this meeting and Mr. Hill's letter of Jan. 10, I have been told personally that we (the show officials) were not called into the room to give evidence on the disqualification, but only to own the bird. Now Mr. Hill in his letter gives an invitation to any person to attend the council meeting with evidence bearing directly on the disqualification. Well, can anybody tell me what was the matter with the Halifax officials' evidence? If they won't accept theirs, it looks to me the Council is asking for something it is impossible to get. Now in Ogden's letters they said they found the Halifax officials very courteous, but one of the partners had to bamboozle me the Saturday following our show in a room at Bradford, amongst a lot of fanciers, and wanted to know what I had to say about the bird; and also at the Bradford National show he called me all sorts of names. I wonder what Mr. Hill would say if Mr. House carried on with him like that. You see what you get for being secretary of a Yorkshire Union show. I know Mr. House was not a liar about the disqualification. Now in Mr. Walsh's letter of Dec. 20, he says the Halifax Show Committee, however, did not deal with this case, they never attempted to do so, and then he goes on to say that the Halifax sec. engaged the room for the Council meeting. But he did not tell the reason why the sec. engaged the room. I will tell you. I received a telegram from the Yorkshire Union sec. asking me to get him a room. Now if this is not taking the case out of my hands, I don't know what is, and so I kept Ogden's prize-money back, pending the Council's decision. In Mr. Cundall's letter of the 17th inst., he has to mention the result of the voting on the resignation, which I think is very bad taste on his part. The meeting was called in a proper manner, and every member was notified, and when he wanted to put it as a unanimous vote, his partner said he should propose that we send the result to the press, so we let it drop. I will ask the fanciers at large if they think I have been treated in a proper way over this business by the Yorkshire Union, because I have been completely ignored altogether by them.

H. CLEGG,
Sec. of Halifax show.

15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.

Who Judged Garston Show?

Sir,—In this week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. A. G. Davis-(Manchester) states that he judged our annual show held December 6, and not Mr. Thornton. I beg to correct his statement. It was Mr. J. Thornton, 19, Agnes Grove, Liscard, Cheshire. I should be obliged if you would kindly correct Mr. A. G. Davis's error in your next issue.

A. T. MULLOCK.

Cage Bird Society for Spalding and District.

Sir,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS that Messrs. Murrell and Anton are trying their very best to get a cage bird society for Spalding and district, and I heartily appreciate their efforts in doing what they are for local exhibitors and fanciers. I will help these two gentlemen all that I possible can, and trust others will follow suit; and I am writing to them on the subject. Now, fanciers of cage birds, hurry up and let us get to business at once. Messrs. Murrell and Anton are fanciers well known, and will, I am sure, do all in their power to help one and all.

GEORGE CUBLEY.

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Thanks from Llanelly.

Success After Prospective Failure.

Sir,—On behalf of the members of Llanelly Society, I wish to thank you for the grand whip up you gave towards our late show. Up to the advertised time of closing of entries, we were in doubt whether we could have a show, but Saturday, Sunday, and Monday's post, along with the local entries brought us to a position which taxed our worthy secretary, Mr. D. John, to the utmost; in fact he broke down on the day of the show. He has sent in his resignation, but the members are refusing to accept same. We held a meeting on Saturday evening last at our headquarters, when the matter was again placed before the members with a similar result. Every effort is being made to retain his services, as everyone here is fully aware of their value to the society and the Fancy at large. By the time this appears in CAGE BIRDS, all prize-money will have been paid, and specials will be sent out in the course of a few days. I should be glad if anyone overlooked will apply to us without delay. We are holding a meeting again on Saturday, when we should be glad if all members will bring all monies belonging to the society. By so doing it will greatly assist the secretaries to finish the accounts, and will, I think, also have a tendency to get our sec. to alter his decision. I should also be glad if you would, on our behalf and the members of the society, kindly thank the exhibitors for their patronage and support.

HENRY WEBSTER, asst. sec.

A New Society for Bristol.

Sir,—The following is the name of the new society formed: The Bristol East and Dis. C.B.C.; headquarters, Glass House Hotel, Lawrence Hill. Meeting held first Monday in the month. Mr. Bull will give lectures on the breeding and exhibiting the Yorkshire Canary; also British monthly table shows will be held during the year.

W. J. NORMAN, hon. sec.

4, Clayton St., Brixton Rd., Easton, Bristol.

A New Society for W. London.

Sir,—It has been felt for some time past that a fanciers' society has been needed in West London. With that end in view, a meeting is being held on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m., at 235, Portobello-road, Cornwall-road, W., when all fanciers will be welcomed. Messrs. H. Goldsmith, A. J. Davis, and others are giving their support. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join.

A. J. FOX (Hon. Sec. pro tem.).

235, Harrow-road, Paddington, W.

The Radius of Luton Society.

Sir,—I have followed with interest the correspondence regarding the affairs of the Luton Society. In one issue your correspondent points out to one of the old members that, having won a cup twice, and through no fault of his own he is not allowed to compete the third time, he suggests a way out of the difficulty to Mr. Watts—to return the cup, which he has won in a fair and square manner. To quote the passage referred to: It would look well, etc., etc. Presented by Mr. Watts. Now to analyse this. Would it be right, seeing that even though the cup was returned it would only be done so under protest and compulsion? Would it not be more truthful to say: This is the cup, etc., etc., returned by an old member much against his wish, and so forth? And, further, how many Fanciers would care to become the possessor of that or any other trophy, who knew the history of it and knew, to all intents and purposes, it was the property of another Fancier? No, Mr. Editor, I venture to suggest very few would care to treasure it.

All we need and expect is fair competition, and let the best win. One learns a good deal by being fairly beaten. In the latest issue I see another old member has been treated, I consider, shamefully. A thousand pities he had not got the cup in his possession, seeing that he also had won it twice. Surely there must be some undercurrent behind all this? Is there no law by which one can obtain justice and their rightful property? Surely a club cannot make its own laws. However, as another correspondent points out, as this is the season of goodwill I hope matters will take a turn for the better in the society referred to and the old members given an unfavoured opportunity of righting the wrong done them, and the matter settled amicably to all concerned, as two blacks do not make one white.

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SMALLBRIDGE C.B.S.

Fourth annual general meeting and election of officers for 1914, held at headquarters Jan. 5, Mr. Atkinson presiding over a fair attendance. The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1913 were considered very satisfactory. Officers appointed: Chair, Mr. Atkinson; vice, Mr. Bamford; treas., Mr. Coupe; sec., Mr. Cheetham; committee, Messrs. Hartley, Bamford, Lord, Frost, Johnson, Mayers, and Shore; Messrs. Bamford and Hartley, auditors. Mr. Atkinson moving a vote of thanks to treas. and sec., for services rendered during the past year, brought the evening to a close.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

LONG EATON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 10, at headquarters. Mr. W. R. Hexter presided over a well-attended meeting. The Hon. Sec., Mr. G. T. Wall, presented the balance sheet and report for 1913, and it was accepted without dissent. Officers elected: Chair, W. R. Hexter; vice, A. B. Bancroft; hon. treas., E. Wilcox; hon. assist. sec., E. Barker; hon. sec., G. Baines; committee, W. Beers, S. Bevan, F. Freebury, A. Horwood, F. W. Jackson, R. Sharp, E. Stafford. In sending this, my first report, as sec. of the society, I appeal to all members to attend the monthly meetings as regularly as possible, and to give to me the support which is necessary for the successful carrying on of the society. The duties are all new to me, and my predecessor has left behind him such a high standard of efficiency, that we must all regret his decision not to take office again. However, I hope we may have a successful year, and I am sure, if we all work in harmony, the time spent in attending meetings and other duties will be profitable to ourselves and the society also.—G. Baines, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH C.C

Results of competitions promoted by the O.N.P.C. for 1913: Open Competition Champ.: 1, J. Thomas, 145 points; 2, T. H. Mason, 121; 3, S. Heap, 81. Amateur: 1, W. H. Ball, 48; 2, H. Simonett, 36; 3, Pickup and Son, 33. Junior Nov. (Competed for at Yorkshire Union Shows): First half of season: 1, B. Airton; 2, H. Lord. Second half: 1, H. Lord; 2, G. Hunter. Consolation prize: J. W. Kaberry. "Illingworth" cup: T. H. Mason, 134 points. "Thomas" rose bowl: S. Heap, 64 points. Ramsden's special: H. Simonett. Sandiford's cup: J. Thomas. Members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1913-14, kindly forward same to me at once.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held Jan. 8, Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon. Present: Chair, Mr. J. Jones; vice, Mr. G. Jones; hon. treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards; Messrs. J. Pritchard, J. W. Jones, J. W. Parry, E. Jones, J. O. Parry, R. Green, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. A record attendance, only two absent. On the proposition of the Chairman, votes of thanks to the committee for their duty on day of show, and to Messrs. Harrison and Morris, stewards. Re prize moneys was the first point. Decided, owing to loss on show, and through having to withdraw the Christmas draw, amounting to about £4 5s., that the committee take 25 per cent. off all prizes won Dec. 26 show. Decided that a copy of balance sheet should be printed and sent to each member. A vote of thanks was passed to those who refunded draw money, as this just clears the expenses of printing. Decided to have only one show yearly, and prizes, say, 10s., 6s., 4s., 1s. 6d., fee 1s. 6d.; the show to be held in middle of week, so that we can have entries from all parts. I hope that this be well supported. All prize-moneys and all accounts will be paid by end of Jan. I thank prize-winners for their kindness in waiting. A vote of thanks to the hon. sec. for his hard work in erecting staging, and other duties, concluded the meeting. Next committee meeting, Jan. 16, at 8, Assembly Rooms.— R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.S

General meeting, held Jan. 10, Prince of Wales Hotel. Mr. J. Parfitt presided over a good turn up of members. Four new members were made. Balance sheet was read, and showed a balance in hand of £14 16s. Mr. H. Campion was present, and was appointed to make the presentation of the McInnenary trophy to the winner for 1913, Mr. J. Parfitt. Mr. Campion, who was elected president, made reference in a neat speech to the good work of Mr. A. Monk as a canvasser for the society in collecting all the money for trophy, also other money. This was appreciated by all. Mr. Campion stated that he intended to have a good run for the trophy this year, which caused an outburst of applause. Officers elected: Chair, J. Parfitt; vice, J. Probert; treas., J. Pritchard; assist. sec., H. Mortimer; sec., Geo. Broome; committee, G. Thomas, A. Monk, A. Parfitt, R. Richards, and W. Cooper. Decided to write judges for our open show, Oct. 22, also to have a washing exhibition by J. Parfitt next meeting, Feb. 14. I hope that all novice members will take advantage of this, and make an effort to be present. A vote of thanks to Mr. Campion terminated the meeting.—Geo. Broom, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 15, Mr. Morton presiding in the absence of Mr. McGown. Arrangements for pair show, Feb. 21, were made. Classes: Crests, Norwich, Yorks., Bord., A.O.V. Muling pairs, Hybrid pairs. Birds staged 2.30 p.m., judging at 3. Any one joining up to date of pair show to be eligible to compete, sec. to settle about judge. Agreed to have a social after pair show at the same place. Members intending to be present at social night kindly notify the sec., so that final arrangements can be made. Tickets 9d.—Wm. Kane, sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A'

Monthly meeting held Jan. 13. Agreed to hold open show Nov. 7, and to engage Co-operative Hall if possible. Next meeting Jan. 27 to discuss what would be best classification as it is the opinion of some of the members that great alterations could be made. —A. Dickson.

BUGLE F.A.

Annual meeting held Jan. 12, when Sir William Sergeant, K.C., on behalf of Bugle Fanciers, presented the secretaries each with a beautiful oak inkstand, suitably inscribed; Messrs. Pearce and Gregor, replying, thanked the members for their kindness, and said they would accept the gift as evidence of their appreciation. Balance-sheet was presented and passed, income £135 0s. 6d., expenditure £117 3s., balance in hand £17 17s. 6d. Decided to hold next show July 15.—Alf. L. Pearce, A. C. Gregor, Hon. Secs.

AMALGAMATED YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES.

Annual Dinner and Prize Distribution.

The committee for the above event held a meeting at Market Tavern, Bradford, Jan. 10, to make necessary arrangements. Mr. H. W. Walsh was elected to the chair, and Mr. H. Hill was again re-elected secretary to the committee. The balance-sheet for the last annual prize distribution was passed as read. Unanimously decided to have a dinner and social evening in connection wit hthe prize distribution at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, March 7, at 5 o'clock, and a social evening to commence at 6.30 prompt, price 2s. per head. Sec. was instructed to ascertain the cost of engaging a concert party for the prize distribution. A ballot for the order in which prizes shall be given resulted as follows: (1) Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M.C., (2) Yorks. C. C., (3) Open Nor. F.C., (4) Cinnamon Mkd. Y.C.C., (5) Yorks. Union of C.B.S., (6) CAGE BIRDS prizes, (7) National Green Marked Y.C.C. Proposed that Mr. H. H. Towers be invited to take the chairmanship of the dinner and prize distribution. It is hoped to make this the most successful prize distribution yet held, and as last year's effort was a pronounced success the committee feel sure of giving complete satisfaction. Tickets may be obtained from any of the specialist club secretaries or from myself at 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford. An early application will enable the committee to make suitable arrangements for everybody.—H. Hill.

CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT AND PENGE C.B.S.

Enthusiastic meeting held at the Alexandra Hotel, Penge, on January 14, this being the first general meeting of the society which was formed a month previously. Among those present were Messrs. Avery, Britten, Baker, Bunch, Drake, Foxen, Freyett, Gmies, Hammead, Hutson, Legg, Mead, Towen, Rogers, Standage, Verrall, Whippen, and Allen Silver, who promised to give two silver medals —one for British and one for Foreign Birds, for competition at the large show to be held at the end of the year. It was proposed to hold a pair and finch show at meeting for February.—H. Legg, Sec. 756, The Pavement, Penge).

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

4th annual general meeting, held Old Masonic Hall, Jan. 14, with a good attendance. Balance sheet for 1913 was presented and passed, which showed a balance in hand of £8 18s. 2d., a slight increase on last year, notwithstanding a heavy loss on open show. Officers elected for 1914:—Pres., W. F. Cross, Esq.; vice-presidents, Viscount Valentia, C.B., M.P., Major Henderson, M.P., Captain Williams, and W. B. George, Esq.; hon. auditors, F. Wilsdon, W. B. George; hon. treas., J. A. Lees; hon. sec., C. F. Homday, 58, George Street; assist. sec., and Press correspondent, A. T. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street; committee, J. Gough (chair), A. Lewen, W. H. Simms, A. Tombs, F. Wilsdon, H. E. Wood, and T. W. Wren.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held January 15. Mr. W. Fulton presided; 21 members present. Mr. W. J. Merry was enrolled a member. Mr. J. H. Payne was elected to judge annual match pair show, February 18. Decided to add two classes to novice section, also to give four classes for Borders. Messrs. Weeks, Pearce, Merry, volunteered to act as stewards; birds staged by 6.45. Show closes 10 o'clock. Mr. Ball gave special value 2s. 6d. for best matched pair; Mr. Weeks, 2s. 6d. for best single exhibit. Resolved that members' cup be competed for, to new rule to be for most points gained by six birds, 2/- entry fee. Members wishing to compete must pay 2/- for each variety, points to be kept separate. Will members who are in arrears of contributions please try and clear up at next meeting, as I have to present balance-sheet at the March meeting? Members must clear contributions to enable them to compete for members' special. Sec. was instructed to write to several gentlemen re judging open show. Nomination of officials for 1914 at next meeting, also judges will be elected for open show, Nov. 18 and 19. If fanciers in this district would care to join our society I should be pleased to supply them with particulars. —E. Thomas, Sec., 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, "Globe," Maple-st., Tottenham Court-rd., Jan. 17. Mr. E. Pretty presided over a fairly good muster. Balance-sheet was brought forward and accepted, showing a balance in hand of £7 14s. 3d. Officers elected for 1914: Mr. E. Pretty, pres.; Jacob Mackley, vice-pres.; R. J. Pretty, treas.; G. G. Stubbs, hon. sec.; committee, Messrs. Harrison, Green, Ayris, and Durham. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the late Treas., Mr. Ransby, for his services during the past year, and to the Sec. Our pair show will take place Feb. 28. Will fanciers note, we still have room for more members, and Sec. would be pleased to supply information to any intending member. We have decided to keep the subs. at 3/- yearly, and 1/- nom. fee. Handsome silver cup will again be up for competition this year, and diplomas will be given to best exhibitor in each section, to be won right out during the year. Will members rally round and make 1914 our most successful year?—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 13, Mechanics' Institute. The following officers were elected: Chair, Mr. R. Rhodes; vice., Mr. G. C. Ley; committee, Messrs. Bowler, Brown, Cooper, Cottingham, Hill, Hodgkinson, Hayter, Ley, Rhodes, Sharpe, Saywell, Tranter, Woolf, and White; joint hon. secs., Messrs. Wilkinson and Royce; auditors, Messrs. Woolf and White. The accounts of the late show and balance sheet for the year were passed. Decided to run another show, but date was left over until next meeting, when we hope to have a big attendance. Secs. will be pleased to hear from any fancier who may wish to join the society.—J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson Street.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held in Waverley Rooms, Mr. A. Simpson presiding. The balance sheet was read and turned out to be better than expected. Office bearers for incoming season: Pres., J. Sneddon; Vice-Pres., A. Simpson; Treas., T. Menzies; Assist. Sec., J. W. Holmes; Sec., vacant. Next meeting and table show in Smith's Hotel; 1 class for Linnets; Mr W. Stewart judge. Final arrangements were made for annual club show, Masonic Hall, Jan. 24, instead of 31, as we could not get the hall for that date; Mr. G. Bishop, Stirling, judge; Stewards, A. Harris, W. Stewart and J. Smith. J. Paterson and C. Clayton at the door. Judging at 12 o'clock. Entries taken at the door. Schedules will be sent out to all members.—J. W. Holms, Assist. Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters Jan. 7, Mr. G. Higgins, chair. Balance-sheet for the past year, which shows a sum of £14 5s. 8d. on the right side, was adopted. Major S. C. Ferguson was unanimously re-elected as president, as also were the vice-presidents, sec., treas., and committee. The date for the open show was fixed for Oct. 28 and 29, and on a ballot being taken Messrs. J. Robson, London; H. W. Battye, Huddersfield; and Wm. Nicholson, Stockton, were proposed as judges from the nominations of six. Mr. Isaac Robson, senr., was elected an honorary member for life. At the close of the general business interesting presentations took place to the sec., treas., and show manager as a mark of esteem from their fellow members.—John C. Bell, hon. sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Meeting held at the Plummet Line Hotel, Jan. 3, Mr. J. J. Dunn presiding over a fair number of members. Mr. J. Pilling gave a splendid lecture on "Mimicry in Bird Plumage"; he was listened to very attentively and at the close he ably answered questions. Mr. F. Lee, in a few words, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Pilling, Mr. E. J. Cundall supported; Mr. Pilling briefly replied and thanked the members for listening to him. Decided to alter the date of our tea, social, and whist drive to Feb. 21, at West Ward Liberal Club, tickets 1s. 6d. each. Members please notice alteration. H. Clegg, sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Meeting held Jan. 10, Butcher's Arms. Mr. Fred Self chair. Decided to hold nine members' shows during 1914. Sixteen classes at old feather shows, 14 Yorks., and two Nor., and two classes at f.f. shows, 10 Yorks., and two Nor. Two silver cups will be competed for, one champ., one nov. A medal value 21s. will be given with each cup. Champions and novices show together, their points counting separately for all specials. The following specials will be given at the end of the season: 15s. cash 1st most points in each section, 10s. 2nd ditto, 5s. 3rd. 2s. 6d. 4th; also 5s. for 1st most points in marked classes, and 2s. 6d. for 2nd. The cups can only be competed for with starred birds, each competitor may star four birds at each show. Each cup must be won three times (not necessarily in succession) before it becomes the absolute property of any competitor. Fanciers wishing to compete for these specials are invited to join at once. Sec., J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street, Great Horton, Bradford; assist. sec., B. Hainsworth, 5, Druid Street, Clayton, near Bradford

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

41st annual meeting held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, in the Coffee House, Littleborough, when Mr. E. Hartley presided over a good number of members. During the meeting much amusement was caused by one of the members (who signed himself "Yorkshireman") handing in a note, the contents of which ran as follows: "I wish you all a Happy New Year and good luck during the next breeding season, and I should like to know who the member of Littleborough Cage Bird Society was who went up to Wardle to see if Mr. Hucks, the aviator, who arrived there stranded on Sunday last would sell him his bird so that he could show it at the next first feather show—Rather witty, Eh." The late treasurer read the balance sheet which was considered very satisfactory, showing a small balance in hand. It was also decided to have a meat tea and social on Tuesday, Jan. 20, to commence at 7.30 p.m., and it was earnestly desired that all members should attend, and to give in their names to the secretary at once. There will also be a very interesting ceremony to take place at this meeting, so let us have a good turn up. The following gentlemen were elected as officers for the year 1914: Chairman, Mr. J. R. Crossley; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Hartley; secretary, Mr. J. R. Wradle; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Woodhead; committee, Messrs. E. Hartley, E. Bamford, J. W. Fielden, and J. R. Mayers, along with the secretary and treasurer. The passing of a vote of thanks to the Chairman and all retiring officers brought a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close.—Jno. R. Wradle, hon. sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Jan. 7, with a large attendance. Mr. Broadhurst chair. Messrs. Bastock, Hill and Swindon, were elected members. Correspondence was read and approved. Mr. de Maillet reported that the hamper belonging to Mr. Lucas, which was wrongly sent to another exhibitor owing to the label being missing, had not been returned to him, and suggested that the easiest and cheapest way out of the difficulty was to refund the cost to Mr. Lucas and refuse future entries from the defaulting exhibitor. This was agreed to. Mr. de Maillet gave his figures for the inter-club cup competition, showing Birmingham winners with 272 points against 271½ by Wolverhampton and 134½ by West Bromwich, but same are open to correction on examination by the secretaries of the other societies. Officers for 1914 elected as follows: Pres., Mr. J. A. Eckersley; Vice, Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Webb, H. C. Wilkins, A. Broadhurst, J. H. de Maillet, W. C. Wells, E. Fordred, and G. H. Smith; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. R. Nicklin; Chair, Mr. A. Broadhurst; Vice, Mr. J. H. de Maillet; Treasurers, Messrs. J. H. Allen and H. T. Collier; Auditors, Messrs. J. Clay and T. Jones; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. H. Jones; Committee, Messrs. Burke, Child, Derry, Dipple, Fessey, Jeffrey, Raby and Tomkins. Judge for open show, Dec. 2, 3, Mr. J. Robson. A proposal that the election of judges should be on the same lines as for officers and members, namely, nominated at one meeting for election at the next, was defeated, but the meeting decided that when notifying members of any special meeting the Secretary should state the purpose of that meeting on the notification. Sec. hoped to produce the accounts duly audited at Feb. meeting; owing to a family bereavement he had been unable yet to complete them. Hearty votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year and to Mr Webb our host, for use of rooms, wound up the meeting.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., per J. H. de Maillet.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Johnston's Hall, Jan. 10, Mr. S. F. Wood presided over a well-attended meeting. Sec. presented balance sheet, which was accepted unanimously. The club is in a flourishing condition, this being a record year. Office-bearers for the ensuing year: Pres., S. H. Wood; vice-pres., J. Hood, E. Taylor; committee, J. Baird, A. Hendrie, T. Forrest, N. Yule, W. Carrick, and K. Picken; auditors, T. Jackson, and W. Williams; sec., A. Berry. Agreed to alter our meeting to the second Wednesday of each month, instead of Saturday. Table show of matched pairs will be held Feb. 11, judging 7.30. Classes: Crest, Plainhead, Yorks., Bord., Scotch Fancy, Muling pairs; Bullfinch, Hyb., A.O.V., Hyb. Annual social, Feb. 11. We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers in the district. The four cups competed for at annual show will be presented to winners. We are now open to enrol fanciers wishing to join. For full particulars apply A. Berry, Sec., 30, Balgair Terrace.

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DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 3, at Mr. Geo. Barkess's, High Westwood, Mr. G. Barkess chair. Three new members were enrolled: H. Oxley, W. Yetts, and W. Creswell. In respect of his valuable services rendered during the past year it was decided to give our worthy vice-chairman, Mr. M. U. Gardiner, a small present. Mr. J. Lindsay, our late sec., in handing over to Mr. Gardiner his present, spoke very highly of this gentleman's work ever since he became a member of the society. Mr. Gardiner, in receiving his present, tendered his very best thanks to all, and said that although giving up bird-keeping, he would always do his best to keep up the name of the Derwent Valley C.B.S. Mr. Geo. Barkess also spoke of Mr. Gardiner's value, and hoped that he might wear the studs presented to him that night for many years to come. Next on the programme was a good spread, which, during the meeting, had been prepared by the following ladies: Mesdames Barkess, Curry, Tomlinson, and Lindsay, and everyone seemed to do themselves justice. After supper Mr. and Mrs. W. Tomlinson rendered a few songs, which were very warmly appreciated, this item bringing to a close one of the best meetings that has been held for a long while.—Jameson and Johnson, Secs.

ROCHDALE (Amalgamated) C.B.S.

At the above amalgamated socities' meeting at Rochdale, Jan. 10, every Society was represented, and Burnley O.S. sent delegate to get particulars. A great deal of business was got through, allotting a grand list of specials, etc., and everything points to a good entry. Members must make their entries to their own society's Sec., who will then forward them to the Gen. Sec. At the time of printing schedule specials had not been allotted, members will get the list at their meeting. Afterwards the delegates visited the show room and expressed their opinion that the room was a very suitable one.—Wm. Adams, Gen. Sec.

THATTO HEATH O.S.

Fourth general annual meeting held Jan. 5th, Railway Hotel, when a fair number attended. Mr. H. Enever chair. Show business was gone into, distribution of schedules, etc., date of show fixed for Jan. 24. Mr. Chas. Houlton judge. Officials for 1914: Pres., Mr. J. Ashton; Vice-Pres., Dr. Cotton, Dr. Wilson, Mr. T. Birchall, Mr. Grecnall, Mr. Whitley; Chair, Mr. H. Enever; Vice, Mr. J. T. Greenall; Tres., Mr. J. Leather; Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Cuttler. Special meeting was arranged for Jan. 19 to allot specials for show; members will oblige by making it convenient to attend, as this is most important. Subs. are due at this special meeting. Mr. J. France was elected a member.—H. Cuttler, Hon. Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Annual meeting held Jan 10, Thos. Wildridge (Pres.) in the chair. Balance sheet approved. The following were appointed office bearers for 1914: Pres., Thos. Wildridge; Vice-Pres., Wm. Grewar; Sec. and Treas., A. Dickson; Auditors, J. W Hodgis and A. Watt. Alterations in rules were made. Rule 3, 12 on Committee instead of 9. The following were appointed: Messrs. Strachan, Barclay, Spence, Watt, Langan; Scrutineers, M. Smith and Jas. McLeod. Alteration in Rule 15: Members can nominate all their birds at shows; but the three birds to count for points to be nominated F. and K.P.C. cup or Novice, as the case may be. Points to count as formerly—6 for first, and so on. Five members to form quorum. Prizes won during the year were presented. On a discussion on how to increase our membership, it was thought it might be advisable to grant our patronage to 6 shows instead of 4, and also to distribute patronage to a wider area. The President then presented the Sec. with a token of esteem subscribed by the members. Balance from club show, 9 6. Norwich Plainhead breeders in Fife who are not members should now make an effort to join and help to bear a share of the work which, after all, is for their benefit. Information can be had from A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty.

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BOSCOMBE'S OPEN SHOW.

A Nice Array of Quality, but No Foreigners on View.

Mr. Martin Cook and his hardworking committee of the Boscombe and District C.B. Assn., are to be unreservedly congratulated on the result of their labours in connection with the show of cage birds held in that delightful venue, The St. John's Parish Hall, Boscombe, on January 20th and 21st. The society is a most progressive one, and made special efforts to cater for all fanciers in the liberal schedule provided. The greatest possible care was taken of the exhibits, and the management throughout left nothing to be desired.

The list of officials includes Mr. H. Page Croft, M.P., president; Mr. F. H. Loveless, chairman; Mr. H. Meager, vice; whilst the committee comprises the names of Loveless, Cook, Basten, Butler, Calvert, Airs, East, Hinves, Hutchins, Matcham, Hames and Sims; the hon. treasurer, W. Basten, and auditor, A. T. Stainer. A particularly strong classification for British and Foreign was given, whilst in the Canary section the Norwich, Yorks., and Borders received special attention.

Unfortunately the whole of the Foreign classes had to be cancelled for want of support, a rather surprising fact, considering that no other show was being held on the date, but, notwithstanding the loss of the entire foreign section, entries came up well as a whole, the Canary and British classes being strong all round, and competition was exceptionally keen. The hon. sec., Mr. M. Cook, had all arrangements well in hand, and everything went smoothly, excepting that the light prevailing on the day was rather bad, and rendered the judge's task no easy one. In consequence, that well-known and popular judge, Mr. J. Robson, had a very hard day's work, which, however, he discharged with his customary care and conscientiousness.

NORWICH CL. YELL.: 1, Midgley, grand body, good head, nice quality and col.; 2, Richards, nice cobby body, grand col. and qual., not quite the size; 3, Miles, nice type and qual., fails a little in head; vhc, Cook; hc, Howard; c, Briant. BUFF: 1, C. W. Silk, a bouncer, hot col., nice type and qual.; 2, Miles, hot col., nice flights, not quite the size; 3, Cook, a little model, grand head and neck, a little on the small side; vhc, Taylor; hc, Potter. TKD.: 1, Midgley, eye and wing mkd. buff, deep chest, nicely mealed, rare qual.; 2, vhc, Miles, grand type and qual., nice col.; 3, Pearce, eye mkd., good qual. and col., loses in size only; hc, c, Briant. HEN, BUFF: 1, Miles, bonny hen, rare size, good head, nice type and qual.; 2, Briant, eye mkd., good type, loses subs.; 3, Allen, nice type, good qual., not quite the size; 4, Cook, nice typical hen, again rather small. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Midgley, bonny bulf, rare head and neck, nice wings, short tail; 2, Clark, not quite so good in head, and inclined to get his wings up a bit; 3, Cook, nice body, good head, not quite the flights of winner; 4, Allen, wing mkd., good type and qual., nice col.; vhc, Sik; hc, Cook; c, Calvert. HEN: 1, Midgley, topping buff, nice silky feather, grand type and col.; 2, Silk (C. W.), head and wing mkd., not quite the subs.; 3, Cook, short cobby yell., loses size; 4, hc, Allen, wing mkd. yell., nice type and col. NOV. YELL.: 1, Stubbs Bros., monster for size, good head, short neck, nice type, qual. and col.; 2, 3, Sampson, eye tkd., short cobby body, good head, nice col., 3rd nice type, loses in subs.; 4 Airs, nice qual., just a bit too long for our liking; vhc, Daldy; hc, Paver; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, Paver, rare size, good head and neck, nice quality; 2, Stubbs Bros., well up in size, inclined to get too high on leg; 3, Hall, nice qual., good head and neck, not quite the size of the leaders; 4, Briant, nice qual. and col., unsteady, or might have been higher; vhc, Walker; hc, Bradshaw and Smith; c, Simpson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Hawes Bros., both grand types and qual., good length; 3, Richards, varieg., loses in length; 4, Clark, nice quality and col., not quite the style; vhc, Smith; hc, Holliday. BUFF: 1, 2, Hawes Bros., long, slim, upstanding, good qual.; 3 no name, stylish, beautiful feather; 4, Holliday, beautiful qual.; nice type and col.; vhc, Howick; hc, Clark; c, Fulford. A.O.V.: 1, Holliday, bonny bird, feather like wax, straight as a rush, a real good one; 2, Smith, good length, nice type, not the finish of winner; 3, Richards, loses in style here; 4, Gay, nice head, not quite the length; vhc, Smith. NOV. YELL.: 1, Cooper, nice length, grand style, good qual. and col.; 2, 4, Cooke, varieg., nice style and qual.; 4, cl., good style, loses in qual.; 3, Etheridge, good type and qual; vhc, hc, Edwards; c, Troke. BUFF: 1, Egerton, beautiful type, qual., and colour, nice style; 2, Cooper, nice type, good qual., a bit down in col.; 3, vhc, Hann, nice qual. and col., loses in length; 4, Troke, rather rough, had been washing. BORD.: 1, Burton Bros., bonny little yellow., nice jaunty carr., lovely shape, qual. of the best; 3, Edwards, tkd. yell., nice qual., not quite the style. HEN: 1, Marriott, beautiful yell., nice carr., good qual.; 2, Claydon, wing mkd.. nice type, beautiful qual.; 3, Edwards, yell., not quite the style of the others; 4, Pearce, good carr.; vhc, Smith; hc, Burton Bros. NOV. YELL.: 1, Elston, 3-pointed yell., nice style and qual.; 2, no name, very nice cl.; 3, 4, Wall, cinn. and cl., both nice type and qual. BUFF: 1, Kay, regular little swell, good type, beautiful qual.; 2, Swatridge, nice type, not quite the qual. or style; 3, vhc, Wall, cinn., nice carr., good col.; 4, Elston, cinn. mkd., nice style, good carr. NON-FED: 1, 3, Parsons, two bonny Norwich, grand type and qual., good col.; 2, no name, Nor., good head, nice cobby body. PAIRS: 1, Cook, Nor., good type, qual. and col., well up in size; 2, Kearl, Crest cock and C.B. hen, good shape and length of feather, hen rather small, good head and feather; 3, Harris, nice pair of greens.-Yorks., well matched; vhc, Cook, nice pair of greens.-MULE, LIGHT CAN.: 1, 3, Lamb, eye mkd., noted winner, in grand fettle; 3, variegated yell., not the subs.; 2, Gunnell, varieg. yell., rare size, hot col., in rare trim; vhc, Jones. DARK, EXCEPT CAN. BULLF.: 1, Lamb, regular bouncer, hot col., beautiful qual.; 2, 4, Haslam, fine Siskin-Can., good size and col.; 4, Linnet-Can., not quite the size or col.; 3, vhc, Juby, Linnet Mule, well up in size; c, Daldy. HYB., INCLUD. CAN.-BULLF.: 1, Howick, Can.-Bullie, grand col., not in so good form as we have seen him; 2, 3, 4, Lamb, monster Can.-Bullie, must have run winner very hard, perhaps not quite so rich in col.; 3rd, Greenie-Chaffinch, real good specimen, showing parentage well; 4th, Greenie-Bullie, grand size and col.; vhc, Pool; hc, c, Collins. GOLDF.: 1, Jones, big, bouncing Finch, nice blaze, beautiful tannings, fine feather, steady, shows well; 2, 3, Jeffreys, nice Finch, not the best of shape in blaze; 3rd, bit too slim, not enough of him; 4, Pool, nice col., good tannings; vhc, Burr, one of the smartest in the class, looks like the Brighton winner; hc, Parsons; c, Kearl. GOLDF., E.M.: 1, Wren, well up in size, nice square blaze, good wings, nicely tanned; 2, Airs, good blaze, nice wings and buttons, little to choose; 3, Cheney, very smart, nicely shaped blaze, good tanning; 4, Francis, good size, nice blaze, good col.; vhc, hc, Hutchings; c, Kearl. BULLF.: 1, 4, and CAGE BIRDS Diploma, Burr, rare Finch, extra fine size, good cap and bars, and such a colour, one of the best we have seen this season; 4th, well up in size, but a bit down in col.; 2, Cheney, another good one, beautiful col., shines like satin, good cap and bars; 3, Jones, smaller, but beautiful cap and polish; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Hinves; c, Howick; very good class. LINNET or TWITE: 1, Nicholas, fine bold bird, nice rich col., beautifully pencilled; 2, Jeffreys, beautiful sound-coloured Twite; 3, Jones, bonny Linnet, nice rich col., well mkd.; 4, Bancroft, rich col.; vhc, Cook; hc, Burr; c, Francis. REDPOLL or SISKIN: 1, no name, lovely Redpoll, nice rich col., well mkd.; 2, Marriott, very nice Siskin, good cap and lacing; 3, c, Butler, Lesser Redpoll, loses a little in col.; 4, Francis, a monster Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Cook; hc, Basten. GREENF., CHAFF., ETC.: 1, Bancroft, a monster Greenie, round rich col.; 2, Jeffreys, bonny Chaffinch, rich breast, a good one all over; 3, 4, Francis, Bramble, nice rich col., fine size; 4th, bonny Greenfinch; vhc, Hinves; hc, Portman; c, Parsons. A.O.V.: 1, Jones, monster Yellowhammer, beautiful V markings, a real good one all over; 2, 3, Francis, Hawfinch, good size, nice bib, rich col.; 3rd, noted Corn Bunting; vhc, Cheney; hc, Portman; c, Orange. MEMB. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Downing Farrar, a trio of real good typical Norwich. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Mrs. Downing Farrar, eye-tkd. leading, nice type, short feather; 2, Cook, nice type and qual.; not quite the subs.; 4, Calvert, nice type, good head and neck, loses size; hc, Hinves. HEN: 1, 2, Basten two nice hens, but wee bit small, beautiful feather; 3, Sims, nice head, short neck; 4, c, two cl. yellows, lose in subs.; vhc, Airs; hc, Calvert. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Edwards, cl., long, slim bird, good qual. and style; 2, Harris, variegated, good bird, not quite the length; 3, Hutchins, tkd., nice type, good qual. and style; 4, Lydford, cl., nice style; vhc, Corbin. BUFF: 1, Harris, cl., straight as a rush, nice qual. and col.; 2, 3, Edwards, nice typical birds, could do with a bit more length and col.; vhc, Corbin; c, Calvert. HEN: 1, 4, Edmunds, two real good hens, nice silky feather; 2, Harris, just a shade shorter, nice qual.; 3, vhc, Corbin. CHALLENGE CUP: All the prizes and cup to Mr. Cook with 4 real good unlighted Norwich. AMAT. CUP: 1, cup, hc, Edwards, real good Yorks., nice style, beautiful qual., well shown; 2, Lydford, yellow Nor., short and cobby, good head and neck; 3, Basten, nice yell. Nor., well shown; vhc, Airs; c, Harris. NOV. CUP: 1, cup, 4, Sims, two real good buff Nor., short and typical; 2, Sims, another good one; 3, hc, Loveless, mkd. buff, rather longer body; vhc, c, Haines. MULE OR HYB.: 1, we could not find; 2, Butler, Goldie-Can.; 3, vhc, Hinves, Greenie and Goldie Mules. BRIT.: 1, Hinves, nice Bramble; 2, Cook; 3, hc, Butler; 4, Hutchins; hc, Fisher.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Members' old show held in the Assembly Rooms, a capital hall for exhibits and visitors alike. A record entry greeted the judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), whose awards were well received. Norwich were a hot lot, and would have done credit to an open show. Yorks. were not up to previous standard, but a very level lot were staged. The society is in a sound financial position. We notice some well-known all-England exhibitors on the committee. The four silver cups, which are won outright every year, provided very keen rivalry. Mr. W. H. Williams, Llangoed, won champ. Nor. cup; Yorks. champ. cup was won by Mr. E. Richards, Chester, a very popular win; novice cup went to Mr. Helsby Frodsham; and Brit. to Messrs. Harrison and Rogers, Shotton. The hon. sec., Mr. Simpson, is the right man for the job, being a wholehearted fancier, who knows his work. He was paying out at 4 o'clock. With a little advertisement say, for a fortnight before the show, no doubt the Welsh fanciers would come down for the half-day, and a few extra pounds would be taken at the gate.

NOR., CL. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Williams; 2, Swindley; vhc, Jones and Chester; hc, Redfern; c, Bennett. BUFF (8): 1, Woodfine; 2, Bennett; 3, Williams; vhc, Redfern; hc, Gardner and Thompson; c, J. Jones. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Jones; 2, H. Jones; 3, Johnson; vhc, Woodfine; hc, Jones and Chester; c, Boswell. BUFF (6): 1, Williams; 2, Harrison and Rogers; 3, Gardner and Thompson; vhc, hc, Jones and Chester; c, H. Jones. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Gardner and Thompson; 2, Bennett; vhc, Harrison and Rogers; hc, H. Jones; c, Jones and Chester. BUFF (14): 1, Gardner and Thompson; 2, Harrison and Rogers; 3, Bennett; vhc Redfern; hc, Bradbury; c, Swindley. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, hc, Gardner and Thompson; 2, Jones and Chester; 3, H. Jones; vhc, Woodfine; c, Bennett. BUFF (8): 1, Harrison and Rogers; 2, Gardner and Thompson; 3, Swindley; vhc, Redfern; hc, J. Jones; c, Jones and Chester. NON-FED (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Jones and Chester; 3, Bennett. NOR. YELL. NOV. (6): 1, vhc, Cavanagh; 2, Hall; 3, hc, H. Jones; w.e., Roberts. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Bradbury; 2, Johnson; vhc, hc, c, Hall; w.c., Roberts. YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Butler; 2, Richards; 3, Bradbury; vhc, Boswell; hc, Parker; c, Farrell. BUFF (6): 1, Redfern; 2, Boswell; 3, Harrison and Rogers; vhc, Parker; hc, Farrell; c, R. N. Williams. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Dutton; 2, 3, c, Richards; vhc, Bradbury; hc, Jones and Chester. BUFF (6): 1, Farrell; 2, R. N. Williams; 3, Dutton; vhc, Harrison and Rogers; hc, Parker; c, Bradbury. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Johnson; 2, Boswell; 3, Harrison and Rogers; vhc, Redfern; hc, Parker; c, Butler. BUFF (15): 1, Richards; 2, Johnson; 3, Harrison and Rogers; vhc, Dutton; hc, Butler; c Redfern. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Richards; 2, Harrison and Rogers; 3, Jones and Chester; c, Redfern. BUFF (9): 1, Bradbury; 2, Parker; 3, vhc, Hickson; hc, Dutton; c, Jones and Chester. NON-FED (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Jones and Chester; R. N. Williams, dis., YELL. YORKS., NOV. (17): 1, Johnson; 2, hc, Helsby; 3, Barnes; vhc, Bradbury; c, Roberts; w.c., Wright. BUFF. (10): 1, vhc, Helsby; 2, Barnes; 3, hc, Bradbury; c, Johnson. PAIRS (2): 1, Parker; 2, Richards. A.O.V. (1): 1, Swindley. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Whitlow; 2, Redfern; 3, hc, Hall; vhc, Boswell; c, Roberts. GOLDF. (6): 1, W. H. Williams; 2, Redfern; 3, Harrison and Rogers; vhc, Swindley; hc, Roberts; w.c., Boswell. BULLF. (9): 1, W. H. Williams; 2, Harrison and Rogers; 3, vhc, hc, Simpson; c, Hall. LINNET (5): 1, Redfern; 2, Harrison and Rogers; 3, Hall; vhc, Woodfine; hc, Boswell. A.O. HARD-BILL (6): 1, 2, W. H. Williams; 3, Boswell; vhc, Harrison and Rogers; hc, Redfern; c, Windsor.

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CLACKMANNANSHIRE C.B.S.

Show held Co-operative Hall, Alloa, Dec. 6. Entries were about 300, considerably in excess of recent years. The hall is an ideal place for a bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The society is to be congratulated on having such a fine lot of officials; at the head of which is the sec. Mr. W. W. Duncan, who kept everything up to time. He was well assisted by a hard-working committee. Mr. P. Arnott won rose bowl for most points in Brit. and For., and medal, most points in show; cup most points Canary sec., A. Moir. Messrs. Clubb, Hutton, and Rodger put down some extra good Nor., and Mr. D. Cock in Borders had a field day, he was simply unbeatable. Perhaps the most attractive were the British and Foreign. Mr. Arnott's beautiful Sugar Bird came in for a lot of admiration, as did the winning Goldie of Mr. Allan, a perfect picture. The show was visited by a good crowd, who seemed highly interested. Mr. J. M'Lay judged Canaries, and Mr. R. V. Raine Brit. and For., and they seemed to give every satisfaction to a crowd of the most sportsmanlike fanciers one could wish to meet.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (6): 1, Strathearn; 3, 4, sp, Harrower; 5, Anderson; 6, J. Westwood. HEN (4): 1, Brown; 2, sp, Strathearn; 3, Harrower; 4, Westwood. YOUNG CK. (1): 1, Strathearn. HEN (6): 1, sp, Strathearn; 2, Anderson; 3, 5, 6, Harrower; 4, Brown. CREST (10): 1, sp, 3, 5, 7, Moir; 4, sp, Angus; 6, Beaton. CK., YOUNG (3): 1, sp, Wood; 2, Moir; 3, Angus. HEN, YOUNG: 1, 3, Moir; 2, McIntosh; 4, sp, Angus; 5, Prentice; 6, Woods. C.B., OLD (12): 1, 2, sp, 4, 5, 6, Moir; 3, Prentice. CK., YOUNG: 1, 2, sp, Moir; 3, Woods; 4, Prentice. HEN, YOUNG (4): 1, Beaton; 2, Angus; 3, Moir; 4, Woods. NOR. CK., OLD (5): 1, Hutton; 2, sp, 3, sp, Rodger; 4, Mitchell; 5, Club. HEN (2): 1, Rodger; 2, Hutton. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK., YOUNG (4): 1, sp, Clubb; 2, 4, Prentice; 3, Rodger. BUFF (5): 1, 5, Prentice; 2, sp, Hutton; 3, sp, Clubb; 4, Rodger. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Hutton; 2, sp, 3, sp, Rodger; 4, Prentice; 5, Clubb. BUFF HEN, YOUNG (5): 1, sp, Rodger; 2, Hutton; 3, Clubb; 4, 5, Prentice. VARIEG. OR GR., YOUNG (8): 1, 5, Clubb; 2, Hislop; 3, Prentice; 4, sp, Hutton; 6, Rodger. NON-FED, OLD (7): 1, sp, Rodger; 2, 4, Hutton; 3, 6, Clubb; 5, Prentice. YOUNG (7): 1, sp, Hutton; 2, sp, 3, Clubb; 4, Clubb; 5, Prentice; 6, Woods. NOR. (open to members who never before competed) (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, McIntosh; 4, McDonald. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, 2, sp, 3, Hislop; 4, 5, Cock; 6, Anderson. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Cock; 2, 4, sp, Hislop; 5, Anderson. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Cock; 3, sp, Hislop; 4, Anderson; 5, Prentice. BUFF (7): 1, 3, 4, Cock; 2, sp, 6, Hislop; 5, Anderson. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, Cock; 3, Hislop; 4, Prentice; 5, 6, Bremner. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Cock; 4, Bremner; 5, Anderson; 6, Prentice. SELF FOUL GR. OR CINN. CK.: 1, Cock; 2, Hislop. HEN: 1, sp, 2, Cock. BORD. (members who have never previously shown) (11): 1, 3, 5, McDonald; 2, 4, Miss Forsyth; 6, Porter. A.O.V. CAN. (6): all McIville. GOLDF. (13): 1, sp, Allan, fine flush face, well tanned, good buttons, best of cond., shines like satin; 2, sp, Rodger, similar, but wants more polish; 3, Hutton, another good size, well tanned; 4, Arnot; 5, 6, Honeyman. BULLF.: 1, Honeyman, wants a little more size and would be bad to stop; 2, 6, Arnot, a little rough at thighs, or might have won; 3, Clubb, better col., but not the same cond.; 4, sp, Clubb; 5, Mitchell. BRAMBLEF. OR CHAFF.: 1, 2, Arnot, good Chaffie and nice Bramble; 3, Prentice, Bramble; 4, Adderson, Chaffie. LINNET (10), a lot of good F.M. in this class, but were all unsteady yet except the winner: 1, 4, Clubb; 2, 6, Honeyman, good H.M., unsteady; 3, Cock; 5, Melville. GREENF. (5), all nat. col.: 1, Mitchell, easy win, excels size and cond., well shown, very steady; 2, 4, Arnot; 3, Honeyman; 5, Hutton. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 3, sp, Arnot, Siskin, good yell. col., and nice Twite, well mkd., shown well; 2, Hutton, Redpoll, very neat, well laced, and good col.; 4, 6, Arnot; 5, Honeyman. MULE (10), good class: 1, Clubb, Goldie, dark yell., well polished, but on the small side; 2, sp, Arnot, varieg. Goldie, small, but good qual.; 3, Harrower, good varieg. Linnet; 4, sp, Anderson; 5, Rodger. HYB. (2): 1, Bremner, Goldie-Greenie, rare size, good col., A1 order; 2, Allan, same cross. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Hutton, Goldie and Bullie; 2, Anderson, Greenie and Bullie; 3, Arnot, Goldie and Bullie, soft, or might have won. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, Hutton, good Bullie; 2, Bremner, good Skylark, in fine order, well shown; 3, Hutton, Greenie; 4, Arnot; 5, Melville; 6, Allan. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Arnot. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, sp, Arnot, Black Redstart and a good Blackcap, both fit to win anywhere. BRIT. (members who have not competed at open show) (3): 1, sp, 2, Miss Forsyth, very nice Siskin and 'Poll; 3, McDonald, Linnet. FOR. (8), the most attractive class in the show, all except one belong to Mr. Arnot, who has one of the best teams of foreigners seen at Scotch shows: 1, Lovely Sugar Bird, unfortunately a bit soft; 2, extra good pair of Cordon Bleus; 3, Tricolour Tanager; 4, Rodger, very pretty Yellow Budgerigars; 5, Shama; 6, Orange-breasted Waxbills. PET BIRDS, BOYS and GIRLS (19), largest class in show: 1, 2, A. Hill, both Norwich; 3, J. Wood, pair Budgerigars; 4, Mary Sloan; 5, J. Lyon; 6, A. Wood.

GUISBOROUGH PRIORY C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held Jan. 10, Chaloner Hall, a most suitable hall, being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries numbered 120, very good for so few members. Mr. A. Wake, Middlesbrough, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Spl. for best Yorks., R. Harrison; spl. and silver medal for best Nov. Yorks., Burrows; Sandiford's medal, J. G. Cook; Mr. J. Little's best unflig. Nov. Nor., R. Husband.

CHAMP. YELL. or MKD. YORKS. CK.: 1, c, Barker; 2, hc, Allison; 3, Hall; vhc, Cook. BUFF: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, 3, hc, c, Barker. UNFLIG.: 1 2, Barker; 3, vhc, hc, Cook; c, Hall. HEN YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Barker; 2, Hall; c, Cook. NOR. YELL. CL. or MKD. CK.: 1, Mays; 2, Cook; 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, Mays; 2, Cook; 3, Barker; vhc, Hall. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Barker; vhc, hc, c, Mays. NOR. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, c, Mays; 2, Cook; hc, Barker. NOV. YELL. CL. or MKD. YORKS. CK.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Husband; vhc, Wilson; hc, Marsey. BUFF: 1, Marsey; 2, Harrison; 3, Wilson; vhc, Husband. UNFLIG.: 1, hc, Harrison; 2, 3, Husband; vhc, Wilson; c, Marsey. HEN YORKS.: 1, Husband; 2, 3, Marsey; vhc, Waraker; hc, Wilson; c, Harrison. NOR. YELL. CL. or MKD. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Husband; vhc, Waraker. BUFF: 1, Marsey; 2, 3, Husband. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Husband; vhc, Waraker. HEN: 1, 3, Husband; 2, vhc, c, Marsey; hc, Waraker. OPEN CAN.: 1, 2, vhc, Hall; 3, Cook. MULE or HYB.: 1, vhc, Husband; 2, 3, Allison. BRIT.: 1, Cook; 2, Husband; 3, hc, c, Allison; vhc, Waraker.—Wm. Waraker.

STRANRAER.

Successful show held Dec. 12, with a very good entry. Mr. McMeekin judged, and his awards met with approval.

NOR.: All Devoy and McCready, the former taking all awards in each of the three classes. MULE (8): 1, 3, Heron, both Goldf.-Bullies, very nice indeed, feathered like wax, beautifully shown; 2, Davidson; 4, hc, Doolan; vhc, McCready; c, McWilliam. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, McCready, Goldf., extra size, fine rich coloured blaze, good wing bars and moons, wins well; 2, — —, nice Goldf., only a little bit behind winner in all-round properties; 3, Devoy, Goldf., extra good blaze and body col., bit smaller; 4, Erskine; vhc, Heron. BRIT. BULLF. (4): 1, McCready, fine breast col., good dense cap, nice wing bars; 2, Davidson, quite as good, but unsteady; 3, Irving, nice one, but not the col.; 4, Cairns. GOLDF. (5): 1, Davidson, fine tanning, good blaze, nice feather; 2, Cairns, close up, good all round; 3, hc, Devoy, nice one, loses to others in size, but a typical Britisher; 4, Jack; vhc, McCready. GREENF., ETC. (10): Good class: 1, Devoy, pretty Redpoll, steady and shows well, good deep col. and fine markings; 2, Davidson, Greenf., nice size, good col., beautifully steady; 3, Irving, close up, bit smaller if anything; 4, Erskine; vhc, Cowan; hc, Irving, jun.; c, McCready. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, vhc, Robinson, fine Scotch Fancy, good in all-round properties; 2, 4, McCready, 2nd Yorks., fine length, stands up well, lovely feather, a good one; 3, c, Devoy, Crest, fine spread, well radiated, dense leafy feather. A.O. SMALL BRIT. (5): 1, Morrison, Waxwing, silky feather, beautiful col., fine waxings; 2, Cowan, nicely mkd. Bearded Tit, steady, yet sprightly, lovely col.; 3, 4, Erskine, leader good Hawfinch, well feathered, fine col., steady; vhc, Davidson. NOV. (8): 1, 2, Devoy, jun.; 3, Jack; 4, vhc, Biddington. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, 3, McCready, leader beautiful Rosella, lovely colours, well defined; 2, Simpson, fine Amazon, lovely feather. SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, McCready, lovely team, all in best of plumage; hc, Heron; c, Simpson. GIFT: 1, 2, Devoy; 3, McCready.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual show held Wharf Hotel. 199 birds were entered—not quite up to previous years, but there was a vast improvement in quality. Mr. R. E. Hellewell, Halifax, judged, and gave satisfaction all round. There was a good attendance after judging, and the show proved to be a success.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK. (12): 1, 3, 4, sp., Stobart; 2, Priestley; vhc, c, Pickles; hc, Tattersall. BUFF (9): 1, 4, sp., Stobart; 2, c, Highley; 3, Priestley; vhc, Sunderland; hc, Crossley. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 4, vhc, sp., Stobart; 2, Priestley; 3, c, Walker; hc, Crossley. BUFF (9): 1, sp., Walker; 2, Priestley; 3, 4, Highley; vhc, Pickles; hc, Crossley; c, Sunderland. VARIEG. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 2, sp., Priestley; 3, Sunderland; 4, Stobart. HEN (4): 1, 2, sp., Priestley; 3, Stobart; 4, Highley. CINN. OR GR. YORKS. CK.: 1, sp., Highley. HEN: 1, sp., Crossley. NOV. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK. (13): 1, 4, hc, sp., Mitchell; 2, vhc, Wild; 3, c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (13): 1, sp., Mitchell; 2, 3, Wild; 4, vhc, c, Hardy; hc, Senior. YELL. HEN (7): 1, hc, sp., Mitchell; 2, 3, Senior; 4, Wild; vhc, Sutcliffe; c, Hardy. BUFF (10): 1, hc, sp., Wild; 2, 3, 4, Mitchell; vhc, Sutcliffe; c, Lumb. VARIEG. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 4, sp., Senior; 2, 3, Lumb; vhc, Wild; hc, Mitchell. HEN: 1, sp., Senior; 2, Wild; 3, Sutcliffe. CINN. OR GR. YORKS. HEN: 1, sp., Senior; 2, 3, Magson. BOTH SECTIONS, BUFF NOR. CK.: 1, sp., Magson; 2, Sunderland. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, sp., Magson. BUFF: 1, sp., Wild; 2, 3, Magson. BRIT.: 1, 4, sp., Pickles; 2, Sunderland; 3, Magson. Sectional sps.: Sandiford's medal, F. Walker; open, best Yorks. cock, E. Stobart; hen, E. Stobart; most points, E. Stobart; 2, J. E. Priestley; best vhc, F. P. Sunderland; Nor., F. P. Sunderland. Nov.: Best Yorks. cock, G. Mitchell; hen, G. Mitchell; most points, G. Mitchell; 2, and best vhc, W. Wild; best Nor., T. Magson. The new novice rose bowl, which was handsomely subscribed for by the members and a few enthusiastic gentlemen, was on view. It is a splendid special for most points in the novice section at the series of shows annually. It should be an incentive for the novices to show more than they have done in the past.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM C.S.

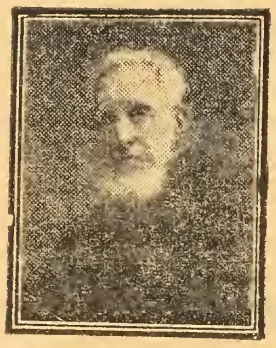
Show, held Jan. 3, Marlboro' Hotel, Small Heath. Entries fell about 15 short on last year's, but 100 birds made a fine display, and, with the weather ideal (unusual for our day), the room was well filled from opening till closing. Yorks. again topped the tree, all classes being well filled, especially the novices, and Mr. Luckman, one of the society's youngest members, did well by securing two specials for best novice and best unflig. buff. Mr. Twist exhibited a fine Siberian Bullfinch which was much admired. Special winners, Harding, Burke, Murray, Bayliss, Swindon, Raby. For the first season cups J. Burke secures champ., Swindon and Twist again tied for Nov., Mr. G. Raby won Brit., Mr. Swindon the dinner service, and Mr. Baylis president's sp. The officials gave great help in having all ready for the judge, Mr. J. H. Roe, Handsworth, whose awards met with satisfaction; judging was completed by 1 o'clock and all specials dealt with ready for show time opening. Great praise is due to Chairman Mr. Willmott, and Messrs. H. Barron, G. Raby, G. Swindon, W. Harding, G. Constable, A. Leonard, who were the principal officials, and the sec. tenders his very best thanks for their help, while the members thank most heartily the host of the Marlboro' Hotel for the way he catered for the interest and well-being of all.

CHAMP., YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL (4): 1, Burke; 2, Hughes; 3, Constable; 4, Sheppard. CLASS 8 (3): 1, Burke; 2, Constable; 3, Adcock. MKD. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, 4, Hughes; 2, 3, vhc, c, Constable; hc, Swindon. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Swindon; 2, Burke; 3, Harding. BUFF: 1, Swindon; 2, Constable. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Swindon; 3, hc, Burke; 4, Sheppard; vhc, Harding. CLASS 13 (4): 1, sp, Harding; 2, Burke; 3, Constable; 4, Hughes. BORD. (10): Principal winner, Murray, also sp. BRIT. SECTION.—CLASS 43 (6): 1, 2, 3, sp, Raby; 4, Barnett. CLASS 44 (2): Barnett. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, 4, vhc, Raby; 2, Johnson; 3, Barnett; hc, Twist; c, Johnson. FOR. (2): 1, Twist; 2, Barnett. NOV., YORKS. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4, Bayliss; 2, Barron. BUFF (2): 1, Bayliss; 2, Rees. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, Bayliss; 2, Barron; hc, c, Leonard. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, sp, Luckman; 2, 3, hc Bayliss; 4, Rees. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Raby.—J. Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

HONLEY C.B.S.

Last members' show of the season held Coach and Horses, Jan. 17, Mr. Ralph Greensmith judged. Mr. J. T. Mosley won medal for most points with best three birds in four shows, Mr. Fred Greensmith won the second by one point. Principal winners were: F. Castle, J. T. Mosley, F. Greensmith, F. Ellis.—F. Castle, sec.

RHEUMATISM



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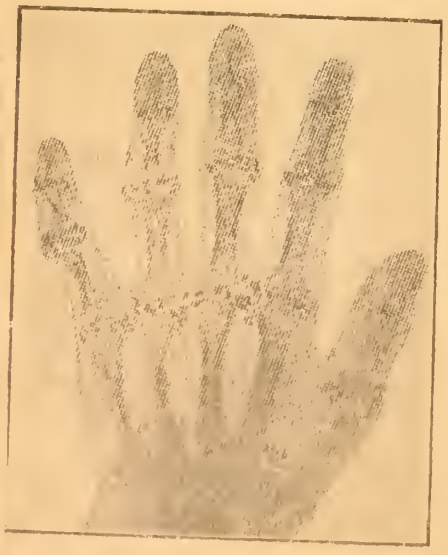

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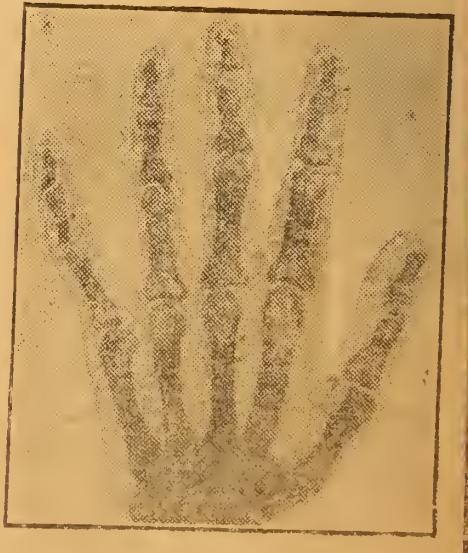

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EXCHANGE two Thrushes, two Blackbirds, Starling (cocks) for cock Canaries or Roller hens; offers: Sargent, Wentworth, Parkstone. (1224)

COCK Yellowhammer, like a Canary, Lark, Linnet, Greenfinch; exchange lot two hen Canaries: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1242)

WILL sell or exchange Canary reared cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, and glazier's diamond: Chas. Ashman, Diamond Villa, Highworth, Wilts. (1234)

COCK Linnet, hen Goldfinch, 2/6; cock Hawfinch, 6/-; 3 cock Greenfinches, 1/6; approval, deposit: Conie, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingboro'. (1230)

COCK Linnet Mule, Mealy Redpoll, Lesser Redpoll, pair Greenfinches; exchange hen Canaries, or offers: Thomas Cole, 77, Butchers-lane, Cradley. (1230)

COCK brown Linnet, full song, Goldfinch cock, Greenfinch; exchange cock Canary in full song: Arthur Taylor, Warre st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1262)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, for good Yorkshire hen; also good pair Yorkshires; exchange anything: Rowe, Brunswick-rd., Shoreham, Sussex. (1231)

EXCHANGE two selected cock Linnets, Lesser Redpoll, for large cock Greenfinches: offers; approval; yours first: Showler, Hellensleo Cottages, Bathgate. (1228)

TWO cock Linnets, splendid condition, 3/6; or exchange cock Blackbird or cock Goldfinch; must be steady: David Low, 48, Loanhead-ter., Aberdeen. (1231)

EXCHANGE cock muling Linnet and hen Canary, with a good double breeder, for a good Roller cock: G. Rockett, 10, Whitson-av., Bedlington, Northumberland. (1226)

BULLIE, 2nd Middlesbro, 4th Malton, etc., 15/-, including show cage; offers; hardbills to moult for exhibition; yours first: Ernest Watson, Kirbymoorside. (1228)

GRAND steady Thrush, including cage, 7/6; exchange Mule, Goldfinches, anything; what offers: Wm. Coombes, 14, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool. (1224)

WILL give monster exhibition cock Linnet for pair Canaries, or 3 hens, or pair Mules, or 5 hens, or anything useful: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1231)

VARIEGATED colour-fed Bullfinch type Norwich cock, exchange for Master Roller, no chopper, or sell 12/6; yours first: John Dullenty, 28, Percy-st., Fleetwood. (1224)

SPLENDID cocks, Goldfinch, 3/-; Bullfinch, 2/-; yellow Greenfinch, 2/-; Chaffinch, 2/-; Linnet, 1/6; Mealy Redpoll, 1/-; exchange offers: Arnold, High-st., Raunds. (1230)

EXCHANGE two pairs of high-class flying tipplers, flown 14 hours, for good Roller cock or h.m. Goldfinch; approval: F. Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (1232)

WILL exchange a house-moulted cock Siskin and a pair of cock Goldfinches for pair of Yorkshires; no rubbish wanted: J. Swarbrick, Bridge-st., Cootehill, Ireland. (1231)

EXCHANGE h.m. Linnet, ditto Greenfinch, ditto Chaffinch, ditto Redpoll, all cocks, for O.E. Spangled Bantam pullets: T. Ross, Waterloo-rd., New Prestwick, Ayr. (1225)

WANTED, large hand-reared exhibition cock Jay, 1913 bird preferred; exchange powerful militia air rifle, cost 21/-, or sell, lowest 9/-; mutual approval: T. McDiarmid, Sunnyside House, Parkpl., Stirling. (1278)

GOOD pair Hawfinches, 8/6; large H.-M. cock Bullfinch, 6/-; 3 cock Chaffinches, 2 Greenfinches, 2/-; extra large line ferret, good rabbiter, 5/6: exchange anything: T. Prior, 5, Dickenson's-pl., Woodside, Sth. Norwood. (1230)

GOOD dark Linnet mule, exchange for Bullie hens, of sell 7/6; house-moulted Linnet, good bird and muler, 7/6; good dark Twite mule, 5/-; house-moulted Twite, 5/-: Muir and Heemen, 14, Smithy Croft, Arbroath. (1230)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or Foreign birds; note, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Canaries.

TWO pairs of Norwich Roller crossed, 7/6 a pair; sale or exchange: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (1233)

NORWICH cock and two hens 12/6; or exchange for good Buff Yorkshire cock: Clubbe, 33, Louise-st., Chester. (1236)

SELL or exchange, two Norwich hen Canaries, beautiful hen Goldie Mule, 4/6: Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield. (1211)

WHAT offers in Norwich for Edison Gem phonograph, cost 40/-; letters only: Sleigh, 1, York-bldgs., Edinburgh. (1207)

SIX new adjustable brass show hat stands, cost 12/-; exchange birds, or sell: Fry, Hopetown, Ashley-vale, Bristol. (224)

HEN Hawfinch: will exchange for Yorkshire hen; wanted, few hen Canaries cheap: Booker, 90, Alpha-rd., Surbiton. (1238)

EXCHANGE two good Crested cocks, yellow and buff, for good Buff Norwich cock, must be good stock bird: Newton, 6, Armstrong rd., Willington Quay. (1233)

SIX Norwich hen Canaries; exchange for fowls or anything useful: Couldridge, 54, Centuary-rd., Walthamstow. (1192)

EXCHANGE 2 Roller cock Canaries for Crest cock, or sell 17/-; yours first: Nelmes, 85, High-st., Blaenavon, Mon. (1227)

OFFERS wanted in Canaries for baby's three position high, in new condition: A. R., 53, Butt-rd., Southwick, Sussex. (1226)

GIVE 2 Norwich yellow cocks, 1913, Iron's strain, for buff 1912 Norwich big cock: Watson, Manual, Ashby, Doncaster. (1229)

CWM high-class Roller hens (rung); exchange pick 1 P.M. British Mule, or softbilled songster, sell 7/-: 51, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (1241)

ENGLISH pheasants, tame, cock and hen; exchange best offer Norwich hens: Thompson, 124, Hampstead-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1232)

WANTED, young pullets; exchange live young Roller cock Canaries (fowls first): Wragg, 59, Elton-st., Walkley, Sheffield. (1230)

TRUE pair 1913 Rollers, exchange two large Norwich-type genuine Sib hens; approval: Gibbon, 55, Peel-terr., Stafford. (1228)

WILL Exchange three large unflighted Norwich hens for two cock Mules; mutual approval: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1149)

EXCHANGE two clear Buff Norwich hens for good Clear Buff Norwich cock; approval: Brown, 24, Devonshire-st., Workington. (1234)

EXCHANGE hand camera and safety razor, valued 12/6, for good Yorkshire hen; yours first: Todd, Eton-st., West Hartlepool. (1267)

NORWICH green cock, 8/6; Border green hen, vhe Warrington, 4/6; buffs: Clare, Bootmaker, 78, Knut-ford-rd., Warrington. (1228)

WILL exchange two unflighted Bull Norwich cocks for large unflighted Yellow Norwich hen; yours first: H. Pinnell, Warminster. (1233)

FOUR pairs Norwich C.F., Vardy's, 38/- lot: one pair worth money; exchange; approval, deposit: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds. (1234)

FEW good Cinnamon Border cocks, for sale or exchange, for selected British; approval both ways: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire. (1240)

PIKE rod, reel, line, gaff, several live and dead bait tackle, cost 29/-, sell 12/6; exchange Norwich good cock: Lidgett, Grocer, Newark. (1234)

FOUR large hen Bullfinches, one cock, 6/-; exchange unflighted Norwich, Yorkshire, or Crestbred hens: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex. (1232)

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock and 3 yellow hens, for scales, with weights, anything useful: Knowles, 47, Acregate Lane, Preston, Lancashire. (1214)

WILL exchange Yellow cock Norwich for Muling hen Yellow, Cinnamon, or Green, value of mine 12/6: Allan Thomson, Croft-pl., Larkhall. (1222)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers, for scrap brass, copper, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley, Yorkshire. (1223)

DISC records, new, exchange yellow Yorkshire or Norwich hens, house-moulted, muling Goldfinch: Jeffrey, 209, York-rd., Battersea, London. (1228)

WANTED, gramophone or cabinet, exchange Roller Canaries, new cutlery, miniature range rifle: Parker, 25, Woodseats House-rd., Sheffield. (1211)

WANTED, Crested cock, Crestbred hen; exchange Norwich cock, two hens, unflighted, or sell 18/-; yours first: Dack, Worlingham Hall, Beccles. (1235)

WANTED, Canaries, will give smart, even marked fox terrier dog, even marked, 16 months, clean, good guard, 25/-: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

EXCHANGE 1913 fine large cock Linnet Mule, cock Goldfinch Mule, for good young Norwich cock; sell, 12/6: R. Burman, 8, Maygrove-rd., Great Yarmouth.

FOR sale Cinnamon Yorkshires, 8/6 pair; or exchange pair good Crestbred Canaries or good Yorkshire terrier pup: 51, Vere-rd., Wadsby Bridge, Sheffield. (1235)

BRAMBLEFINCH and show cage, winner; exchange for three 1913 marked singing Canaries, must be clean; approval: T. Young, Boca Chica, Cambois, Blyth. (1240)

WANTED, Pomeranian or Yorkshire Terrier, or offers in exchange two Roller cocks and 3 German hen Canaries; yours first.—Dixon, 83, Wellfield-rd., Preston. (1241)

PAIR Norwich, 15/-; Yorkshire cocks and hens from 6/- upwards; exchange Rollers or household goods, anything useful: Foster, Park-rd., Loughborough. (1235)

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, also marked buff cock, exchange two good clear yellow hens; must be typical; approval each way: Ashbridge, Ashville, Frizington, Cumb. (1225)

EXCHANGE big Crest-bred cock, year bred, for big, slim Lancashire Plainhead or Yorkshire cock yellow, roung, or sell £1; yours first: Thornton, Witch-rd., Kilmarnock. (1229)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks., Norwich, Rollers, or British, for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see advertisements Yorks., British): Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1241)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport. (1146)

SELL large variegated Crest-bred cock, 7/6; or exchange for a good yellow Plainhead Norwich cock, yours first; approval both ways: R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex. (1222)

FOR sale three Canaries, Yorkshire, Norwich, and Cinnamon, cocks, 7/6 each; or will exchange either for good Roller; all in full song; week's approval: Hairdresser, Hill-st., Rhymney, Mon. (1225)

EXCHANGE big Norwich hen, good head, buff marked, for 2 songsters, Rollers preferred; none but genuine bargain need apply; or sell, 12/6: Oakley, 104, Cherrytree-st., Elsecar, nr. Barnsley. (1229)

SALE, cock Goldfinch, Norwich hen, bred Mules; two hen Goldfinches, cock Bullfinch, cock Linnets, bred Mules; exchange two pair Norwich, or offers; yours first: Westcott, Orchard View, Tiverton, Devon. (1227)

WILL exchange Buff Green Lancashire Norwich cock and Yellow Variegated Norwich hen for Yellow Green Lancashire or Norwich cock, must be large, selling value of mine, 20/-: Allan Thomson, Croft-pl., Larkhall. (1222)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, two unflighted buff marked cocks, 15/- each; 1912 buff ticked cock, 15/-; three hens, 3/- each; or exchange anything useful; approval: D. Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1228)

PICKLES, Shawcroft-hill, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. Few cinnamon marked Yorkshires and Norwich yellow cocks left, 5/6 each; gent's silver watch, 10/-; lady's, 6/-; exchange stout yellow Norwich cock; yours first. (1235)

GRAND 1913 Crestbred cock, 7/6; large 1912 Clear Yellow Norwich hen (good head, Hodder's strain), 7/6; exchange Unflighted Yellow Norwich or Yorkshire cock; no rubbish; yours first: H., Griffiths, Bank Buildings, Llandilo. (1231)

CINN. bred, pink eyed, clear buff cock; yellow uneven marked cinn. hen; gems; also a few cinn. uneven marked yellow and buff hens, beauties, 1913, cold room bred; approval; wanted, good Goldie, Hawfinch: Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles. (1224)

WILL give in exchange good buff Crestbred cock and good Dark Crested hen, variegated body, 1911 birds, for three Lancashire coppy hens, yellow, buff, or sell for 45/-, on approval both ways: T. Brown, 2, Lydia st., Willington, Co. Durham. (1230)

Mainly Foreign.

WILL sell or exchange Parrot and cage: Chethire, 51, Crawford st., Bradford. (1230)

PARROT (Talker), with cage, 25/-, exchange Canaries or other birds; stamp reply. Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1227)

HANDSOME Green Alexandra Parrot, talking nicely, in good square cage, 21/-, exchange Canaries: H Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1227)

WILL exchange cock h.m. Grenadier, Napoleon, and Orange Weavers (out of colour) for Waxbills, or sell 2/-: 12, Wellington-st., Swindon. (1224)

TWO pairs Green Budgerigars, one pair Yellows, ready for nesting, 14/- lot: exchange hen Canaries: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1227)

A SPLENDID young Indian Parrot, make good talker, 10/6, with new cage complete 15/-, or exchange birds, anything: Mrs. Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1234)

ADULT outdoor-bred hen Zebra Finch, 4/6; cock Cockatiel, 5/6: exhibition cock Redpoll, can win, 5/-; exchange Budgerigars, anything: Minikin, Clay Hall, Thwaites, Keighley. (1238)

EXCHANGE: Mercantile marine officer offers pure White (lemon crested) Cockatoo, thorough pet, linger tame, perfect show specimen, accept 30/-; or exchange Canaries; also small tame pet Monkey, 2 years, thoroughly acclimatised, clean, healthy, accept 45/-, or offers; approval, deposit (dealers ignored): Jepson, 18, Elmswood Aven., Moss Side, Manchester. (1236)

Miscellaneous.

12 pigeons, flyers, mixed, for good pair Norwich Canaries: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton. (1224)

DUTCH cavies from 6d. each; sows in-pig, cheap: Tucker, 30, Alexandra-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (1238)

GUARANTEED New Path records, four 10-in., two 12-in., 10/-, carriage paid: West, 32, Cross-st., Didsbury. (1227)

LARGE fawn Angora doe, exchange for Canaries value 10/-, or sell: Ditton, 72, Vicarage rd., Ware, Herts. (1227)

PAIR Pouters, pair Tumblers, pair Homers; exchange Canaries: Len Morgan, Butcher, Llandovery. (1231)

CAMERA, ½-plate, hand, with all accessories, 12/-; exchange 2 Roller cocks: Bliss, 782, Stratford-rd., Birmingham. (1227)

WANTED, offers in Yorkshire hens for four new Yorkshire show cages: Hodgkin, 89, St. Chad's-rd., Derby. (1236)

WANTED, talking Parrot or cage birds; will give knitting machine (new) cost £8 10/: Beckett, Mill-st., Congleton. (1220)

SALE or exchange, Yorkshire Terrier bitch, two years old, sell 12/6: White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (1231)

SALE or exchange well-bred Yorkshire bitch, 2½ years, 6lbs., good coat: A. J. Mahony, 3a, Fountain-buildings, Bath. (1229)

WHAT offers in Canaries for 3 exhibition boxes for roses, N.R.S. regulation; size, stamp: Bee, 25, Harcourt-st., Newark. (1226)

EIGHTEEN new 4-minute phonograph records, 10/-, or offers birds: D. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Lawkholme, Keighley. (1238)

LADY'S silver watch, silver face, good timekeeper, 10/6; useful exchange; yours first: Chapman, 137, Whitfield-st., W. (1198)

EXCHANGE ½-plate Lizars Kodak, value 25/- for Schoolmaster; mutual approval: Nettleship, Maine-st., Wishaw, N.B. (1224)

50 disc records, 10-in.; offers for all, or part birds, or useful exchange; letters only: F. Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (1227)

WHAT offers in Canaries for mahogany Crystal Palace aviary, cost £5: B. Chadwick, 1, Beatie-st., Beckett-st., Leeds. (1234)

LADIES bicycle, good going order, exchange six cock Canaries or 12 hens. Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1235)

LOVELY sable collie bitch, sell or exchange Goldfinch, or Linnet Mules: W. Stevens, 61, Southampton-st., Pentonville. (1227)

WHAT offers Goldfinches or Mules, cocks only, for Anglo-German concertina: Hubbard, 60, Chalk Farm-rd., London, N.W. (1230)

FOR sale or exchange, Archangel pigeon for good British bird: David Langlands, 73, Murray-st., Montrose, Scotland. (1216)

WHAT offers in cage birds for folding cabinet bath, when new 35/-; Rollers preferred: 69, Augusta-st., Victoria, Mon. (1236)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankets, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1238)

EXCHANGE two hen Canaries, 4 cock Chaffinches for pair yellow Budgerigars: Arthur Turner, High-st., Astwood Bank. (1227)

WILL give pair extra large, heavy, warm, white woollen blankets for 4 pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1231)

GOOD large cycling cape, perfect condition; exchange for good Norwich cock or hen: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton. (1224)

WHAT offers for 55ft. 2in. screwed piping, 4in. coil, cistern, and flue pipe; nothing alive: Holmes, 14, Derby-sq., Preston. (1234)

EXCHANGE, carrying case, hold six show cages, joiner-made; what offer in Norwich: 14, Peter's-st., Radford, Nottingham. (1236)

EXCHANGE large oil stove for two hen Bantams, Black Roscombs preferred; offers: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley. (1225)

I HAVE two phonographs, in cases, and over 60 records; what offers in cages birds in exchange: Mellolme, Hoddington. (1234)

BOOK Canaries, Hybrids, British Birds, new, cost 25/-, sell 15/-; exchange anything: Roberts, 7, Rhodes-st., Castleford. (1233)

BLACK spaniel bitch, seven months, good coat, long ears; exchange birds, or sell 15/-: Reed, Secretary, Brandon Colliery. (1234)

TWO double breeding cages, complete, 7/6; 2 buff Norwich hens, 6/-; exchange anything: Royce, 173, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (1229)

PAIR Golden Dop Bantams 6/-; exchange Roller or Norwich cock, full song: Lamport-under-Clift, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey. (1229)

EXCHANGE Indian Parrot and cage, also Yorkshire and cage, 30/- lot, or anything useful: 2, Coronation-rd., Ramsgate. (1236)

BLACK Persian cat, 10/6; dress, coat, vest, 10/-; Musical box, 40/-; gent's cycle, 22/6; offers: Salisbury, Ashford, Derbyshire. (1201)

EXCHANGE Irish Terrier and Airedale cross dog, 14 months, for Yorkshire cock: Georgeson, 10, Chiltonter., Ellesmere Port. (1238)

25 PHONOGRAPH records, song, band, etc., for Rollers, Norwich, Yorkshires, or British: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton, Stamford. (1226)

THREE pairs champion short flying pigeons, can win anywhere; sell cheap; exchange: Stubbs, 22b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire (1229)

BEAUTIFULLY marked black and white Pim dog, 18 months, £1; exchange Rollers; offers: Gibbs, Acland-rd., Bridgend, Glam. (1260)

SPLENDID set brown harness, suit 11 or 12 hands pony, 45/-; Australian Talking Parrot; reasonable: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (1229)

EXCHANGE four Scotch Fancy show cages and case for Canaries, British or Foreign cage birds: David Langlands, Montrose. (1216)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-; exchange Canaries, foreign birds, or anything useful: E. G., 19, Brunswick-close, Clerkenwell, E.C. (1238)

RIDING breeches, exchange for young Goldfinch Mule, singing, or offer; approval; letters: C.B., 60, Furness-rd., Harlesden London. (1223)

COLLECTION 300-400 foreign stamps and album, what offers; sell, or good Norwich: Raper, 24, Sadler-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1232)

EXCHANGE garden gun and shot or ball for Canaries, Yorkshires or Hartz Roller, what offers: Froggatt, Bank Cottage, Matlock. (1227)

WILL give splendid pair warm heavy white woollen blankets or suit length for 3 pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1231)

LEGHORN cockerels, one White, two Black (Hunter's strain), 5/6 each; exchange livestock: Cripps, 65, Shere-rd., Deptford, London. (1231)

JUNIOR election magic lantern for gas, with 150 slides, 18/- the lot, or exchange: E. Rutland, 118, Butler-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester. (1222)

EIGHT day watch, wants slight repairs, snake chain, silver medal, 10/-; 5 2/6 D.S. records, good 7/6; exchange; B. Hutton, Holbeach. (1220)

FOUR Yorkshire show cages and case, as new, 10/-, or exchange Bantams, poultry, or offers: Durnford and Sons, Midsomer, Norton. (1241)

FREE.—Two full-sized tins washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1076)

PAIR Brampton's roller skates, ball bearings, aluminium fittings, for three Yorkshire songsters: Benjamin, 2, Lockhart-st., Bow, London. (1219)

BLACK Toy Pom. dog, seven weeks' old, Haughty Prince strain, 35/-; exchange gramophone and records: Prior, 67, Kerby-st., Poplar, E. (1242)

540 photo mounts, new, sell 6/-, or exchange big young Norwich hen, or offers: McEvoy, 47, Mawson-st., Ardwick Green, Manchester. (1236)

WANTED, Norwich or Crested pairs, exchange gold watch, optical lantern, stamp collection, or punch-ball; no rubbish: Inman, Alfreton. (1227)

EXCHANGE two razors in case or gent's watch, new goods, for Hartz Roller, in song: E. Rutland, 118, Butler-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester. (1222)

SALE or exchange, cream colour Pom dog, 20/-, or pair of good Norwich yellow preferred: Jas. Cartwright, 15, Avondale-st., Ynysboeth. (1231)

GENT'S hall marked solid silver double graduated curb albert, for Canaries, Mules, anything useful; sell, 7/6: Barton, 70, Pope-st., Birmingham. (1228)

WILL exchange a nice collie bitch pup, 4 months, sable and white, for Canaries or mules; or sell 15/-: Robinson, 33, Besson-st., New Cross, London. (1238)

SISKIN Redpoll, 2 Linnets, cocks, H.M.; 1 cock Linnet, F.M., for Siberian Goldfinch cock, H.M.; yours first: Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (1229)

WILL give pair woollen blankets for 3 cocks or 7 hens, or 2 pairs Canaries or 3 cocks, or 10 hen mules: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1231)

WILL give value in stock or exhibition Yorkshires for anything useful, on approval: Monday, Breeder and Exhibitor, 7, Canterbury-rd., Sittingbourne. (1226)

BLACK retriever dog, land or water, carry anything with gun, good guard, £1 cash; Seifert cocks, 25/-: Harry Bingham, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. (1239)

SIX hand-forged ivorine-handled knives, six nickel-silver forks and spoons, the best, for birds value 10/-: Mr. J. Toms, 64, Saint Mary's-lane, Sheffield. (1226)

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-; 3 cock Norwich, 6/6; 3 large breeding cages, 5/6; guaranteed or money returned: Malley, 59, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (1240)

HANDSOMELY marked fox terrrier bitch (small), large intelligent eyes, keen guard, perfect companion, 8/6; stamp: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Wallasey. (1226)

EXCHANGE, hairdresser's brushing machine, complete, two chairs, birds and cages; anything; make offers: Hairdresser, Wharf-st., Stoke-on-Trent. (1233)

GOOD white Fox terrier dog, kill anything, £1; exchange pair Rollers or Yorkshires to value; approval: Webley, 26, Fleetham-st., Middlesbrough. (1239)

GRAND Fox Terrier bitch, long head, splendid legs and feet, good pedigree; accept £2; or would exchange: Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire. (1242)

EXCHANGE champion pedigree Irish Terrier bitch, nine months old; also Fox Terrier puppy, for old lead, Canaries, anything useful: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (1237)

PRETTY Yorkshire Terrier dog pup, four months, very small, 15/-, or Canaries wanted: T. S. Robson, Victoria-cottage, Howden-le-Wear, Co. Durham. (1226)

WHAT offers in Canaries for gent.'s blue serge suit, waist 36, inside leg 32; good condition, lastest cut: 15/-; bargain: Hutton, Low Fold, Churwell, Leeds. (1228)

CLARIONET, B flat, and case, good condition, 15/-; approval; or exchange good Norwich or Goldfinches: J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire. (1236)

MAGPIES and flying homers, also good specimen Angora buck rabbit; exchange typical Yorkshires, or offers: Cocks, 24, St. James-rd., Wandsworth Common. (1226)

"CANARIES, Hybrids, British Birds," 41 chapters, 26 coloured plates, as advertised 25/-; exchange Canaries; sell 12/6: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1225)

WHITE Leghorns, utility strain, three laying pullets and unrelated cockerel, accept 14/-; Buff Orpington cockerel, massive, 6/-: Shirley, Sutton, Keighley. (1236)

FOR sale or exchange, a black Pomeranian bitch, good breeder, would exchange for a Parrot cage or chicken brooder, or sell £1: Ross, 1, Allen-rd., Stoke Newington. (1225)

GROCER'S brass scales, with pillar, to weigh about 4 lbs., nearly new, 20/-; or exchange black or white Pom.; on approval: Jeffreys, 17, Norfolk-st., Swansea.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for gramophone or phonograph, in good condition; approval both ways: George Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland. (1227)

WANTED, either pairs Budgerigars, White-headed Lovebirds, Red Tiger Finches, Seifert Rollers, Yorkshires; exchange smart Welsh Terrier bitch (ratter): 9, North-rd., Selsey. (1229)

WANTED, a clear inflighted yellow Norwich cock in exchange for a slow combustion stove, cost 25/-, nearly new; no rubbish; yours first: J. Glover, 10, Brook-st., Stoke-on-Trent. (1232)

EXCHANGE, pair hollow-ground razors, in silk lined case, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 Yorkshire show cages; mutual approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield. (1240)

WANTED, drawing-room cage and Yorkshire cock or talking Parrot and cage; exchange pedigree Scotch Terrier bitch, 11 months, or sell 25/-: Stephenson, Brooms, Stone, Staffs. (1235)

CYLINDER records, large quantity, 3/- dozen; new ones 6/- dozen; brass cornet, 10/6; offers invited, birds, or useful exchange; letters only: Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (1227)

GENUINE glazier's diamond, quite new, will accept 15/-, or will exchange for three good Yorkshire hen Canaries; approval, deposit: Hallett, Shoebslands, Smithy Bridge, Lancs. (1235)

COCK Goldfinch, two cock Bullfinches, one hen exchange three large Muling hens; also nicely spotted Dalmatian dog, five months old, bargain, 15/-: H. H. Wilton, King-st., Tavistock, Devon. (1219)

TWO pair of good homers, NURP rung, 1912, honestly worth 10/- a pair, sell 14/- lot, or exchange two Roller cocks, in full song: H. Smith, 34, Hind-rake, Haslingden, nr. Manchester. (1237)

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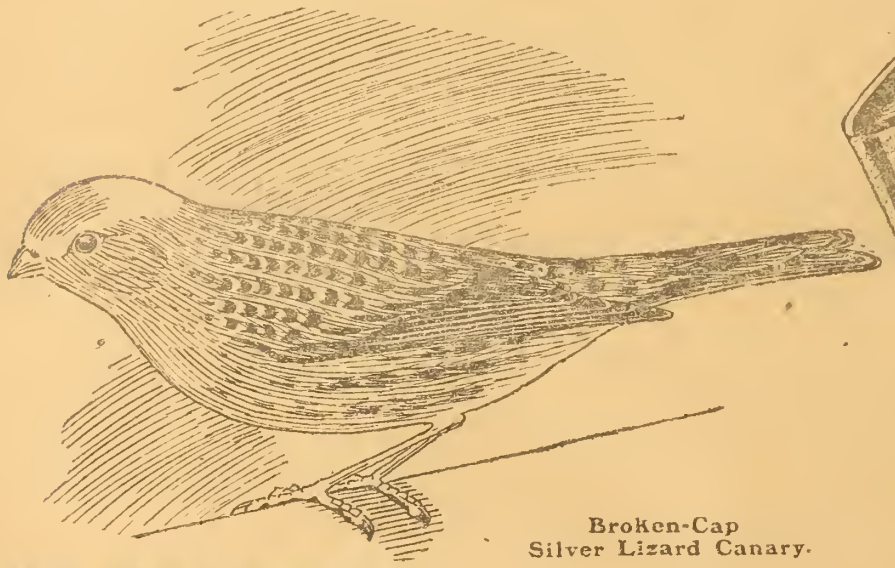

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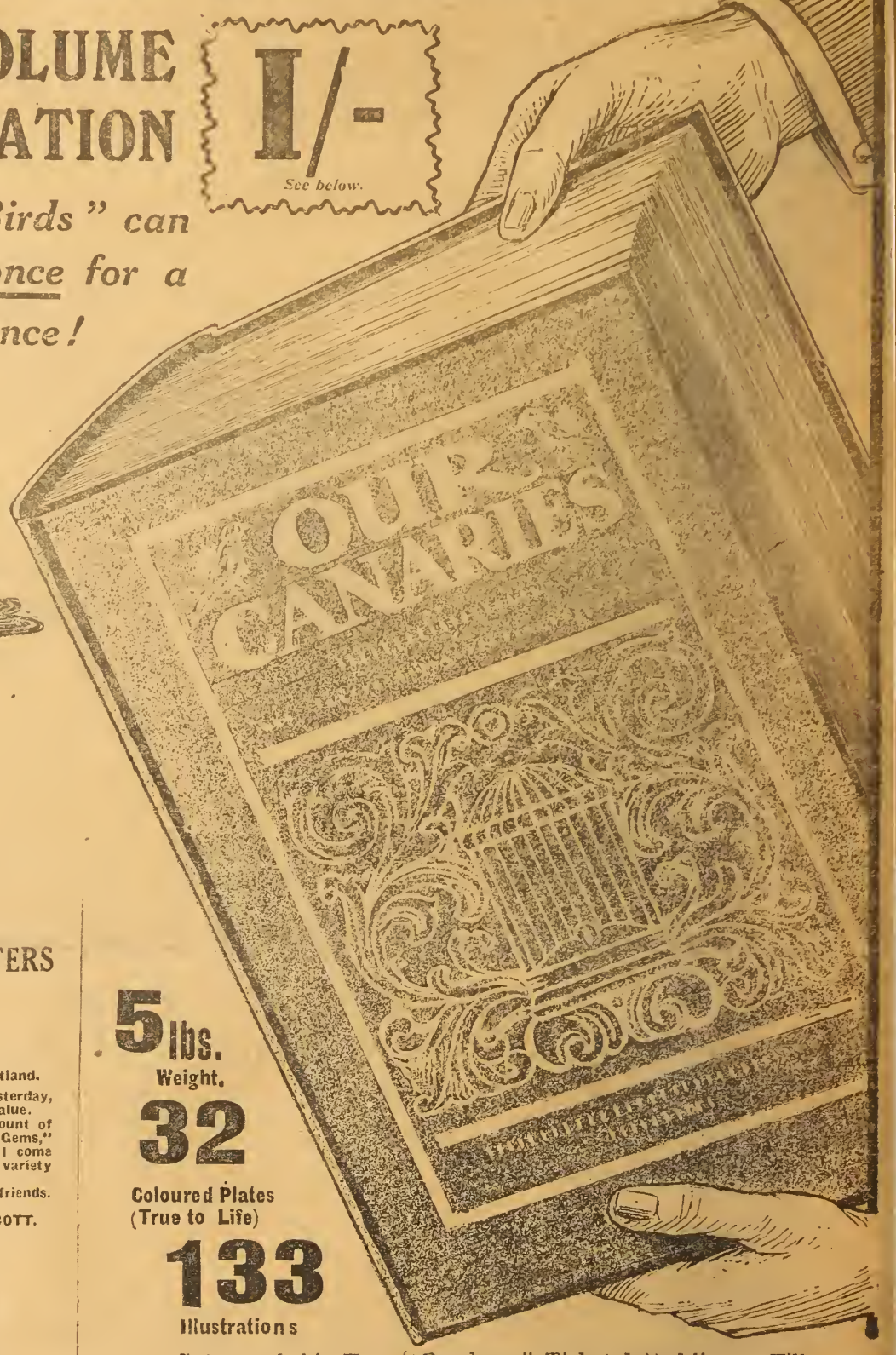

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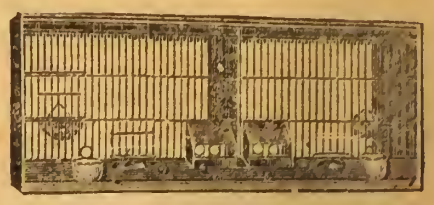

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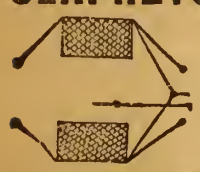

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Cinnamons.

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CINNAMONS, Norwich type cocks, 12/6; hens, 10/6 upwards; best blood; see wins, stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park, Plymouth. (1242)

CINNAMONS, pair unflighted, yellow cock, buff hen, also pair 1913 buff cock, 1911, yellow hen, will sell cheap: A. C. Sheldon, Wetley Rocks, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. (1257)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has decided to reduce his stock both in Norwich and Cinnamons owing to business pressure; some good stock birds cheap; stamp; approval. (1196)

WM. COOK, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich Cinnamons and Norwich; 30 pairs for disposal; also muling cock Goldfinches and Goldfinch Mules; on approval, deposit. (1242)

Belgians.

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

GIVING up Belgians; thirty good birds, disposal, 15 cocks, 15 hens; approval; cheap: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1264)

SOME grand Belgians, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, cheap: apply, Walmsley, 4, Second-st., New Crofton, Wakefield. (1263)

G. S. BAKER, Georges-rd., Barnstaple, has grand lot Belgians, bred from biggest winners living, reasonable prices, approval. (1144)

1912 buff Belgian cock, 21/-; 1913 yellow cock, 21/-; yellow Belgian and Yorkshire crossed 1913 hen, 10/-; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland. (1264)

G. S. BAKER, George's-rd., Barnstaple, has grand lot Belgians, bred from biggest winners, singing cock and hens, reasonable prices; approval. (1260)

CHAMPION Belgians, winners at Barnstaple, Swansea, L.C.B.A., Scottish National; also good stock birds; reasonable; approval: Fred Butts, 12, Lower Maudlin-st., Barnstaple. (1197)

Greens.

GIVING up Fancy. Norwich greens, flight, breeding, and show cages, all utensils, cheap: Malone, 41, Guilford-st., Liverpool. (1207)

CHOICE pair Norwich Greens, matched to breed winners; first postal order has them: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (1266)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills, of my winners at the shows, Utrecht, Dusseldorf, Munchen, Rosenheim, etc., 1913; per pair 50/-, 60/-, 70/-; cash or deposit, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leenwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st. Holland. (111)

DUTCH Frills, young birds, 12/6 each, cash or deposit, very fine birds, July and August bred, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leeuwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin Street, Carlisle, Norwich Specialist. Unflighted buff cocks, size, type, quality, good heads, perfect wings, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; three unflighted yellows, 15/- each; unflighted buff hens, typical, grand quality, perfect wings, 7/6 each to clear. (1235)

FEW Norwich for sale, price reasonable; approval; stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1216)

NORWICH: A few pairs for sale, reasonable: J. E. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Cheetham-hill, Manchester. (1257)

NORWICH cocks 7/6, Border cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, 6 feeding hens 8/6 lot: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1256)

A FEW most reliable Norwich to be sold cheap: Write J. Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield rd., Macclesfield. (1239)

BARGAIN; four clear buff hens, warranted feeders, 2/6 each, lot 9/-: Snow, 7, Redvers-terr., Mortlake, S.W. (1250)

NORWICH, just a few left, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, stamp reply: Galbraith, 162, Hospital-st., Glasgow. (1248)

PATTERSON, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow, has still a few left, cocks from 9/, hens from 3/6; stamp reply. (1263)

WANTED offers in Norwich hens for large aviary, glass panels, cost 25/-: Epps, 64, Gordon-rd., Herne Bay. (1257)

I HAVE for sale a few good Norwich Canaries, all unflighted, approval: Wm. Jaffrey, 73, River-st., Brechin. (1211)

GOOD quality typical yellow Norwich cock, winner, 8/- to clear, full song: Williams, 19, Cefn-rd., Cefn, Bridgend. (1251)

NORWICH, 10/6 pair, and upwards, only few pair left; approval, stamp: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (1212)

GOOD pair of Norwich, bred winners last season, 12/6; must clear: Baxter, 98, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex. (1263)

NORWICH, four pairs, 8/6 pair, or two pairs for good yellow cock: Harrold, 105, Ashes-rd., Langley, Birmingham. (1254)

FIVE hens left, three buff, two yellow variegated, 4/- each; unflighted; fed: E. Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1258)

THREE buff Norwich greens, winners and from winners, 12/6, upwards: J. McMahon, 2a, Regent-st., Liverpool. (1263)

A few large Norwich, mostly buffs, off good stock; prices reasonable; approval: W. Reid, 61, Evan-st., Stonehaven. (1251)

PLAINHEAD cocks 6/6, Crested 8/6, 1913 birds, strong and healthy: G. H. Stiles, North-ter., Mildenhall, Suffolk. (1256)

E. BAKER'S 1st prize winning cock, rare size, type, and quality, bargain, 15/6; state wants: Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1254)

STARK'S noted strain, yellow or buff cocks, unflighted, 8/6 to 20/-; good value; approval: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (1202)

THREE grand matched pairs, same strain my winners, best blood, no rubbish, 20/- pair: Olle, 18, Dorset-rd., Lewes. (1250)

NORWICH, grand buff hens, from winners, good quality, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (1258)

LARGE Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, fed, 7/6 each; hens 6/-; songsters 5/-; feeders 3/-: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (1255)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6, hens 4/6, pairs 10/6; unflighted, fed, own breeding: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town . (1264)

DOZEN pairs of Norwich, 6/6 to 10/6 pair, or £3 18s. lot: cold room bred: Leonard, 55, Sycamore-rd., Erdington. (1255)

STRONG healthy 1913 cocks, 7/6, 8/6, yellow and buff, pairs 10/6, cold room bred: Miss Fooks, Cottesmore, Brentwood. (1198)

FINE yellow marked Norwich cocks, 10/- each, worth double; wanted, big clear yellow cock: Vickers, Union-st., Wigton. (1253)

NORWICH, cock 8/6, hens 4/6, upwards; three Scotch Fancies, hens; exchange for surplus: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (1254)

FEW good-bred Norwich for disposal, prices reasonable to clear; approval, deposit: Bennett, 26, Hampden-rd., Wrexham. (1211)

BIG splashed buff Norwich hen, bred Mules, also yellow; offers, Norwich cocks; yours first: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend. (1259)

FEW grand unflighted large typical buff Norwich cocks, 12/- each; approval, deposit: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley. (1256)

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare a few grand Norwich cocks and hens; approval: Murrell, Fanciers' Printer, Spalding. (1261)

NORWICH cocks, 5/- and 6/- each, on song, also Cinnamons, good hens, 2/6: Royston, Trenttocks, West Bridgford, Nottingham. (1249)

EXTRA good stock birds; Buff cocks, hens, very reasonable: approval, cash deposit: Arthur Wake, 128, Prince's-rd., Middlesbrough. (1240)

BUFF hen and yellow cock, unflighted, £1; Buff hen, 6/-; yellow hen, 10/-; bred from winners: Glass, Square, Fochabers, N.B. (1265)

CHAMPION cobby Norwich cocks, full song, 6/-, hens 3/-; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: Gater, Jones-square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1249)

CHAMPION Crests and Crestedbreds, and Norwich Plainheads, cheap; approval, stamp for reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (1259)

THREE 1913 typical Norwich yellow cocks, 6/6 each, three 17/6; useful household exchange: Hitchin, 38, Belmont-st., Lincoln. (1256)

NORWICH cocks, yellows and buffs, from 10/-; few pairs from 12/6, mostly unflighted; approval: Jas. Crass, Whickham, Swalwell. (1252)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks and hens, 8/- to 12/- each, same as my winners; approval: H. S. Naylor, 1, Round-st., Bradford, Yorks. (1222)

CLEAR buff, 21/-; clear yellow, 12/6; both unflighted cocks; splendid value; approval, deposit: Wright, All Saint's-st., Stainford. (1250)

CHAMPION Norwich, unflighted, cold room, cocks, full song, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1261)

FRANK COLE, 51, Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, has few Norwich to spare, bred same as his winners Clapham, Wimbledon, Leyton, Southend, L.C.B.A.; inspection invited; cocks from 15/-; hens from 10/-. (1250)

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NORWICH Canaries, three pairs still to part with, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6 pairs; real bargains. Holmes, Bootmaker, Holmwood, Chesterfield. (1253)

NORWICH, yellow cock and buff hen, 12/6; buff cock and yellow hen, 12/6; particulars: P. King, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorks. (1258)

MR. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, has 2 yellow and 2 buff cocks worth the attention of any cinnamon breeder; Norwich type, cheap. (1266)

NORWICH yellow cock, 2 buff hens, 12/-; buff cock, 2 yellow hens, 12/-; good birds; exchange, 30/-: Bates, 103, High-st., Rishton. (1255)

UNFLIGHTED buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-; buff hens, 7/6 each; own breed; approval, stamp; J. Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley. (1228)

ALL Mr. Whalley's winners and stock birds for sale; nothing withheld; inspection any time: 1259, Chester-rd., Stretford, Manchester. (1232)

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich, for show or song; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfinch type, large round heads, grand feather; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1207)

NORWICH yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; variegated yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; green cock, 12/-; apply, J. Milne, 124, Kerse-rd., Grangemouth. (1261)

GRAND Norwich Canaries for sale, own breeding; cocks 5/6, hens 3/6; yellows or buffs; approval, 2/6: E. Walker, Bargate, Holbrook, nr. Derby. (1264)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1211)

TWENTY fine young Norwich hens, in large aviary, splendid condition, 2/6 each, four 9/-; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1256)

TWENTY unflighted Norwich hens, make excellent feeders, in breeding condition, 2/6 and 3/6 each, 50/- the lot: Harris, 50, Undine-st., Tooting. (1253)

E. ROBINSON has some very good stock birds for disposal from 8/6 to 15/- each; splendid var. yellow hen, 16/-: 5, Walter-st., Nottingham. (1254)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N., has a few Norwich for disposal; pairs from 10/6; related to his winners:

ALFRED BREWSTER, Breeder and Exhibitor. Selling at sacrifice his high-class Norwich, from 10/6: Monumental Works, Magdalen-rd., Norwich.

BUFF variegated cock, winner 3rd, 15/-; yellow hen, 4th open, 10/-, only time out; hens from 5/- upwards: Buck, 4, Beatrice-st., Richmond, Surrey.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, big bird, 15/-; another, little smaller, 10/-; big clear buff hen, 3/6; also variegated: Linggood, 28, Melton-rd., Westcliff. (1232)

YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, 2nd Carlisle; yellow cock, buff hen, 30/-; buff cocks, 7/6; see wins, Glasgow, Paisley, Clapham: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (1259)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6, matched pairs 7/6 upwards, inspection Saturdays, cash or deposit: Thompson, Regent-st., Hinckley . (1248)

MR. HAWKES offers few exceptional stout, thick-set Norwich hens, yellow and buffs, 7/6 and 10/- each; worth treble; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1264)

NORWICH: Seven buff cocks, one yellow, two yellow hens, three buff hens, plenty of size, 1913 bred, £3 the lot: J. W. Christon, New Kyo, Annfield Plain. (1253)

TICKED yellow, 21/6; clear yellow, 20/6; monster buff marked, 20/-; all cocks, winners and gems, in the pink of condition: Jas. Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere. (1251)

YELLOW cock, winner, £1; buff veg. cock, 12/6; young buff cock, 15/-; yellow and buff hens, from 5/-; cold room; approval, deposit: Spriggs, Hairdresser, Stamford. (1260)

NORWICH, four unflighted cocks, buffs and yellows, 7/6 each; buff hen, 1913, 3/6, from good stock, natural colour: Levatino, 2, Mayfield-ave., Chiswick, London. (1258)

FIFTEEN prize and prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, grand healthy birds, all non-fed 1913 birds: Mrs. James Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth, Scotland. (1203)

BIG unflighted buff cock, vhc, 3rd nest feather, 5th Plymouth, unflighted yellow cock, clear buff hen, 11/-; from winners; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-ter., Plymouth. (1209)

GRAND 1912 clear yellow hen, 4th Luton, good colour and quality, breeder, 12/6; also a few large unflighted buff hens, 5/6 each; approval: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1256)

GRAND healthy stock birds, lovely quality, big heads, short tails, will breed winners, cocks from 12/6, own breeding only: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (1228)

HAVING decided to run one hen with one cock, can spare good hens, nice type and quality, 4/- to 10/- each; stamp reply: Angell, 24, Pearl-st., Haverton Hill, Middlesbrough. (1247)

WINNING buff unflighted Norwich cock, 2nd Leyton, 2nd East London; full of quality and of exceptional merit; accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1264)

C. E. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, won champion diploma, 2 firsts Llanelly; see report last week: champion yellow sold £5; still got uneven marked buff for sale, £4; bargain. (1266)

J. TRISTEM, winner over 600 prizes, cups, diplomas, etc., can spare yellow cock 40/-, ditto cock 25/-, buff cock 35/-, ditto cock 20/-; good birds: 24, Meridian-pl., Clifton, Bristol. (1259)

WANTED, really good pair unflighted Norwich; exchange "Dafresnes" Lilac-headed Amazon Parrot, rare, handsome, show condition, acclimatised, 50/-: Forsyth, Gray-st., Workington. (1261)

CANARIES, large handsome young Norwich cocks, rich yellow and variegated, splendid youngsters, 3/6, two 6/6; hens, 2/3; guaranteed safe delivery: Franklin, Briden Villas, Feltham. (1265)

HIGH-class Norwich, two buff, 1912, one yellow, one buff variegated, one clear yellow unlighted, cocks 6/-, 12/6; cold room; approval: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1257)

MUST reduce stock: Grand pairs, from winners, 12/6 to 30/-, cocks from 7/6, typical hens from 5/-; own breeding; prices to clear: J. Hand, Meadow Lea, Albany Drive, Herne Bay. (1261)

BUFF Norwich cock, 3 years, good feeder, with young yellow hen, 8/-; hens, buffs, yellows, 2/6 each; cinnamon Canary-Linnet mule, hen, young, 5/-: Police Sergeant, Lenham, Kent. (1254)

NORWICH cocks, in full song, from 5/6, 6/-, 8/6; hens from 3/6; all unflighted; pairs from 8/6; these are splendid birds; inspection; approval: Harbour, Grocer, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (1250)

FOR sale, 9 hens, 2 cocks, Norwich, cold room bred, 1912, 26/- the lot; first postal order gets them; satisfaction guaranteed in Norwich class: J. Howlett, Buller-st., Kibworth, Leicestershire. (1260)

UNFLIGHTED typical Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6; grand quality, bred of winning strain; also cocks, yellows and buffs, from 6/-: Woodhouse, 63, Marshall-st., Grangemouth. (1259)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; own breeding; cold room; cages 3d.: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1265)

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; cold room; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1250)

WANTED, massive unflighted buff Norwich stock cock; will give in exchange Norwich pairs or winning unflighted buff to value; approval both ways; yours first: J. Bagshaw, 81, Honeywall, Stoke-on-Trent. (1260)

CLEAR yellow fed cock, winner several honours, including 2nd Dover, good variegated buff hen to match, 30/- the pair; exchange good pair Yorkshires; yours first: Greenaway, 7, Gladstone-rd., Tonbridge. (1250)

NORWICH, own breeding, for sale, from extra selected stock, fit for showing, buff and yellow clear flicked and variegated; approval, seven days, for cash; from 12/6 upwards: Dr. Wood, 55, Sheep-st., Northampton. (1256)

A. HOLDEN, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of championships, diplomas, etc., has a few typical stock birds for sale; the right sort to breed winners; stamp; approval: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead. (1240)

1912 ticked yellow cock, good type and colour, 8/6; unflighted yellow marked cock, 7/6; also four unflighted buff hens, one marked, 4/- each; same strain Luton, Bedford winners; approval: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1266)

G. DOWELL, 4, Beer-st., Yeovil, has few pairs good typical Norwich for sale, 1913 bred, cold room, prices from 15/- pair; also few good hens, from 5/- each; all on approval; cash or deposit; or exchange for pedigree Toy Pom. (1252)

WINNER of the Sheffield O.S. and Walkley Norwich challenge cups; also point special cup, has good stock birds for sale; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; matched pairs from 20/-: Matthews, 79, Pickering-rd., Parkwood Springs, Sheffield. (1254)

WELLSBURY, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of N.S.N.C.C. cup, 1912, has some good birds for disposal, bred from my winning strain, prices reasonable; stamp reply; 173, Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1229)

GIVING up: Buff cock, 1st Rugby, with good yellow hen, 25/-; unflighted buff cocks from above pair, 2nd Rugby, 15/-, 3rd Rugby, 10/-, strong class; see CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 22nd; approval, cash or deposit: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (1257)

THE first postal order for 30/- gets the following two prize-bred young Norwich cocks, one buff, one yellow, also six big Norwich hens, buffs, greens, variegated, and three Roller hens, all healthy, or offers: James Randles, 35, Queen-st., Ellesmere Port. (1261)

SPECIAL, Special, Special: Champion unrelated matched pair, massive ticked yellow cock, rare body, etc., clear buff hen, feathered like silk, a gem, 30/- the pair; cock alone worth the money; genuine bargain; cash returned not approved: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1258)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, short flights and tails own old room bred, good colour, fine feather; 6 clear yellow cocks, 4 variegated yellow cocks, one buff variegated cock, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; fine opportunity for novices; satisfaction guaranteed: J. E. Leavesley, 19, St. Albans-rd., Leicester. (1264)

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A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, has the following Norwich for sale: Five unflighted buff hens, good ones, 10/- each; 2 unflighted variegated yellow cocks, and two 1912 buff hens, £1 and 25/- the pair; one clear yellow cock and clear buff hen, 25/- the pair; approval. (1255)

I HAVE a few more of this prize strain of Norwich; they are bred from winners, Dobinson's, Richardson, French, and McGinn, this strain winning at all the leading shows in the North; inspection invited: John Hagon, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland. (1250)

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CHAMPION Norwich: Few real good tock and extra Norwich Plainhead now ready for immediate showing, plenty of size, good colour, large head and full necks, rare type and quality of feather; yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, 14/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £2 each; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £5 pair; all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous, and in tip top show condition; for size, type and quality I defy competition; give me a trial and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1264)

CHAMPION pair correctly matched, high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, and quality, feathered like silk, certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 21/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1266)

UNFLIGHTED ticked yellow Norwich cock, winner of two 1sts only times shown, a bargain, 17/6; two really good buff hens to match, 6/6 each; or 27/6 the set; ticked buff cock, good head and a marvellous size, can win, only 15/-; two very good yellow hens to match, 7/6 each; 25/6 the set; a bargain seldom offered: Edwin North, Breeder, 177, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1266)

FEW good colour-fed exhibition Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, now ready for immediate exhibition, rare size, type, colour and quality, cocks from 8/6 to £3 each; hens from 5/6 to £2 each, all cold room bred, Palace winning strains, grand value, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1266)

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NORWICH CANARIES

Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

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Buff cocks 25/- each; yellow cocks, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-; buff hens from 7/6 to 20/-: L. J. Richardson, 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe. (1239)

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LARGE typical cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewshury. (1168)

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Unflighted yellows and buffs, grand quality, related to my winners; singles, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: S. E. Brumhill, 118, Grange-rd., Ramsgate. (Late of Maidstone.) (1264)

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HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks from 12/- upwards; hens 4/- and 5/- each; cash, deposit: Wirth, Knowsley-rd., Liverpool. (1215)

A few good Roller hen Canaries for sale, yellow, and green and yellow; Lester breed: Richard-on, 20, Bigby-st., Brigg. (1247)

SEIFERT Roller hens, best strains, reliable breeders, 3/- each; one cock 8/6: Mrs. Buttress, Dry Drayton, Cambs. (1252)

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SEIFERT Rollers, in full song, sing anywhere, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; grand hens, 2/-, 2/6; cold-room; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall. (1181)

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FEW deep glucke Rollers, winning strain, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6; approval: A. Parker, 5, Gladys-rd., Bearwood, Smethwick, Birmingham. (1260)

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HIGH-class Rollers, British Roller Club rung, cocks 10/-, 7/6, hens 5/-, 3/6, breeding pairs 14/- and 10/-; approval: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop. (1250)

FEW deep Glucke Rollers, winning strain; cocks, 10/6; hens, 3/6; approval: A. Parker, 5, Gladys-rd., Bearwood, Smethwick, Birmingham. (1230)

FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmasters 10/-, hens 3/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)

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ROLLERS, 1913, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 4/- and 5/- each; wins at Wolverhampton, Wakefield, Grimsby, Edinburgh: Broadbent, 80, Alverthorpe-rd., Wakefield. (1188)

HIGH-CLASS British Rollers, club rung, water Glucke strain; cocks from 10/6; grand schoolmaster, 15/-; hens from 3/6; approval: Gooding, 38, St. Luke's-rd., Westbourne Park, London. (1266)

HIGH-class Rollers, Fould's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 1913, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair, hens 3/- and 3/6 each; 1st prize L.C.B.A. and Birmingham, 4th Champion Bolton; approval: Hayward, Melksham. (1260)

LARGE clear buff cock, 1912, 20/-; marked yellow hen to match, 1913, 10/6, or 27/6 the pair; large variegated buff cock, 1912, clear yellow hen, 20/- the pair: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1263)

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FOR sale, finest lot of Rollers in the country, Bird and Dimmock strain, cocks, full song, price 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 upwards; also hens, 3/6 each; approval: Wooldridge, 18, Park-st., Lye, near Stourbridge.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers for sale, Randall and Fauld's strain, winner of cup and medal, B3 rung, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6 to clear: 3 days' approval, cash or deposit: R. Roberts, Poplar House, Madeira-hill, Wrexham. (1236)

1913 Rollers, 1913; cocks in full song from 10/6, pairs from 12/6; cold room bred; can be seen by appointment; P.N., nothing but Rollers kept: Whitaker Crossley, 4, Wensleydale-terr., Bradford-rd., Batley. (1248)

SEIFERT Roller cocks, on full song, with many lovely changes, free from harsh notes, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; good breeding hens to match, 2/6 and 3/6 each; approval willingly, cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1250)

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SEIFERT ROLLERS

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Grand, lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position, and in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Erect, racy hens, feathered to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Matched pairs, personally selected, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

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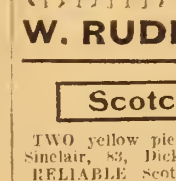

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GRAND lengthy Yorkshire cocks, from 6/-, in full song; hens from 3/6; properly matched, from 8/6 pair; 6 days' approval (see advert. last week): Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1266)

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LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters, Jan. 21, Mr. J. Heighton chair. Balance-sheet was presented and passed showing an increase of £1 4s. 4d. Awards of table show.—NOR. COCK, BUFF (except unflighted): 1, Gamble; 2, vhc, Day; 3, hc, c, Davis. DITTO HEN UNFLIG.: 1, 2, vhc, Day; 3, hc, c, Davis. REDPOLL: 1, Hester; 2, 3, Brooks. Mr. Brooks judged Canaries, and Mr. Yates British, and a vote of thanks was tendered to them.—J. Hardbattle, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Oldham Hall, Jan. 8, Mr. J. Abbott, chair. Balance-sheet was passed as printed, leaving a balance in hand of £1 2s. Officers for 1914 elected: Pres., F. Handley; chair, J. Abbott; vice, R. Brotherton; vice-pres., W. R. Knowles, T. Rowlands, J. Gore, J. W. Metcalfe, E. Lawsnn, S. Hadwin, E. Bunner, J. Walker, W. Walker, Mr. Hartley, and Mrs. Hartley; committee, T. Evans, W. Bell, W. Jones, J. McDermott, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Hayes, F. Rothwell, J. F. Wilson, E. Bunner; treas., T. R. Jones; sec., J. Lloyd; assist., J. Handley, jun.; auditors, Messrs. Metcalfe and Eccleston. Two new members nominated. Next meeting, Feb. 10. Discussion on the use of Green and Cinnamon blood, by Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Raynes; also drawing up of syllabus for 1914. All fanciers invited. Start at 8.30 prompt.—J. Lloyd, Sec.

GLASGOW (West of Scotland) O.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 17, at Nelson Temperance Hotel, Mr. Jno. Montgomery, president, presiding over a good attendance. Balance-sheet was submitted, a small balance on the right side being shown, which was considered satisfactory, and was adopted. Office-bearers for ensuing year were appointed as follows: Pres., J. Montgomery; vice-pres., Messrs. W. Wood and Wm. Gunion; sec. and treas., Wm. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow; auditors, Messrs. E. Barron and R. Beggie, with the following committee: Messrs. Jas. Laurie, C. Martin, J. Nimmo, H. Congan, R. Thomson, F. Haddon, G. Smart, J. Pierce, G. A. Henderson, J. Rankine, Wm. Jackson, D. Whitelaw, O. Begg, and J. Black. Rules, etc., were adopted en bloc. Decided to add classes for Norwich, Cinnamon, and self or foul, non-fed Greens, to classification, and Mr. C. Barron promised a trophy for competition for the new classes, which offer was accepted. Decided that pair show be brought forward to Jan. 31st, as hall had been already engaged for Feb. 7th. Classification: Crests, P.H., yell., cock and buff hen, buff cock and yell. hen, Cinn., cock and hen, Green, cock and hen, Yorks., yell. cock and buff, hen, Buff, cock and yellow hen; Borders, yell. cock, buff hen, buff cock, yell. hen, and Green cock and hen; muling pairs, Hyb. pairs. Messrs. Taylor, Lappin, and craig judges. A vote of thanks to chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 22 at headquarters, Mr. H. Norman chair, and a fair attendance. Letters were read from Mr. D. Jenkins, R. Roberts, Snook, G. H. Pratt, Watford and Dis. C.B.A. and A. J. Pratt. The spoons which have been made specially to order and are very heautifully finished with model of Border in enamel on handle, were on view and members were delighted with them. The purchasing of the club cup was dealt with, and upon the Secretary stating the amount subscribed to the fund it was left in Treasurer's hands to purchase same with stand. Mr. G. H. Pratt has kindly given a breakfast cruet for champion, and same for novice, who has shown most at patronage shows and taken least. Champion cruet is won by D. Jenkins; novice, B. Green. The annual general meeting will be held at the Palace on Feb. 7, at 2.30 sharp; members who wish to make any suggestion or any alteration of rules should send it same at once, stating fully what they suggest. A sealed handicap has been suggested for next season and £1 1s. promised for same; also to add Green and Cinnamon classes to classification. Rule 13 to be altered. Definition of ticked bird to be altered, and a proposal to add amateur classes. Ballot papers have been sent out and members should not fail to fill in and return same. The committee wish to thank the following members for donations to the cup fund: Messrs. McGuffie, Wanner, Joyce, Burton Bros., Gollop, Saunders, Jenkins, Madagan, Willis, Philpot, Silver, G. H. Pratt, F. Ward, L. Short, Dr. Laurie, Mrs. Salter, Gwilliam, Wiseman, Hobden, A. J. Pratt, and for other specials, clock and cup Mr. R. A. Newley; diplomas, Mr. W. E. Plank; cruet, F. Moore. Mr. Newley announced that he had sold 113 cages to members and paid into funds £1 8s. 9d. as commission on same. There are still a few members who have not yet paid their subs., and the Committee would be much obliged if they will forward on same now. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

S. BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Last meeting of third year, Marlboro' Hotel, Jan. 14, before a splendid gathering. Chairman Willmott requested nominations for the position of officials for the New Year, and the following were elected: Chair, Mr. E. T. Willmott; vice-chair, Mr. J. Hughes; treas., Mr. W. T. Harding; committee, Messrs. G. Raby, G. Constable, J. Burke, E. Hall, and G. Swindon, the last named being elected in the place of Mr. J. Wright, now in London. Secretary, J. Sheppard. Sec. submitted rough report of the past year's progress and balance-sheet. After a most expensive year, he said, £7 worth of cups bought and a very handsome present made to the secretary, it would be pleasing for the members to know there was still a good balance at the Bank; everything the Society had done had been done in tip-top style, the best of judges had been engaged for the various shows, and the grand total of close upon 400 birds had been staged during 1913 (applause); 73 names appeared upon the books, but no doubt many would have to be struck off if their subscription was not forthcoming at once, this being one of the rules of the Society. The members' show was a distinct success, and would result in a profit of about 10s. The Chairman then spoke on the splendid progress the Society had made. He was glad to find such a splendid attendance that evening; his whole heart was in the Society (cheers); that was why he was with them that evening, although he had other important appointments. The balance-sheet would be audited before next meeting, and the members would then have the chance to go thoroughly into the same. I impress upon you all, he said, to do your best to get other fanciers into the Society; if only one each, it would make things go with a hum, and would repay those who were working for the betterment and welfare of the ever popular S.B.O.S. (Applause.) Cups and sps. were presented; champ. cup, 1913, Mr. J. Burke; novice, Mr. J. Bayliss; Brit., Mr. G. Raby.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

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SOUTHERN NORWICH P.H. CLUB

Annual general meeting will be held at the Palace Cage Bird Show, Feb. 7, 3 o'clock. Meeting will be in the Press room on the opposite side of bird show, and any Norwich fancier is welcome to come and join the Society if he has any interest in that variety.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

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EAST HAM F.S.

Annual meeting at headquarters, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, Jan. 22. Mr. T. Bransford, chair, 56 members present. Seven new members were elected. The Hon. Sec. of Concert Committee was called upon for his report, which stated that all arrangements for the concert had been made; it would be held at the Harmonic Hall, Plasket Grove, March 5. They had a good programme. He hoped all members would do their utmost to sell tickets, price 6d. each, sale or return, or 6 for 2s. 6d. if paid for at the time, no return. This seemed to give great satisfaction, and a large number were immediately taken. Copies of balance sheet were handed to all. Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Kite, read annual report, and said he was glad to be able to tell them that the Society was now 90 strong and entirely free from debt (after paying off debts and purchasing outstanding medals, some of which had been owing for the past two years); they had a balance in hand of over £3. This statement was most enthusiastically received. Chairman stated how pleased he was the Society was going so strong, and had such a successful year. He was now retiring, and would not stand for election again. He considered someone living in the neighbourhood should occupy the chair, but he would still attend meetings. Mr. T. Sawyer was elected Pres.: Messrs. T. Bransford and H. Caudle, Vice Pres.; W. Kite unanimously elected Hon. Sec.; B. Jackson, Hon. Assis. Sec. Six members were nominated for chairmanship, and Mr. E. Oakes was elected chairman by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Oakes thanked the members for the confidence placed in him, and assured them that their interests would be safe in his keeping. Special efforts would be made to greatly increase the cage bird section, which he considered was always a great attraction to any show, especially amongst the ladies. Mr. W. Harwood was elected Vice-Chairman, and a very strong committee of 12, all most enthusiastic and proved workers. After a discussion as to the alterations of rules, etc., the meeting was adjourned until Feb. 5, at 8. It is of the utmost importance that all members should make it their business to attend, as many things of the great importance will be brought forward by the Committee—rules, list of fixtures, etc. Full particulars of the Society and correspondence a pleasure from Mr. W. Kite, Hon. Sec., 27, Bartle-avenue, East Ham, or Mr. B. Jackson, Hon. Assist. Sec., 256, Halley-road, Manor Park.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Adjourned annual general meeting, Jan. 26, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street. F. Knight (chair), Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., and 30 members present. Letters were read from Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Ponsford and Mr. Norris, British Roller CC., agreeing to terms for use of staging. Miss V. Sanders, Mr. Mound and Mr. A. Williams were nominated for membership. The Hon. Sec. announced that owing to pressure of other business it had been impossible to audit the accounts; they were all complete, and informed the members that there was a balance of over £16 in hand. He also mentioned that the proceeds from the concert had augmented the funds by £8 10s., and the members unanimously accorded a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Grace Shepherd for arranging such an interesting programme, and to Mr. W. H. Shepherd for decorating the hall and so ably superintending all the arrangements. Mr. Shepherd and his daughter also disposed of over £10 worth of tickets personally, and it was entirely owing to their joint efforts that the concert proved such a success. Prize money and specials won at the Pair Show were presented to those present, and a vote of thanks was moved to the Hon. Sec. and stewards for their services on that day. Will members please note that the next meeting is Monday, Feb. 26, and orders for CAGE BIRDS Annual should be sent in to the Secretary at once. Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the meeting.—Fred. Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Entries at Nantwich are extended to first post Monday, Feb. 2. See review of schedule in this issue.

We hear from Mr. H. Todd, hon. sec., that the open show of the Darlington C.B.S. will be held on Nov. 28.

Mr. W. H. Pyke, hon. sec. Reading C.B.S., writes that the annual show will be held on Nov. 11.—Mr. J. Robson, judge.

Mr. A. Nicol, sec. Bathgate C.B.S., writes that Messrs. J. Maddison and P. McQuiston will judge at the show held Feb. 28.

We hear that Mr. C. Houlton is judging at Thatto Heath Jan. 24, Wallasey Feb. 14, Liverpool Oct. 23, and Winsford Nov. 7.

In the report of the Provincial Roller C.C. Show, 3, hc, Hetherington, 27-25, in Noviee Young Birds, should read: 3, e, Etherington, 27-25.

I have taken over the secretarial work of Bradford East O.S., writes Mr. Wm. Cruise, 104, Gaythorne Rd., West Bowling, Bradford.

The show fixtures for 1914 of the Torbay O.S. are:—Pair Show, Mar. 2; F.F., June 22; annual open, Oct. 21. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge the latter.

Brechin C.B.S. will hold its fifty-first annual show on Nov. 7. Mr. J. Crabb, sec., writes that he hopes other secs. will note date, to avoid clashing.

We hear that the judges at the W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) Show on Oct. 13 and 14 are Messrs. C. A. House (Yorks, Brit., and For.), J. Robson (Plainheads and Crests).

In the Open Nov. Yell. Yorks class at Boscombe Show Mr. A. Cooke, Guildford, won 1st, sp. and 4th, and W. G. Cooper 2nd; not 1, Cooper; 2, 4, Cooke, as reported.

Having been appointed sec. of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S., writes Mr. A. Firth, 38, Waverley Terraee, Great Horton, all communications should now be sent to me.

The annual Open Show of the Southend and Southern Counties P.S. is fixed for Nov. 18-19, write Messrs. Deer and Cundy, hon. secs., and we hope that other societies will note date to avoid clashing.

Mr. Duncan has resigned the secretaryship of Clackmannan C.B.S., writes Mr. W. F. L. Bremner, and I have been appointed to the post: all communications should be made to me at 13, The Walk, Alloa.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Middleton C.B.S., in succession to Mr. Jos. Oldham, writes Mr. Jas. Hulton, 11, Grey Street, Middleton. Fanciers are invited to join. Entrance fee, 1s. and 1s. per quarter after.

All prize moneys and accounts of the North Wales C.B.S. have been paid re Boxing Day Show, as per balance-sheet, writes Mr. R. F. Griffith, hon. sec. Any member who has not received a balance-sheet, please write.

The date of our next open show, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Upper Rhondda C.B.S., will be Dec. 3. Mr. H Norman will judge. We shall be glad if other societies will avoid clashing as far as possible, in their own interests as well as ours.

The members' show of the Abertillery C.B.S. will be held Feb. 7 at Cwm Assembly Rooms, writes Mr. C. Broome, hon. sec. Birds staged at 4.30. The open show date is fixed for Oct. 21; judge Mr. J. Robson. I hope other societies will not clash.

Owing to removing to the seaside, I have reluctantly been compelled to sell all my birds, writes Mr. R. Topping, Newcastle. I am pleased to say I have disposed of my buff hen, 2nd at Gateshead Show, to Mr. McGinn, of Walker, for a good figure.

In the Mule or Hybrid Class at Boscombe Show, Jan. 20-21, Mr. E. T. Hames won 1st and silver medal with an extra good Goldfinch Greenfinch, and 4th with a nice variegated Goldfinch Canary. These birds were missing from their position when our reporter took his notes.

At the next meeting of the Reading C.B.S., held at Palmer Hall, Feb. 4, at 8, what promises to be a very interesting evening will be spent. Novice members have been invited to write essays on "What variety shall I keep, and why?" Six papers, at least, will be read, and all fanciers will be heartily welcomed at the meeting.

At Llanelly, J. Merry won 2nd in Buff Hen class, not Harry, as reported.

We hear that Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, has been engaged to judge the show of Newsham C.B.S. on Oct. 24 next.

The annual show of the Merionethshire Agricultural Society will be held at Towyn, Sept. 4, writes Mr. R. Roberts, sec.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Botell, 6, Blammerle Terrace, New Eltham, Eltham, S.E. All communications re same should be addressed accordingly.

Mr. A. G. Davis writes to confirm Mr. A. T. Mullock's statement in our last issue re Mr. Thornton judging Garston Show on Dec. 6. He (Mr. Davis) judged the show on Dec. 27.

We hear that Mrs. W. R. Miles, wife of the well-known exhibitor and judge, of Chichester, has been presented by her noted Pekingese with a litter of five puppies that promise to be valuable.

All prize-money won at Alnwick show, 1913, has been paid. Any exhibitor who may have been overlooked should communicate with W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport Street, Alnwick (sec. pro tem).

The photographic study of a young Barn Owl (which appeared on page iii. of our Birthday supplement) was the work of Mr. A. L. Bonas (Castleacre), and not Mr. Crook, who sent the pictures of the Rooks and Sparrows.

I have resigned the position of Hon. Sec. of the York C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Sayles, and have handed over the society's books, etc., to the new sec., Mr. V. G. F. Zimmermann, 7, Portland Street, York, to whom all communications regarding the society should in future be addressed.

The annual general meeting of the Southern Border F.C. will be held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2.30, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec. Notice, with No. of room, will be posted on Sales Office in the Show Hall. Cups and specials will be presented. Notices of any alterations of rules, etc., must be sent in at once.

Those of our readers who are coming to London for the Crystal Palace show next week will find convenient and comfortable quarters at the Salisbury Hotel, Salisbury Square, Fleet Street. The Hotel is near Ludgate Circus, and is only two minutes from St. Paul's Station, where frequent trains run to Sydenham.

One of the greatest firms in the world dealing with second-hand books is Messrs. W. and G. Foyle, of 121-123, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C. They made a speciality of books upon natural history, birds, botany, fishing, and sport of all kinds, agricultural science, etc. Readers should send for a catalogue and state the kind of books they are looking for. Messrs. Foyle can supply them with many great bargains.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. E. A. Stickland has resigned the secretaryship of the Windsor and Dis. C.B.A., and I have been appointed to the position, writes Mr. H. W. Simms, hon. sec., 34, Bexley-street, Windsor. All correspondence should now be addressed to me. We should be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join us; our radius is 25 miles, and sub. 2s. 6d. per year.

I have sold my champion Hawfinch, Diploma and Medal winner Cockermouth show, and numerous prizes elsewhere, and which I had advertised in last week's Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. Ellwood. The purchaser is a well-known Durham fancier, who, I hope, will also be successful with it. I wish to thank the numerous applicants.

Who Bred It?

Who is the Bradford fancier who claims to have bred that champion dark yellow Greenfinch and Canary Mule lately shown by Mr. Somerfield and now owned and successfully exhibited by Mr. R. D. Parlett, of Sheffield? Two men, we hear, claim the honour of having produced this wonder.

A Chance for Helpers at the Palace

Will officials and members of the L. and P.O.S. kindly note their help will be wanted on Thursday next, any time they can spare after mid day, to assist in the unpacking and staging of the exhibits? Any member not having a pass and willing to assist can obtain a pass by applying to Mr. J. W. Ramsden.

Norwich P.H. Club Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Norwich Plainhead Club will take place at the White Horse Restaurant, Friargate, Preston, February 7, dinner 5 p.m. sharp. The arrangements are in the hands of Mr. T. H. Dent, our popular president, who will be pleased to hear from anyone desiring to attend and forward tickets (the price of which are 2s. each) to anyone applying to him for same, but would like to have applications as early as possible.—Jno. Hopkins.

THE 55th GREAT CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW

Review of the Entry, Etc.

The show which is in the thoughts of many hundreds of fanciers from year's end to year's end is now once more close upon us, and fanciers will in a few days be foregathering as usual at the great annual reunion.

The entries this year total 2,470, just two more than last year, but the average per class is larger than in 1913, for the competitive classes this year are three less in number.

The class for white Canaries, which last year had ten entries, has dropped to six, a rather unlooked for circumstance, considering that the variety seemed to be getting firmly established.

The Foreign section shows a considerable improvement in number, and there will be staged a collection of gorgeously plumaged birds, which will be worth a long journey to see. Nothing absolutely new to the show bench is among the entries, we think, but the 116 birds which form this section will attract an interested and delighted audience, as usual. Mr. H. T. T. Camps again judges the Parrots, which this year have jumped from 25 to 43 entries, and the remainder will be taken by Mr. Fuhljames, who exchanges places with Mr. Swaysland, the latter taking over the insectivorous British classes. The entries in this part of the foreign section have risen from 58 to 73.

The Canary Section.

The classes in the Canary section number 89, against the 92 of last year, and have produced 1,369 entries, an increase of two, last year's number being 1,358, so that the average is a better one. A big drop occurs in the Crests, 69 birds in 9 classes, against the 107 in 10 of last year; novice Yorks. are 26 down, 126 being the number, and the limit classes, 151, are 35 down from last year. The A.O.V. Canary class has only produced 5 entries, and it is likely that this class will be dropped from future schedules. A rise in the majority of the classes balances the deficiency here shown. Among the increases are: Norwich open, 16 up, noviec 35, open Yorks. 25. An addition to the Canary section is a class for Dutch Frills, guaranteed by Messrs. Fifield and Brooks, and this has produced a nice entry of 14. These curiously feathered birds will doubtless be one of the attractions of the show.

The detailed entries are as follows:	Classes.	Birds.
Norwich Plainheads (open)	8	123
Ditto (novice)	4	117
Crests and C.B. (open)	8	63
Ditto (novice)	2	6
Green Canaries (Norwich)	4	41
Ditto (Yorks.)	4	51
Ditto (Bord.)	4	58
Yorkshires (open)	8	163
Ditto Green-marked	2	29
Ditto Cinnamon-marked	2	31
Ditto (novice)	7	126
Border Fancies (open)	7	160
Ditto (novice)	2	49
Scotch Fancies	2	26
Belgians	3	25

Nearly 2,500 Birds Again.

	Classes.	Birds.
Lancashires	2	15
Lizards	2	20
Cinnamons (open)	4	35
Ditto (novice)	1	no entry
Frilled Canaries	1	14
White Canaries	1	6
A.O.V.	1	5
Rollers	3	46
Lhuit Classes	7	151

In judging Mules and Hybrids, Mr. Lamb makes his debut at the Palace, and has been supported by 132 entries, an increase of 4 over last year. Among the birds in this section will be found representatives of every known cross, including two examples of the Green finch-Chaffinch, the latest, though now familiar, success in Hybrid breeding.

In the British section (open) there are 723 entries, a drop of 25 from last year's total. Mr. Weston's five classes—Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch—contain 162, an increase of 26. Mr. Silver's classes show an increase of 7 entries, but the 8 classes judged by Mr. Swaysland have produced only 74, a big drop of exactly 60 from last year. Nevertheless, nearly every species of British bird which may properly be kept in captivity will be represented, and the section will, as usual, be one of the most interesting sights of the show. The novice British classes have been increased from 3 to 5, but have produced 4 less entries.

The class for Continental Finches, judge, Mr. Dewar, has produced 11 entries, while 270 bargains will appear in the extra stock class.

The Old Firm Again.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, is once again responsible for the whole of the show arrangements, this being the fourteenth year of his management of the great exhibition. The experience which Mr. Ramsden has had in working out to a nicety the minutest detail which may tend to the smooth carrying out of such an undertaking stands him in good stead. From beginning to end everything under Mr. Ramsden's management works with the smoothness of perfect machinery, and when our representative called on Tuesday evening the catalogue sheets were absolutely ready for the printer, each entry throughout the whole 2,470 being numbered consecutively. In the enormous clerical work incidental to such a task, Mr. Ramsden has the enthusiastic assistance of Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. Geo. Ramsden, and he is the first to admit that their whole-hearted co-operation is the secret of his success. We were glad to hear from Mr. Ramsden that the system he adopted some years ago of absolutely closing down the entries at the advertised time works with complete success. Exhibitors, when they know their entries will be refused if tendered after the proper time, take care to enter before closing, and this year not a single entry had to be returned through being after time.

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Address Wanted.

In your splendid Double Number I had a small advt. offering Crests in exchange, writes Mr. D. Wilson, Hamilton, and got a reply from a Mr. Hamilton, Newlands, Glasgow, but neither street nor number. I got my reply returned, "Insufficiently addressed." Will Mr. Hamilton send full address?

Illness of Middlesex Secretary.

I have been confined to my bed now for three weeks, suffering from pneumonia, and I fear it will be another month before I am able to resume my duties again. In the meantime I trust members of the Middlesex O.S. and fanciers generally will excuse my not answering their letters, etc.—Jeffery Jefferis (Southall), sec. Middlesex O.S.

Concert for Bradford Fanciers.

The City of Bradford O.S. will hold an open concert Jan. 31 at Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, for the presentation of members' prizes by Mr. H. H. Towers of Glasburn, when a hearty welcome will be given to all fanciers and friends, writes Mr. W. Helliwell, sec. Will all fanciers desirous of becoming members attend and be enrolled?

Lizards in the North.

The members of the N.L.C. are indebted to Mr. W. H. Butler, West Stanley, for a handsome sub. to medal funds, and wish to thank him, through the medium of your valuable journal. What the possibilities of the Lizard in the North would be it is hard to say were Mr. Butler to lend his great influence on behalf of the breed. Mr. J. S. Hyslop, Wallsend, has again secured the N.L.C.C. bowl, this being his second win in succession. Congratulations and a speedy return to health.—C. Davidson, sec.

Tyneside Fancier Burnt Out.

I am sorry to say one of our members, Mr. Ralph McKie, was so unfortunate as to lose the whole of his stock of birds, amounting to over £20 worth, through fire; it is rather a severe blow to him, as he was expecting to make his mark the next show season. He is only a working man, with a small family, and there are no prospects of him being able to replace them. Should any of our brother fanciers be in a position to stretch forth the hand of kindness and help to set a keen and good fancier on the way again, it would be much appreciated by him, and acknowledged per return by George Greenwell, hon. sec. Wallsend C.B.A., 17, George Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

[We are sorry to hear of Mr. McKie's loss, and have sent a donation of 10s. from Cage Birds League on Mr. Greenwell's recommendation, to start the ball rolling.—Editor, "C.B."]

Leigh C.B.S. Dinner.

Members and friends of the Leigh C.B.S. should not forget the dinner at 5 o'clock to-day (Saturday) writes Mr. R. Charleson, hon. sec.

Club Meetings at the Palace.

Applications for club meeting rooms at the Palace must be made direct to Mr. Ramsden, and will be booked strictly in order of application. The hours are from 2 till 6, or 6 till 10. Charge 10s. 6d. per meeting.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).
Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)
Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)
Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)
Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton.**—(J. N. Jeffrey, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.C.
Oct. 21-22.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley Ho., Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct. 23-24. **Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)
Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.)
Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.
Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Rd.) J.R.
Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)
Nov. 18-19. **Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).
Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.)
Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)
Nov. 7.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street).
Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)
Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19. **Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Correspondence.

Other letters will be found on pages 80 and 81.

Rats Wreak Destruction.

An Aviary Cleared in a Night.

Sir, As a reader of your most valuable paper for some years past, and one who has gained great information from same in many respects, I thought a recent experience of mine, if published in your valuable columns might safeguard a great many of your readers, and prevent them from suffering the great loss that has happened to me, as prevention is always better than cure.

To commence my story, I have what I believe the prettiest aviary and garden to be found for many miles around this district, and people come from a long distance to view my Canaries and British birds and foreigners. The flight is 10ft. long by 3 x 4ft., all finished in rustic style with virginian cork bark. The inside compartment is of matchboard and felt, size 6ft. x 5ft. all ways. On the evening of the 20th inst., on returning from our work, my son and I went to view our birds as usual after tea, the aviary then containing 10 pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires and very fine cock Bullfinch, two Chaffinches, one handsome Goldfinch, and two Canary Mules in the one compartment, and seven Budgerigars in the other. On the following morning my son went out to feed the birds at 5.30 a.m., before going to work, when, to his great surprise, there were only two Canaries left. We at once made a search, and soon discovered that the place had been entered by rats during the night, with the result that all our birds were eaten except the heads and wings, for evidence to clear up what seemed a great mystery. I may say that that birds cost me over £12 to get together, and I anticipated a great breeding season next year, and my reason for sending this letter to you is as a preventive to other fanciers from being served as I have been.

W. CYPHER.

Halifax O.S. and the Yorkshire Union.

Sir,—In your issue of the 17th inst. there is a report of the Yorkshire Union meeting, and when the resignation of Halifax Society came up they asked our delegates the reason, and in their answer they said the notice of motion for the special meeting was given before the annual show. Now I say this is not correct, as our show was held on Oct. 17 and 18, and this motion was given on Nov. 1 at our monthly meeting, and at our next monthly meeting, which was held on Nov. 29, it being held a week sooner than usual, owing to the Bradford National, it was confirmed, and then it was decided to have a special meeting for that purpose on Dec. 20, for which every member was post carded. I am surprised that the President of the Yorkshire Union did not pull them up, seeing he is a member of our society, and he would know different. I don't envy his job as chairman. I might say that I have seen the delegate who made that statement, and he says it was his mistake. I might also say that only two of our delegates went to the meeting, and I did not know they had been notified about the meeting till the same night, because I had not had a postcard from the Yorkshire Union sec. I might say that the Sunday before the meeting the President was at my house, and he told me they were having a meeting at Bradford, and I also saw him the Sunday after and asked me if I couldn't get three delegates to go to the meeting, so I told him I had not been notified.

HARRY CLEGG, Sec.

A Well-known Tyneside Winner Changes Hands.

Sir, Mr. Wm. McGinn, the well-known Tyneside exhibitor, has sold his champion clear yellow Norwich cock to Mr. W. Crawshaw of Accrington. The price has not been divulged, but it is sure to be a substantial one, for the bird is practically unbeaten in his class, and has eight 1sts to his credit this season, including the cup for best Norwich at the recent Scottish National, also special best Norwich at Hartlepool, while other 1sts were gained at Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Haltwhistle, etc., all in the keenest competition. We wish Mr. Crawshaw every success with his latest purchase, and we feel confident that the bird will fully justify himself for his new owner. The bird was entered at our show (Sunderland), but owing to being sold was absent, otherwise he would probably have had another 1st to his credit.

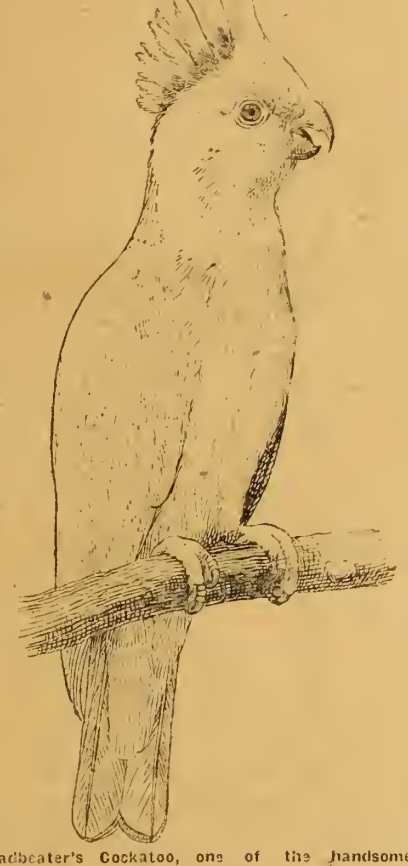
W. REID.

The Black Redstart.

Sir, I noticed a letter in last week's issue stating that the Black Redstart was seen at Workington. Thinking it may interest your readers, I may state that this bird is a regular visitor to this place, Burry Port. I have seen it for over twenty years without a break. I have seen as many as three at the same time. They arrive here about the end of October, and leave again in March.

D. RAY.

Burry Port.



Leadbeater's Cockatoo, one of the handsomest members of this popular genus, its crest being particularly effective in coloration and size.

Suggested Society for Port Talbot.

Sir, Kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to ask all bird lovers of Port Talbot, whether it is in our power to form a Cage Bird Society in the district? I know well that there are a lot of fanciers here who only want arousing to the occasion, and as we have a well-known Cardiff fancier dwelling here (Mr. Maggs) I should like to hear him voice his sentiments through the press on the matter.

TYBACH.

Treating Fractures in Birds' Legs.

Sir,—The following method of treating a fracture of a small bird's leg may be of use to some of your readers. I recently saw a Canary, belonging to a friend of mine, which had a compound fracture of the leg, that is to say the skin was broken and the fracture communicated with the air. While my friend held the bird, I attempted to fit tiny splints, made from a match, with cotton wool wound round them, with the intention of binding them on with strapping. I found it was quite impossible to adjust them nicely, as they should be. The method I then tried was as follows:—I took a piece of Johnson and Johnson's ZO strapping, half an inch wide and two inches long, and rolled it tightly round the leg, covering fracture, and making about four or five layers of strapping. The bird was able to perch immediately afterwards. I removed the strapping after five weeks, by getting my friend to hold the bird, while I softened the strapping by applying a piece of absorbent wool dipped in hot water. The leg is perfect, and the bird is quite well. I found this method easy and simple, but splints, although I have some knowledge of their use, practically impossible to apply. I hope this letter may be the means of saving some little birds from needless suffering, and enclose a fractured match to illustrate my meaning. I left the strapping on for five weeks, as I did not know how long a small bird's leg takes to unite. I think it is probably less than this time.

H. GERALD YEO, M.B.

The Sensational Hybrid of the Year.

Sir,—The owner having thrown down the gauntlet and threatened dire punishment to those who dare to question the genuineness of the reputed variegated Canary Bullfinch may have been the cause of the appearance of the two letters published in last week's CAGE BIRDS. Both letters convey the impression that the writers are fully convinced in their own minds that this bird is in reality a partial Albino Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, which opinion is shared by a large number of experienced fanciers. Mr. Alexander states that at the Scottish National Show his Goldie Bullie just missed the money by the wholesale honours given to Canary Bullies, and yet, according to his own showing, they were apportioned as follows:—Canary Bullie 1st, Redpoll-Bullie 2nd, Greenie Bullie 3rd, Canary-Bullie 4th, Greenie-Bullie 5th, Goldie-Bullie 6th. I examined the Goldie-Bullies and found that the biggest and best coloured bird was cardless, but had no difficulty in discovering that the flight feathers of one wing were only half grown. Further comment is needless. The owner of the sensational Hybrid has got angry now that not less than thrice, one judge has dared to give it just third. He has written to the Fancy Press and "said things," and solemnly vowed that that judge shall ne'er more see his rarity. Others should take due warning by that judge's awful fate! They must on every occasion give first to such a rare bird, or they will ruin their reputation.

DUNCAN MACSAFTY.

Sir,—I see you are not ashamed of your country, "Scottie." Why should you be ashamed of your own name? I never write to nondescripts. I am writing mainly to let the many fanciers know that the White Rose will not be at the Palace. As I expected, he has knocked some flight feathers out. I never intended to interfere with the Scottish National Committee, as that show is the best worked show in the world. I would sooner visit that show than any other when convenient. It would be a great help, and something for exhibitors to do, if the Palace Show Committee would adopt the same method as Scottish National, seeing that the show won't be opened until three o'clock, to have a board outside the show, and put up the numbers of various classes as they are judged. They have plenty of capable men who no doubt would be glad of the job. It could yet be done this year. I agree with the judge, "Scottie," in only awarding my Canary-Bullie second at Guildford Show, he tells you why in his report it was soiled. This was the foundation of my complaint. If anyone thinks they can prove the bird in question is not what I represent it to be my challenge of Dec. 6 is open to anyone. I was pleased to have so many congratulatory letters from the North on my success with the White Rose at Sunderland Show. The secretary writes, letter enclosed:—"Your Canary-Bullie caused quite a stir at our show, and it will be quite gratifying to you to know that the local fanciers at least were quite satisfied that it was all it was represented to be. Each of our three judges was also satisfied."

P. D. PARLETT.

Proposed Amalgamation of Societies in Aberdeen.

Sir,—A meeting of fanciers was held in the Trades Hall, Aberdeen, on January 20 for the purpose of discussing a proposal to amalgamate the four existing societies, viz., Aberdeen, Granite City, Bon-accord, and Woodside. Mr. John Hector, President of the Aberdeen Society, was called to the chair, and in an introductory speech briefly outlined the scheme. Considerable discussion took place on some of the points raised, but on the whole the feeling of the meeting was entirely in favour of the proposal. It was arranged that the societies concerned should each hold a meeting of their respective members within the next fortnight, so that they might have an opportunity of voting for or against amalgamation. A further meeting will be held in the Trades Hall (Room 4), February 10, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving reports, and considerations of any further proposals. It is hoped that the members of all societies will attend this meeting.

JAS. G. MILNE.

Wanted, a Water Paint.

That Won't Come Off.

Sir,—Will some kind fancier please tell me the best sort of paint to use in an outside aviary. I have used some best water paint, but it always comes off on your clothes. Spring cleaning being close on us, I want to make a start. Wishing all a successful season.

MASON.

London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.

Sir,—The above [illegible] constructed, and the [illegible] to send you a copy of its rules and objects, for your information or for publication, should you consider it of sufficient interest to your readers. It is thought the small subscription fee fixed, which shall be the limit of each society's liability, should be the means of inducing the majority of the societies in the Metropolitan Police area to join, and by doing so assist in promoting the best interests of the Fancy.

J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(1) That the title be the "London Federation of Cage Bird Societies."

(2) That the objects of the Federation be to constitute a Court of Appeal to decide questions or disputes put before them by the affiliated societies or their members or member, and take such action as may be considered best in the interest of the Cage Bird Fancy.

(3) That the council shall consist of two representatives of each affiliated society, who shall elect its officers annually from its own members as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(4) That the contribution from each affiliated society be 2s. 6d. per annum.

(5) Upon receipt of a stated complaint either from an affiliated society or a member, the secretary shall, within fourteen days, summon a meeting of the Council to consider the matter, five members to form a quorum. Representatives of a society concerned in a dispute may enter into the discussions, but shall not vote on the case.

(6) That a trophy shall be provided by subscription or otherwise for annual inter-club competition, such competition to be held in conjunction with one of the affiliated societies' shows. Competitors to pay a small entrance fee and receive no prize money. Members of a society at whose show the competition is held to stay their exhibits which will compete in the competition classes.

(7) That an annual balance sheet, duly audited, and report, be furnished to the Council at the annual general meeting.

The Three Wild-caught Liverpool Hybrids.

Sir,—I notice Mr. J. W. Cutmore, writing in CAGE BIRDS of wild caught Hybrids, says: The question that suggests itself is, were these Hybrids produced in the wild state? He has doubts about it. I don't think myself that the existence of a wild-bred Hybrid has ever been proved. Numerous instances of Hybrids being caught have come to my notice, but the most reasonable conclusion is that they have escaped, or have been set free. I well remember some thirty years ago a discussion on the subject in one of the poultry journals. (There was no CAGE BIRDS then, or any paper devoted to cage-birds. One of the writers was a Dr. Greene, who always concluded his article with a statement. It appeared so often that I learnt it by heart, and it always recurs to me when the subject is broached. It was thus:—"There was no wild-bred Hybrids: there never were, and never will be; nature forbids it. Only under the domination of man are they produced, and Nature marks her abhorrence of them by stamping them with sterility."

W. W. WATSON.

No Trouble at York.

So that's All Right.

Sir,—I was surprised when I saw my letter in CAGE BIRDS under the heading "What's the Trouble?" Now, Sir, this letter has caused the sparks to fly, and the secretary has written me that he wishes you to withdraw the statement. It's wonderful how mole-heaps are made mountains, but to save friction with the members, would you kindly withdraw the letter, which I am sorry you ever put in your paper, and allow the matter to drop? There is, I assure you, nothing wrong with our society, which has just ended a most enjoyable and prosperous year, and things work very smoothly, but, of course, one will always find that where a number of persons are concerned all are not unanimous.

E. BARRY DREW.

Birds in Paper Bags.

Sir,—Under the above heading your correspondent, Mr. C. Crabb, says why not? Common decency and humanity forbids any man with the least spark of feeling or consideration for his birds to carry them in paper bags. He speaks of money and brains. I suggest he has neither, or when buying birds he would spend another 3d. or 6d. in a travelling cage instead of doing the bird a 1s. worth of harm to save 3d. No brains in that. That is where the law ought to step in. Wilful cruelty: it is nothing less. I have kept birds for 40 years for pleasure, not profit. I have a good few now, mostly in aviaries, not bag birds. He has nothing to boast of; rather the reverse. Some folk have no sense of feeling except for themselves.

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The Shows.

STRATHBOGIE P.P. AND C.B.A.

Annual show held Stewart's Hall, Huntly, Jan 8. The hall is of a good size and well lighted from the sides. This is a fresh start for the society, and we hope it will now keep going. Forty five classes were provided for cage birds with an entry of 109. The birds were staged down one side of the hall on the three-tier style, but the tiers were rather too close. The show was fairly well patronised. The arrangements were well carried out by the courteous and obliging sec., Mr. A. Dutton, who was ably backed up by a hard working committee of true lancers. Mr. R. Gordon judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (2): 1, spl., Rhind, grand col. and qual., rare reach and limbs, good head and neck, nice body and flights, well shown; 2, Shearer, nice shape and size, not so well finished. BUFF (2): 1, Rhind, good body and size, nice head and neck, grand colour and qual., good wing and tail carr., well staged; 2, Shearer, rare reach and size. CL. OR TKD. BUFF, NAT. COL. (4): 1, Shearer, good body and reach, nice head and neck, fine col. and qual. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl., 2, Rhind, yell. cinn. variegs., grand reach and size, rare col. and qual., 2nd dark yell. variegs., fine col. and qual.; 3, Shearer, buff variegs., nat. col., fine wing carr. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (1): 1, spl., Bain Bros., grand col. and qual., good head and neck, nice body and size, nice wings, well shown. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Craigen, grand col. and size, fine qual., nice flights and tail, well fed. BUFF HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Craigen, grand col. and qual., good body and size, 2nd same stamp, not far behind, 3rd rare col. and qual. VARIEG. HEN (1): 1, spl., Bain Bros., buff, nice body and shape, good col. and qual., fine head and neck, well shown. UNFLIG. (3): 1, spl., Garden, yell. variegs., rare size, body and shape, good head and neck, nice flights and tail, bit; 2, 3, Joiner. NAT. COL. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, spl., 3, Bain Bros., rare head and neck, good body and size, grand col. and qual., well shown, 3rd rare col. good body and size; 2, Maclean, nice type and wings, good head and neck. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Bain Bros., rare type, col. and qual., nice size, good body, head and neck, well shown; 2, Craig, good head and neck, good size, body and shape, fails qual. and flights. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, spl., Garden, buff, rare type, col. and qual., grand head and neck, good body and flights, well staged; 2, Maclean, buff, good body and size, fine col. and qual., fails head; 3, Bain Bros. GREEN OR FOUL (1): 1, spl., Garden, yell. foul gr., grand head and neck, rare size, good col. and qual., well shown. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl., 3, vhc, c, Bain Bros., buff cinn., grand size, body and shape, good head and neck, rare col. and qual., 3rd yell. cinn. good col. and qual., nicely ed, fine flights and tail, loses in size; 2, hc, Craigen, yell. pied Scotch Fancy, good col., head and neck, nice shoulders and shape. CREST (3): 1, spl., 3, Craigen, variegs. D.C., rare body and shape, good size, well carried crest, fine feather and qual., wins, 3rd=gr., rare col. and qual.; 2, Webster, variegs. D.C., good head, col. and qual., rare feather and crest. C.B. (6): 1, Grant, grand head and neck, rare size and body, good col. and qual., rare length of feather; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Craigen, rare feather, col. and qual., grand size, 3rd variegs., good body and length of feather, fine head and neck, fails size. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (1): 1, spl., Craigen, good col. and qual., nice body and shape, fine head and neck, well shown. A.O.C. (2): 1, Stewart, yell. variegs., rare type, col. and qual., good head and neck, fine wing carriage, bit; 2, Craigen, yell. variegs., fine col. and qual. NOVICE (2): 1, spl., Bain, cl. body, grizzle crest, good body and feather, nice head and crest; 2, Craig, cl. buff Scotch Fancy. DARK MULE (8): 1, spl., hc, Hind, Goldie, rare size, body and shape, grand col. and qual., well fed, tip-top order; 2, 3, vhc, c, Watt, Greenie, not so rich col., 3rd Goldie, well mkd., rare col. and qual. GOLDF. (1): 1, Craigen, good size and col., nice blaze, well mkd., very steady. BULLF. (5): 1, 3, Watt, good size, col. and qual., grand head, cap and bars, in rare bloom, 3rd bit soft; 2, Craigen, good size and body, nice head and cap, loses in breast col.; vhc, Martin. BULLF., HEN (3): 1, spl., Bain Bros., large, grand col. and qual., good head and body, nice cap and bars, wins; 2, Martin, loses size and col. to winner; 3, Craigen, nice one, close up. GREENF. (1): 1, Craigen, good size, col. and qual., well mkd., nice body and shape. LINNET OR TWITE (5): 1, spl., 2, vhc, Rhind, rare size, col. and marking, very steady well shown; 3, hc, Barron, Linnet, good size and shape, well mkd., fails col. SISKIN OR REDPOLL (3): 1, 2, McAdam, Siskin, grand size, col. and markings, good cap and bib, wins, 2nd good Siskin, close up; 3, Thomson, Mealy Redpoll, rare size and col., nice cap and bib. A.O., SMALL (1): 1, Watt, Chaffinch, good size and shape, fine col. and markings, well shown. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, Thomson, Waxwing, in tip-top order, wins, 2nd Missel Thrush, large, good col., fine clear markings, steady as a rock, 3rd Blackbird, good col. and size, well shown, close up; vhc, Bain. MATCHED PAIR FOR HYB. (1): 1, Craigen, Goldie and Bullie, nicely matched, hen a bit soft. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, spl., Craigen, LARGE (2): 1, Neish; 2, Craigen. GIFT (1): 1, Bain Bros. JUVENILE (7): 1, Garden, buff variegs., rare body, head and neck, fine col. and qual., wants tail; 2, 3, c, Bain Bros., cl. buff ord., grand col. and qual., good flights, body and shape, close up, 3rd Bullie cock, nice size and col., good head and cap; vhc, Craig, hc, Maclean.

BRAMLEY O.S.

Final show held Dec. 13, at Carnival Committee Rooms. Seventy-two birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Wharton, of Bradford, who gave entire satisfaction. Winners of the season society's prize are: Richmond 108 points, Page 101, B. H. Wilson 101, Steel 98, Mitchell 81, Palmer 69, Etherington 66, Jones 59, Baldwin 51, Master L. Moore 29, Norwich sp., Page, 64 points; Brit. Palmer, 52; Yorks., Richmond, 94; Errington's, Page, 12; Nat. Col., Richmond, 82; Uneven Mark, Richmond, 52; Unflig., Wilson, 32; Nov., Mitchell, 81, Nov. Brit., Jones, 56; Yorks., Mitchell, 29; Nor., Etherington, 13; Brit., Etherington, 13.

CL. TKD. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, vhc, Steel, hc Mitchell. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, hc, Mitchell, vhc, Moore; c, Steel. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Steel, vhc, Mitchell; hc, Page. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Richmond; 2, 3, Steel; hc Mitchell. UNEVEN CK. (6): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, hc Page; vhc, Mitchell. HEN (6): 1, Richmond; 2, Steel; 3, vhc, Page. NOR. CK (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Page; vhc, B. H. Wilson. UNFLIG. NOR. (8): 1, 3, B. H. Wilson; 2, hc, Page; vhc, c, Etherington. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Moore; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Palmer; c, B. H. Wilson. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, vhc, B. H. Wilson; 2, c, Jones; hc, Palmer. GOLDF., ETC. (9): 1 Palmer; 2, Etherington; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, c, B. H Wilson.—W. H. Steel, Sec.

CHICHESTER F.A.

8th annual show held Nov. 27-28, in the Corn Exchange, a splendidly commodious place. President of this flourishing Association is His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and there are a whole host of vice-presidents of influence in the district. Mr. Arthur Stone, hon. sec., is an excellent manager, and his assist. sec., Mr. C. Hay, and an efficient and experienced committee, ably seconded his efforts. The cage birds made a truly grand display. Silver cup best bird was won by Mr. H. Howick's magnificent Canary-Bullf., a grand specimen. The silver challenge cup best Canary, C. W. Silk; Miss Paget's cup, Mr. Burr. There were numerous other specials. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, cup, sp., Silk, romping bird, rare build, grand head, feather, and col.; 2, 3, Miles, lovely qual., former hardly so stout as cup winner, 3 fine qual. and col.; 4, Silk, another smart bird; res, Duke of Richmond and Gordon; vhc, Homer; hc, Silk; c, Miss Townend. BUFF (1): 2, 4, Miles, bonny birds, grand type, nice heads, feather, and under col.; res, vhc, Miss Townend. TKD., ETC., CK. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Silk, 1 tkd. buff, rare type, good wing carr., silky feather, 3, variegs. yell., lovely col., bit long in wing; 2, res, hc, Miles, bonny variegs. buff, rattling body, full of qual.; 4, Miss Townend; c, Duke of Richmond and Gordon. HEN (12): A grand class: 1, 2, Miles, charming tkd. buff, bonny lady, and cl. yell., full of col., silky feather, nice head and shape; 3, res, Silk, nice qual. and shape, hardly so nice in neck feather; 4, Miss Townend; hc, c, Homer. UNFLIG. (12): 1, sp., vhc, Miss Townend, sweet cl. yell., teeming with qual., nice shape; 2, 4, Silk, 2 tkd. wing and capped, very attractive, a little unsteady; 3, res, Miles, lovely wing tkd. yell., dense col., rare qual.; hc, c, Homer. YORKS. (9): 1, sp., Howick, rare upstanding buff, nicely tapered, neat head, well on the leg, good qual.; 2, Walling, almost equally shapely yell., good mover; 3, Silk, upstanding, just a shade strong at waist, full of life; 4, res, vhc, Nicholls. A.O.V. (5): 2, Silk, good coloured buff cinn., well shown; 3, 4, Mrs. Homer, Crest and C.B., respectively, both very good exhibits; res, Mrs. Orred; vhc, Smith. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, cup, 2, 3, 4, Howick, leader, lovely Can.-Bullf., easily best bird in show; vhc, Miles; hc, Lennox; c, Duke of Richmond and Gordon. GOLDF. (14): A grand lot: 1, 2, 5, 4, c, Burr, grand team, winner in lovely form, with other toppers close up; res, vhc, Allen; hc, Newell. BULLF. (7): Here again Mr. Burr ran away with the leading awards, leader just getting the verdict on condition on the table, although later in the day either might have won; res, sp., Howick. LINNET (7): 1, 3, res, Burr, 1 steady as a judge, shone like a Raven, beautifully mkd.; 4, Howick, very nice col., hardly so glossy; vhc, c, Lewington; hc, Fuller. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 2, Burr, very nice Siskin, well mkd., not over-bibbed; res, Howick; vhc, Fuller. A.O. BRIT. (11): 1, cup, sp., 2, 4, res, Burr, magnificent team, cup winner Hawfinch, grand colours and feather, beautifully bibbed, tight as a Java; 3, Miss Townend, good Sand Bunting; vhc, Howick; hc, Lennox; c, Fuller. A.O.V., MEMB. (8): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Youngman; 4, Mrs. Walling; res, vhc, Parker; hc, Walker; c, Joyce. SMALL FOR. (8): 1, sp., Longlands, lovely pair Black-headed Gouldians; all the rest to Miss Townend, Cordon Bleus, Green Avadavats, Pintail Nonpareils, etc., a rattling team, and beautifully shown.

NORTHAMPTON (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

28th annual show held Old House at Home, Dec. 26-27. The exhibition was a record success, both in respect of entries—nearly 300—and quality. There was a capital attendance of visitors. Mr. W. H. Butlin, vice-consul for Spain, the esteemed president of the society, opened the show, and congratulated the committee on the success of their enterprise. He referred to the progress the society had made since he had been president, and hoped the trophy he had given, a handsome case of cutlery, for the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points—would have the effect of encouraging the interest of fanciers. Mr. W. Tomes, J.P., also made a few apt remarks, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Butlin and Mr. Tomes. The excellent arrangements were made by the following energetic officials, with Mr. A. W. Law as the hardworking and courteous sec.: chair, S. G. Ette; vice, A. Burrows; treas., A. E. Dunkley; committee, W. Jeyes, W. Munday, C. Gray, and J. Boswell. Mr. W. H. Howe, Wellingborough, judged.

MEMB., CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Irons; 2, Stockwin; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Irons; 4, Ette. TKD. ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, Irons; 2, Jeyes; 3, Isom. BUFF: 1, Jeyes; 2, 3, Martin; 4, Ette. CL. YELL. NOR. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, T. Irons; 3, J. Irons; 4, Wood. BUFF.: 1, T. Irons; 2, 3, J. Irons; 4, Isom. TKD. ETC. YELL. NOR. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, T. Irons; 3, Ette; 4, Wood. BUFF: 1, T. Irons; 2, Jeyes; 3, Wood; 4, F. Irons CL. ETC., YELL. NOR. HEN: 1, 3, T. Irons; 2, 4, Fennell. BUFF: 1, 2, F. Irons; 3, 4, Martin. NOR. CK., NAT. COL.: 1, Martin; 2, Hobbs. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Mills. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Mills. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Mills. YORKS.: 1, 4, Dunkley; 2, 3, Freeman. YORKS. YELL. 1913: 1, 2, 3, Dunkley; 4, Freeman. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Dunkley; 2, Martin. HEN, ANY AGE: 1, 3, Freeman; 2, Dunkley; 4, Law. A.O.V.: 1, Jeyes; 2, Martin; 3, Thorneycroft; 4, Paine. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Andrews; 3, 4, Martin. NOV. YELL. NOR.: 1, Goosey; 2, Paine; 3, Gammage; 4, Foster. BUFF: 1, Thorneycroft; 2, 4, Boswell; 3, Wood. YELL. HEN, ANY AGE: 1, 3, Boswell; 2, Wood; 4, Goosey. BUFF: 1, Boswell; 2, Freeman; 3, Austin; 4, Robinson. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Boswell; 2, 4, Goosey; 3, Wood. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Goosey; 3, Foster; 4, Brooks. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Munday. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Andrews; 2, Munday; 3, Boswell; 4, Wyatt. BRAMBLE., ETC.: 1, Wyatt; 2, Munday; 3, Andrews; 4, Martin. A.O.V.: 1, Munday; 2, 3, Andrews; 4, Brooks.

AYR.

Annual show held in Wallace Town Hall, Dec. 12. Entries were a few up on former years. The hall is an admirable one for a show, and was nicely heated; unfortunately, the electric light failed in the afternoon, and this greatly affected the gate. Mr. Aitken had everything in apple-pie order, and but for the light all went well. Mr McMecking judged, and his awards were well received.

NHP. YELL. CK.: 1, McLachlan; 2, Murray; 3, J. Kelly. HEN: 1, Muir; 2, Murray. BUFF CK.: 1, Alexander; 2, Murray; 3, McLachlan. HEN: 1, Murray; 2, Muir; 3, Erskine. YORKS. CK., YELL.: 1, Lovie; 2, 3, Telfer. HEN: 1, Lovie; 2, Telfer; 3, Cameron. BUFF CK.: 1, Telfer; 2, Lovie; 3, Cameron. HEN: 1, 3, Lovie; 2, Telfer. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Aitken. MULE: 1, 3, Cowan; 2, Lyall. GOLDF.: 1, Irvine; 2, Cameron; 3, Wason. BULLF.: 1, Alexander; 2, Bell; 3, Sprout. LINNET: 1, Gibben; 2, Lyall; 3, Bell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Alexander; 2, Bell; 3, Lyall. REDPOLL: 1, Lyall; 2, Wason; 3, McFedries. HEN: 1, Kelly; 2, Lyall; 3 Irvine. A.O.V.: 1, Cowan; 2, Irvine.

FORFAR.

Forty-third annual show held in Reid Hall, Jan. 1, 2. The birds were, as usual, staged in an upstairs room, which was all that could be desired as to comfort, etc. The show is held under the patronage of the Earl of Strathmore, Provost Moffat, Major General Alexander A. A. Kinloch, Logie, and many well-known people of the district. Secretary Alex. Low had everything in grand order, and was ably assisted by Mr. Jas. Fyffe. Entries scarcely totalled last year's number, Canaries being down a little, while Brit. Mules and Foreign were slightly on the increase. Judges were: Nor., Mr. W. D. Milne, Montrose; Bord., Henry Wilson, Bannockburn; Brit., Mule and Foc., Geo. McArdle, Arbroath, who appeared to give general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Hendry, good head and body shape, fine wings and tail, good qual.; 2, Boath, good head, not so full in body, fine size. BUFF (3): 1, Kennedy, good head, short stout body, good wings, fine qual. and col.; 2, Hendry, good head, longer body, good wings, fine qual. and col.; 3, Anderson. VAR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Black, fine stamp, nice head, fine body and wing, good qual., hot col.; 2, Masterton, longer in barrel, good head, col. and qual.; 3, Taylor, smaller, good qual. and wing carriage. BUFF (2): 1, P. Taylor, fine stamp, nice head and body, good qual.; 2, Turnbull, longer in barrel, good head and neck, fine wing and qual. VAR. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Mitchell, good head and neck, fine wings; 2, Black, fails head, better body, good wings. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, spl., 4, Mitchell, cl. heading, big full head and neck nice body and wings, fine qual. and col., wins; 2, J. Taylor, loses in size, but thin in neck, fine body shape; 3, Boath, our choice, big buff variegs., lovely full big round head, full neck, long enough in barrel, but good shape, fine wings and qual.; vhc, c, Reid; hc, McLeod. HEN (3): 1, Boath, nice cl. yell. lovely short stout body, sweet head, fine wings and qual.; 2, Black, cl. buff, pressing hard; 3, Headry. NONFED CK. (3): 1, Turnbull, foul gr, great body subs., fine head, fails neck; 2, P. Taylor good head and neck, fails subs. and size, fine qual.; 3, J. Taylor, variegs buff. HEN (3): 1, spl., McLead, cl. yell. fine head and neck, grand body, fine wings and col., lovely qual.; 2, Turnbull, variegs. yell., fails size, fine qual.; 3, Myles. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, McDonald, very sweet, fine weight, nice type, fine wings and tail, teeming qual.; 2, Smart, close up, typical, good qual. BUFF (3): 1, Paton, fine head and neck, good body, nice wings and tail, fine qual.; 2, Robertson, fails type, fine qual. and cond.; 3, Hampton. YELL. HEN (3): 1, J. Taylor, sweet and typical, fine weight, nice wings and qual.; 2, Paton, fails front, fine qual. and wing carr.; 3, Hampton, nice type. BUFF (3): 1, McDonald, fine model, sweet type, nicely rounded front, fine wings and qual; 2, Kennedy, close up, fine weight, nice type, lovely qual.; 3, Robertson, fine type and qual. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Hampton, fine type, nicely rounded front, fine wings, lovely qual.; 2, Nicoll, good type, hardly so well moulded, fine wings; 3, Rea and Reid; 4, Bell. BUFF (4): 1, Wilson, fine stamp, nice weight, lovely qual., grand wings, wins; 2, Nicholl, nice type, fine front and body shape, lovely qual.; 3, Rea and Reid, fails weight, fine qual. and con.; 4, Campbell. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Smart, fine type and qual., very jaunty carr.; 2, R. C. Baird, fails type. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Smart very sweet and typical, lovely qual. DK. MULE (4): 1 Nicoll, nice Dk. Goldie, grand face, col. and condition; 2, Fyfe, Dk. Linnet, good subs. and col. staged in the pink; 3, Moir, Siskin, fair; 4, Nicol, unfortunately wet when judged or would have won. LIGHT OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, Fyfe, grand Goldf.-Bullf. leading, followed by neat Siskin-Greenie, sweet one all over, shining like silk; 3, Alexander, nice cinn. Can.-Bullie, undoubtedly of that parentage; 4, Fyfe; 5, Nicol. GOLDF (8), good class: 1, Phillips, grand one lovely cobby shape, large face, rich tanning, fine buttons and bars; 2, Christie, smaller, still a good one all over; 3, Pennycook, shade paler col., grand face and tans, well placed; 4, Irvine; 5, 6, 7, Douglas. BULLF. (9): 1, 4, 7, Douglas, leader best of type, fine col. and cap, well under bill, fine wing bars; 2, Buttar, hen, in rare order, well placed; 3, Christie, best of col., fails size only, have seen him in better feather; 5, Christie; 6, Reid. LINNET (2): 1, Ewart, fine size and mks., pale col.; 2, Grewar, small, nice col. and cond. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Greig, Twite, good size, fair col., fine mks.; 2, Colville, Siskin, fair. GREENF. (3): 1, Fyfe, grand size, lovely fed, in good order; 2, Wylie, F.M., scarcely size of leader, still a promising bird; 3, Ewart, lacks col. of leaders, will improve. A.O.V.: 1, spl., Irvine, gem of a Blackcap, staged in the very best of order; 2, Greig, Chaff., nice col., very steady; 3, Ewart, Skylark, good one for size and markings; 4, 5, Douglas HEN (6): 1, Greig, Greenie, very sweet one, fine col. and cond.; 2, Grewar, Chaff., staged in fine bloom; 3, Dalgelly, Greenie, fine size and col.; 4, 5, Douglas. FOR.: 1, Findlay, Bi-hop, nice col., very steady and well staged; 2, Pennycook, nice Budgies; 3, Colville, Whydah, minus a tail, pity.

DOUGLAS (Isle of Man).

We have received a catalogue of the show held Jan. 1. From this we gather that the principal winners were: NOR.: J. and E. Turner, Daugherty, Curphey, Crellin, Boddan, Cowell, Gell. YORKS.: Mrs. Caley, Teare, Barron, Crellin, Qualtrough, Gawne. CINN.: Gill. A.O.V.: Teare, Lord. BRIT.: Bridson, Miss Gale, Mrs. Gale. MULES: Gill, Corlett. PAIRS: Mrs. Caley, Barron. Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, judged. Entries were in advance of last year. Mr. O. D. Gell took spl. best in show with a grand Buff Nor., full of qual., and Mrs. Caley 2nd best with a buff Yorks, tight as wax, lovely qual. and type. The winning Goldf.-Can. Hybrid, W. H. Gill., could take his part in any English show.

HALIFAX O.S.

Last members' show of the season, held Jan. 17, at Plummet Line Hotel. 75 birds were staged. Mr. S. Haigh, Halifax, judged, in place of Mr. Chittenden, who was unable to come owing to illness; his awards were well received. All unflighted birds except British. Mr. S. Heap won spl. in champion classes with 16 points, and Mr. H. Lord, novice, 13 points. YORKS., CL., ETC., CK. (8): 1, Saville; 2, 3, Wilkinson; vhc, c, Townsend; hc, Burdekin Bros. HEN (8): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, hc, c, Townsend; 3, Saville; vhc, Wilkinson. MKD. HEN: 1, Townsend. GR. CK.: 1, 2, Riley. HEN: 1, 2, Riley. NOV. YORKS. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Holroyd; 2, Sharp; vhc, Smith. HEN: 1, Sladdin; 2, Smith. MKD. CK.: 1, Corney. GR. CK.: 1, Sharp. HEN: 1, Sladdin; 2, Sharp. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Heap; hc, J. Mottram. HEN (11): 1, Saville; 2, 3, hc, c, Heap; vhc, Wilkinson. NOV., NOR. CK. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Lord; 2, 3, c, Corney. HEN: 1, vhc, Lord; 2, 3, Corney. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, vhc, c, Macpherson; 2, Mottram; hc, Corney. Will members who have not yet paid their subscription for this season kindly do so as early as possible and oblige H. Clegg, Sec.

GUILDFORD.

Annual show, held Jan. 13, 14, Borough Hall. Entries were much below last year's figures, all the open classes for champion Norwich and Yorks. having to be cancelled. The novice birds that were on view were particularly good. Mr. Cook's yell. cock, and Mr. Prior's buff being good enough for any competition. The show this year was held in a much better hall than the last, exhibits being capitally staged in the gallery at the warmest end, free from draughts. Everything was nicely managed, and the lord received every attention from the stewards, Messrs. Killick and Prior. Sec., Mr. E. Stevens, had everything in the order. The feature of the show was the fine collection of Hybrids, which attracted a good deal of attention from visitors. Mr. S. Robson judged.

YORKS., YELL (10): 1, 3, c, Cook, wing lkd., grand length, shade flat on head, but wonderful shoulders and length of wing, beautifully drawn and cut away, wins, 3rd, grand length, well up on leg, fails a bit in wing; nice smooth front, good shoulders, sound con.; 2, hc, Cooper, smart and lengthy, hardly so neat in wing car., good head and shoulders, neat tail, best of qual., mkd. head and wings; vhc, Whiting. BUFF (1): 1, Prior, smart bird, grand pos., lovely type, full of "swank," good head, shoulders, and back, smart wings and tail, fine quality; 2, vhc, Cooper, paler col., beauty for type and length, neat head, grand back, smooth as bottle all round, grand length of wings, in the pink, must have pressed; 3, Pinicox, stylish and breedy, grand length of leg, beautifully cut away, neat head, good shoulders; hc, c, Cook. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Prior, neck and wing lkd., good head, grand shoulders and back, smooth front, tightly braced wings, sound col. and qual., rare fettle; 2, Cook, smart yell., grand type, well up on leg, neat wings, nicely cut away, good col. and qual.; 3, hc, Holburn, very smart butt, nice length and style, well filled in all round, grand wings and tail, tight as wax; vhc, Cooper; c, Whiting. LIGHT HYB. (5): 1, 2, Lamb, lightly mkd. Goldie, capital shape and style, rich blaze, good sound col. throughout, lovely con., 2nd, we liked equally as well, wing mkd., lovely shape, tight as wax; 3, Olle, very shapely, variegs. Linnet, beautifully proportioned, in the pink of condition; vhc, Carter. DARK (5): 1, Parlett, Greenie, grand size and shape, rather dark in col., but lovely qual. of feather, in fine fettle; 2, Lamb, bonny Goldie, grand size, good flush of col., both in face and wings, in fine order; 3, vhc, Smith, smart Siskin, capital size and shape, nicely mkd., wonderful col. and rare qual. of feather; vhc, Mrs. Nicholin. A.O.V. (15): 1, Howick, well-known Can.-Bullie, grand size and shape, might be a bit hotter in col., but a beauty for qual. and con.; 2, Parlett, the much discussed Hybrid, not in the condition it was when last out, we thought it somewhat lucky to win over; 3, vhc, hc, Lamb, Greenfinch-Chaffie, lovely exhibit, in the pink of condition, as also was the vhc, Greenf.-Bullie, almost faultless, an attractive cross, that seemed somewhat unlucky here. LOCAL: 1, vhc, Edgington, leader typical buff Yorks., nice length and style, very good con.; 2, Carter, Goldie.-Can., capital size, very shapely, good rich blaze, densely mkd., fine con.; 3, Bookham, very steady Skylark, nice shape, well mkd., in fine plumage; hc, Pope; c, Killick.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

First club show held, Jan. 10, in Pennan's Masonic Arms, when there was a very fair turn-out, some well-known Fife winners being shown. Entries totalled 63 in 12 classes, the competition being very keen in some cases. Sp. for best in show was won by Mr. Grewar, with a yellow cock, best opposite sex, A. Dickson, best unflig., T. Wildridge, with a yellow hen. Mr. J. Winter, Edinburgh, judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

YELL. CK.: 1, Grewar, nice head, fails neck a bit, fine body, shape, grand qual. and col., plenty of size, in rare order; 2, Wildridge, cl., fine size, nice head and neck, good body, fairs qual., and col.; 3, Dickson, variegs., good size, longer in barrel, good qual., fails wings; 4, M'Cue; 5, Smith. HEN: 1, Dickson, even mark, in fine trim, lovely qual. and shape, not one of the largest, but wins; 2, Barclay, cl., good head and neck, loses in body, shape, pale col.; 3, Wildridge, cl., looking soft, fine shape, fails head, fine qual.; 4, M'Leod. BUFF CK.: 1, M'Leod, cl., fine head and body subs., fails neck a bit, grand qual., lovely cond.; 2, Barclay, cl., loses in size and subs. to winner, fine qual.; 3, M'Conville, var., bit long in barrel, fine body and qual.; 4, Grewar. HEN: 1, Grewar, plenty of size, fine head and neck, short stout body, fine wings, good qual.; 2, Dickson, fails size, and hardly so typical, lovely qual. and col.; 3, M'Conville, good head and body, loses qual. and col., all variegs. UNFL. YELL. CK.: 1, Smith, var., great head and neck, good body, fails a bit in qual. and col.; 2, 4, Grewar, both wing marks, 2nd lovely round head, just the least bit of brow showing, fine type and qual.; 3, M'Cue, var., fine qual. and col.; 5, M'Leod; 6, Langan. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Wildridge, 1st cl. on the small side, but fine type and qual.; 2, Dickson, var. fine large head, fails body, shape, fine qual.; 3, M'Leod, cap mark, better size and qual., fine type, good stamp; 5, Holmes; 6, Smith. BUFF CK.: 1, M'Conville, var., good head and neck, fine body, nice qual. and col., wins; 2, 5, Wildridge, tick, fails size, but grand type and qual., lovely shade of col.; 3, M'Cue, cl., good head, longer in barrel, fine qual.; 4, M'Gowan; c, Smith. HEN: 1, 2, Grewar, clears good heads and necks, nice body, shape and qual., good wings, fine tone of col.; 2nd loses in size; 3, Wildridge, cap mark, not so well rounded in body, fine qual.; 4, Langan. NON-FED CK.: 1, 2, Grewar, cl. yellows, nice head and body properties, fine qual. and col.; 3, M'Leod, var., yell., nice head, neck, and body, won't stand up; 4, 5, Holmes; 6, M'Gowan. HEN: 1, M'Leod, cl. yell., nice head and body, teeming with qual., fine type and col.; 2, Grewar, cl. yell., fails head, short, stout body, a bit open in feather; 3, Watt, cl., buff, fine type, nice qual.; 4, Smith; 5, M'Gowan; 6, Holmes. NOV. CK.: 1, Johnston, tick. yell., fine head and neck, good body, fine qual. and col., in lovely order; 2, Watt, fails subs. to leader, nice qual.; 3, Langan, var. yell., a bit too fat, spoils shape; 4, Sinclair. HEN: 1, Langan, var. yell., nice head and body shape, good qual.; 2, Sinclair, cl. yell., stout body, good qual., patchy in col.; 3, M'Gowan, cl. yell., nice head, full in throat, good body and qual.; 4, Watt.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Pair show held Jan. 24. Mr. Clemmison judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. (12): 1, vhc, Collier; 2, c, Taylor; 3, Dawson; hc, Wilkinson. YORKS (12): 1, W. Hulme; 2, 3, vhc, Spiby; hc, Charnock; c, Taylor. MULING PAIRS (5): 1, Collier; 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, hc, Gaskell Bros.—R. Charleson, Sec.

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A DUTCH CANARY SHOW.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION AT THE HAGUE.

Specially reported for "Cage Birds" by C. A. HOUSE.

Very nicely staged were the exhibits in the Cage Bird section of the show held in the Grand Saloon of the Zoological Gardens at the Hague, Jan. 9, 10, and 11. The society, under whose auspices the show is held, is known as Nederlandsche Vereeniging Avicultura, and it is the oldest society in Holland, holding exhibitions for the different branches of aviculture. Her Majesty the Queen-Mother is its patron, and it is managed by a committee of gentlemen engaged in promoting the interests of aviculture in various forms. The Cage Bird section is generally the smallest. On this occasion it was somewhat smaller than usual, as the large number of beautiful and rare foreign birds, which one has spent much time amongst in other years, were conspicuous by their absence. Mr. D. W. Molhuysen, the secretary, is a most admirable organiser, and one of the most tactful and genial of officials. One thing which strikes a visitor to this show is the wonderful courtesy shown by all the officials, from Mr. J. M. Vas Visser, the president, down to the paid assistants. Mr. W. J. M. De Bas, the ex-president, takes the greatest interest in our section of the show, and is a large exhibitor in the most interesting classes.

The first class, Dutch Frills, contained fourteen exhibits, none of them so large as the birds which we see exhibited here in England. In shape, style, and feather they are, of course, similar, but it seems strange that here in the land of their origin the Dutch Frills are not equal to those owned and shown by the few English breeders who are interested in the breed. Mr. T. Aubac, of Paris, won 1st and 2nd in the class with a pied yellow and a buff, grandly feathered birds of splendid shape and style, while the third ticket fell to Mr. Leenwen, of Utrecht, who is Holland's largest breeder of the variety I am told. Mr. Virhees was the only exhibitor of the Belgian Canary, and his two representatives were a remarkably fine yellow, a bird of grand shape and position, and a very nervy tkd. buff.

German show Canaries have an extensive classification—Gele (yellow), Groene (Green), Fenillemorte (Cinn.), Bonte (Pied), and Gekuifde (Crests). In Gele the winner was shown by Mr. Bloys Van Treslong, and a sweet little bird it was. As I looked at it and handled it I could not but think how much more it resembled the standard of the Border Canary Club than do the present-day Borders. It was a lovely, tight-feathered, slim, graceful little chap. Mr. Molhuysen came second with a very neat feathered, but not quite so slim, bird. Mr. Leeuwen came next. In Groene, Mr. Van der Borden secured 1, 2, and vhc, with a trio of grandly coloured birds of beautiful feather. Other awards fell to Helder, Leeuwen, and Molhuysen. Mr. Van der Borden won in Fenillemorte with a very pretty, fine feathered bird. In the Bonte or variegated class Mr. Molhuysen won with a sweetly pretty Cinn-marked yell., very tight in feather, bright in colour, and of good shape; Mr. Van Leeuwen came second with a bonnie buff. The Gekuifde, or Crested Germans, are very quaint-looking little things. Curiously enough, instead of crouching, because of their crest, they hold themselves more erect than their plainheaded brethren. Mr. Bloys Van Treslong won, and he was followed by Van Leeuwen and Van der Borden.

Lancashires were a good class, so far as the shape and carriage of the exhibits were concerned. Van Leeuwen won with a very smart yell., with a neatly formed, well spread, coppy; Wilson coming second with a very stylish, nice shaped yell. plainhead. Van Leeuwen won in Crested Norwich with a bold, massive, well feathered green pied. Plainhead, or Gladkop, Norwich had fifteen entries, the best class in the show, and Mr. Wilson stood 1, 2, 3, with a lovely trio of yellows, birds of superb colour and quality, short and compact in wings and tail, and chubby in head and body. Mr. Van Leeuwen followed close up. In Cinnamons the same order was followed. In clear Yorks. Mr. Van Leeuwen took the prizes, leaving only bare honours for Mr. Wilson. The leader was a very smart, stylish; fine feathered yell., but I thought au unnoticed buff of Mr. Wilson's much the most typical bird in the class.

In Greens Mr. Wilson won with a lovely yellow; but in the cinn. and variegs. classes Mr. Van Leeuwen captured all the money. Mr. Wilson had the Lizards to himself, and in the three classes for Borders he took the greater share of the prizes. I much admired his winning yellow and his winning Bonte or pied yellow. Mr. Leeuwen's first green was very nice.

Mr. de Bas won with a nice light Goldf.-Canary in the Mules. Mr. Polvliet's winning Goudvinken, or Bullfinch, was a beauty. Mr. Molhuysen won with a nice Goldie, the Dutch name for which is Putter. Wonderfully interesting was the class for Pieds and Albinos. Mr. de Bas won with a very handsome White Blackbird. Its bill and ceres were lovely orange, and its body colour a pure white; 2nd was a very handsome Spangled Cinnamon Starling, of grand size and feather; 3rd an almost White Linnet, a very large bird of excellent shape and good clean colour. Other exhibits in the class were a Cinnamon and White Redpoll, a White Greenfinch, a Cinnamon Twite, a Cinnamon Blackbird, a White Yellow Bunting, and an almost White Sparrow. The class for Uitlandsche Vogels, or birds out of Holland, was very poor compared to last year. On that occasion it contained the finest selection of Foreign Thrushes I have ever seen. This year there was only one entry, to which 1st was awarded, a very hand-some pair of White Jackdaws. Fine large birds, they were of excellent colour and feather. Mr. Brand won in both the collections of Foreign Finches and Canaries.

There was a large number of specials, of which Mr. H. F. Brand won 2, Mr. J. G. Bloys Van Treslong 1, Mr. J. Van der Borden 2, Mr. D. W. Molhuysen 1, Mr. R. A. Wilson 5, Mr. W. A. Van Leeuwen 4, and Mr. W. J. M. de Bas 2. Comparing this show with others I have seen in past years at The Hague, I am led to the conclusion that the Cage Bird Fancy is not progressing as are the kindred fancies of Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits, all of which are going ahead rapidly. It is difficult to explain why this should be, because so far as I know the habits of Dutchmen and Englishmen are much alike, and the Cage Bird Fancy is going ahead at tremendous speed in England.

The Roller competition, or, as it is called in Holland, the "Kanarie-Zang-Wedstrijd," contained 238 entries in eight classes. These were all in the single bird competition, which was won by J. B. Van Okkeren; 2, G. J. Schaafsma. The pair class had 21 entries: 1st, H. Van de Ven; 2nd, W. Maas; 3rd, J. H. H. Wijands. The third class was for quartets, and here there were 17 entries. 1st fell to Dr. W. C. Kleyn; 2nd, Adr. Harsten; 3rd, H. Van de Ven. Class 4 was also for quartets, the prizes going to G. C. Lauermann, J. Van der Meer, and J. B. Van Gelfen. Class 5 was for single birds bred in 1913, and the winners were S. Meetsma, A. H. Mayen, and W. C. Trumpie. The sixth class was for pairs of young birds, and here H. Van Nimwegen won 1st and 2nd, H. Heyligers coming 3rd.

CRAGHEAD (Workmen's Club) F. AND F.S.

First annual show held Jan. 17 in Club Hall, a nice place for the purpose. Entries numbered seventy; quality throughout was very nice, Borders being about the best, although Norwich and Crest classes contained several nice birds. British made a very nice display and some capital specimens were staged. The genial and obliging secretary, Mr. Alf. Dawson had everything well in hand, all his arrangements being carried through without the slightest hitch. He was ably assisted in his duties by Mr. J. H. Elliott, while Mr. J. Anderson and several other members also worked hard during the show. Special best in show went to Mr. T. Elliott with a very nice clean body Grey Crest. The show was well patronised, and there is every prospect of its being a financial success. Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, judged.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Jewitt, cl., fine size, good shape, hot col.; 2, Dawson, tkd. neck, good col. and qual., nice wing carr.; 3, Anderson, cl., even better col., but lacks size; 4, Stevenson; vhc, Ringwood. BUFF (3): 1, Elliott, cl., nice size and shape, neat head and neck, good col. and qual.; 2, Anderson, bit longer in body; 3, Ringwood. HEN (5): 1, Elliott, cl., good size and shape, neat head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 2, Anderson, nice shape, not so bold in head or so good in col., nicely cleaned under; 3, Dawson, longer body and a bit rough, nice col.; 4, Dyson; vhc, Anderson. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, all Elliott, nice team, leader nice cl. body G.C., neat and well finished, takes sp best in show, 2nd four tail Green C.B., nice broad skull and any amount of feather, 3rd foul tail G.C., nice size crest, neat droop, 4th wing mkd. D.C. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, Dawson, fine shape, grand col. and qual., neat head, nice jaunty carr.; 2, Wheatman, fine shape, rich col., neat head and wing carr., beaten in qual.; 3, Grant, four-pointed, nice shape, good col. and wing carr.; 4, he, Dyson; vhc, Foster; c, Brown. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Dawson, leader tkd. rump, fine shape, sweet head, grand col. and qual., 2nd cl., fine shape, hardly so well rounded, nice col., lovely qual.; 3, Grant, varieg., bit long in body, yet nice shape and carr., good col. and finish; 4, Brown; vhc, Cutting; he, Jewitt; c, Foster. HEN (8): 1, Brown, cl. yell., good shape, well rounded, nice col. and qual.; 2, Dyson, buff, fine shape, nice col., lovely feather, neat carr.; 3, Jewitt, cl., nice one for shape, sweet jaunty carr; vhc, Grant; c, Cutting. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dawson, good team, leader yell. gr., grand col., nice clear pencilling, good shape and carr., 2nd yell. gr., equal shape, not so sound in colour on flanks, 3rd buff gr., nice shape, good col. and pencilling; vhc, Cutting; he, Stevenson. LINNET, F.M. (6): 1, Dawson, nice size and shape, good col., level all through, nice pencilling, steady; 2, Robinson, bigger, grand pencilling, not the rich col. under, and a bit damaged in tail feathers; 3, 4, Wheatman; vhc, Smith; he, Flood. H.M. (3): 1, Anderson, nice shape and size, good col. and pencilling; 2, Dawson, good pencilling, neat shape, not so sound in under col.; 3, Morton. GREENF. (3): 1, 3, Dawson, leader nice size and shape, bold head, good col. and condition; 2, Anderson, but not the size, good col. and feather. REDPOLL (6): 1, 2, 4, Dawson, Lesser leading, nice size and shape, lovely col., good back and grandly laced flanks, 2nd Lesser, nice col., not the grand lacing of leader; 3, Wheatman, Mealy, nice size and col., neat head; vhc, Stevenson; he, Flood. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 1, Anderson, Bramble, neat head, nice body col., good back and wings; 2, Flood, Chaffie, neat head and wings, bit unsteady; 3, Dawson, Bramble, wants steadying. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Dawson, Green Budgerigars.

CARLUKE.

Show held in Town Hall, Dec. 13. The entry was not good, but some very good birds were staged. Mr. John McLay, Kirkintilloch, judged in his usual able manner. Mr. James Crossen makes an ideal sec.

GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, McNeil, Goldie, rare good blaze, breast and wings, excellent condition; 2, Selkirk and Cranston, good Goldie, nicely staged, good breast and face; 3, vhc, Forrest, Bullf., nice size, col., well carried through, capital cond.; 4, Gilchrist. BULLF. HEN (2): 1, Selkirk and Cranston, big bouncing hen, great head, grand col., capital polish; 2, Gilchrist. REDPOLL (8): best class in show; 1, 2, McNeil, 1st Lesser, excellent col. and marking, rare good head and cond.; 2nd good qual. Mealy, nice size and markings; 3, Selkirk and Cranston, Lesser, markings carried well back, good col. and feather; 4, Gilchrist; vhc, he, Burnett; c, Forrest. SISKIN OR TWITE (4): 1, 2, McNeil, very good Siskin and Twite, good col., both well staged; 3, Forrest, nat. col. Siskin, neat cap, good qual.; 4, Brownlie, smart Siskin, not so well staged. LINNET (3): 1, Selkirk and Cranston, good shape and size, rare good head and breast; 2, McNeil, we liked col. better, nice size and markings; 3, Brownlie, loses on breast and pencilling. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (3): 1, spl, Forrest, big fed Chaffinch, rare good head, breast, and whites, nice size; 2, Stell, well-shown Bramble, could be better in col.; 3, McNeil, neat Chaffinch. GREENF. OR YELLOWHAMMER (3): 1, spl, 2, McNeil, 1st rare bright-coloured Greenie, great size and polish; 2nd good Yellowhammer, capital ground col. and markings; 3, Forrest, big buff Greenie. MULES (2): 1, spl, best in show, 2, McNeil, winner extra good Greenf.-Can., capital size, col. and cond.; 2nd very nice Goldie. NOR. CK. (4): 1, McCallum, cl. buff, grand head, rare cobby body, good qual. of feather; 2, McNeil, good qual. yell., mkd. wings, nice sub.; 3, Colville, yell., nice qual., fair sub. HEN (4): 1, 3, McNeil, 1st great bouncing buff, mkd. wing, good qual. and wing carr.; 3rd yell., not so good head or qual. of feather; 2, McCallum, cl. buff, grand size; 4, Colville. BORD. (6): 1, 3, McNeil, 1st buff, rare head and neck, grand back and wings, splendid cond., 3rd pretty cl. yell., good col. and shape, smooth as glass; 2, 4, Forrest, 2nd cl. buff, best type in class, nice size, but not so tight in feather; vhc, Gilchrist; he, Brownlie.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects harmless to everything else

THURSO.

25th annual show held in the Town Hall, Dec. 10, with great success. The committee worked hard-in-hand with the sec., who had everything set up in apple-pie order awaiting the arrival of the judge, Mr. Fulton, Collessie; his awards gave general satisfaction all round. Silver cup for best bird was awarded to D. and W. Shearer for a very fine yellow piebald cock; silver medal, best Border, to Mr. Connochie; silver medal, best Linnet, D. and W. Shearer.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, Smith; he, Dunnet. HEN (2): 1, 2, Shearer. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Bruce; 2, 3, Shearer. HEN (4): 1, 3, Shearer; 2, vhc, Bruce. TKD. OR VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, he, Shearer; 2, 3, Bruce; vhc, Spears. HEN (4): 1, 3, Shearer; 2, vhc, Bruce. CREST CK. (2): 1, Bruce; 2, Shearer. HEN (3): 1, 2, Bruce; 3, Shearer. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Bruce, 2, Shearer. HEN (3) 1, 2, Shearer; 3, Bruce. COL. FED, A.V. (11): 1, Bruce. BORD. CL. CK. (7): 1, medal, Connochie; 2, Bruce; 3, vhc, he, Shearer. HEN (7): 1, 3 specials, Connochie; 2, 3, vhc, c, Shearer; he, Bruce. TKD. OR VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, 2 specials, 2, he, c, Shearer; 3, Connochie; vhc, Bruce. HEN (5): 1, 2, vhc, he, Shearer; 3, Bruce. YORKS. (9): 1, vhc, Bruce; 2, Baikie; 3, c, Shearer; he, Dunnet. MULE (4): 1, Bruce; 2, 3, Duncan; vhc, Spears. GOLDF. (1): 1, Shearer. BULLF. (1): 1, Duncan. LINNET (5): 1, Shearer; 2, Bruce; 3, Duncan; vhc, Spears; he, Steven. PAIR (5): 1, 2, 3, he, Shearer; vhc, Bruce. A.O.V. BRIT. (3): 1, Angus; 2, Hendry; 3, Allen. GIFT (1): 1, Shearer.

CAPEL HENDRE.

Third annual show held Dec. 27 at New Drill Hall, Ammanford. Eleven classes were provided and were fairly well filled. The birds were staged in a very comfortable position, and the stewards did all in their power to attend to the wants of the exhibits. Sec., Mr. William Roberts, is a very painstaking and obliging official, and much of the success of the show is due to his efforts. Mr. D. Ray judged.

YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, Owens, cap mkd. yell., good length, nice straight back, well braced wings, stands well; 2, 3, buff and yell., two neat exhibits, lovely qual. and cond., good type, straight as gun barrels, well up on leg; he, c, Bevan. NOR. (7): 1, Davies and Jones, cl. buff, grand shape and size, nice col. and qual., fails wing carriage, we preferred the 2nd, Edwards, wing mkd. yell., grand bird, nicely rounded chest, neat head and neck, correct wings, in first class order; 3, Harry, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice type, hardly subs. of 2nd; vhc, Edwards; he, Muscott. A.O.V. (3): 1, Muscott, well known green Crest, looking well today; 2, 3, Edwards, cl. buff Crest bred and Crest, a pair of neat exhibits, plenty of subs., good col. and qual. GOLDF. (13): 1, 2, 3, res, Jones, nice team, all in first class order; vhc, Lodwick; he, James; c, Reynolds. LINNET (8): 1, Bancroft, grand col. and qual., well braced breast, staged to perfection; 2, Jones, larger, well laced breast and flanks, rather weak in head and col.; 3, Nicholas, good col. and qual., well broken up markings; vhc, Jenkins Bros.; he, c, Sullivan. BULLF. (11): 1, S. Jones, good type and qual., nice col., many thought lucky; 2, Gregory, good cap and bars, nice col. and cond.; 3, Nicholas, good size, very cobby, lovely breast col., easy winner here; res, Lloyd James, lovely hen in grand fettle; vhc, Holborow; he, Edwards; c, Muscott. A.O.V. (4): 1, Jones, Yellow Bunting, good V, nice size and cond., rather heavily mkd. on head; 2, Bancroft, buff Greenie, good size, lovely shape, col. and qual.; 3, Holborow, Greenf., good size and shape, hardly polish of leader; 4, Lloyd James, grand Yellow Bunting, faultless cond. MULE (4): 1, Jones, dk. buff Goldie, good col. and qual., rather on small side, trifle lucky to beat 2nd, Edwards, eye tkd. Goldie, in faultless cond.; 3, Holborow, Goldie-Greenie, neat exhibit; res, Vaughan. NOV. (4): 1, Lodwick, buff Nor., grand exhibit, could have been in money in open class; 2, G. Vaughan, Goldie; 3, Rea and Latimer, Yell Bunting; 4, Vaughan, Goldie.

N.W. LONDON F.S.

Show held Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Grafton-road, Kentish Town, Dec. 6. There was a very nice collection, well looked after. Mr. J. R. Young, hon. sec., did his utmost to perfect arrangements. This was the society's first show in the schools, and everybody spoke in praise of the new venue. The splendid pair of vases given by Mr. J. Swain for best bird went to Mr. E. Mounds with a magnificent Blue Tit, shown in perfect feather. Special best Can., G. Brown, with an unflighted Norwich; and best Yorks., C. Cooper. The stewards—Messrs. Court, Clewley, Nethercott, Dillingham, Alderwood, Child, and McConkey were here, there and everywhere, and ably fulfilled their duties. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR.: 1, McConkey, yell., trifle long in body and tail, high in col., nice qual.; 2, Brown, buff, hardly so nice in qual., but good shape; 3, McConkey, tkd. buff, large body, wide head, and too much feather; res, Stierle. UNFLIG.: 1, cup, Brown, good body, head and qual., a nice one; 2, Stierle, good type, again too feathery. YORKS.: 1, Dillingham, nice taper, quick action, stands well; 2, Young, variegs. yell., good pose, fine drawn, nice qual.; 3, McConkey, yell., nice shape, lively; res, Clewley; vhc, Young. UNFLIG.: 1, sp., Cooper, straight in back, nice in head, well up, neat; 2, Cooper, also very neat and quick-actioned; 3, c, Dillingham, straight, but not enough behind the leg; res, he, Young; vhc, McConkey. A.O.V.: 1, McConkey; 2, Young. LINNET: 1, 2, Mounds, both good in colour and nicely mkd.; 3, Stierle. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Mounds, leader a very nice Greenie, beautifully shown; res, Stierle. SOFTBILLS: 1, sp., Mounds, lovely little Blue Tit, very sweet.

SANDY.

Show held in connection with the Sandy F. and F.S. Mr. Milliner makes an ideal secretary, but entries came up badly. Mr. Wilmot won spl. for best Nor., Mr. Godman for best Brit. and cup for most points.

NOR., CK.: 1, Wilmot, cl. yell., good col., nice qual.; 2, Godman, smart buff, trifle small. HEN: 1, spl., Wilmot, rare big bouncing buff, very typical; 2, 3, Godman, fine large yell. green and smart cinn. A.O.V.: 1, Godman, Lancs. cross, nice feather. SELL.: 1, Godman; 2, Wilmot. BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Croat, nice colour, fair size and steady; res., Wilmot. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Godman, both steady, with nice blazes and good body col. MULE: 1, Wilmot, lovely evenly marked buff Goldf.; 2, 3, Godman, nice, both Goldf. cross. LINNET: 1, 2, Godman, good col., nicely pencilled, rare whites on wing. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Wilmot, good Hawfinch; 2, Godman, nice Snow Bunting; 3, Wilson, good Skylark. FOR.: 1, 2, Godman, good pairs of Lovebirds and Yell. Budgerigars.

EAST STANLEY SOCIAL CLUB.

A glorious wind up of the show season in West Stanley and District was the first annual show held Jan. 16-17. The birds were staged in the Lecture Room of the club, a very suitable place for a show, being large and lofty and at a nice heat, well lighted, and free from draughts. The entry, about 170, was very good for a first show, and the birds were staged to perfection, some well-known winners being amongst them. Mr. J. Kilgallon, sec., ably assisted by Mr. W. Robinson, sec. of Stanley Victoria Club, got through the arduous duties without the least mistake. This society is to be congratulated on having two such very capable fanciers at the head of affairs. They were ably assisted by a grand body of fanciers: Chairman Mr. Jackson, Messrs. M. Hall, J. Colvert, J. Taylor, W. Armitage, J. Purvis, and W. Elliott. Mr. R. Peart won special for best hen in show, and Mr. T. Curry best British. Mr. J. Emmerson, Stanley, judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Gowland, nice cobby shape, neat head, grand feather and cond.; 2, Curry, bold front, good back and tail, trifle long in wings; 3, Goodchild, plenty of size, grand feather and cond. HEN (6): 1, sp, Peart, nice shape, finely rounded head, short legs, well kept wings, lovely col.; 2, Armin, fine level back, short tail, not so good in head; 3, Herron, good feather, tail damaged or might have been further up. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Curry, leader straight as an arrow, nice round shoulders, shown well, 2nd nice slim one, good head, well kept wings; 3, Nicholson, slim bird, grand back and tail, bit rough underneath. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Curry, leader grand length, travels well, neat head, 2nd nice shape, finely braced wings, good feather, 3rd very erect, finely cut, well staged. BORD. CK. (9): 1, Peart, nice shape, lovely head, grand wings, very striking exhibit; 2, 3, Bates, gem, well moulded nicely braced wings, must have pressed hard, 3rd fine head, good feather, not much to choose in the three. HEN (8): 1, 2, Peart, grand head, nice round body, good col., 2nd very good all round, finely cut, grand tone of feather; 3, Clark, sweet head, fine rounded body, not so tight as 2nd. NAT. COL. CK. (2): 1, Hall, Nor., nice cobby shape, well rounded head, good wings, fine cond.; 2, Atherton, Nor., good shape, finely cut, well kept wings, fine feather, well put down; 3, Rendle, Yorks, very straight, nice shapely head, good wings and tail. HEN (5): 1, 3, Peart, Nor., monster for size, fine feather, lovely wings, nice short tail; 2, Rendle, nice Yorkie well drawn body, fine shoulders, good type all round. YOUNG CK. (9): 1, Peart, fine cobby shaped Nor., fine head, good level body, nice wing carr.; 2, Herron, lovely shape, wings perfection, grand cond., teeming with col.; 3, Bates, nice Border, a gem, good shape, fine qual. all through. YOUNG HEN (5): 1, Gowland, grand Nor., fine bold head and front, good back, best of wings; 2, Mason, fine Nor., stout one, grand neck, nice body, loses in wings; 3, Bates, Gr. Bord., lovely col. and shape, good feather. A.O.V. CK. (4): 1, Robinson and Colvert, Cinn., grand shape and col., plenty of size; 2, Rendel, lovely Scotch Fancy, grandly rounded one, travels well, fine even feather; 3, Peart, Green Bord., lovely head, finely rounded shoulders, very good one. HEN (4): 1, Rendel, Scotch Fancy, nice shape, fine body and neck, grand col. and cond.; 2, 3, Robinson and Colvert, good young Cinn., teeming with col., lovely shape, 3rd very big Cinn., bold head, plenty of feather, nice short legs. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, Peart, Goldie-Greenie, shows cross well, grand feather and cond., 3rd Linnet Mule, teeming with col., nice feather; 2, G. Lane, Can.-Goldie, very fine one, good blaze, clean cut. LINNET (9): 1, Robinson and Colvert, nice brown back, neat head, fine markings, feather like silk; 2, Dawson, nice front, not so clear as 1st in pencilling, rather wild; 3, Mason, big one, good front, fine col. on back, light in markings. GOLDF.: 1, sp best Brit., Curry, nice size, square blaze, good tan, well kept wings, only half tail when notes were taken; 2, Gowland, beauty for col., very fine blaze, good flights and tail, extra well shown, must have run winner close; 3, Rontledge, good all round Goldie, good col. and cond. BULLF. (9): 1, Gowland, big one, d use cap, clean cut, good col., nice wings, fine shape; 2, Mitchell, fine shape, nice cap, good bold head, not polish of winner; 3, Chayter, nice cond., not quite the size. GREENF. (9): 1, Clark, plenty of size, good head and neck, the sort for showing; 2, 3, Peart, very fine feather, nice short wings and tail, 3rd nice cobby size, fine front, good cond. REDPOLL (12): 1, Robinson and Colvert, nice Lesser, lovely head well pencilled; 2, Hall, Mealy, fine col. on back, bit light underneath; 3, Elliott, Lesser, very dense col. all through, some fancied. HARDBILL (6): 1, Purvis, Siskin, good head and cap, good feather, nicely spangled; 2, Lane, Chaffie, nice steady one, good front and wings, hot fed; 3, Elliott, Bramble, teeming with col., well spangled down thighs. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, 3, Atherton, Song Thrush, shown in grand trim, 2nd Missel Thrush, plenty of size, not looking as fit as we have seen him, 3rd Blackbird, dense colour, nice feather, very steady. FOR. (6): 1, Elliott, Gold-breasted Waxbills, beauties; 2, Siddell, Grey Parrot, very tight feather; 3, Mitchell, Zebra Finches.

HONLEY F.S.

31st Annual show, held Jan. 10, in Mills' Dining Hall, a very nice room. The birds were staged in one part of the room, free from draughts, and with plenty of light, and proved a great attraction to the visitors. Mr. Castle, and others acted as stewards, along with Sec., Mr. J. T. Hinchcliffe, and had everything in nice order. Mr. M. Peel, Skelmanthorpe, judged, and his awards were well received.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, sp., best Yorks. ck., Mosley, cl. unflighted, nice length, grand type, good head and shoulders, nicely carried wings and tail, a gem; 2, c, Brown Bros., tkd. head, teeming with quality, good col., well filled neck, grand wedge-shape, well up, true Yorks.; 3, vhc, Charlesworth, tkd., paler in col., good wings and tail, nice pos., close up. HEN: 1, Everett, wing tick, unflig., wonderful length, grand type and qual., nicely cut away behind, stands up well, on good legs; 2, Beaumont, cl., nice col., grand head, well filled neck, good wing car., plenty of leg, but not in the best of con.; 3, Greensmith, paler col., well up, good wings and tail, nice qual. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Jebson, gets up well, with plenty of length, good qual. of feather, grand wings and shapely, best of con.; 2, Brown Bros., nicely moulded, good qual., well cut away behind, nice pos.; 3, Castle, hot col., feathered like boxwood, good length, well up on legs, not quite so good in type. HEN: 1, sp., best hen, Bray, good head and shoulders, rare length, beautiful qual. and col., well carried wings and tail, cut away nicely, a gem; 2, Everett, grand shape, gets up well, nicely filled neck, grand qual. and lengthy; 3, Beaumont, teeming with qual., nice type, well up on legs, loses in size; vhc, Greensmith; he, Jebson.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Members' show held Dec. 13, Fountain Inn. Entries numbered 90, a very good lot for the last show of the season. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Shipley, judged, and his awards were well received. Competition runs as follows: Champ. Section: J. Chippendale 86 points, J. Wilcock 63, W. Lee 15, C. Stebbings 27. Novice: H. Pearson 27, (also cup, etc.), W. Sparks 79, G. A. Simonett 76, E. Shaw 51 (also wins Mr. Studd's sp.). Mr. Percy Illingworth's cup for next year was on view, also a splendid rose bowl, and other specials. These should brighten our members up. We enrolled a few more members. Fanciers wishing to join should send in their names as early as possible.

CHAMP.: CLASS 1: 1, 2, 3, J. Wilcock; 4, W. Lee. CLASS 2: 1, 2, 3, J. Wilcock; 4, W. Lee. CLASS 5: 1, 2, J. Wilcock; 3, W. Lee. CLASS 6: 1, W. Lee; 2, J. Wilcock. NOV.: CLASS 9: 1, 2, W. Sparks; 3, G. A. Simonett; 4, Hall; vhc, H. Pearson; hc, J. Close; c, E. Shaw. CLASS 10: 1, H. Pearson; 2, c, W. Sparks; 3, E. Shaw; 4, S. Hall; vhc, J. Close; hc, G. A. Simonett. CLASS 13: 1, vhc, W. Sparks; 2, J. Close; 3, H. Pearson; 4, E. Shaw. CLASS 14: 1, J. W. Sparks; 2, S. Hall; 3, J. Close; vhc, G. A. Simonett; hc, H. Pearson; c, E. Shaw. CLASS 15: 1, 3, H. Pearson; 2, 4, G. A. Simonett. CLASS 16: 1, 2, G. A. Simonett; 3, J. H. Pearson.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

DUDMIRE C.B.S.

Third annual show, held Dec. 13, in the Club Hall, a grand place for a show. There were about 160 exhibits, and a grand display they made. Mr. Geo. Lynn makes a capital sec., has everything well in hand, and is well backed by a hard-working committee. There were some nice specials: best young bird was won by Mr. Bisset with a grand young Green Crest; 2nd, J. Atkinson, a nice yell. mkd. Nor., grand col. and type. Some real nice Yorks. made their appearance, and this promises to be a hot-bed for them in the near future. Mr. A. J. Notley judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

YOUNG NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, sp. 2nd best in show, vhc, Atkinson; 2, Lowery; 3, hc, R. H. Dixon. BUFF: 1, R. H. Dixon; 2, c, M. Dixon; 3, Fenton; vhc, hc, Atkinson. HEN: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Fenton. GR. or NEARLY: 1, Gowland; 2, Fletcher; 3, Lowery. NAT. COL. YELL. CK.: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Passmoor. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Passmoor. CREST HEN: 1, sp. best in show, M. Bisset; 2, 3, Lowery. C.B. CK.: 1, Fenwick; 2, 3, vhc, Bisset. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Fentou; 2, 3, M. Dixon. BUFF: 1, Fenton; 2, Fenwick; 3, vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Black. HEN: 1, Fenton; 2, vhc, M. Dixon; 3, R. H. Dixon; hc, Black; c, Fenwick. PAIRS: 1, Atkinson; 2, Passmoor; 3, Fletcher. OLD BIRDS, NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Finlay; 2, Fenton; 3, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Lowery; 2, hc, M. Dixon; 3, Fenton; vhc, Finlay. HEN: 1, 3, R. H. Dixon; 2, Fenton; vhc, Gowland. GR. or NEARLY: 1, Lynn; 2, Fletcher; 3, vhc, R. H. Dixon. NAT. COL. YELL. CK.: 1, Passmoor; 2, Finlay; 3, Robinson; vhc, Hann. BUFF: 1, Lowery; 2, Passmoor; 3, Fletcher. PAIRS: 1, Lynn 2, Fletcher; 3, Fenton. CINN. CK.: 1, 3, M. Dixon; 2, Gowland; vhc, R. H. Dixon. CREST CK.: 1, 2, 3, Bisset; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Lowery. HEN: 1, Fenwick; 2, vhc, Lowery; 3, Bisset. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, Bisset; 3, Robinson; vhc, Lowery; hc, Fenwick. HEN: 1, 2, Bisset; 3, Fenwick. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, M. Dixon; 2, Fenton; 3, R. H. Dixon. BUFF: 1, vhc, M. Dixon; 2, Fenton; 3, R. H. Dixon; hc, Robinson. HEN: 1, Lynn; 2, Fenton; 3, Finlay; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Lowery; c, Stokeld. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Fenton; 3, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Fenton; 2, Fletcher. HEN: 1, Fenton; 2, Robinson. PAIRS: 1, 2, Fenwick. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Fenwick. LINNET: 1, Lowery; 2, Fenwick; 3, Hann; vhc, Finlay; hc, Fletcher. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, Passmoor; 2, 3, M. Dixon; vhc, Gowland; hc, c, Robinson. FOR.: 1, Hann; 2, Lynn; 3, R. H. Dixon.—A. J. Notley.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.S.

Cinderella show, held Dec. 13, in aid of the Skelmanthorpe and District Nurse Fund, in the Liberal Club. Judges, H. Charlesworth and G. Bray, and they gave general satisfaction. 159 birds staged. OPEN, CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, 4, Hellewell; 2, Peel; 3, vhc, Hirst; hc, Wadsworth; c, Haigh. BUFF (8): 1, A. Radley; 2, hc, Jebson; 3, vhc, Wadsworth; 4, Hirst; c, Hellewell. UNFLDG. YELL. (9): 1, A. Radley; 2, 3, Hirst; 4, Taylor; vhc, Peel; hc, Hellewell; c, Jebson. BUFF (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Wadsworth; 3, 4, vhc, Jebson; hc, Peel; c, Hirst. YELL. YORKS. HEN (6): 1, 3, Hirst; 2, Hellewell; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hellewell; hc, Jebson. BUFF (9): 1, hc, A. Radley; 2, Dyson; 3, Hellewell; 4, Jebson; vhc, c, Hirst. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Dyson, 2, A. Radley; 3, Peel; 4, Hirst; vhc, Jebson. BUFF (6): 1, Peel; 2, Hirst; 3, hc, Hellewell; 4, Dyson; vhc, Jebson. NOV., CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (13): 1, Fisher and Dyson; 2, Morley; 3, Pell; 4, Fisher; vhc, Shaw; hc, A. Radley; c, Dyson. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Everett; 3, Pell; 4, Shaw; vhc, Fisher; hc, Taylor; c, Hutchinson. UNFLDG. YELL. YORKS. (15): 1, 4, Everett; 2, 3, Hutchinson, vhc, Taylor; hc, A. Radley; c, Fisher. BUFF (20): 1, A. Radley; 2, Hampshire; 3, Everett; 4, Bower; vhc, Taylor; hc, Fisher and Dyson; c, Hird. HEN (10): 1, Everett; 2, Fisher; 3, Lodge; 4, hc, Hird; vhc, Shaw; c, Hutchinson. BUFF (12): 1, Fisher and Dyson; 2, Everett; 3, vhc, c, Taylor; 4, A. Radley; hc, Hutchinson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Everett; 2, A. Radley; 3, Beaumont and Marsden; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Hird. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Bower; 2, Hutchinson; 4, Everett; vhc, Lodge; hc, Hird; c, Dyson. Ramden's sp. open, A. Hough. Nov., W. Everett; F. Hampshire, Hon. Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 26, Regent Hotel. Quite large number of good birds staged, entries numbering about 90. Judge, Mr. C. Thornton, Otley, whose awards were well received. Sp. winners [illegible] guinea rose bowl, and pair of Yard: W. [illegible] money, other specials: W. H. Dibb, A. Lawson, A. Whatley, F. Fawcett, W. Long, W. H. Boulton, and H. Joy.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Myers; 2, Dibb; vhc Boulton; hc, c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, Dibb; 3, Myers; vhc, Fawcett; hc Boulton. TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Wheatley; 2, Myers; 3, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Wheatley; 2, 3, Myers; vhc, hc Dibb; c, Fawcett. UNFY. CK.: 1, 2, Dibb; 3, Long; vhc, Brown; hc, Fawcett; c, Jowett. UNFLDG. CK.: 1, 2, hc, Myers; 3, Boulton; vhc, Fawcett; c, Brook. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, c, Brook; 2, Myers; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Dibb; c, Boulton. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Myers; vhc, Long; 2, Brown; c, Jowett. UNFY. HEN: 1, Dibb; 2, hc, Myers; 3, Long; vhc, Brown; c, Wheatley. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Boulton; 2, 3, Fawcett. HLN: 1, Wheatley; 2, Boulton; 3, Fawcett. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, 3, Long; 2, Myers. HLN: 1, Dibb; 2, Long.—W. Long, Sec.

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CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Fourth annual exhibition held Nov. 29, with a capital entry, both in numbers and quality, in Assembly Room, Three Tuns Inn, Eastwood. Entries numbered 150, and among them were some of the best in the Midlands. British classes were well filled, and the exhibits were of fine quality, the Greenfinches especially. Mr. E. Fox, Long Eaton, judged. The show was a great success, thanks to the energies of the committee, and the hard working joint secretaries (Messrs. Smith and Lees), who desire to acknowledge their gratitude to all donors of special prizes.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Verdigan and Simpson; 2, 3, Admitt. BUFF: 1, 2, Admitt; 3, Martin. UNFLG. YELL.: 1, Admitt; 2, Martin; 3, Bradley. BUFF: 1, Verdigan and Simpson; 2, Martin; 3, Admitt. YELL. MKD.: 1, Admitt; 2, 3, Verdigan and Simpson. BUFF: 1, Admitt; 2, Verdigan and Simpson; 3, Martin. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Admitt. BUFF: 1, 2, Admitt; 3, Verdigan and Simpson. GR. OR HEAV. MKD.: 1, Admitt; 2, Martin; 3, Earnshaw. NAT. COL.: 1, Admitt; 2, Attewell, Kimberley; 3, Martin. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Bradley; 2, Parsons; 3, Lees and Smith. BUFF: 1, White; 2, Bradley; 3, Parsons. HEN: 1, Parsons; 2, Bradley; 3, Lees and Smith. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Key. UNFLG. HEN: 1, Key. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Dickens. BUFF: 1, 2, Dickens. HEN: 1, Lees and Smith; 2, Dickens. C.B.: 1, Twine. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Lees and Smith; 3, Martin. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Admitt; 2, Martin; 3, Watson. DARK: 1, White; 2, Turner; 3, Lees and Smith. GOLD.: 1, Lees and Smith; 2, Evans; 3, Key. BULLF.: 1, Attewell; 2, Watson; 3 Martin. LINNET: 1, Caunt; 2, 3, Lees and Smith. GREENF.: 1, Caunt; 2, Bradley; 3, Beers. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 2, Henshaw; 3, Lees and Smith. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 2, Caunt; 3, Henshaw. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH: 1, Lees and Smith; 2, Martin; 3, Bestwick. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Caunt; 2, Martin; 3, Evans. SOFTBILL: 1, Lees and Smith. BRIT. HEN: 1, Henshaw; 2, Argyle; 3, Lees and Smith. GIFT: 1, Admitt; 2, Lees and Smith. Points Specials: 1, J. Admitt, 117, challenge cup; 2, Lees and Smith, 74; 3, Vertigan and Simpson, 52; 4, C. H. Martin, 48; 5, W. Bradley, 28; 6, A. Kew, 25; 7, W. Henshaw, 24, clock; 8, W. Dickens, 22; 9, H. Parson, 15; 10, J. Martin, 12; 11, A. Bestwick, 10; 12, P. Watson, 7; 13 G. Bradley, 6; 14, J. Argyle, 6; 15, W. Turner, 5.

SANDY LANE C.B.A.

Show held Jan. 10, Victoria Hotel, with a good entry. Mr. R. Carr, Bradford, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. OPEN: YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Drake; 2, 4, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Drake; 4, Wilson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Drake; 2, Whitwham. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Whitwham; 4, Drake. UNFLG. CK.: 1, S. Moore; 2, Whitwham. MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Drake; 3, Wilson. NOV., YELL. CK.: 1, J. Moore; 2, 3, M. Moore. BUFF: 1, 4, Hardaker; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, M. Moore. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Ratcliffe; 2, 4, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, J. Moore; 2, M. Moore; 3, Hardaker; 4, Ratcliffe. UNFLG. CK.: 1, Hardaker; 2, 4, Ratcliffe; 3, M. Moore.—P. Drake, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Final members' show of season, held Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Dec. 27. 66 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. and L. Ogden, Bradford. The shows for the year have not brought together as many birds as in previous years, the only redeeming feature being the high standard of excellence in Yorks. Competition has been hardly as keen as usual although some keenness has crept in the later shows on account of several competitors being near a level for certain positions. Final placings for the year are: Champ., J. Northrop 101 points, S. Midgley 65, G. White 58, W. Laycock 67, W. Stables 57. Nov., S. Woad 113, G. R. Rushworth 89, Taylor Bros 69, W. Myers 63, W. Walker 59. Selling, S. Midgley 23, H. H. Clark 16. At this show winners of most points in their sections were S. Midgley, Wilkinson Bros., W. Laycock, S. Woad, Taylor Bros., W. Myers, and H. H. Clark. The judges' awards gave every possible satisfaction.

CHAMP., CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS (5): 1, vhc, Midgley; 2, Wilkinson Bros; 3, White; 4, Laycock. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Midgley; 3, 4, vhc, White; hc, Wilkinson Bros. UNEVEN MKD. (1): 1, White. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 4, Midgley; 2, 3, Laycock; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, White. BUFF (2): 1, Midgley; 2, White. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, 3, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, vhc, c, Laycock; 4, White; hc, Midgley. NOV., CL. or TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Myers; 4, Heseldon; vhc, Rushworth. BUFF (5): 1, Woad; 2, 3, Myers; 4, Rushworth; vhc, Walker. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Woad; 4, hc, Walker. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Taylor Bros.; 2, Rushworth; 4, Chapman; vhc, Walker. BUFF (2): 1, Woad; 2, Rushworth. UNEVEN MKD. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Heseldon.—H. Hill, Sec.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Successful show held new headquarters, Victoria Hotel. Entries were nearly 100, and some excellent birds were staged. Mr. J. Else judged.

NOR., NAT. COL. OR TKD.: 1, Smedley; 2, Bescoby; 3, Birchenshaw; vhc, Simpson. GR. OR MKD.: 1, Simpson; 2, Birchenshaw; 3, Inman; vhc, Smedley. YELL. HEN: 1, Harrison; 2, Birchenshaw; 3, Simpson; vhc, Smedley. BUFF: 1 sp., Smedley; 2, hc, Bescoby; 3, Holmes; vhc, Birchenshaw. UNFLG. YELL. CK., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Smedley; 2, Bescoby. BUFF: 1, 2, Smedley. GR. OR MKD.: 1, 2, Birchenshaw; 3, Smedley, vhc, Inman, hc, Simpson. YELL. HEN: 1, Birchenshaw. BUFF: 1, Smedley; 2, Holmes; 3, Birchenshaw; vhc, Harrison; hc, Simpson. PAIRS: 1, Holmes; 2, Harrison; 3, Bescoby, vhc, Inman. NON-FED HEN: 1 Smedley; 2, Bescoby. YORKS., YELL. CK., CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Lunckhain. BUFF: 1, 2, Lunckhain. GREEN OR MKD.: 1, Lunckhain; 2, Simpson. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Lunckhain. UNFLG. YELLOW CK., CLEAR OR TKD: 1, Owen. BUFF: 1, 2, Lunckhain; 3, vhc Owen. GR. OR MKD.: 1, Lunckhain. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Lunckhain. NON-FED CK.: 1, Short-land. HEN: 1, Shortland. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Evens. GREENF.: 1, Harrison; 2, Evens; 3, Shortland. LINNET: 1 Oake. REDPOLL: 1, Simpson, 2, Evens. MULES: 1, 3, Evens; 2, Oake. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Evens. BRIT HEN: 1 Evens. A.V.: 1, M. 1, 2, Evans; 3, Tooley. NOV. NOR.: 1, sp., Tooley, 2, 3, Inman; vhc, hc, Carrington. In the two foreign classes Mr Bescoby and Oakes were the principal exhibitors.—J. Griffiths, Sec.

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REDCAR C.B.S.

First annual show, held Jan. 1, Cleveland Hall, a most suitable place, well lighted, and comfortable. Mr. W. Rand, Middlesbrough, judged, and his awards gave everybody satisfaction. Entries totalled 79, and quality was all that could be desired. Norwich, although not filling well, contained many birds of merit. The weather was all against a good gate, but the show will prove successful, thanks to those members who sold a good number of tickets, and those who sent a good entry.

YORKS., CHAMP., CK. (5): 1, 4, Barker; 2, Dixon; 3, Hudgand; vhc, Metcalf. HEN (3): 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Barker. UNFLG. (9): 1, Dixon; 2, Metcalf; 3, vhc, hc, Barker; 4, c, Husband. NOV., CK. (6): 1, 2, Marsay; 3, Bray, 4, hc, Clarke; vhc, Strickland. HEN (1): 1, 2, Marsay; 3, Clarke; 4, Close. UNFLG. (9): 1, hc, Marsay; 2, Smithey man; 3, 4, vhc, Harvey; c, Strickland. 1913 (8): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, 4, vhc, Dixon; hc, Bray, c, Strickland. NOR., CK. (7): 1, c, Marsay; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Husband. HEN (1): 1, Husband; 2, 3, Marsay, 4, Harvey. UNFLG. (5): 1, 4, Harvey; 2, 3, vhc, Husband. NON-FED (3): 1, Cornell; 2, Elwick, 3, Husband. MULE OR HYB (2): 1, 2, Husband. LINNET (6): 1 Clarke; 2, Cornell; 3, Smitheyman; 4, Bray; vhc, Mallory; hc, Elwick. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, Husband, Bullf. and Greenf.; 2, Bray, Goldf.; 4, hc, c, Mallory, vhc, Cornell.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Winter show held Rochdale Hotel, Dec. 27. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The show was the last of three for Mr. Davies' silver rose bowl and Mr. Ratcliffe's gold medal for most points gained. 26 birds competed, and some good birds among them, including Mr. Davies' winning Brit. and other noted winners. Mr. Leese won rose bowl, with 41 points, and Mr. Davies gold medal, 48 points, and competing for rose bowl; other specials, best yell. Nor., Leese; bull, Filkin; Yorks., Walker; Brit., J. Davies.

NOR., YELL.: 1, Leese; 2, vhc, Filkin; 3, Forrest; 4, James. BUFF: 1, sp, Filkin; 2, Forrest; 3, 4, James; vhc, Walker; hc, Wild. UNFLG. YELL.: 1, sp, Leese; 2, James; 3, Filkin; 4, Forrest. BUFF: 1, 2, James; 3, Degg. HEN: 1, Leese; 2, vhc, Wild; 3, Forrest; 4, hc, James; c, Filkin. UNFLG. HEN: 1, Wild; 2, 4, James; 3, Leese; vhc, Forrest; hc, Hickman; c, Filkin. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Salt; 3, vhc, Lockett; 4, Ratcliffe; hc, Dale. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Ratcliffe. UNFLGD. YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Salt; 4, Walker. HEN: 1, 2, Salt; 3, Walker; 4, Dale. UNFLG. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Walker; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, vhc, Salt. NOR., NON-FED: 1, Barker. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lockett. GOLDF.: 1, 2, sp., Davies; 3, Barker; 4, Lovatt and Mason. LINNET: 1, 2, Davies; 3, Lovatt and Mason; 4, Barker. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Davies; 2, 4, vhc, Perrins; 3, Barker. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, Lovatt and Mason; 2, Davies; 3, 4, Barker. MULE: 1, Davies; 2, Lovatt and Mason; 3, Walker; vhc, Degg; hc, James; c, Barker. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, Lockett; 3, 4, Perrins. J. Lockett won sp. for best Novice Brit. with a nice Goldie.—P. E. Barker, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY C.B.S.

Third show, held Dec. 26 at headquarters, Clarence Hotel, 68 birds being staged. Mr. F. Self, Clayton, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. E. Toulson won sp. most points Yorks., 70 points, and sp. most entries, 38; 2, Race, 48; 3, Atherton, 45; 4, Charlesworth, 42. Nov., 1, Thorpe, 53; 2, Hall, 31; 3, Heeley, 5. Nov. Nor., J. Hinchcliffe, 57. Yorks., Nov., H. Pilkington, 45. Brit., 1, E. Toulson, 47; 2, W. Rapson, 40; 3, C. H. Heeley, 20; 4, W. Illingworth, 20; 5, H. Popplewell, 8.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp. best Yorks., hc, Race; 2, Toulson; 3, vhc, c, Atherton. BUFF: 1, Atherton; 2, c, Race; 3, hc, Toulson; vhc, Charlesworth. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, Atherton; vhc, Race. BUFF HENS: 1, hc, Toulson; 2, 3, Race; vhc, Charlesworth; c, Atherton. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Thorpe; vhc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Thorpe. YELL. UNFLG.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Hall. BUFF 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, Hall. NOV. YORKS.: 1, 2, c, Hinchcliffe; 3, vhc, hc, Pilkington. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Hinchcliffe; 2, 3, hc, Pilkington. LINNET, ETC.: 1, vhc, Rapson; 2, Heeley; 3, hc, Toulson. F.M. LINNET: 1, Toulson; 2, Rapson; 3, vhc, Popplewell; hc, Illingworth. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Rapson; 2, Illingworth; 3, vhc, c, Heeley.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

HYSON GREEN C.B.S.

Final show of the season at headquarters "The Cricket Players," Dec. 13, entries did not come up to expectations, the inevitable result of the high quality now obtained by several members, but one hears of determination on the part of these behind to improve their stock and take part in the sport. Silver cups for most points obtained by four nominated birds at each of the three shows were won by Hayter, Brit.; White, Crest; and Boaler, Norwich. The two first named have now earned the cups with three wins each, but Norwich cup has changed hands after a stern fight, three points covering the first three contestants; runners-up Messrs. Bown and Sharpe. Generous fanciers presented five prizes for gift class, birds being sold for benefit of society funds. Mr. T. Pyatt again rendered the society yeoman service by his talented exposition of the auctioneering art. Mr. J. Goode judged in a highly satisfactory manner.

CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, Sharpe, fine exhibit, wins; 2, Boaler, not the size of winner, but good; 3, vhc, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Bown, beauty for qual. and col., fine head; 2, Hill, a near thing for 1st; 3, Hill, nice bird, but behind leaders; vhc, Royce; hc, Willis. H.M. OR GR.: 1, Bown, yell., in his usual places; 2, Hill, very nice buff, fair size; 3, Sharpe, nice type, small c. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Boaler, massive ol., lending, and very nicely moulded, but dwarfed by comparison with leader; 3, Sharpe, good hen, lacks qual; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Hill. BUFF: 1, Bown, another giantess, fine qual., clear; 2, Hill, green, wanderful type, nice size; 3, Barnes, another fine clear, good size; vhc, Royce, very useful hen. UNFLG.: 1, 2, Boaler, wins well, 2nd larger, hotter col., not so sweet in expression; 3, Bown, fine size and col.; vhc, Royce; hc, Hill. BUFF: 1, 3, Boaler, storming cl., easily reversing positions with No. 3 (1st Nottingham), which was nicely beaten here by 2, Bown, head and neck in class; vhc, hc, Royce, good, but lacking head prop. HEN: 1, Boaler, splendid exhibit; 2, Sharpe, nice damsel, but well behind winner; 3, Bown; vhc, Royce; w.c., Boaler. PAIRS, NOR.: 1, 3, Boaler, some thought 3rd might have lead the class, some very smart pairs here; 2, Sharpe; vhc, Hill; hc, Barnes; c, Bown. YELL. CREST. BUFF CR. HEN: All White. MULE. HYB., both Hayter. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Hayter; 2, Wood; 3, Hill. LINNET: 1, Hayter. A.O. SECDEATER: 1, Hayter; 2, Hill; 3, Wood. HEN: 1, Hayter.—A. E. Moult.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

First members' season competition held Club Room, Great Horton, Jan. 11. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, G. Midgley; 2, 3, Hartley; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Crabtree; hc, S. Midgley; c, Snead. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Hartley; 3, Crabtree; 4, Hanson; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Snead; c, Midgley. UNFKD. YELL.: 1, Hartley; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Snead. BUFF: 1, Lister and Hudson; 2, Ormondroyd; Hartley. GR. MKD. CK.: 1, Ormondroyd; 2, 3, G. Midgley; 4, Hanson; vhc, Snead; hc, Hunter; 4, S. Midgley; c, Midgley. HEN: 1, Hanson; vhc, Snead; hc, Hunter; 4, S. Midgley; c, Hodgson; hc, Hanson; c, Shackleton. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1 Hartley; 2, Shackleton. HEN: 1 Combe. UNFLG. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Self; 4, vhc, Crabtree; hc, Snead; c, Peace. BUFF: 1, G. Midgley; 2, Self; 3, Hunter; 4, S. Midgley; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Peace; c, Shackleton. UNFLG. YELL. HEN: 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Peace; 3, Hunter; 4, Shackleton. BUFF: 1, 2, Self; 3, 4, Ormondroyd. CL. or TKD. YELL. HENS: 1, G. Midgley; 2, Lister and Hudson; 3, S. Midgley; 4, Snead; vhc, Peace; hc, Hanson. BUFF: 1, 3, Hartley; 2, Lister and Hudson; 4, G. Mgdley; vhc, Self; hc, c, Fieldhouse.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

CHANDLERSFORD.

Held Jan. 21, the entry for a combined show was very good indeed. The Yorkshire were a strong class of good quality. The arrangements were well carried out by a good working committee. Mr. G. H. Billet judged, and gave complete satisfaction.

NOR. (5): 1, withheld; 2, Foyle, yell., bit too long-sided for our liking; 3, Havill, yell., very nice; vhc, Jupe; hc, Havill, Cock. YORKS (14): 1, Mathews, wing mkd. yell., grand type, well shown; 2, Maidment, cl. yell., runs winner very close, loses in size only; 3, Mathews, yell., not quite so slim as the others; vhc, Maidment (2), Snowden (2); hc, Mathews (2). MULE (3): 2, Loner, Greenf., nice; 3, Hartwell, variegated, Goldf., both in good condition, and well shown; vhc, Cook. GOLDF. or BULLF. (7): 1, Foyle, nice face, fine size, very steady, wins; 2, Clark, loses in size of face and bit pinched about the head; 3, Alderslade, good size and qual., not up in col.; vhc, Vale, Clark; hc, Chandler. LINNET (7): 1, sp, Alderslade, good facing, rather unsteady, but wins; 2, 3, Lees, nice birds, lose a bit in size and facing; vhc, Webb; vhc, res, Alderslade. A.O. BRIT. (8): 1, sp, Cook, Chaffinch, bit wild; 2, Lees, Redpoll; 3, Alderslade, Chaffinch, res, Clark, pretty Siskin; vhc, Vale. FOR.: 2, sp., 3, vhc, Slade. CHILDREN'S: 1, sp, Roy, Jupe; 2, sp, Thornback; 3, sp, hc, Havill; res, Alderslade.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Show of Canary huns, held Wharf Hotel, January 10, Mr. J. Robertshaw (Hebden Bridge) judged, and his awards met the approval of all. OPEN, CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, 4, Stobart. BUFF: 1, Walker. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Wild; 4, vhc, Senior; hc, Magson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell; 4, Senior; vhc, Magson; hc, c, Wild. VARIEG. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Magson; 4, Senior. CINN. OR GREEN: 1, Senior. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Magson. BUFF: 1, 2, Magson. Points up to date: Open Section: Stobart 38, Walker 35, Highley 33, Crossley 26, Priestly 23, Pickles 16, Graham 12, Sunderland 7, Tattersall 2. Novice Section: Senior 23, Mitchell 77, Magson 70, Wild 67, Sutcliffe 39, Hardy 26, Lumb, 10, Parker 6. Entries for first six: Mag on 58, Wibl 27, Mitchell 27, Senior 23, Stobart 20, Sutcliffe 11.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

TRAFALGAR C.B.S.

Show held in the King Cross Band Room at King Cross, Halifax, Jan. 24. The room proved a good one for a cage bird show. Sec., Mr. A. Sutcliffe, and Mr. H. Clegg, assist., kept everything up to time, and were well assisted by a hard working committee. Many thanks are due to the gentlemen and ladies who kindly provided specials. Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell won sp best bird, and Mr. E. Savile best in opposite section; Mr. J. E. Priestley sp most points in show. Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax) judged, and his awards were well received. 83 birds were entered.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS CK. (6): 1, Priestley; 2, sp, vhc, Stobart; 3, Burdikin Bros.; hc, c, Townsend. BUFF: 1, sp, Blackburn and Mitchell; 2, Townsend. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, sp, Stobart; 2, c, Burkikin Bros.; vhc, Priestley; hc, Blackburn and Mitchell. BUFF: 1, sp, Burdikin Bros.; 2, Blackburn and Mitchell; 3, vhc, Priestley. EVEN ETC. YORKS CK. (10): 1, vhc, hc, spd, Priestley; 2, Stobart; 3, Townsend; c, Burdikin Bros. HEN (6): 1, 3, spl, Priestley; 2, Townsend; vhc, Pilling; hc, c, Blackburn and Mitchell. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS CK (16): 1, spd, Mitchell; 2, Ambler; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Cockroft; hc, c, Child. BUFF: 1, 3, sp, E. Savile; 2, Wilkinson; vhc, Wild. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Mitchell; 2, J. H. Harrison; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, hc, Sunderland. BUFF (6): 1, hc, sp, Ambler; 2, vhc, Mitchell; 3, Wilkinson; c, Harrison. VAR. CK. (9): 1, sp, Savile; 2, E. Holdroyd; 3, Child; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Ambler; c, J. Corney. HEN (6): 1, sp, Savile; 2, Wild; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, hc, Child; c, Sunderland. Extra class (1): Mr. W. Morton took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, vhc, hc, c, and spd with his novel cage bird, a mechanical singing "penny-in-the-slot" bird. Mr. W. Wild proved, as usual, a capable steward.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show held Jan. 19, at Headquarters; judge, Mr. T. Moss, Huddersfield. 62 birds staged, all unflighted Yorks. YELL. CK. (5): 1, S. Radley; 2, c, Lawford and Son; 3, Sykes; vhc, Cawtheray and Son; hc, M. Radley. BUFF (11): 1, M. Radley; 2, vhc, Cawtheray and Son; 3, c, Gee; hc, Clegg. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Cawtheray and Son; 2, hc, Rhodes; 3, Sykes; vhc, M. Radley; c, Buttle and Copland. BUFF (12): 1, 3, M. Radley; 2, Taylor; vhc, Rhodes; hc, S. Radley; c, Clegg. CINN. MKD. CK. (4): 1, Lawford and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Rhodes. HEN (7): 1, 3, hc, c, Rhodes; 2, Buttle and Copland; vhc, Hicks.—A. Lawford, Sec.

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PETER AND TIMOTHY

Told by DYDDGU HAMILTON.

A Tale of a Schoolboy and a Coal-Tit.

ON his way home from school one Saturday afternoon, as Peter was passing Miss Töpffer's house he perceived that lady coming down the steps in company with a young gentleman unknown to Peter. His attention was at once arrested by the fact that they were both anxiously regarding a small grey object which seemed to move and flutter in the young man's partly closed hand. Peter, whose curiosity was aroused, was accordingly pleased when he heard Miss Töpffer remark "There is the little boy I was telling you about; he is quite a bird-fancier already."

The lady smiled and held out her hand, while the gentleman, without waiting for any further introduction, addressed Peter directly. "I am starting back to the States to-morrow," he said, "and I don't know what to do with my little bird, as I should be unable to procure food for him on the voyage. I would set him free, but he has only one leg; not long ago I rescued him from a trap in a friend's garden."

Peter looked at the bird, who with his black head feathers erect was hissing gently, while with great vigour he pecked at his captor's fingers. He was a tiny bird, but seemed far more fierce than frightened. Peter thought. "*Please* let me keep him," said Peter, "my home is quite near." The bird's owner readily agreed, and they two went on together, while Miss Töpffer turned back.

A Housing Problem.

"Where shall we put him?" asked Peter, when he had ushered his new friend, still carrying the bird, into the schoolroom of his own house. "We really haven't a cage to spare since the young Bengalese and Cutthroats were separated from their parents."

"If your mamma would not mind, I think Timothy would be happier loose in there," said the American, looking through the French window into the green-house. "He will do no harm to the flowers, but will rather benefit them by eating the greenfly which is sure to infest them sooner or later. He will find spiders and earwigs too, besides other natural food, and that will save you much trouble in catering for him in a cage."

"Mamma won't mind his being loose," said Peter. "But what ought we to give him in addition to what he can find for himself?" "Ants' eggs, and bread and milk made fresh at breakfast and tea-time, and hemp seed. But you must crack the hemp-seed by rolling an empty bottle, or a rolling-pin over it. If he had both his feet Timothy could manage very well by himself, holding the seed under one foot while he pecked and hammered a hole into it with his bill."

From the Continent.

As he was speaking, the American had opened his hand, and little Timothy fluttered off, and sat on the edge of a flower-pot, smoothing and preening his ruffled plumage. Peter noticed that his head and throat were glossy black; he had white cheeks and a white patch on the nape of his neck. The rest of his upper parts were slaty blue, while underneath he was greyish-white. His eyes were brown and very bright, and his beak was black, short and sharp pointed. "He is a Continental Coal-Tit," remarked Peter, "the British bird has a browner back. How clever he is at catching flies!" For Timothy had hopped up to the glass, and with great agility was pecking off and swallowing the flies that buzzed thereon.

Peter now waited the return of his mother and sisters from the flower show to which they had been invited.

The minutes dragged slowly on until suddenly a bright idea struck Peter. "Ants' eggs, that gentleman said, are the right food for Timothy, and only the other day I noticed an immense ant-hill in the larch spinney at the bottom of the hotel garden. There are sure to be plenty of eggs in it, and I shall have heaps of time to fetch some before mamma comes home." Without another thought Peter snatched up his cap and an empty milk can which stood just inside the kitchen door. "This is better than a basket," said Peter to himself. "However small the eggs are they won't fall through."

Peter soon reached the place, and he began turning over the ants' mound of dry fine needles and twigs, hoping to find some of their tiny white cocoons. Some indeed he did see, but they were always in the jaws of the ants, who ran hither and thither with them in the greatest possible excitement. Ants ran up Peter's arms and legs, they swarmed all over him, and bit and stung till he could bear it no longer. Hastily filling his can with fragments of nest, ants, eggs, and anything he could scrape into it, Peter shut the lid down tight and ran home. Under the schoolroom table he spread a newspaper and emptied upon it the whole contents of his can, which he then restored to its place in the kitchen.

The Cook lodges a Complaint.

Peter had just finished telling his mother about his new bird when there was a knock at the door, and without waiting to be told to "come in" cook opened it a little way and said: "I can't lay tea in the school-room, mum; it is that smothered with emmets running on the table and all over over the place." "What has happened? Where can they have come from?" asked Peter's mother, annoyed and astonished. "Master Peter could tell that better than I," answered cook, looking crossly at Peter.

"I know nothing whatever about them. I never even heard of such things," said Peter, indignantly. "It was you who took the milkcan, for I myself saw you do it, Master Peter," retorted cook, "and some of the horrid critturs are clinging to it still." "Peter," said his mother, sternly, "I knew that you were mischievous, but I did not think you were untruthful. Go up to your room instantly, and go to bed."

When his mother spoke like that Peter knew it was no good to attempt any explanation just then. Therefore he went to his room and undressed, but he did not get into bed, though he turned down the counterpane ready to slip in between the sheets if he heard anyone coming. But Peter felt greatly injured. "I didn't tell a lie," said he to himself. "How was I to know that cook meant ants when she said emmets? Besides, I was very careful to put them and their nest on to a newspaper."

Smarting under a sense of injustice, Peter went to the window and looked out. Right in front of it was a sloping lawn, and half-way up this was a little terraced rose-garden supported by a wall loosely made of bricks and turfs. As Peter looked towards this wall his heart gave a jump. "Surely they cannot have been so cruel as to turn out Timothy," he thought. But there, sure enough, was a Coal-tit, perched on a turf. It held something in its beak, and appeared to give a hasty look round before it disappeared into a hole low down in the wall.

Peter's Great Discovery.

Peter watched it in and out several times before he felt certain that it had two legs, and could not therefore be Timothy. But it was evident that the Titmouse had its nest and was feeding its young in the house. And quick as thought Peter was out on the flat roof of the porch and had climbed down its trellised side to the lawn. The entrance hole was so tiny that even Peter's small hand could not pass through to reach the nest. But he had soon loosened and removed a brick, for no mortar had been used to bind them together. Then, at the end of a short passage he saw a beautiful soft nest of moss, hair and feathers, all felted compactly together, and lined inside with more feathers to make it very warm. Six fluffy baby birds opened their yellow beaks and stared at Peter in dismay.

"Why, Master Peter, what a turn you did give me! I thought you was a ghost standing there all in white," said cook, as she came round the corner from the larder. "Put that brick back in its place and run up to bed again like a good boy. If you come through the kitchen way I will give you a jam sandwich for your tea, and you can go up the back stairs to your room." For cook had a kind heart, and she was sorry to have been the cause of Peter's punishment.

A GLIMPSE OF THE EXCELLENT ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW HELD BY THE HORNSEY AND WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

How a Good Aviary may be Cheaply Built.

BY JOHN BARLEYCORN.

(*Concluded from page 613.*)

I SUPPOSE I had better say a word about panels, for readers are sure to ask how could we make draught-proof panels out of any spare wood we chanced to have. I happened to have been in the East years ago, and I saw how Chinese carpenters made rain-proof roofs out of small square pieces of teak wood, and we worked on the same principle. We laid the first pieces of wood flat on the table, and on top of these we laid another layer of wood in such a way that the cracks of the bottom layer were covered by the planks of the second and stuck these two layers together with glue. When they had dried we laid another layer of wood over these two, so that the cracks of the last layer came on the planks of the next layer, stuck them in position with a little glue and joined the three layers together with wooden pegs, and there we had a good three-ply panel. It meant work and trouble getting them the right size, but we managed to make a fairly good job for novices. And now came the real work of something after the style shown in the illustration on page 613, Jan. 10.

Three feet at the end were for the house, and 6ft. for the flight. On Saturday afternoon we had the framework set up, and some of the house built, and for the next week we worked at it whenever we had an hour to spare. I must admit we had no fancy doors about it, one 3ft. section in the flight was a rough door, and the lower panel in the house was another, through which we could just manage to crawl, and it was only by very carefully watching the birds that we could ever get in or out. We had a job getting the uprights fixed in position, but by building bricks in round the base we managed to make them fairly strong. Then came the wire netting which, of course, we had to buy. This netting we nailed over the front, and there we had some sort of an aviary, nothing very elaborate, but good enough for a novice to start with. The roof was not a success the first year, as it leaked a bit, but the second year I bought some old canvas, nailed it over the whole length, and gave it two coats of paint, which kept out the rain splendidly.

The First Choice.

The next question was what were we to stock our aviary with, and what do you think was the first bird I bought? A hen Canary for half a crown! We still have her, and a great old bird she is. It is true that some years she looks as if she were only fit for the Old Age Pension, but last year I paired her up with a young cock, and she laid two eggs (one of which was clear), and hatched out one young one. Then the wife took her in hand during the moult, colour-fed her, and now she is looking as sleek and fresh as a two-year-old. The second bird I went in for was a cock Canary I cadged. The two of them paired up, and at the end of the season I had two cocks and four hens.

It was not a splendid way of starting aviculture, but it gave me the idea of the thing, and I had a little experience to start with next year. I have often thought since about the pleasure I used to get out of that aviary in the summer evenings, and few men with well-fitted bird-rooms and £10 hens have experienced the satisfaction we felt when the hen hatched out a sitting. We had all sorts of birds in that aviary, a Linnet I bought for fourpence, a Thrush the next door neighbours rescued from a cat, an old cock Sparrow which had to be liberated on account of his pugnacious ways, and I think I can safely say most of the commoner British birds during the two years we lived in that house.

How did it Pay?

Readers will ask, "Did I make it pay?" Well, I must confess that financially it was not a success, but the pleasure we obtained out of our little feathered friends more than repaid the trouble and expense we had been put to in building our first aviary. Had I known as much about breeding as I do now, I am sure I could have made a little gold-mine out of it. The first year would not have brought in much profit, because I had not the money to spare to buy even moderate birds for a start, but with an aviary like the one we had, a pair of Norwich cocks at 5s. each, and a pair of hens at 3s. each, I feel sure we could have had at the end of the year a nice little balance in hand. But once we had a start made we seemed to think more of the pleasure of having a few birds flying about and hearing their joyful song than of making money out of our feathered friends.

The Time to Start.

Now is the time to start, and by next summer you could easily have made enough to pay for the material of the aviary, and have a nice little stock in hand. Weed out all the birds which you do not think are quite up to the mark, for there are always some that are weak in points, and by the beginning of the following spring you could have two or three pairs that will be good enough to breed saleable birds from. Or even try a hand at breeding mules, only be sure that your cocks are cage moulted birds. Don't be discouraged when you see the spacious well-fitted aviaries that some men are lucky enough to have, try and build one on a small scale to suit your pocket, and only go in for two or three pairs. I only wish we had a small yard now where I could go in for the hobby again, but now I have to be content with breeding cages, and the effect is not at all the same. I find we can breed much better birds, but I would sooner have our little friends do their breeding as Nature intended them to. Once you have heard the cock pouring out his love notes to his lady I am sure you will feel glad you first put your hand to work at building an aviary on the cheap.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.,** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

REQUISITES FOR A BEGINNING (A Possible Fancier, Kingstown).—To deal fully with your query in detail would necessitate the writing of a small handbook, of which the Editor already publishes several for just such beginners as you. What you want is a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you for 7d., post free. This little book starts from the bed-rock and tells you just what you want, and how to proceed from the very commencement. As regards cost, this naturally depends very much upon your tastes, and the quality and make of the appliances you start with. But it is as well to remember that in this case as in any other, it is the soundest economy to get well-made articles of good sound material in the beginning, even if they cost a little more. Briefly, if you wish to begin with, say, two pairs of birds, which may suffice

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Rumsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

for the first year, you would want two single-breeding cages, fitted for breeding, or one double-breeding cage, ditto. These may cost anything from 3s. each for singles, or 5s. 6d. each for doubles, upwards. I should advise starting with single cages. Then it would be good policy to have one or two nursery cages, price about 2s. each, handy, in case they may be required to save young being plucked, and a fair sized flight cage, or one or two spare breeding cages to accommodate the young when they are taken away from their parents. You should make a point of getting all cages and appliances of a definite size and pattern, which will be a great convenience in future developments, and have all cages with loose wire fronts, for convenience in overhauling the insides when necessary. For prices of appliances generally, see our prepaid advt. columns. Begin with moderate quality birds at most for the first year. Two pairs of Rollers of the St. Andreasburg type, at about 10s. 6d. per pair, or if cost is a great consideration your could have one cock at about 8s. 6d., and two hens at 2s. 6d. each, would suit you nicely, and run the cock with both hens, as you may have often seen described in this column.

AN AILING COUPLE (Hopeful).—(1) Does the hen that appears to breathe through her nostrils do so continually, or is it only at intervals when you are doing anything about the cage? In the latter case it is probably nothing but nervousness, and of no importance. You could only deal with her as gently as possible at all times, and avoid giving her any shock or cause for sudden panic; in short, try to win her confidence. If the gaping is continuous, see that she is quite free from cold draughts, damp, or rapid and extreme changes of temperature. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give twice each week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts millet, niger, linseed, teazle, and broken groats, and on two other days a morsel of banana. In the water dissolve as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive day, and afterwards give ten drops of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a fortnight. If not then well, write again. (2) See that this bird is kept in bright and healthful conditions as mentioned in the last case. In addition to the staple of plain canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days give a little sponge cake as advised for the hen three times a week for a month, and twice each week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and on two other days a morsel of banana. Also keep a little of the paste advised to "A.B." in last issue in the cage regularly for a montb or so.

ACCOMMODATION OF FLIGHT (A Collier Boy).—One cock and three hens is the utmost limit you can hope to breed with successfully in the flight in question. It might even be best not to risk more than two hens. In the latter case you should put in four nesting sites, and if you use three hens have at least six nesting places. If you can command a cock of known character have one that is not too meddlesome with the nesting arrangements of the hens, and who will not interfere with them whilst sitting, otherwise you may find that even with this small number of stock it is most difficult to get young reared successfully in these confined quarters. You could have made much more and better use of the same space by using breeding cages. Trust you will bave better luck the coming season. Do not hesitate to write us if you meet with any difficulty. It will be a pleasure to help you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING WITH SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH (Novice).—I would advise you to run your Goldie with a couple of hen Canaries. You could let him fly with them until tbe montb of March, when it would be as well to separate them, putting them all into a three-compartment breeding cage, a hen each end, and the Goldie in the centre. When one of the hens is ready for nesting, you can run the Goldie in with her, sbutting him off at night when she is expected to lay, which you can generally tell by her looking mopey. If you leave him in, tbe chances are he will destroy the eggs before you are about in the morning. When one hen has laid three or four eggs, you can then shut him off entirely, putting in a wooden slide between them. By that time it is possible the other hen will be ready, when he can be allowed access to her. Remember, it is no use expecting fertile eggs from the Goldie until his beak is quite clear, and he slugs and shows off before the hen. (2) I fear you would not have much success if you attempted to breed in the way you suggest in a large flight, as the cock Canary would probably be the father of all the young ones. (3) I think the position you mention very suitable for a few birds.

LIGHT HYBRIDS (Mule Breeder).—Your cross-bred Canary is very suitable for the purpose you mention, but I would advise you not to rely too much upon what you are told about light muling strains. The fact of the hen being crossbred should discount some of her reputation. For instance, if you have a hen that has a tendency to throw light birds, it is by no means certain that her offspring will do so, especially if they are bred from a totally unrelated cock of another variety. If you wish to take a nest of Canaries from her before running her with a Goldfinch, you should procure a cock bird that is in some way related to her. It need not be a very close relationship, but it should be of the same strain. Be sure they are perfectly healthy before putting them together. I presume you bave been feeding your Goldie in the way we are constantly advising readers. You had better continue with this until the spring, when you will be able to gather a supply of seeding chickweed, groundsel and dandelion, both the young leaves and the seed pods. A liberal supply of these will soon bring him along. The hen will need no special treatment beyond a spoonful of mixed seed occasionally, and a little egg food, about twice a week.

LINNET-GREENFINCH CROSS (Hybredeur). — I think you can manage this cross if you have a little care and patience. Get all your birds as steady as possible, particularly the hens. Select the largest of the Greenfinch hens, and place her in with the cock Linnet, and put the smaller one in with tbe Redpoll. You need not interfere with them beyond running one occasionally into a small cage and gently handling it, talking to the bird and giving it a "tit-bit," so as to get it thoroughly steady. In April or May you can put in a wooden nest box or old German wicker cage, and give plenty of building materials, moss, short hay, hair, etc., or better still, old Greenlinch nests, if you can procure them. You could buy a young Norwich hen Canary for the cock Greenfinch that you have left over. These could fly together until March, when it would be as well to part them for a week or so, placing them in separate cages near each other. You should have a pair or two of common Canarics to incubate and rear the young Hybrids, as the Greenfinch hens cannot be relied upon to rear them, although in many cases they have been known to do so. It is as well to be prepared.

BREEDING IN AVIARY (W. G. Howard). — Your aviary would do admirably for the purpose you mention. You might try both Goldfinches in, and say four hen Canaries. If you want some young Canaries first, put in a cock Canary and take him out again as soon as the hens have all gone to nest, and when they have reared the young ones and show signs of wanting to nest again, you can introduce the Goldies. I would advise you to bang them in cages, either inside the aviary or close against it, previous to their being placed inside. Whatever you do, have plenty of nesting boxes or pans about, so that there is plenty of choice for the hens. If two select the same site, remove one at once to prevent quarrelling. If you have the Finches and Canaries in stock, let them fly together until March. The Finches will not be fit to breed from until the beak is clear.

FEEDING GREAT TITS (W.E.A.).—The Great Tits are not very difficult birds to cater for. They should have as a staple food a little good Insectile mixture fresh daily. They will freely eat hemp seed, which they hold with their feet, and hammer at with their beaks. Sunflower seed they treat in the same manner, and both of these are good for them. The Great Tit is partial to almost any kind of nuts, but these should, of course, be prepared for it by cracking and removing part of the shell, or giving it the kernel only. Two or three mealworms or other insects now and then will keep it in health. The Greater Tit is a very active bird, and requires a large cage to exercise in, one not less than eighteen inches in length. If not used as a stock cage, the bird should be allowed to have a fly in a large one occasionally.

THE GREENFINCH-BULLFINCH CROSS (Bird-keeper).—Providing you can manage to get your two birds fairly steady before the breeding season comes round, there is no reason why you should not try to breed from them. When you get them, keep them in small cages for a time, and handle them as much as possible, particularly the Bullie, as she is the most important, but as a rule they are not very difficult subjects to manage, so you should not have much trouble. After a time you could let them fly together in a big flight, or wherever you propose trying to breed with them. Hybrids from Greenfinch and Canary are generally bred from a Greenfinch cock and Canary hen, but there is no reason why you should not have a try the other way if you feel inclined to do so, as the hen Greenie is a free breeder as a rule. Respecting your other query, I am glad to hear your bird is progressing, but as I have lately answered several Linnet matters, I shall be glad if you will give me the date of the issue, and also the pseudonym you adopted, when I can, no doubt, advise you further.

CREATING A STRAIN (Patrick Kelly).—By mating your clear Norwich cock, which you call No. 3, to the Cinnamon marked hens, No. 1 and No. 2, you will probably breed green hens, that is, unless your cock bird has some Cinnamon blood in him. If you do, these hens would be invaluable for breeding Dark Hybrids, that is, providing they are large enough to produce large birds. They should be mated to Linnets in preference to Goldfinches. Anyway, you could proceed as you suggest, and if either of the hens, No. 1 and No. 2, throw you Hybrids with any light feathers in them, pair the hen Canaries produced from these two hens back to the father next year, as this will break up the green and give you variegated birds. Do not breed brother and sister together. You will only be stamping in the dark blood. I do not think it is possible to build up a strain the way you suggest, unless the hens show a tendeucy to throw light-feathered Hybrids.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

LARK AND BLACKBIRD (Claude).—I will deal with the Lark first. Now these birds have been kept healthy and in song, on what to all appearance is the most unwholesome diet, so I am loth to tell you that the so-called German paste is the wrong food for them. Hundreds of Larks do well on ordinary insectile food, mixed with scraped raw carrot or boiled potato, and an occasional mealworm or two. The following food is somewhat similar to German paste, but does not contain the usual pea meal, which makes that concoction rather indigestible: ½-lb. wheat meal, ½-lb. barley meal (sifted), ¼-lb. oatmeal, 4 tablespoonfuls coarse sugar, 3 ozs. beef suet, 1 hard-boiled egg; mix, and place in the oven until sugar and lard are melted, stir until brown, place in jars to keep for use. Now I would advise you to give your bird a change, do not always feed him on quite the same mixture, select one as a staple food, and give him something different about twice a week. Crushed puppy biscuit, soaked, with a pinch of meat meal in it, could be given sometimes. Let him have a little canary seed and shelled oats in a pot, or scattered on the floor. Occasionally offer him a sprig of watercress or other green food. The long runner cage is the best to keep him in. (2) The puppy biscuit mixture answers admirably for the Blackbird, giving him about twice a week a feed of good insectile food mixed with scraped raw carrot or boiled potato. Occasionally you could offer him a very little scraped raw beef or cooked lean meat, such as mutton or rabbit, a little fruit now and then, and a few mealworms or cockroaches, should keep him in health. Don't forget the bath on line days.

REDPOLL-CANARY (George Wagstaff). — Your twice house-moulted Redpoll is just the bird to breed with a smallish yellow Norwich hen Canary. Get the hen as soon as possible and let them fly together until March, then part them for a week or so until the hen is ready to go to nest, when you must put them together again, giving her a nest pan and building materials. You had better be on the safe side and shut the Redpoll off by himself when the hen is expected to lay, as he might possibly break the eggs, although, as a rule, they are pretty safe to be trusted with them.

FINCHES AND CANARIES FOR AVIARY (H.A.J.) —Do not turn your birds out in the aviary until March, and then put in the British birds first, keeping the hens by themselves in a room away from any cock birds, and feed them upon canary and a little rape, with green food only. Then as soon as the Finches are in stout song, you could put in the hens, giving them plenty of nesting boxes when they would probably go to nest at once. (2) Freshly caught Linnets require careful treatment. They have been feeding in the open upon seeds that have been soaked by the rain, and have probably commenced to sprout, therefore to cage them and give hard seeds right away is a mistake. When first received let them have soaked teazle and rape fresh daily. Then give in another vessel, or scatter on the floor of the cage, some canary, rape, linseed, teazle, and a little cracked hemp and niger. As they get on to the dry seeds discontinue the soaked, but do not leave it off too suddenly. After you have had them a week give a mild dose of glauber salts, as much as will cover a sixpence, in the drinking water, this should be repeated occasionally. Let them have boiled water to drink. With this treatment your losses should not be great, although you are almost certain to lose one occasionally. (3) Dandelion juice can be purchased from the chemist, or you can boil the leaves and give the water to the birds to drink. It is good for liver trouble.

FINCHES AND BUNTINGS.—You ask if the Hawfinch may be kept in an aviary with other Finches. Now, although the Hawfinch is the largest and strongest of our Finches, I have never found him any trouble when turned in with others, I have had three different birds that have lived amicably with others. All my birds may have been of an exceptionally gentle nature, and there may be exceptions, although I have not heard of them. It is not a difficult matter to remove a bird of a bullying nature. The tyrant of my last collection was a Yellow Bunting, and I fear he must have come of a fighting stock, for he was just the limit of aggressiveness. (2) All the Buntings are seedeaters, but are not afraid of occasionally taking a mealworm which is undoubtedly good for them. As regards seed, Canary is their stock mixture, they will live upon this almost entirely, never appearing to care much for any other, although it is as well to offer some such as a little cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, rape, and maw seed. Some Buntings take readily to soaked ants' eggs, and if you can get yours to eat these you should place them upon a little good insectile food, which in time they will partake of. Your seed diet is capital for a mixed collection. Don't omit the green food, it is very important, although not when the frost is on it. (3) I think as you have started with pairs you might continue with them. You will find Siskins, Linnets, and Redpolls, in pairs will seek each other's company, and not interfere with the others, but on no account have an extra cock in with them, if you do you will have trouble. Have all cocks or else have them in proper pairs. Pleased to answer your questions.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

CORRECTION (Zebra Doves, B.K.G.).—In this reply I am made to say: "This species has been fairly frequent in many aviaries." It should read: "This species has bred fairly frequently in many aviaries."

A GARDEN AVIARY (H.F.K.).—Your proposed aviary should answer well, but if the birds are to use the shelter freely, it should be as well lighted as an ordinary living-room. All round the walls of the shelter and along back of flight, form a pretty thick hedge of pea-sticks, or similar branches, but the bases of these should 12 to 24 inches above the ground. (1) Yes, if you buy them from some outdoor aviary; but newly-imported birds, or birds that have been even for a short time indoors, must not go out till April: whether the season is early or late must determine the exact period, also whether your county is N. or S., would, of course, be a governing factor. Java Sparrows, Pekin Robins, Cardinals, Starlings, and Thrushes will be safe with Budgerigars and Cockatiels. (2) Of such species as named above, say 12 to 15 pairs, or actual accommodation for, say 60 birds of such size. (3) S. Williams, Holland Lodge, Edmonton, London, N.—A magazine is still published; a postcard will secure full particulars. If you are a novice with foreign species, you would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½, and our Nutshells, 2½d. each, very helpful, all post free from our manager.

YELLOW-FRONTED AMAZON (Mrs. Magor).—I do not think there is much wrong with this bird, but I should not continue to indulge the bird with tit-bits. There are so many safe things to give it that it is needless taking risks, which it is so easy to have either fruit, plain biscuit, dry potato, carrot, or plain cake to hand when you are at table, and give it a little of one or other of these when it is at table with you. The same applies to tea or coffee, a little warm water and Chemical Food, slightly sweetened if need be, will obviate all such needless risks. I presume if this bird does not bathe, you spray it. This should be done weekly, if not oftener, even in winter, of course choosing a genial

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Lovebirds," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

day, and keeping it out of the reach of cold air till dry, when doing so using a little essence of quassia in the water for the next two or three months. For the same period, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water once a week, or better, soak it into a crust or biscuit, or anything absorptive that the bird is fond of, and supply this when partially dry. It is always best to treat such things as pieces of wood, cuttlebone, and grit as part of the menu, usually when wood, etc., is supplied for the bird to exercise their cutting powers upon, beaks usually remain of normal length. You will have to get your local vet. or some fancier with experience to cut back the beak to normal size. It is quite simple if the head of the bird is held still, and do not unduly shorten, as a vein extends almost to the tip of the normal beak, and you should not cut into this. Keep a watch on the bird's mouth, and if it becomes furred or at all slimy, put in a little honey and borax (from any chemist) daily, from the end of a stick, till it is clean again. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

GROUND COLOUR.—The clear and ticked or very lightly marked progeny from this mating may be used the following season for breeding Mules of the dark order. (2) For pink-eyed Sibs get a clear yellow pink-eyed cock and a ticked buff hen bred from two yellows, also pink-eyed, from the same strain, but not closely related. Mate these together, and in the next season select from among the progeny the richest buff hen, clear or slightly ticked, and mate back to the original cock, and the richest clear yellow cock to mate back to the parent hen. The remainder of the clears and ticked mate among themselves. In the third season you may begin to test the hens by mating them for a nest of Mules, and retain especially for future breeding those which throw Mules with light plumage. However small the amount of light plumage thrown

will show that the tendency to bred light Mules is there, and those hens should be carefully preserved for future breeding of the strain. To continue the strain of Sibs in the third year mate the progeny of the brother and sister matings of the former season back to the grandparents and among their progeny of the second year. After this if you find the birds losing much size it will be necessary to introduce some fresh blood, which you should do by introducing a fresh hen from the same strain as the original pair came from.

WHAT WILL THEY BREED (Studiosus)?—It is impossible to tell what the two birds you mention will breed without much more definite knowledge about their parentage. The character of their progeny depends entirely upon whether there is any Cinnamon blood in them or their parents, and so far as the Yorkshire is concerned it is nowadays impossible to say whether this blood exists in any given bird unless its pedigree is very definitely known. Assuming that there is no Cinnamon blood in either of the birds, then they will probably produce a majority of heavily variegated, and foul or broken greens, with a small proportion of ticked specimens. The percentage of the latter, as well as the nearness of their approach to clear, will depend entirely upon the amount of clear blood in the parents. If there is Cinnamon blood in both birds then you may expect the majority of the progeny to come lightly and heavily variegated.

SUDDENLY SITS DOWN (E.M.F.)—It may be merely a habit that makes your bird occasionally sit so closely to the perch for a short time. As it appears to be in good health otherwise I do not think you need worry about it at all. It is only taking a brief rest, I imagine, and, perhaps, your perches are a little too thin to give it a good firm grip, which would both cause it to sit more closely than usual and also appear to make the perch cut into him, as you put it. See that the perches are of a size that it can get a good and firm grip, and are securely fixed so that they do not wobble about; add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water for two consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food daily for a week, and I do not think anything further will be necessary.

A PROPER MATE (Brython).—Mate the heavily-marked cock with a clear buff, pink-eyed hen bred from a marked strain. This mating will give you marked and ticked young, with a percentage of clear pink-eyed, both cocks and hens. If you want to get the greatest proportion of lightly ticked and clears see that the hen is bred from clear and a ticked, both pink-eyed birds, which, of course, may be of a marked strain of birds.

USELESS BACK CLAWS (H.S.).—The condition of the feet is undoubtedly the cause of the bird remaining so much at the bottom of the cage, and I am afraid they have been neglected a great deal too long for you to make any improvement in them now—that is if the affection first occurred, as is usual, when the bird was quite young. But you give no definite particulars, so you had better write again and say how long the feet have been in this condition, whether the toes are curled underneath the front toes, or stick straight out backwards. Meantime give the bird rather wide and flat perches, and see that they are fixed firmly and do not wobble about.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. S. Carlile.—Death resulted from pneumonia, following a depletion brought about by subacute inflammation of the bowels. The inflammatory process has been going on some time, primarily due to irritant particles ingested at some period.

H. H. Bixter.—Acute inflammation of the bowels. This may be due to exposure or to eating of irritant matters.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Selling Birds to U.S.A. (Cumbrian).—We have sent your enquiry to Messrs. Van Oppen, the forwarding agents, and have asked them to communicate with you.

L.C.B.A. Show and Diploma (F. Jones).—We have replied to you by post.

C.P. Show (T.K.).—Yes. The birds are looked after quite as carefully as at any other show, if not more so. Hope you will have success there.

Photograph (Constant Reader).—Send it up with a five shilling postal order, and we will insert in our Crystal Palace issue. A capital advertisement and a very cheap one.

Visit to Friend at Woking (J. Little).—Thanks; will try to use later.

Coloured Front (Maud Epps).—Very amusing, but of course we can't use.

Novice at Palace (W.J.D.).—There are hardships in every competition, and while we regret your difficulty, we leave it to you to suggest a way out, as we ourselves see none. A novice cannot continue his novitiate indefinitely, can he?

Winning Norwich, etc. (Coward and Fook).—Thanks for letter and photo, which we will do our best to use some time or another.

Roller Canary (W. Ogden).—Your enquiry has been forwarded to our specialist, Mr. St. John, and his reply will appear next week. Queries received on Tuesday cannot possibly be replied to the same week.

DETAILS OF THE PALACE SHOW.

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Letters during the time of the show should be addressed to Mr. Ramsden at the Crystal Palace, not to his private address, and exhibits must be delivered at the Palace on Thursday, February 6th, or they will not be able to compete.

The annual judges' lunch will take place on Feb. 6, in the Grill Room at the Palace at 1.45. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may obtained of Mr. Ramsden. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are specially invited.

Our Championship Competition.

It is very gratifying to us to learn that over 500 birds have been entered to compete for CAGE BIRDS prizes in the finals of our Championship Competition. In some of the classes the majority of the birds have been componed. This excellent support evidences in most striking manner the grip our coupon competition at the various shows of the season has had upon exhibitors. It is safe to say that not the least exciting moments of the Palace Show will be those during which the winners of CAGE BIRDS £10 10s. trophy and two £10 10s. cash prizes are being selected by the judges.

An Expert Opinion.

Several readers have written in the past to ask whether one or other of the specialists upon our staff would for a small fee give them a private opinion upon the merits, or mating, etc., of birds they are exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Show. We shall be pleased to arrange this. Exhibitors desirous of taking advantage of the offer must send to CAGE BIRDS offices a stamped addressed envelope, together with sixpence (postal order) for each bird (Canary, Hybrid, British, or Foreign) upon which they wish to receive an opinion, when a letter will be sent them in due course.

Results of the Judging.

TELEGRAMS or other communications asking for results of the judging cannot be answered by the show authorities. In these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors, with the result of any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully stamped and addressed postcards or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than Thursday, February 5.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for the awards. For instance:—"Jones, 109, Market Street, Leicester, 259 ———, 263 ———, 406 ———," etc.

3. All the applicants for results at the Palace must write "Result" on top left-hand corner of the envelope in which the postcard or telegraph form is sent to us.

NOTE.—We cannot undertake to deal with any results other than by postcard or telegram (no letters can be sent).

Club Meetings and Excursions.

The following Club meetings have already been arranged: Southern Bord. F.C., 2.30; Crest Club, Board Room, 2.30; Southern Nor. P.H. Club, Press Room, 2.30.

"Cage Birds" Stall.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in the usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures and addresses therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge. If you do not happen to see what you want, ask our attendant for it.

Railway Excursions, Etc.

A summary of the railway excursions to London on the dates of the Crystal Palace Show will be found below. Most railways, we are informed, run week-end trips at one and a quarter fare, some at one and a third, from stations beyond 50 miles from London.

GREAT CENTRAL.—Sheffield, ½, 2, 3, or 5 days on Thurs. and Sat.; Rugby, ½, 1, 2, or 3 days on Sat., ½, 1, 2, 3, or 5 days on Sun. Nottingham, Leicester, Loughborough, Lutterworth Brackley, and certain intermediate stations, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, or 8 days on Thurs., Sat., and Sun.

MIDLAND. Manchester, Chester, Stockport, Matlock, and other stations en route, 1, 3, 4, or 6 days on Sat. Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, etc., 1, 3, 4, or 6 days on Sat. Ilkley, Otley, Guiseley, etc., 1, 3, 4, or 6 days on Sat. Harrogate, 1, 3, 4, or 6 days on Sat. Skipton, Keighley, Bingley, Shipley, Bradford, Dewsbury, Batley, Morley, Leeds, etc., 1, 3, 4, or 6 days on Fri. night. Barnsley, Swinton, and Rotherham, 3, 4 or 6 days on Sat. Cudworth, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Alfreton, etc., 1, 3, 4, or 6 days on Sat.

GREAT NORTHERN.—Hitchin to Welwyn, ½ and 1 day on Sat. Letchworth, ½ and 1 every day. Shepreth to Baldock, ½ and 1 on Sat. Dunstable, Hertford, St. Albans, Hatfield, etc., ½ and 1 on Sat. Yaxley, Ramsey etc. to Three Counties, 1 day on Sat. Cambridge, etc. ½ and 1 on Fri. and Sat. Peterborough, ½, 5, and 8 days on Sat. Butlers Hill, Codnor Park, Heanor, Kimberley, etc., 1, 2, to 8 days on Sat. Huntingdon to Sandy and Three Counties, ½ day on Sat. Luton to Ayot, ½ day on Sat. Beeale, Bridlington, Darlington, Driffield, Malton, Middlesbrough, Northallerton, Pickering, Redcar, Richmond, Ripon, Scarborough, Stockton, Thirsk, Whitby, etc., 2, 3, or 5 days on Sat. Alnwick, Berwick, Bishop Auckland, Blaydon, Consett, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepools, Hexham, Shields, Morpeth, Newcastle, Sunderland, Wallsend, etc., 2, 3, or 5 days on Sat. Hull, Goole, etc., 1 day on Fri. night, 3, 4, or 6 days on Sat.

GREAT WESTERN.—South Wales (principal stations), Fri. night for 1, 3, 5, or 8 days. On Sat. from Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, Wrexham, Shrewsbury, etc., 1, 4, or 6 days; Marlborough and Berks and Hants line stations, 1 day; Weston-super-Mare, Bristol, Bath, etc., ½, 3, 5, or 8 days; Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and South Staffs stations, ½ and 3 days; Portland, Weymouth, Dorchester, Wells, Devizes, etc., 1, 3, 5, or 8 days. Cheap tickets on Sat. from Alcester, Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Cookham, High Wycombe, Henley, Reading, Stratford-on-Avon, Uxbridge, Windsor, and certain neighbouring stations.

BRIGHTON AND SOUTH COAST. On Monday, 1 and 2 days, from Isle of Wight, Angmering, Goring, Bramber, Midhurst, Fittleworth, and intermediate stations; Portsmouth, Havant, Chichester, Bognor, Littlehampton, Arundel, Horsham, and intermediate stations.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN.—On Fri. night for 3, 5, or 8 days from Carlisle, Wigton, Workington, Cockermouth, Penrith, Sedbergh, etc. On Sat. for ½ day, Leamington Spa, Warwick, and Kenilworth; ½, 1, to 8 days from Narborough, Hinckley, Nuneaton, etc.; ½ day from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Birmingham, etc.; Sat. and Sun., ½, 1, to 8 days from Rugby. On Monday, 1, 2, and 3 days from Oundle, Stamford, Ithlingborough, and neighbourhood; 1 day from Northampton.

There are also excursions from various places on the Wed. and Thurs. preceding the Palace Show. Enquiries should be made at the local Stations.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Nantwich (Ches.).—Shoe Factory, School Lane, Market St., Feb. 6, 7. Judge, R. Handford. 11 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 2, Nov. 1. Prizes, 10 -, 5 -, 2 6. Fee 1 6. Ent. close first post Feb. 2 to F. Powell, 38, Welsh-row.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Abertillery C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition by J. Partitt; contributions due; other important business.—G. Brcome.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 3, St. Thomas School, 8. Table show Yorks, judge Mr. Thos. Atkinson, Norwich judge Mr. H. Boothman: Yell. ck., buff cock, yell. hen, buff hen, and unflig., A.O.V. Can. in each variety and section.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 3, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Ordinary business; paper by Mr. H. T. Kelsall on "The Ideal Norwich."—J. Whitehead.

Bootle C.B.S.—Feb. 3, St. Andrews' Parochial Hall, Litherland, 8. General meeting; election of officers and yearly accounts.—L. S. Hamilton.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 4, Headquarters, 8.15 p.m. General business.—John C. Bell.

Bolton C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Joiners' Arms, 8.30. Auditor's report, and dinner.—J. Gerrard.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Feb. 2, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road. Specials for Feb. show and general meeting.—R. Jackson.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Feb. 4, 35, Wood Street, Barnet, 8.30. Table show for cage birds, judge Mr. J. B. Kerr, and judging competition.—W. J. Cartwright.

Beamish C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Bird Inn, 7. Entries taken; stewards and staging.—Peart and Cresswell.

Birmingham (City of) C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30.—J. H. Jones.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Adjourned annual meeting, election of officers, etc.; all fanciers given a hearty invitation.—Geo. Havver.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 4, City Hotel, Narrow Wine Street, 8. To elect officers for coming year; members please attend.—B. L. Pool.

Bramley O.S.—Jan. 31, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Monthly meeting, election of officers for 1914.—W. H. Steel.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—Jan. 31, Flying Dutchman, 7. Open concert for presentation of members' specials by Mr. H. H. Towers, Glusburn.—W. Hellewell.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. White; arrangements for members' shows, selection of judges, etc.; new members will be heartily welcomed at this meeting.—Wm. Cruise.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Table show, matched pairs.—A. Wood.

Craghead C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Punch Bowl Inn, 7. Special meeting; members earnestly requested to attend; very important.—A. Dawson.

Chorley and Dis. C.B.S.—White Lion Inn, 7.30. show business; important.—J. H. Welch. (Date not stated.—Ed.)

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 3, 8.30. Balance-sheet, and fix date of pair and Finch show.—T. J. Hose.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Passing of balance-sheet, discussion on the use of Cinnamon blood in Norwich.—J. Southworth.

Dundee (City of) C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Doig's Rooms, Overgate, 8.—A. Law.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Feb. 2, Abbeymount Hall, 8. New members invited.—R. S. Spence.

Edinburgh N. and Mule B.S.—Feb. 5, 142, High Street, 8. Table show of breeding pairs and usual business.—J. Stormont.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 5, Reego Street Hall, 8. Discussion of the Scots Fancy. All prize money still to be paid out can be had at this meeting.—C. Grant.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Headquarters, "Cricket Players," 8.—A. E. Moult.

Hull C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Pair show.—J. L. Heseltine.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 2, White Hart Hotel, 8. General meeting, passing balance sheet, and election of officers for 1914, and other business.—A. Lawford.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 4, St. George's Hall, 8. Important business.—T. E. Pyman.

Islington F.A.—Feb. 2, Schoolroom, Warlters Road, Holloway, W., 8.30. Important business and poultry lecture, by Mr. R. J. Dartnell; fanciers and members, bring a friend and have a good night.—H. A. Brown.

Leicester Hind-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 3, White Swan, 8.30. Clear and marked Yellow cocks and Greenfinch.—A. Freestone.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Bull's Head, 8.30. Table show: yell. hen except unflig., open; do. novice; do. buff, open; do. novice.—J. Hardbattle.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 4, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 7.45. Judges and classification for members' sows; also advice on pairing birds, by E. Padgett.—W. H. Symes.

Leyton C.B.A.—Feb. 2, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 7. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Robson.—Forse and Son.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture from Mr. J. Lomas; also selecting judge for N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Sawley Road Council Schools, committee 7, members 7.30. Arrange pair show, etc.—G. Baines.

Middleton C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Old Boar's Head, 8. Special meeting, revision of rules; members make special effort to attend; fanciers invited to join.—J. Hulton.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45.—W. H. Tansey.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 5, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Annual meeting, secretary's report, balance-sheet, election of officers, election of judges.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—Feb. 5, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, S.E., 7.30. Pair show; judge, Mr. E. Mendes. All fanciers welcome; admission free.—Burton Bros.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Feb. 5, Pied Bull, Hotel, 8. Lecture on Fur by a well-known fancier.—H. A. Waddington. (Please send notices in duplicate.—Ed.)

Northern Border S.F.C.C.—Feb. 2, Pillars Cafe, 7.30. Table show pairs, three classes each section, clear or mkd., green, and cinnamon.—M. C. Potts.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Feb. 7, White's, 2, St. James Street, 8. Business of importance.—J. Stewart.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 31, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6.0. Annual general meeting, election of officers.—A. Percival.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Fleece Hotel, 8. Dates and judges for members' shows, and other business.—H. Raistrick.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Business important.—G. Ford.

Reading C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Palmer Hall, 8. Members' essay competition; fanciers heartily welcome.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Temperance Club, 8. Important business re bowl, new novice rule, ticket money for amalg. show must be brought in for this meeting; paying prize and specials money.—Wm. Adams.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. General meeting and election of officers.—H. Wantling.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 2, Club Rooms, 8.30. Gen. Purposes Committee.—R. Blincoe.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Feb. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, statement of accounts; election of officers; other important business.—J. Pitchford.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Gartside St., 7.30. General meeting; business important.—J. T. Cheetham.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 3, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Show; seven classes. Judge, H. W. Battye.—E. C. Joh.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Wentworth Cafe, 7.30. Social and prize distribution, tickets 1s.; all fanciers, members or non-members, and ladies, invited.—A. Hobson.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 4, Victoria Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—E. Grange.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Headquarters, 7.45. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—W. Broadbridge.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Barber's Shop, 7.30. Pie supper, to be followed by ordinary business; also presentation of cups; members rally round.—F. Hampshire.

Southampton C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Waterloo Temperance Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements for members' show at Kingsland Assembly Hall, South Front, Feb. 25.—W. L. Page.

Southend and S. Counties O.S.—Pair show, Feb. 25, F.F. show (members only), July 1.—Deer and Cundy.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—J. W. Lowes.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 31, Central Cafe, 7.30. Auditors, accounts, and other important business.—J. Peacock.

North Liverpool C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Headquarters, 8. General meeting; will all members make a special effort to attend as we are electing officers for coming season, and secretary presents his balance-sheet.—E. S. Broadbent.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Feb. 2, Railway Hotel, 8. Prize money to be paid.—H. Cuttler.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—Jan. 31, 7. Presentations.—A. Teasdale.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Feb. 2, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Hope all members will attend; a few birds will be there.—H. Roebuck.

Walkden Roller C.S.—Feb. 3, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—H. Howard.

Walkley C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Mission Rooms, Westmorland Street, 8. Table show matched pairs, four classes, champions 2, novices 2.—A. Lawton.

Watford C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.15. General business.—W. Rackley.

West of Fife C.B.L.—Feb. 7, Headquarters, Smoker at 7. General meeting, auditor's report.—J. Cordery.

Windhill C.B.S. — Jan. 31, Blue Bell Hotel, 5. Annual tea and concert, tickets 1/6 each for tea, concert free.—Taylor and Ellis.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Dates and judges for members' show; balance sheet for tea and social, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard, 8. Lecture on "Cage Making and Painting," by Messrs. Mallinson and Young.—W. Hodgkins.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—No meeting Feb. 2; pair show Feb. 17.—H. Smith.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Jan. 30, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.45. Annual general meeting and presentation of prizes; large attendance specially requested.—R. B. Gibb.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

The annual social and prize distribution will be held on Feb. 5 in the Wentworth Cafe, commence 7.30, charge 1s. each. A good array of talent has been secured. Amongst others are such well known artists as Miss J. Blades, the Misses Ansons, Mrs. L. Falding, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Cutting and Mr. D. Pickering. All members and friends are cordially invited. Our esteemed Chairman, Mr. F. Jones, will distribute the prizes. Anyone intending to be there kindly inform the Sec., Mr. A. Hobson.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 23. Mr. Newnham, chair. Balance-sheet was read and showed a balance in hand of £3, after several cups had been purchased for competition. The society have had a very good year. The following were elected: Officers for 1914: Chair., Mr. Newnham; vice, Mr. Crutcher; sec., F. Botell; financial sec., Mr. Lyons; treas., Mr. Hazel; committee, Messrs. Fairfield, Thorne, Wood, Juby, Weston, G. Smith, Moore, Hearne, and Gomm. The society is open to all C.B. fanciers, and it was decided that all applications received for membership shall be admitted free of nomination fee at our next meeting, Feb. 26th. I shall be glad to hear of any who wish to join us. Sub. is 3s. per annum. Two new members were admitted.—F. Botell, Hon. Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

Fourth annual meeting held Sunflower Coffee Tavern, George Street, Jan. 22. Mr. D. R. Harvest presided over a large attendance. Sec. stated that the membership had increased from 138 to 148. There had, however, been a falling off in the subs. of the hon. members. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £3 9s. 3½d. The report and balance sheet was adopted. Officers elected for 1914: Sir Fredk. T. Edridge, J.P., unanimously re-elected Pres.; Vice-Presidents re-elected, except Count Du Dyn and Mr. D. W. Oliver added. Lady patronesses: Lady Edridge, Mrs. Harvest, Mrs. Heston, Mrs. Scheibe and Mrs. Stevens, also re-elected. Chair., Mr. D. W. Oliver; Vice, Mr. H. O. Tarrant; Hon. Treas., Mr. D. R. Harvest; Hon. Sec., Mr. F. W. Capell; Cage Birds Committee, Messrs. G. Liese, A. E. Smith, and W. Soper. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. N. Sutton for his services as Chairman of the Association for the past four years. Mr. Sutton suitably responded. A vote of thanks to Mr. Harvest for presiding concluded the business. For particulars as to membership, etc., please write the Hon. Sec., F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton-rd., Croydon.

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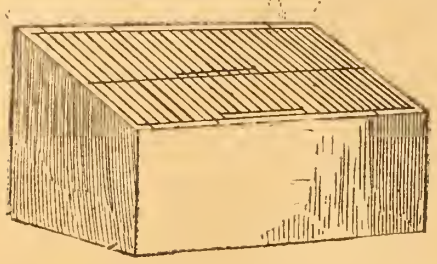
CORRESPONDENCE—Continued from page 73.

A Useful Steadying Cage.

Sir,—I send you a rough sketch of the cage I use for steadying fresh-caught British birds. It is an ordinary wooden box cut down to shape of sketch, with a cage front just fixed on top. It contains two perches



and food and water in vessels inside, and I find the birds settle down sooner than in an ordinary cage, do not knock themselves about, and do not make a mess, which, to the wife's idea, is the principal advantage. Trusting others may find it useful, and wishing CAGE BIRDS continued success.

CHAS. HAY.

What Has Become of the Yellow Crest?

Sir,—In the last season's show reports I notice, with regret, a still further falling off of yellow Crests and Crestbreds. Have breeders, in their mad craze for the big buff Crest, quite made up their minds to let this beautiful variety become quite extinct? I was always a great lover of a good yellow Crest, and have bred a good one or two in my time, as I daresay some of the old breeders will remember. Since leaving the old country, and having to breed my birds purely for my own pleasure—there are no clubs or societies in this State—I decided to make a study of breeding Yellows, and having brought a few of my best birds over with me, I was able to start with the right material. My line of reasoning is: Seeing that the Yellows come so thin and scant in Crest feather, to double Crest twice, or even more; if the crests come neat you can soon tell where to draw the line. By this mating I find they are inclined to become thin and rough at the back; this is where I run in the coppy, or first cross, to fill up and smooth down the backs, and at the same time keep up size. The same results could be got from the Lancashire Plainhead, but I prefer the Coppy. I use Yellow blood every other year, and breed from the neatest Crests. I have bred in my second year a big clear Yellow dark Crest that could hold his own among the Buffs, he is bred from a double-crested second cross Yellow Coppy cock. J. W. CROOKES.

Ohio, U.S.A.

Crest Breeding: A Little Advice to Novices.

By One Who Has Bred Them 35 Years.

Sir,—When this week I opened my CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken ever since it started, I saw a letter from a Novice, wishing to have some advice on Crest breeding. To build a strain to breed good stuff get a Plain-headed Coppy cock — which Lancashire breeders call a spoilt Coppy — big in skull and with plenty of feather on it, and short in leg. You can get these from Mr. Barras or Mr. Fitton, Oldham, or any good Lancashire breeder for about 25s. Then you want a good green or heavily marked Crested hen with plenty of feather; never mind if it is out in centre a little. You can get a good stock hen for 30s. from some good fanciers, men who will try to help the novice. There are many who would help a young fellow on. If your pocket should be low get two pairs, unrelated. Then the young from each pair will go together after to breed with. In conclusion, never tell a lie about your birds to anyone; don't let your hobby lower your manhood. Wishing you good luck.

Bearpark College. THOS. HANSON.

Sexing Canaries with Certainty.

Sir,—Some time ago there appeared in CAGE BIRDS a letter showing how to sex Canaries. Can any of your readers inform me how to do so with certainty, or what was the date the letter appeared?

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Sir,—I at all times find it a pleasure to write you on cage birds, as I have had so much success by your advice in CAGE BIRDS. My 1913 season was a great success, as I sold every young bird with the exception of what I picked out for myself, and what pleased me more customers were highly pleased, and no birds returned. Now I think that the Roller Canary is the best for novices to start with, as you see I have had great success as a novice, for 1913 was my first year. I never kept birds before, and I have a fine bundle of CAGE BIRDS papers in my bird-room, which is ringing with song every day. I have also two hens singing very nicely, which makes my hobby charming. I have started to get my bird-room in readiness for 1914 season, and I am pleased to say, by your advice and by close attention to my stock, and careful feeding, my birds are all in first-class condition. My stock for 1914 season are five cocks, sixteen hens, all Roller Canaries, and I am breeding better strain for 1914. Very well pleased with 1914 Calendar; it is excellent. A friend of mine has informed me of the death of their Roller Canary at the ripe old age of 21 years and five months, and many a time it has sung after being put in total darkness. What would Mr. Hardy think of this, and I know of scores like this singing in darkness. I read with interest at our local library in the "Times" that a White Robin with conspicuous red breast has been seen in the garden of Mill Farm House, Tenterden, and others have been observed in various parts of the Weald of Kent.

JOHN SEDDON.

A Robin Among the Curling Stones.

Sir,—After a game of curling, the players went into the club house for lunch. I had occasion to go to my box, and I left it open, the lid up against the wall. After lunch we had other two hours playing, and when the game was over all the members, over a dozen, came in to put their curling stones under lock and key. There is always a noise, discussing the different shots after the play, and yet this did not seem to disturb the Robin, who must have got into the box before we came in. I put the stones in the box, and locked it up. Imagine my surprise next morning when on opening the box out came Mr. Robin and hopped on my hand before taking his departure after his night's confinement.

Aberfeldy. J. FERNIE.

Have We Too Many Societies?

Sir,—I see in your valued paper, CAGE BIRDS, that another society is being formed in West London. I certainly think it would be better if the fanciers were to patronise the existing societies, some of which have been established a considerable number of years. We have in West London now the West London Fanciers' Association, the Queen's Park, the City and Suburban, and the South Metropolitan Associations, whilst the London Cage Bird Association have their headquarters in Piccadilly. I am sure the most exacting bird fancier in West London could select one of the above societies to suit his requirements. It would be better for the Fancy generally if there were only a few flourishing societies with a good range of cups and prizes for competition amongst their members and with a "live" secretary to keep things moving, than a lot of small societies struggling for existence with a small membership.

ADIAPHOROUS.

On Caging Birds.

Sir,—Caged Birds are not a new feature amongst the civilised inhabitants of our globe. I was told by my own father of the Chinese gentlemen who carried when they took their daily walk a bird in a cage. Tamed animals and cruelty! What about domestic cats and dogs, and our useful and perhaps most valued animal the horse? Is he not broken in? Do not we find that "Every kind of beasts, and of birds and of serpents and of things in the sea is tamed and hath been tamed by mankind."—St. James, iii. chap., 7th verse? Mr. Hardy is not infallible on every subject under the sun. As to the breeding of caged birds, I have heard of a Guardsman in the Knightsbridge Barracks. A relative of mine, who was a clergyman ministering at All Saint's, Knightsbridge, told me of the case. This Guardsman bred Nightingales. Mr. Smee, a famous medical man, kept Nightingales, and heard them pour out their exquisite lays in the neighbourhood of Finsbury Square. As to lovers of animals being cruel! Those who keep them must love them, and I have found them just the reverse.

OVER SEVENTY.

Experiences of a Beginner.

Sir,—I wish to open this letter by telling you I only started this most interesting hobby in the year 1911, and in such a short time I have gained experience far beyond my expectations. I ignored such a book as CAGE BIRDS, and, "fat-headed," or anything you like, I thought I could do wonders with a pair of birds. At the beginning of February, 1911, I purchased a cock and hen Canary. A friend told me they were good birds. Well! Didn't I know they were? I bought them, so I ought to know. Within a fortnight these birds went to nest; the hen laid four eggs. Every day I looked into that nest to see if the eggs were all right. The fateful 14th day arrived, and I saw a piece of egg-shell on the floor of the cage. My hopes rose, and see those chicks I must. The hen wouldn't come off the nest, so I pushed her off. There was only one chick. Never mind; that was something. So I took the other eggs away and opened them. I wished I hadn't: two of those eggs had chicks in, ready to hatch. I may tell you she never went on that nest again, so I lost that chick as well. Four more nests I let her have that season, and the result was one chick, and that was a hen. The next season I tried Mule breeding, putting up a Greenie-Canary, Linnet-Canary, and a Siskin-Bullfinch. I sold the latter pair before the season started because the Bullfinch hen would take no notice of the Siskin, and I knew such a lot about Mule breeding! Well, I'll say no more. I took in CAGE BIRDS, and am now waiting, still smiling, for next season.

D. R. SWAINSON.

A Lady's Advice to Bird Breeders.

Sir,—It is essential, if you want to be successful, to purchase a really good book on the special kind of bird you intend to breed; and if you choose Yorkshires you cannot do better than buy Battye's "Yorkshire Canary," and, whatever else you choose, "Cage Birds Annual" will supply you with dozens of useful tips about birds. Read your bird books from cover to cover, and then set about your breeding according to your book. Make up your mind to buy good birds from a reliable breeder, and pay a good price for them, it is cheapest in the end. Keep down red-mite by occasionally painting underneath sand tray, etc., with a mixture of turpentine and camphor. Have your bird-room floor covered with lino and keep it scrupulously clean; change waters every day and twice a day in summer; once every week wash drinkers in warm water and Condy's Fluid; have one size drinkers and feeders. Keep an even temperature in the bird-room as far as possible; have a separate cage for sick birds, and whenever one is queer give it bread and milk. Above all, get your wife interested in your hobby, and never fail to buy CAGE BIRDS each week. You will find all the tips in there that you can wish for, and will learn more than I can tell you: and I know, because we have had the experience, though my husband is only a first-year novice. A word to the wives of fanciers: Don't grumble because the birds make a litter; try to keep the bird-room sweet and clean; above all, encourage your husband. MRS. H. L. HUGGINS.

Random Thoughts of a Yorkshire Breeder.

Sir,—Talking of Canaries, "Yorkshires" are my fancy, and fancy them I do. A bird perfect in my own eye has a nice small beak just in front of, and slightly under a moulded nearly oval head, set on a neck a trifle thinner than the shoulders. The wing showing the round part at top, as though placed for a shield to the side of a nice, smooth, round breast. And then, oh, that tapering waist, so long under that rounded flat (if there is such a term) wing-covered back. Now the wings get narrower across, but how close they appear to get to each other without touching, but if they do touch, they are magnets joined, they are tapering to a point. Well, really, they are close to, and nearly half way down that lovely straight, long, ten-in-one-feathered tail. The beautiful creature, six and three-quarter inches in unison, stands upon a perch, which it grips in earnest with two perfect feet close together, attached to legs so lovely and fine, full of life's blood. That nice-shaped hock and thigh, clothed with downy velvet, not a feather out of place. Well, I never! The bird is not only on a perch, but in a "show cage." Stand back one step and admire a sentry on duty, with his head thrown very slightly back and his eye as bright as glass.

Now I cannot see for the life of me why anyone should object to successful, professional exhibitors, for if it were not for these men, or rather the birds they exhibit, I, for one, should never have wished to breed a perfect bird. Shall I ever do it? No. There is no such thing as perfection here below.

J. B. LEATOR.

Do We Coddle Our Birds Too Much?

An Aviarist's Experience.

Sir,—I have a large outdoor aviary, that is if 16ft. long by 4ft. 6in. wide and 7ft. at back to 6ft. in front can be considered large. A part of this is divided for breeding couples in the season in 3ft. lengths with wire partitions for the Finches, so that they can be shut off. It has often occurred to me when reading CAGE BIRDS and the opinions of its various correspondents that the tendency of most people is to coddle their birds far too much, and to keep to rigid rules for feeding both old birds and youngsters. In fact, it would appear from some of the things you read that every youngster's life is only hanging by a thread, and if the food is not mixed by exact measurements there is no hope of rearing. I suppose I have broken every rule most outrageously that has been laid down by experts, and yet I am quite satisfied with the results. My aviary is all wire in front, and the only protection is a piece of sheeting with tabs which is stretched over where the perches are placed. I have hen Canaries, Finches, Weavers, Spicebirds, Javas, and Waxbills, and yet I don't lose them on account of cold, although I have been breaking the ice each morning lately for their usual bath. I know a number of fanciers shudder at the thought of giving birds bathing water this weather. Yet I know my birds would be very unhappy without their morning dip. I bred 32 Mules last season from three pairs, all out in the open: they were reared entirely on egg cake and greenstuff. As regards greenstuff, it is always in the aviary, consequently young ones are fed with it from birth, so this does away with the idea that they should be some days old before they are allowed to have it. H. HAMMOND.

How to Popularise a Cage Bird Society.

Some Useful Hints.

Sir,—I have often thought that the secretary of a society who could invent some scheme whereby the apathy of the members—an apathy which generally sets in after the show season ends, and lasts till the moult begins—is worthy of the Carnegie medal for heroism. Sometimes there are so few members attending the ordinary meetings that the society's business can't be done, and those members who are most apathetic are generally the worst grumblers when they do turn up. I have in mind, though, one society who have a grand scheme to keep their members together, and which is worthy of adoption by any society. Moreover, it is a scheme which makes the wherewithal to run their open shows; for we all know that few societies can run an open show without drawing on their funds, and this scheme provides the sinews. They hold a show every month for the different varieties which are kept, an entry fee of 3d. each cage being charged, which all goes to the society's funds. A special prize of, say, 2s. 6d. or 3s. is given for the best bird in each section, but is not given until the end of the year, when some of the luckier members have quite a nice little nest egg to draw. At the wind-up of the season a show is run on bigger lines, with an increased entry fee, and prizes in each class accordingly. At the monthly shows, points are counted by Birds in the tickets, which are totalled up until the grand finale at the big show, when prizes are given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd most points in each section. One rule they adopt, which seems to me a very good one, is that the birds which win the specials at the monthly shows are debarred from exhibition again until the final show, where all compete. This rule stops any one exhibitor from dominating the specials list, and gives all a chance of success. Now this scheme keeps the members interested throughout the year, and especially is that so in the summer months, when some fanciers' enthusiasm touches rock bottom quantities. Every month brings some fresh first feather youngster whose owner has hopes of winning the special in its section. This is a scheme which can be recommended as an antidote to any apathetic member, for with shows in every month except April and May—when the birds are busy breeding—and lectures in the winter, the members' interest is never allowed to flag. For judges each member is called upon to take his turn, and a syllabus is printed at the year's beginning with date of show, judge's name; the date of lecture and lecturer's name and subject. The syllabus system saves notifying each member every fortnight, and is really cheaper than postage. This society makes enough profit from these monthly shows to have a nice little sum in the bank in readiness for the open show, which is run in the autumn.

T. JOHNSON.

Disqualification of Borders at Bethesda.

Sir,—At the above show I was an exhibitor and subsequently became a victim. We have had a good deal of correspondence re short entries in our grand periodical "C.B." I am now about to point out what I consider one more cause for such. At the above show I had two Borders, one clear yellow, and his son, a variegated buff, entered in the Border class, in which they stood 1st and 2nd respectively. The clear yellow I had also entered in Canary Natural Colour. When I arrived at the show-room I saw my clear yellow 1st and special in his class, but cardless in regard to the Natural Colour class. I found a buff Border was 1st in this class, and only reserve in the Border class. Naturally, I wanted to know how this was, and on enquiry found that the judge had disqualified my bird, his reason being that it was colour-fed. Now every fancier knows that colour-fed Borders are not eligible to compete in Border classes under rules. I should be pleased if Mr. Wellings would answer the following questions, through "C.B.": 1st, Why he did not disqualify this bird in the Border class; 2nd, what makes him think it colour-fed; 3rd, is he prepared to support his decision? Awaiting Mr. Wellings' reply,

FAIR PLAY.

Specials at the Federation Show.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Dewhurst re Federation Show specials in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I received my prize-money three or four months after show, also a note stating that as Mr. and Mrs. Salter had tied with me for No. 3 special I was to come to some arrangement with them regarding same. I wrote him, enclosing receipt and telling him that as I had made most entries according to rules of the society, I was entitled to it, and that it was his business to arrange with them, and not mine. I received no answer and at intervals I wrote him twice again, with same result. Now Mr. Dewhurst must have received my communications, or they would have been returned to me through the Dead Letter office, and yet he says he received no information concerning same from me. Now, again, if Mr. Dewhurst sent my special No. 22 for best Norwich, let him produce the initial of the individual who took it in, as no member of the family has seen it, and it is only them that take parcels in.

C. ROBERTS.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax.

Sir,—I have been very much interested of late in the correspondence connected with the Halifax disqualification, and what has struck me has been the unbusinesslike way in which the Yorkshire Union has treated the case, and more in particular the shameful way in which Mr. Clegg asserts that he has been treated over it. But to return to Mr. Johnson's letter, he says that anyone who tried to speak was ruled out of order. Is this the way Yorkshire Union meetings are carried on? Then again, how could Mr. Clegg have notified his committee on that afternoon in writing, as should have been the way to have dealt with this case, much more for Mr. Hill to have formally notified his committee after he had received the complaint in writing from Mr. Clegg?

Again, Mr. Clegg says that he was bamboozled at Bradford in front of a lot of fanciers. Is this right? It is a pity that the Halifax Society would not be affiliated at present, as I should suggest that from their next committee they send a formal report to the Union and let them deal with the case in a proper manner, after due notification. As a secretary myself I wonder what others think of the way this business has been carried on over the head of a fellow secretary, who appears to me to know what business is, and how it should be carried on. What I say is, let the whole case be reopened, and the business be carried on in a proper manner, and then I will take notice of the report that is given. My desire is, as Mr. Johnson's, "Fair play and no favour."

ARTHUR SIMONS.

SEE THIS WEEK'S

"Poultry World."

ONE PENNY.

ALL NEWSAGENTS AND BOOKSTALLS.

Are Lizards on the Down Grade?

Sir,—Having been a breeder, and on several occasions an exhibitor of the Lizard Canary for a good many years, I have now come to the conclusion that this beautiful variety of Canary is not having justice done to it, through lack of support on the show bench, etc., and I have been thinking it over very seriously for some time now, and I have often spoken to my fellow fanciers about the poor support given at the shows, and I think—yes, I am almost sure—that if a specialist club was worked for the Lizard alone it would be the means of getting more to join and to fanciers taking a larger interest in it. Now I know of several good Lizard fanciers who are strongly in favour of the Lizards going on their own, the same as the Norwich, Yorkshire, etc. Why not? There are enough of them bred to do it, and some, by the way, best fanciers, too. I know of one gentleman that would support it handsomely, and provide something for the members to show for. But as it is worked now he cannot see his way to support it. Now, I am not running the Lancashire Canary down or the Lancashire fanciers, as there are some of the best of fanciers among them, but not enough to run two specialist clubs, and, in my opinion, they seem to cripple the Lizard every time. Why not all Lancashire fanciers fall in together, and have one good society than two poor ones? Then the Lizard Canary can be on its own. Now what I should suggest is to call a meeting in a central town, say Manchester, some Saturday evening (not Sunday) early after the Palace Show, and have the matter thoroughly gone into, and form a working committee to get it going. I know of several good fanciers that are willing to support it. And in the meantime if any fancier who is willing to fall in with it will write to me we shall be better able to see how the feeling is, and I am sure, instead of seeing half-prize-money at almost every show where the Lizard is, we shall see good full classes. Now I don't wish to go into a big controversy on the matter, as I don't see any necessity for it, but what I, along with a few more well-known Lizard breeders and exhibitors, wish to see is how the above scheme would meet with the approval of the Lizard Canary breeders and exhibitors. Let us work together and see if we cannot make it into a good strong financial specialist society, one that we shall not be ashamed of.

HECTOR OLIVER.

Glossop.

Abertillery and Six Bells F.F. and H.S.

Good News from the Hon. Sec.

Sir,—A short time ago you very kindly inserted a letter from me in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS that I regretted I could not pay out prize money in connection with the above society's sixth annual show as soon as in recent years. I am now pleased to report that by the time this letter appears most, if not all, prize-winners who reside outside the area of our District Council have been paid their prize-money as awarded, as we are paying out in alphabetical order. I may say that we have another scheme on foot, and I trust that I shall soon be able to report that all prize-money has been paid.

ED. CHURCHILL, Hon. Sec.

Affairs of East Ham Fanciers.

Sir,—Our society, the East Ham F.S., have paid off all outstanding debts, and have a balance in hand of over £3. Great efforts will be made to increase the cage bird section. Our adjourned annual meeting will be held at headquarters on Thursday next, February 5, at eight o'clock. It is of the utmost importance that all members should make it their business to attend.

E. OAKES, Chairman.

24, Dore Avenue, Manor Park.

Sir,—Re my letter in CAGE BIRDS for points special at East Ham Cage Birds Society, I am glad to say, through your valuable paper, that they have given us complete satisfaction.

POTTON AND FISHER.

Societies Amalgamated.

Hazel Grove and Stockport Join Hands.

Sir,—Hazel Grove C.B.S. has joined with the Stockport Society with the object of making one good fanciers' club, which will be known as Stockport, Hazel Grove, and Dist. B.F.A. Meeting room at Trinity House, Shaw Heath. Subscription 4s. per annum. Fanciers residing within five miles of Stockport cordially invited to join us.

W. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.

47, Winifred Road, Stockport.

Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

The Testimonial to Mr. Allen Silver.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to make my final statement re above. The total amount subscribed is now £12 5s., made up as follows:—Amount previously acknowledged £11 9s., Miss M. Bousfield 5s., Mr. J. Montgomery 10s., Mr. J. Goodchild 1s. I would like personally to thank the generous donors for the hearty way in which they have supported this project; it has been a pleasure to me to receive the many congratulatory letters fully justifying my action in this matter. The presentation will take place on Monday evening, Feb. 9, next, at a public dinner, to be held conjointly by the F.B.E.L., L.C.B.A., and N.B.B. and M.C., at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford Street, W. Being held during the Palace show week, it is hoped that it will be convenient for many country visitors to attend. The form of the presentation will, I feel sure, be pleasing both to the donors and the recipient alike.

Balham. JOHN FROSTICK.

How to Feed Bearded Reedlings.

Sir,—On getting my weekly CAGE BIRDS last week, I was highly delighted to see such a life-like picture of my pair of Bearded Reedlings on the front page. It does your artist, Mr. H. Norman, credit. They secured the Diploma of Honour at Brighton. It is very amusing to see them feed on maw seed sprinkled amongst their sand, they work with both feet just like a chicken would. Their diet is maw seed, mixed amongst sand to make them work, bread crumbs, crushed hemp, maw seed mixed is their general diet, with boiled water to drink. Wishing CAGE BIRDS a continuous success.

J. T. CLARK.

Border Fancy Club.

Proposed Tribute to Mr. Martin Jamieson.

Sir,—I noticed from CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Martin Jamieson has resigned the secretaryship of the Border F.C.C., after 21 years' service. It may have been an oversight on the part of those present at the annual meeting, as I see nothing was done to show appreciation of his faithful services to the above club, but I am sure all will join me in wishing him improved health, long life, and continued pleasure in his hobby; and I think we should stretch our appreciation beyond mere thanks. I should like to have the opinion of members on the matter. It does seem a bit cold and indifferent to see such an old and faithful servant go out of harness, with nothing to mark his service, as no doubt he will have often sacrificed pleasure, to fulfil his duty as secretary. I will be willing to lend any assistance I can in the matter, hoping Mr. Editor you will do the same.

ROBERT LAMBIE.

Exorbitant Railway Charges.

Sir,—As no one has taken up the "carriage" short entry view of Mr. Pope, in "our" paper, I feel strongly that a few remarks from one who is convinced that Mr. Pope has touched the crux of the question will not be out of place. I have made three entries this season, and can honestly say the fabulous railway charges for these absolutely stopped me. A man who fancies his stock is spurred on to have a dabble, and does not mind losing a few entry fees, especially if one gets a card now and again, but when the carriage is tacked on, by gum! don't it mount up, eh? I sent one bird to Sheffield weighing 12lbs., 2s. 10d. carriage; the same to Stamford (a quarter of the distance) cost 2s. Another to Nottingham, weighing 5½lbs., 1s. 10d., this being about half the Sheffield distance. Now one can send a bird from Land's End to John o'Groats (providing the weight does not exceed 2lb.) for 6d., but put a show cage and hamper round the bird, then how do we stand? I think for the distance mentioned about seven times the amount would be required. Therefore we are paying a tremendously enhanced rate for dead stock, and the liability of the company is no greater. Another point: live stock at the rate we pay should be delivered at once, and not be taken all over the district and delivered in rotation with other parcels. I have had a bird reach here before 8 p.m. and delivered at midday next day, 16 hours after arrival, how's that? There is not the slightest doubt that the companies are having the biggest plums from our shows, and officials and exhibitors alike are left to try to make both ends meet. I think Mr. Pope's idea of reducing the entry fee of long-distance exhibitors shows a generous spirit, coming as it does from one who thoroughly understands show business, but again it would be robbing the poor to help the companies swell their dividends.

ARTHUR G. LEWIS.

Blood Will Tell.

A Variegated Buff Norwich.

Sir,—I was much pleased to see my new flight variegated Buff illustrated in CAGE BIRDS. It is very seldom one sees such "an ugly beggar" as he has often been called illustrated in your paper. I presume because it is so difficult for one so marked to hold his own with birds less marked. That he did hold his own, and is thought good enough for CAGE BIRDS is a double honour, and I am justly proud of having bred him. His wins include 1st Clapham, 2nd Wimbledon, 2nd Dulwich and Peckham, etc. His brother was 2nd Clapham, 3rd Wimbledon, 3rd Southend, etc. With them it is a case of "blood will tell," as their grandfather was the best yellow cock I ever had in my room; old "Kaiser," bred by Mr. Spillman, of Devonport. As some of your readers know, I am a stickler for pedigree, and to this, coupled with the information I obtained from CAGE BIRDS, I attribute my success. It may interest your readers to know that his great-grandfather on his father's side and his grandfather on his mother's side is the same bird. As you say, he is oddly marked. This is accounted for quite easily, as his mother, grandmother and great grandfather were all heavily variegated; in fact, out of the twelve birds forming the last four generations there are only four clears amongst them. This fact should be well noted by your readers, and is a tip many might adopt with advantage.

East Dulwich. FRANK COLF.

"I have sold the two African Grey Talking Parrots advertised last week and the week previous—thanks to CAGE BIRDS. It is a wonderful paper. I very seldom advertise anything, but what sells first advert."—T. SWANN (Liverpool).

OUR PAINTING COMPETITION.

BIGGER SUCCESS THAN EVER.

Some thousands of entries were received for the painting competition in our issue of December 20 last, and the task of selection has been tremendously difficult. The £1 1s. prize winner is Mr. G. Lawrence, 89, King's Road, Halstead, Essex, and the runners up were Mr. Walter Collins, 24, Norfolk Road, Southampton, and Mr. Percy Jowitt, 27, Derby Road, Great Horton, Bradford.

The attempts sent in by Mr. K. Hamilton-Jones, Manimead, Plymouth, and Mr. H. M. Govan, Melrose, were also extremely creditable.

It was curious to note the many strange ideas some of the competitors had regarding the identity of the birds to be coloured. The Norwich was made into a Bullfinch, a Chaffinch, and a Parrot; the Lizard into a Redpoll, a Siskin and a Goldfinch; whilst the Yorkshire Canary was changed by the misplaced ingenuity of one artist into a Scotch Fancy. It seems incredible that competitors should go to such length as to alter the shape and character of the birds in their colouring attempts, but such is the case.

Amongst the list of very excellent efforts we have to specially commend the paintings sent in by the following: D. Laidlaw, West Bromwich; G. M. Tillett, Holt; Master R. E. Brenchley, Aldershot; F. Clarke, Thirsk; A. Forse, Leyton; W. A. Martin, Selby Park; Dorothy Divall, E. Grinstead; C. Hopkins, Barnsbury; W. H. Lawley, Coleshill; C. Dunn, Partick, Glasgow; S. Golding, Montreal; F. S. Doble, Gt. Crosby; G. D. Marr, Glasgow; E. Eagle Clarke, Leeds; Miss A. B. Ellis, Chertsey; C. Munro, Leven, A. E. Vaughan, Llanelly Hill; J. Gradner, Kirkham; S. Newton, Pleasley Vale; A. E. Cook, Smethwick; J. Barker, Fenton; L. H. Vinsen, Dollis Hill; H. Woodhead, Littleboro'; Miss J. Parker, Redditch; J. Robert, Neath; Madge Duncan, W. Hartlepool; H. Everett, Thrapston; W. S. Carson, Farncombe; S. G. Charles, Gloucester; J. Boulton, Stoke-on-Trent; A. W. Stokes, Southsea; W. Watson, Shepshed; Miss E. A. Paramore, Taunton; A. B. Brown, Plymouth; Miss Silvester, Highgate; W. Ley, Nantymoel; D. Lindsay, Wishaw; F. Gaffney, Mitcham; Master S. Dawson, Washington; — Meredith, Alfreton; J. H. Dawson, Washington; R. Woods, Gt. Yarmouth; G. G. Frost, Cambridge; J. C. Rands, Surbiton; J. W. Goldsmith, Maidenhead; A. W. Lewis, Smethwick; J. Armitage, Oldham; G. Gipson, Alton, Hants.; O. Grey, Swansey Valley; A. Goldsmith, Bedford; B. Davies, Brecon; F. Bowman, Sunderland; H. Cunliffe, Oswaldtwistle; T. Sherwood, Crowle; Aggie H. Manchan, Dumbarton; E. Ousman, Stoke-on-Trent; A. Robinson, Walsall; O. T. Holmes, Blackwood, Mon.; P. Clarke, Thirsk; H. F. Garner, Euston Road; Miss M. Sweetnam, Innishannon; E. A. Croxon, Lowestoft; T. C. Weaver, Northfield; C. Gammon, St. Austell; Miss G. Dent, Cheltenham; S. Kellow, St. Austell; J. Williams, Bangor; H. Thomas, Musselburgh; Cissie Reilly, Tipperary; R. Bourne, Oxford; E. Bell, Staveley; A. F. Adam, Doncaster; Dora Lane, Notting Hill; A. Mitchell, Aberdeen; Jessie Beaumont, Snaith; J. W. Tingle, Castleford; D. Wilkes, N. Wingfield; Emily Turnham, Aylesbury; A. Moore, Wandsworth; H. Holf, Atherton; G. Williamson, Carbrook; A. Gibb, Blantyre; E. E. Seabright, Cheltenham; T. Hethering-ton, Greenhead.

JIG-SAW PUZZLE.—RESULT.

We also have pleasure in announcing the result of the Jig-saw picture puzzle. The winner of the prize of 10s. 6d. was Miss E. Newton, 4, Woodberry Down, Finsbury Park, N., whilst a consolation prize of a volume of "The Bird World" goes to Mr. W. Brinkman, junr., 21, Harleeh-avenue, Dewsbury Road, Leeds.

This competition proved a little too difficult, and the entries were not encouraging, but the attempts sent in by the following were worthy of special mention: John Vren, Connor Downs; S. M. Tillet, Holt; W. Gamble, South Wigston; Miss E. Thomas, Grange-over-Sands; S. Nield, Stalybridge; W. Field, Inverness; C. Killey, Douglas; J. Swindley, Chester; Mrs. A. Locke, Harrogate; Miss P. H. Pratt, Exeter S. Heatherington, Greenhead; Miss H. E. More Gt. Yarmouth

BETHESDA (Carnarvonshire).

The Ogwen H. and F. show, New Public Hall, Bethesda, Jan. 24. Pres., Cauon R. T. Jones, B.A.; chair, Sergt. Evans; viee, R. R. Roberts; treas., G. J. Roberts. Entries came up well, and the quality was excellent. The hall is well lighted, and free from draughts. Spectators were numerous. The show should be a sueeess in every way. Secretaries Mr. J. Parry and Mr. A. Jones, the latter a well-known fancier, both being ardent workers, deserve every credit, also Sergt. Evans, a hard-working official, kept everything in order. Special for most points awarded to P.C. J. Roberts, who did well in open and local Yorkshires. A. Wellings judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. P.-HEAD YELL. A.V. (3): 1, sp., 3, Miss Boxer, grand clear leading, fine chubby type, rare head and neck, good level colour, very fit; 3rd, variegated, fine head and neck, good size, nice colour and feather; 2, W. H. Williams, clear yell., good size and substance, grand head and neck, well known. BUFF A.V. (7): 1, c, W. H. Williams, four-pointed buff, Carnarvon cup winner, stood well out, ideal type, like marble; 2, sp, vhc, W. Aitkin, good type, nice shaped head, rare flights, tight feathered; 3, Miss Boxer, good clear, immense size, nice round head, well filled neck, grand body, unsteady yet; res, D. Pritchard; hc, W. J. Parry. YORKS. YELL., CL. or TKD. (11): 1, J. O. Williams, grand clear, rare length and style, Carnarvon winner; 2, sp, hc, T. Owen, ticked, slim and straight, good quality, well up on leg; 3, P.C. Roberts, grand head, well filled neck, nice position, good wings; res, vhc, Sergt. Evans, good length and quality; c, R. O. Davies. BUFF (10): 1, sp, res, P.C. Roberts, wing ticked, nice length and position, well moulded, good feather; 2, T. Owen, good upstanding, leggy and stylish wing ticked, close up; 3, Herbert Jones, good clear, rare length and style, well known, beaten condition; vhc, R. O. Davies; hc, c, Sergt. Evans. YORKS, A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, P.C. Good, marked yell., leggy and stylish, neat head, straight, well-braced wings, rich colour; 2, T. Owen, slightly grizzled buff, nice length and shape, good wing carriage, bovy feather; 3, Herbert Jones, var., rare length and style, Carnarvon winner, beaten condition to-day; res, O. Hughes, nice length and pose; vhc, hc, Sergt. Evans. HEN, A.V. (12): 1, J. O. Williams, cl. yell., good shape, finely drawn, rare length and quality, stands well, unflig., an easy win; 2, sp, 3, Huxley, var., good length and quality, rare wings, lovely feather, not so finely drawn; 3rd, nice length and style, good position, leggy, shade open on breast; res, Sergt. Evans, nice length and style, good quality, beaten condition; vhc, P.C. Roberts; hc, D. M. Jones; c, Herbert Jones. BORDER, A.V. (13): 1, sp, 2, Huxley, winner nice clear yell., rich colour, jaunty carriage; 2nd varieg., good head and eye, neat feather; 3, c, R. Green, rich col. Buff, good type, uneven in col., nice condition; res, Herbert Jones; vhc, T. J. Jones; hc, Morris Jones. NAT. COL., A.V. (8): 1, sp, Herbert Jones, good Border, well known; 2, Green, another neat buff; 3, J. Griffiths, just a fair one; res, Sergt. Evans; vhc, Mrs. Hughes. MULE or HYB. (10): 1, sp, vhc, hc, R. E. Griffith, Goldie-Bullfi., rare size and colour, magnificent feather, Carnarvon cup winner; vhc, Siskin Mule, not ready yet; 2, res, Hughes Bros., Bullfinch-Canary, rare size, good colour, very fit; res, six-pointed Goldie-Canary, good size and quality, lovely feather; 3, Herbert Jones, Twite-Greenie, good colour and leather; c, Hughes Bros. BRIT. GOLDF. (18): warm lot, nicely staged; 1, sp, 2, Tom Roberts, winner fine size, good flush face, rare tanning, well polished; 2nd, good size, rich blaze, grand top, beaten polish, gems of the first water; 3, W. H. Williams, rare size, shape and colour, good blaze and tannings; res, W. R. Roberts; vhc, R. E. Griffith; hc, D. M. Jones; c, Herbert Jones. BRIT., A.V. (Goldfinch excluded) (12): 1, sp, vhc, R. E. Griffith, lovely Waxwing, rare size and colour, Carnarvon cup winner, faultless condition; 2, c, Tom Roberts, well pencilled Linnet, good size, nice condition; 3, R. Green, good size and coloured Linnet, beaten feather; res, W. H. Williams; hc, T. J. Roberts. SELLING (18): 1, sp, 3, J. O. Williams, Yorkshires; 2, W. H. Williams, Norwich (claimed). LOCAL, CAN., A.V. (18): 1, three sps, 2, hc, P.C. J. Roberts, already noted in open classes; 3, res, R. O. Davies, neat ticked Border, very fit; hc, Sergt. Evans. CANARY or BRITISH, NOVICE (3 miles radius) (22): 1, sp, 2, R. O. Davies; 3, James Hughes; res, hc, Morris Jones; vhc, c, O. Parry. BORDER, A.V.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Morris Jones, team of nice yellows; res, vhc, T. J. Jones; hc, W. Griffith; c, R. Roberts.

YORKS & LANCS BRIT. BIRD & M.C.

Winners of club's prizes. CHAMP. SEC.: 1, R. D. Parlett, also cup 127 points, 2 T. H. Inman, 104; 3, Dr. M. A. Wilson, 100. AMAT.: 1, D. A. Macpherson 37 points; 2, B. H. Wilson, 14 points; 3, J. Wilson, 12 points. The winners of CAGE BIRDS prizes will appear in due course. Will all members who have not paid up do so at once.—T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

At the monthly meeting office bearers were elected for ensuing year: Pres., Mr. J. Fraser; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. Welch; Committee, Messrs. Brash, Carson and Holmes; Auditors, Messrs. W. Thomson and J. Charlton; Sec., J. Stormont, 35, Glendevon-place, Murrayfield. Agreed to have a table show of breeding pairs at next monthly meeting, Feb. 5. Norwich, Bord., Crests, Muling and Hybrid; entry fee, 3d. per pair. Several new members were admitted and it is hoped that fanciers who are not connected with a club will leave their names sent forward re-joining Edinburgh's leading cage bird society.—J. Stormont, Sec.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held in Doig's Rooms, Jan. 14, Mr. J. Hereliel presiding. After the balance sheet was read and adopted, the following office-bearers were elected: Pres., Mr. A. R. Towns; vice-pres., Mr Chas. Mitchell; treas., Mr. Peter Donnelly; secy., Andrew Law, 177, Blackness road, Dundee. The date for the open show was fixed for Nov. 28, it being agreed to have a guaranteed advt. in CAGE BIRDS.—Andrew Law, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Eighth annual general meeting, held Jan. 20, at Park Chapel Schools. Mr. G. R. Rushworth, chair; treas., Mr. J. Farrer gave the report for the year, which leaves a slight deficit on the year's working. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. E. Suddards; vice-pres., G. R. Rushworth, L. Briggs, J. Farrer, C. Cowgill, S. Midgley, W. Laycock, C. White, J. Rhodes, treas., G. White, sec., Wm. Cruise, assist. secs., G. R. Rushworth; auditors, J. Wroe, S. Midgley. President moved a vote of thanks to retiring officers, and spoke of the splendid work which had been done by the sec., Mr. H. Hill, and also by the treas., Mr. J. Farrer, holding office as they had done since the society's formation, the progress made during that time proving for itself the energy given by its officials to its welfare. We made five new members, and we intend, if possible, to make this one of the best years the society has ever had.—Wm. Cruise, Sec.

NORTH BRITISH MULE & F.B.C.

Meeting held Dec. 17, Chairman, Mr. Petterson, presided. Decided to have a table show at next meeting. Linnet, A.O.V. Brit., For., Mr. Crawhall judge. The two specials promised by the chairman and secretary to be competed for at the table show at the March meeting for 1st and 2nd most points gained by three highest birds. Sec. was instructed to get sample of medals, etc., the same to be on view at the January meeting. Chairman and sec. were appointed delegates to attend a meeting to be held in connection with a smoker amongst the Northern specialist clubs for the presentation of their prizes. A table show was held; Mr. J. Maddison judge, and thanks of meeting were accorded him. LINNET: 1, Petterson; 2, Bertram. GREENF.: 1, Bertram; 2, Petterson. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Vontt; 2, Bertram. FOR.: 1, Almond; 2, Voutt; 3, Petterson. Messrs. Johnston and Jamieson were elected members.—J. W. Curry, Sec.

LARKHALL.

Annual show held Public Hall Jan. 24. There was an exeellent entry, and quality was good. The upstairs hall, where the cage birds were staged, was just on the small side, and during the afternoon it was with difficulty that a view of the birds could be got. The management, under the able guidance of sec., Mr. James McEwan, was all that could be desired. Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) judged, and his awards were well received.

GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, sp, Rae, rare good Bullfinch, grand size, big broad cap and capital breast; 2, Clark, well shown Goldf., good clean cnt, bright blaze, nicely tanned; 3, Meek, Goldie, capital face, trifle smaller; 4, Cummings; vhc, Hawthorn; hc, c, Pollock Bros. FINCH (8): 1, sp, Clark, Greenf., perfect polish, good head and shape; 2, Craig, big, good headed Hawfinch, well staged, our choice; 3, 4, Cummings, two big good Greenies, latter trifle soft; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Murray; c, Anderson. LINNET (13): 1, sp, Thomson, plenty of size, grand col. and markings, very steady; 2, Edwards, great size, nice sound rich col., well put down; 3, Campbell, very good col., just a shade smaller; 4, Craig; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Cummings. c, Bell. MEALY REDPOLL (10): 1, sp, Johnstone, grand size and finish, rare good qual.; 2, Gentleman, H.M., beautifully mkd., good size and feather; 3, hc, Cumming, grand b/b and cond., trifle smaller; 4, Quinn; vhc, sp, McGovan; c, Bennie, jun., F.M. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, 2, Brownlie and Cook, plenty of size, great markings and deep rich col., well staged; 3, sp, Clark, very neat, good col., nice lashing; 4, Cummings; vhc, Hardie Bros.; hc, Campbell; c, Cummings. SISKIN OR TWITE (20): 1, sp, Taylor, grand coloured Twite, nice size and very steady; 2, Calder, neat Siskin, great col. and markings, good bib; 3, hc, Cummings, capital Twite, good col. and whites, trifle smaller; 4, Gentleman, smart Siskin, good col. and big; vhc, Graham. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, Brownlie and Cook, very smart, capital col. and markings, well staged; 2, 3, Cummings, both very good in front and over back, capital cond.; 4, Anderson; vhc, Clark; hc, Cathcart; c, Sneddon. BORD. CK. (18): 1, sp, Bennett, charming Yell., rare good head and neck, as smooth as glass; 2, Johnstone, very good Yell. Cinn., capital type and colour; 3, Linton, very good Buff, capital jaunty carr., good condition; 4, vhc, Gentleman; hc, Tyler; c, Rae. HEN (14): 1, 4, Rae, 1st good typical varieg. Yell., nice size and cond.; 2, 3, Bennett, 2nd great qualitied Buff, faultless cond., our choice; 3rd another good Buff, grizzled on head, in great order; vhc, Linton; hc, Gentleman; c, Taylor. COM. CAN. (14): 1, sp, no name; 2, Clark; 3, Brownlie and Cook; 4, Steele; vhc, hc, Sandilands; c, Cummings. BRIT. A.O.V. (4): 1, sp, Taylor, beautiful Waxwing, faultless cond.; 2, McLean, Redstart, charming col. and cond., very steady; 3, Quinn, good massive Yellowhammer, nice head; 4, Anderson. FOR. (6): 1, sp, 2, Lee, well-known King Parrot, still in great order; 2, Grey Parrot, good subs., perfect cond.; 3, Clark, Grey Parrot, hardly so large; 4, Meek; hc, Ewing. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, sp, 3, hc, Bell, great Linnet Mule, wonderful size and col., clear ahead; 3rd very smart varieg. Yell. Mule; 2 Clark good Goldie-Greenie, grand size and col.; 4, Thomson; vhc, Brownlie and Cook; c, Shand and Ormiston. HEN FOR MULE OR HYB. BREEDING (12): 1, Meek, massive Bullfinch, grand cap and cond.; 2, 3, Campbell, big bouncing Greenie, good col. and polish; 3, very nice Brambling; 4, Craig; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Melvin and Cuthbertson; c, Quinn. GREENF. NON-FED (14): 1, 3, Thomson, 1st great size and head, wonderful qual. and finish; 3rd plenty of subs., but not so good in body; 2, Anderson, massive Buff, good head and front, rare good qual. of feather; 4, Clark, fair head and body; vhc, Linton; hc, Henderson; c, Gentleman.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 24 at Mail Coach Inn, Mr. W. Turner chair. Decided to hold pair show Jan. 31. Mr. J. Warrender, Hoyland, judge. All points to count for Society cup throughout the year.—James E. Taylor, Sec.

BURSLEM ROLLER C.C.

Held their second show on Dec. 6th, when the first competition took place for members' silver cup. Mr. Plant was the only competitor, being the only member who had a fair amount of success on the breeding season. Mr. J. Tomlinson judged. Second and final competition for cup took place Jan. 24; in this round young and old birds were eligible. Mr. W. W. Watson won cup by one point above Mr. Plant. Special prizes were awarded to Messrs. Plant and Ramsey as runners up. Mr. Jacquemin judged.

Show held Dec. 6th; judge, Mr. J. Tomlinson. OPEN CLASS: 1, Cross, 26 points; 2, Breeze, 23; 3, Haddrell, 22; vhc, Watson; hc, Plant; c, Ramsey. MEMBERS: 1, 2, vhc, c, Watson, 27, 25; 3, Ramsey, 23; hc, Booth. CUP CLASS: J. Plant, 20 pts.

Show held Jan. 24; judge, Mr. Jacquemin. OPEN 1, 3, Tomlinson, 29, 27; 2, c, Watson, 27; vhc, Cross; hc, Ramsey. MEMBERS: 1, 2, vhc, c, Watson, No 15 in open class 2nd, 26 points; 3, Ramsey, 25; c Booth. Total points for cup, W. Watson, 50; J. Plant, 49; J. Ramsey, 25.

LEEDS ROLLER CLUB.

Annual members' contest. 38 birds in four classes; Mr. Roebuck, of Wakefield, judged. CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (6): 1, Barnett; 2, Best; vhc, E. Peel. ANY AGE (9): 1, Wright; 2, Parnett; 3, Kramer. NOV. YOUNG (16): 1, A. Kramer; 2, A. Bew; 3, A. Bew; 4, A Kramer; vhc, T. Thwaites; hc, Hollins; c, F. Beaton. SELL.: 1, A. Atkinson; 2, A. Hunter; 3, Warrington.

After the judging the members were asked to give their opinion of the awards, and everybody was perfectly satisfied that the judge had done his duty very well, and a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Roebuck. New members elected:—B. Roberts, A. H. Knapton. Members please note that owing to the International show the next meeting will be Feb. 15.—H. Best, Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Annual meeting, Fawcett Street Cafe, Jan. 24. Balance sheet passed. Sec. gave short review of past season, showing that signs were not wanting that fanciers were beginning to take an interest in the breed. Sec. reported he had been trying to get recruits, and had had several promises. He requested the members to try and influence as many new members as possible. Samples of medals to hand in a week's time. Two new members enrolled, Messrs. Smith and Proctor. Same office-bearers re-elected.—G. Davidson, Sec.

PARTICK C.B.S.

First meeting of the year held Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road, Jan. 10, Mr. T. Fraser presided over a grand attendance. Office-bearers for 1914 elected:—Pres., Mr. J. F. Park; vice-pres., Mr. Antony Maxwell; treas., J. McMillan; sec., Alex. Walker, 18, Buchanan Street, Partick; committee, Messrs. Fairweather, Aikenhead, Crammond, Henry, Fleming, Sinclair, Kidd. Classification for table show at Foresters' Hall, Feb. 6, arranged as follows:—Crests, pairs; P.H. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen; Buff Cock, Yell. Hen; Bord, Yell. Cock, Buff Hen; Buff Cock, Yell. Hen; Yorks, Yellow Cock, Buff Hen; Buff Cock, Yell. Hen; A.O.V. Pairs; A.V. for Hyb. Breeding. Judges, A. Sloan (Possilpark), J. Laurie (Govan), R. Heggie (Mount Florida). The management trusts that members will endeavour to make the opening of the season a red letter night in the history of the club. Decided to hold a smoker on Feb. 17; time and venue will be duly announced. Arrangements were left in the hands of Sec. Prospective members are cordially welcome. Annual sub., 4s. Full particulars from Alex. Walker, 18, Buchanan Street, Partick.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Cowell's Bird Inn, Highhold, Beamish; Mr. J. H. Elliott chair, with a good turn out of members. We enrolled another new member, Mr. R. Mitchell, of Stanley. Decided, to hold annual show Feb. 7, Mr. J. Stanger, Pelon Fell, judge. We expect a record entry, as we have enlarged the schedule to 35 classes, and have a cup for the best young bird bred 1913 by a member and exhibited by him, and a special class where every member receives a special, exhibitors nominating one bird.—Peart and Cresswell,

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Annual supper and prize distribution held Jan. 24, with a very good attendance. Supper was splendidly served by our good old friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcock, Fountain Inn. Everything was in apple-pie order, and everyone seemed to get a tightener. After supper we had an enjoyable evening. Songs were splendidly given by Messrs. Boocock, Pennington, Naylor, Lee, Hall, Webster, and Wilcock. Our old friend, Mr. W. Richmond, of Radley, presented prizes to the following members: Messrs. Chippendale, Wilcock, Lee, Stebbing, Pearson, Sparks, Simonett, Shaw. Mr. A. Pearson wins cup with 95 pts. We had also Mr. P. Illingworth's cup and the society's rose bowl on view, and Mr. J. Wilcock has given us two copper kettles. We enrolled five more members.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Special meeting, held at new club rooms, Grange Schools, All Saints' Road, Dirkhill, January 24. There was a splendid attendance of about 20. Officials elected for 1914: Pres., Mr. H. Worsnop; vice-pres., Mr. J. W. Kaberry and Mr. F. Tidswell; treas., Mr. A. Holden; auditors, Messrs. W. A. Brown and H. Worsnop; Yorkshire Union delegates, Mr. J. W. Kaberry and Mr. D. Bartle; sec., Mr. A. Firth. Decided to have five members' shows, one F.F. and four old birds shows. We have some good specials for these shows: silver cup, smoker's outfit, silver medal with gold centre, two cage show case, and several others. We are working on a system with these shows which will give novices a better chance of winning the specials than they have in any other society in the district. Next meeting, Feb. 7, at 7.30, when we hope to have a lecture on Canary breeding. We give a hearty invitation to all fanciers to join us. Subscription 3s., 1s. to be paid on nominaton.—A. Firth, Sec.

BATHGATE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held in the usual place before a good attendance, Mr. R. Bald presiding. Financial statement was considered satisfactory. Classification for forthcoming show was gone over, and classes for F.M. Linnet, Goldfinch, Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, and Foreign Goldfinch (F.M.) added to schedule. Several new members were proposed, and accepted. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—A. Nicol, Sec.

LUTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held at headquarters, Jan. 20. Secretary's report and balance-sheet presented showed a gain of £1 2s. on year's working to add to balance at bank. Officers for 1914: Chair, Mr. E. Litchfield; vice, Mr. E. Cherry; treas., Mr. J. C. W. Meadows; auditor, Mr. S. Parkins; sec., Mr. E. Bloomfield; committee, Messrs. J. Litchfield, jun., H. Meakin, T. Neville, W. Smith, F. Webb, and F. J. Welch. Annual show fixed for Nov. 4. The chairman had the pleasure of presenting Mr. E. Bloomfield with a gold watch chain subscribed for by the members as a mark of their appreciation of the secretary's work during the past three years. Mr. Bloomfield briefly responded.—J. C. W. Meadows.

TORBAY O.S.

Seventh annual meeting, held at the Railway Temperance Hotel, Jan. 19, Mr. A. N. Innes presiding. The balance-sheet, which showed a balance at bank of £5 3s. 4d., was accepted as read, and sec. was warmly complimented on showing such a balance, considering the annual show was not supported as was the previous year's. In returning thanks, the Secretary explained there were an increasing number of cage bird societies who were holding open shows throughout the country, and it was difficult to arrange a date to avoid clashing. The London and P.O.S. intended holding an attractive autumn show at the Crystal Palace, the last Wednesday in October. It was therefore thought advisable to arrange another date for the Paignton show, and a week earlier was decided. Mr. Jeffery asked to be relieved of the office of secretary as he had held it for several years, but he was prevailed upon to continue. The chairman (Mr. Innes) who is also treasurer, was re-elected, and warmly thanked for the deep interest he took in the welfare of the society. Officers elected: Pres., H. Whitley; vice-pres., S. O. Manlove; hon. solicitor, J. B. Eastley; hon. auctioneer, F. W. Puddicombe; hon. treas., A. N. Innes; bankers, Wilts and Dorset Bank; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Drew; chairman, Mr. A. N. Innes; vice-chair., H. Daw; sec., J. N. Jeffery; committee, Messrs. P. W. Mogford, H. Fletcher, A. Nicks, J. Bastard, F. Lumble, G. Mudge, G. Heathman, W. Hodge, W. Jeffery, W. Wyatt, W. Burridge, J. J. Phillips.

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WALKLEY C.B.S.

Annual tea and prize distribution held Jan. 8 at Doncaster Street Friends' Schoolroom; sixty members and their wives sat down to a capital tea, which proved a success in every way, both as an enjoyable evening and financially to the society. Chairman, Mr. J. Ridal, spoke of the rapid advance we had made. Starting eight years ago with eight members, we have now 70, also a substantial balance in the bank. The first half of the programme was filled with miscellaneous items:—Pianoforte solo, Mr. H. Fallding; duet, Misses Anson; violin solo, Mrs. Fallding; song, Miss Anson; and songs by Messrs. Dent, Pickering, Burrell, Broomhead, and Sparkes. The distribution of prizes took up a good share of the evening, there being 30 special prizes and four cups to distribute:—Yorks cup, W. F. Furniss; Nor. cup, J. Matthews; British, L. Fallding; joint special: 1 Lawton, 2 Furniss, 3 Tomlinson, 4 Fallding, 5 Lawton, 6 Matthews, 7 Woolhouse, 8 Jones, 9 Pickering, 10 French, 11 Wingford, 12 Carr. Show specials:—Runner-up Yorks cup, C. Tomlinson; best hen, Furniss; best 4th Brit., Sisson; Ramsden's, Furniss; Sandiford's, Marshall; table show specials, Yorks, 1 Furniss, 2 Tomlinson; Nor., Cowley, Woolhouse; Novice Nor. cup, Matthews; 2, Abbott; Yorks, Carr.; medal, 2, Kilsey; Brit., Baily, 2 Fallding. The second half of the concert was in the order of the first. A vote of thanks to artistes and the secs. concluded one of the best birdy evenings spent in Sheffield.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

Meeting held Workmen's Institute, Jan. 16. Resolved to become a cage bird society in future. S. Wilkinson and W. Priestley elected as auditors; chairman, T. Hall; sec., J. Stephenson; treas., F. Urwin; committee, T. Wilkinson, A. Tucker, W. Smith, F. Urwin, W. Priestley.

Meeting held Jan. 24. Arranged that all members pay 6d. per month and that we hold a monthly table show. Mr. J. Tracey will give a medal for most points and Mr. F. Urwin medal for the runner-up. Next monthly meeting, Feb. 21. Table show, pairs for breeding. J. Tracey, judge. Entry 2d. We give fanciers a hearty invitation to join us.—J. Stephenson, Sec. (Kindly forward address.—Ed.)

WEST OF FIFE C.B.L.

Following is the result of the above league for the season:—1st and cup, Lochgelly C.B.S., 469 points; 2nd, Cowdenbeath, 345; 3rd, Kelty and Blairadam, 276; 4th, Dunfermline, 141. Special for most points at Lochgelly, Wm. Grewer, Lochgelly, 34; Kelty, J. Anderson, 27; Cowdenbeath, J. Sneddon, Crossgates, 31; over all the shows, Wm. Grewer, 92. Smoker will be held in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Feb. 7, at 7, to hand over the cup and specials to the winners. We hope to see a large turn-out of members and friends to congratulate the winners. Admission 1s.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C

Results of cinn.-marked Yorks Club competition, completed at Doncaster. Open competition: C. Morrison, 108 points, wins H. H. Towers', A. Brown's trophy, value £10 10s., £3 3s. value given by the club, and Ramsden's prize for colour; 2, H. H. Towers, 101, wins £1 10s.; 3, Ogden Bros., 96; 4, L. C. Casey, 52, Sandiford's special. Amateur Competition: 1, 2, tie between Messrs. Atkinson and Firth and Myers and Lumb, with 25 points, and will be equally divided, value £1 17s. 6d.; 3, J. Binns, 13. These amateurs also win CAGE BIRDS prizes for amateurs, value 20s., 17s. 6d., 15s., subject to condition of CAGE BIRDS prizes for amateurs. Novices' competition: 1, T. McLoughlin, 50 points, value £1 10s., presented by Mr. A. Cooper, also Ramsden's prize; 2, J. H. Bushby, 36, value 15s., presented by Mr. C. Morrison; 3, S. Woad, value 10s. 6d., presented by Mr. A. Brown; 4, J. E. Hudson. 4th amateur and 5th novice not won owing to not complying with Rule 11. Members please note alteration of address, and all who have not already paid their subs. send on at their earliest convenience, as I want all cleared up by the end of Feb. for the prize distribution.—R. Garnett, Sec., C.M.Y.C.C., 32, Carr Lane, Windhill, Shipley.

DIPLOMA WINNERS AT COUPON SHOWS.

Second List: The first appeared on page 595 of our issue for January 3rd.

C, indicates competitors in the champion section; N, in the novice section, of our Championship Competition.

NOTE.—Any claims for wins of diplomas which may have been accidentally omitted from these lists must be made to us at once; also claims for alleged errors in the lists should be lodged with us at once.—Editor "C.B."

LIVERPOOL. C.: H. Walsh, Hyb.; A. and O. Wellings, Brit. S.; W. Crawshaw, Nor.; J. Walker, Green; Harrison and Rogers, Yorks.; G. Green, Bord.

N.: W. H. Cottam, Nor.; S. T. Oldham, Hyb.; W. Blanchon, Brit. H.; W. E. Hutchinson, Yorks.; D. Malone, Green.; R. J. Sbackley, Bord.

BRECHIN.—C.: A. Maxwell, Nor.; J. Craig, Bord.; J. Fyfe, Hyb.

N.: A. Brand, Nor.; P. Milne, Bord.

LEICESTER.—C.: W. Neal, Nor.; J. Wood, Hyb.; A. Martin, Brit. S.; F. J. Green, Lancs.; C. E. Farrow, Scots.; T. Harriman, Yorks.

N.: B. Lewis, Nor.

SOUTHEND.—C.: A. E. Pattrick, Yorks.; E. J. Lamb, Hyb.; F. A. Hasler, Brit. H.; W. G. Saunders, Nor.

N.: F. Cundy, Yorks.; F. Marshall, Nor.

BARNSTAPLE.—C.: G. S. Baker, Belg.; F. Fulford, Yorks.; S. T. Jones, Nor.; A. J. Pratt, Bord.; F. Collins, Hyb. and Brit. S.; E. Collins, Brit. H.

N.: F. Batts, Belg.; R. Taylor, Nor.; R. Taylor, A.O.V.; W. A. Cliff, Yorks.

CHELTENHAM.—C.: J. Houghton, Nor.; Greenwood and Burson, Crest.; Easterling and Carson, Yorks.; J. Madagan, Bord.; T. Herbert, A.O.V.; W. J. Bancroft, Brit. H.; G. W. Leavers, For.

N.: J. Bavage, Crest.; F. Bielby, Nor.; H. Huggins, Yorks.; J. Beard, Bord.; H. Elston, Brit. H.

SHEFFIELD.—C.: Burdekin Bros., Yorks.; A. Hirst, Nor.; Colton and Dawn, Crest.: G. Hickson, Green; J. Parker, A.O.V.; R. J. Metcalfe, Hyb.; A. G. Lewis, Brit. S.; R. J. Metcalfe, Brit. H.; G. Fletcher, For.

N.: A. E. Thorpe, Nor.; S. Midgley, Yorks

WARRINGTON.—C.: Smith Bros., Yorks.; T. Johnson, Nor.; G. M. Nelson, Bord.; J. W. Guy, A. O. V.; J. W. Johnson, Hyb.

N.: N. L. Croft, Yorks.; J. McAndrew, Nor.; W. Bell, Green.; Miss K. Cooper, Bord.; S. T. Oldham, Brit. H.

WEST STANLEY.—C.: J. Armstrong, Nor.; M. Wigglesworth, Yorks.; J. H. Elliott, Bord.

N.: G. Bates, Bord.

HARTLEPOOL.—C.: J. W. Dewhirst, Yorks.; H. Briggs, Nor.; W. Summers, A.O.V.; J. Bousfield, Brit. H.; J. Carr, Hyb.

N.: H. D. Pyman, Nor.; Hall Bros., Hyb.; W. D. King, Brit. H.; E. Kennerson, Yorks.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM.—C.: J. Stenhouse, Scot.; J. Anderson, Bord.; J. W. Holms, Yorks.; A. Dickson, A.O.V.; D. McLaren, Crest; J. Thomson, Nor.; A. Anderson, Brit. H.

N.: A. Ross, Scot.; J. Weir, Bord.; J. Campbell, Yorks.; G. Sneddon, A.O.V.; J. Robertson, Nor.; G. Malcolm, Hyb. J. Clark, Brit. H.

BOURNEMOUTH.—C.: J. Broad, Crest; G. L. Slade, For.; J. W. Midgley, Nor., Miss Onslow, Crest; Miss M. Bousfield, Brit. S.; H. Simmonds, Brit. H.; H. Bousfield, Yorks.

N.: Dr. C. P. Weeks, Crest; E. W. Allen, Nor.; H. Harris, Yorks.

ALNWICK.—C.: J. Scott, Brit. S.; R. W. Smith, Nor.: C. E. Lloyd, Bord.; W. J. Thompson, Brit. H. and Hyb.; J. W Bruce, For.

N.: Crackett and Hume, Nor.; R. W. Willis, Bord.; T. Whittle, Yorks.; R. Forster, Brit. H.

SITTINGBOURNE.—C.: J. Hodder, Nor.; C. Lockett, Yorks.; G. Acland, Hyb.

N.: H. Stevens, Nor.; J. Clayton, Yorks.; W. Rolls, Hyb.; G. Grant, Brit. H.; G. Grant, For.

SWANSEA.—C.: W. E. Lewis, Brit. H.; James and Wells, Yorks.; J. D. Morrill, Belg.; J. Crone, Hyb.; J. W. Ford, For.

N.: C. Richards, Nor.; T. J. Williams, Yorks.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—C.: W. Roberts, Nor.; G. Lawton, Yorks.; J. Pitchford, Brit. H.

N.: N. Leese, Nor.; Weekes Bros., Yorks.

LEYTON.—C.: R. L. Crisp, Yorks.; Gill and Pethick, Nor.: F. Wallace, Crest; Mrs. Ballard, Hyb.; G. T. Hall, Brit. S.; Mays and Wright, Brit. H.

N.: J. Wyatt, Yorks.; Stubbs Bros., Nor.; G. Street, Brit. H.; J. Reed, For.; G. S. Woodcock, Brit. S.

NOTTINGHAM.—C.: G. A. White, Crest; S. Cook, Nor.; W. E. Kearns, Yorks.; T. H. Collinge, Lancs.; A. Bradley, Lizard.

N.: J. Norwood, Crest; G. W. Bosler, Nor.; W. Beers, Yorks.; H. Mawbray, Lizards; W. G. Smith, Hyb.; C. Wood, Brit. S.;

COWDENBEATH.—C.: A. Harris, Nor.; A. J. Howie, Crest; J. Sykes, Brit. S. and For.

N.: J. McIvor, Nor.; D. Murray, Bord.; J. Anderson, Yorks.; W. Scott, Crest; F. Baxter, For.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—C.: J. Forster, Brit. H.; S. Davidson, For.; J. Taylor, Crest; G. Simeson, Yorks. (Full addresses wanted of three last-named winners.)

N.: J. Wilson, Nor.; W. Crowther, Yorks.

INVERNESS.—C.: E. Todd, Crest and Scots.; A. Junor, Yorks.; A. Ironside, Nor.; W. Simpson, Bord.; J. Duncan, Hyb.; E. Harcombe, Brit. H.; G. Graham, For.

N.: G. Grant, Brit.

CARDIFF.—C.: R. E. Griffiths, Hyb. A. Maggs, Nor.; J. Griffiths, Yorks.; J. P. Gunn, Bord.; S. Jones, jun., Brit. H.; S. H. Mays, Brit. S.

N.: D. Raymond, Yorks.; J. Pearce, Bord.

RAMSGATE.—C.: A. E. Silk, Nor.; H. A. Olive, Yorks.; H. W. Casemore, Hyb.; W. Dell, Brit.; Mrs. F. Thomas, For.

N.: W. A. Woodcock, Nor.; H. T. Wellard, Yorks.; W. E. Thornton, Brit. and For.

HALTWHISTLE.—C.: A. Holden, Nor.; Bowerbank Bros., Hyb. and Brit.; D. Macadam, For.

N.: R. Morrow, Nor.; W. Howe, Bord.

PRESTON.—C.: T. Bleasc and Son. Nor.; F. Hamer, Liz.; C. Kelsey, A.O.V.; T. H. Inman, Brit. H.; Benson and Young, Green.

N.: A. J. Nickson, Nor.; A. Corbett, Yorks.

CRAMLINGTON.—C.: R. Hancox, Hyb.; S. Wilson, Bord.

N.: M. Forster, Bord.

ARBROATH.—C.: W. Lewis, Nor.; J. Wilson, Bord.; S. Wilson, A.O.V.

N.: J. Black, Nor.; Gray and Duncan, Bord.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—C.: E. North, Yorks.; J. Lock, Bord.; C. S. Lindsay, Nor.; W. Gregory, Brit. H.; W. Davidson, Brit. S.

N.: Ridley Bros., Yorks.; J. Robson, Nor.; Cresswell and Price, Bord.

COCKERMOUTH.—C.: J. and R. Lewis, Brit. S.; J. S. Wilson, Nor.; T. Arnot, Bord.; J. Ellwood, Brit. H.; J. and R. Lewis, For.; F. Coulson, Yorks.

N.: C. Johnston, Bord.; G. Oglethorpe, Hyb. and Nor.

PONTYPRIDD.—C.: Greeves and Richards, Nor.; H. Phillips, Yorks.; J. E. Jeffreys, Hyb. and Brit. H.

N.: Gooding Bros., A.O.V.

DUBLIN.—C.: D. E. Alexander, Hyb.; C. A. O'Reilly, Yorks.; W. J. Furley, Brit. H.; P. Mulcahy, Brit. S.

N.: R. McKeon, Yorks.; P. Gleeson, Crest; B. Beegan, Bord.; E. J. Dwyer, Lancs.; R. Ward, Hyb. and Brit. H.; C. Faulkner, Brit. S.

BRISTOL.—C.: G. College, Crest; J. A. Edwards, Bord.; Greeves and Richards, Hyb.; Owen and Son, Yorks.; Mrs. Garland, Brit. H.; J. Tristem, Nor.

N.: W. J. Norman, Yorks.; A. Paec, Nor.

LONDON C.B.A.—C.: W. Binns, Yorks.: T. C. Irons, Nor.; Evins Bros., Crests; W. Munro, Bord.; F. C. Baker, Belg.; A. Campbell, Green; J. Rukin, Liz.; Mrs. C. Middleton, Hyb.; Miss J. A. E. Smyth, For.; W. Dell, Brit. H.; J. Frostick, Brit. S.

N.: G. S. Woodcock, For.; F. T. L. Avis, Yorks; F. C. George, Nor.; E. J. Bowen, Crest; J. H. Poplin, Bord.; H. W. Hobden, Brit. H.; M. Orange, Brit. S.

BRADFORD W.—C.: T. Tidswell, Yorks.

N.: H. Chew, Yorks.

FORRES.—C.: Wm. Campbell, Green; J. Gifford, Bord.; A Junor, Hyb. and Brit. H.

N.: P. Maclean, Nor.

BIRMINGHAM.—C.: W. H. Shackleton, Yorks.; T. Judd, Nor.; J. H. Philpott, Bord.; J. Gilbert, A.O.V.; H. P. Hart, Hyb.; W. Portman, Brit. H.; E. Fordred, For.

N.: G. W. Bayliss, Yorks.; P. Sonthon, A.O.V.; S. H. Burrows, Nor.

BRADFORD NATIONAL.—C.: W. A. Wilson, Nor.; A. and W. Hay, Bord.; A. Bentley, Cinn.; G. Fitton, Lancs.; J. T. Cheetham, Crest; L. M. Wade, Brit. S.; G. Edwards, Hyb.; Sutcliffe and Son, Yorks.; Martin and Archer, Brit. H.

N.: A. Graham, Nor.; W. Jones, Green; W. Middleton, Bord.; A. Sheard, Yorks.

GLASGOW.—C.: E. Barron. Nor.; R. McKinnon, Crest; J. R. Steele, Bord.; Wm. Ross, Yorks.; J. McGavin, Hyb., Brit., and For.

N.: A. Edward, Nor.; M. Robertson, Crest; A. Steele, Bord and Hyb.; Wm. Steele, Yorks.; E. Holliday, Brit. H.

THRUMS.—C.: W. Buttar, Brit. H.; J. Stevenson, Bord.

N.: P. Paton, Bord; A. Paton, Nor.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE.—C.: W. Ellis, Nor.; Frost and Rodgers, Yorks.; J. Smith, Bord.; H. James, Hyb. and Brit. H.; J. T. Clark, Brit. S.; H. T. Gibb, For.

N.: A. T. Sears, Nor.; A. Cooke, Yorks.; W. Hawkes, Crest; Mrs. Wickham, Hyb.; H. W. Allmand, Brit. H.

FROME.—C.: C. H. Hill, Yorks.; J. J. Brain, Bord.; E. M. Lee, Hyb.; A. E. Cheuey, Brit. H.; C. I. Young, A.O.V.

N.: G. H. Stibbs, Nor.; F. Sampson, Yorks.; F. Smith, Bord.

TREDEGAR.—C.: D. Edwards, Hyb.; D. H. Tedstone, Nor. and Bord.; J. Thomas, Brit. H.; C. J. Black, For.; W. Weeks, Yorks.

N.: W. R. Lewis, Yorks.; A. T. Rogers, Nor.; H. G. Love, Bord.

WALSALL.—C.: E. Barker, Crest; Crundall and Rowley, Nor.; J. Gough, Hyb.; J. A. Tonks, Brit. H.

N.: J. Fessey, Nor.; B. Wood, Yorks.

NEWTON GRANGE.—C.: R. Watson, Brit. H.; A. and W. Thomson, Bord.; J. Smeaton, Nor.; A. Wallace, Hyb.

N.: J. Kennedy, Bord.; J. Weir, Nor. and Brit.

TIDESWELL.—C.: H. Hathaway, Nor.; Blackburn and Mitchell, Yorks.; W. Stevens, Crest; W. Bull, Brit. H.

N.: T. A. Lomas, Yorks.; G. W. Sheppard, Nor.; G. Oven, Brit. H.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL (Edinburgh).—C.: J. M'Naughton, Crest; P. Green, Bord.; L. F. Harding, Green; W. Adams, A.O.V.; Miss E. G. Peddie Waddell, For.; D. Webster, Hyb.; J. Crone, Brit. H.; J. W. Bruce, Brit. S.; J. Nelson, Nor.

N.: R. Blackhall, Bord.: W. Robertson, Green; W. Levick, Hyb. and Brit. S.; J. R. Meikle, Brit. H.

DONCASTER.—C.: C. Morrison, Yorks.; A. H. Waters, Nor.; H. Middleton, Brit. S.; T. Almond, For.; S. T. Oldham, Brit. H.; A. E. Jeffreys, Crest.

N.: O. E. Naylor, Yorks.; T. Johnson, Nor.

LLANELLY.—C.: Mrs. D. A. S. Longden, For.; S. Jones, jun., Brit. S.; S. J. Oldham, Hyb.; G. H. Raby, Brit. H.

N.: W. B. Watkins, Yorks.; J. Bowen, Bord.; T. Blake, Hyb.; S. Brooks, Brit. H.; J. Abbott, jun., Brit. S.; F. Sampson, Nor.

BOSCOMBE, C.: W. J. Burr, Brit. H.; C. S. Gunnell, Hyb.; E. Holliday, Yorks.; W. R. Miles, Nor.

N.: C. E. Egerton, Yorks.; A. G. Paver, Nor.; M. Orange, Brit. H.; S. C. Hasler, Hyb.

GATESHEAD.—C.: W. J. Thompson, For.; Robson and March, Nor.; E. Richardson, Crest; F. W. Bradley, Yorks.; R. Willison, Scot.; F. S. Hawkins, Bord.; Whitney and Son, Brit. H.

N.: E. Kennerson, Nor.; Marshall Bros., Yorks.; J. Walshaw, Bord.; J. O'Reilly, Hyb.; J. W. Coulson, Brit. H.

ADDITIONS: CLAPHAM.—N.: Miss A. B. Ellis, For.

LEEDS.—N.: T. P. Alexander, Hyb.

CLUB REPORTS.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

At the meeting held Jan. 20, it was proposed that as the Club Room is no longer available for a Saturday evening, the Pair and Finch show be held on the last Wednesday in February. Will all members please attend next meeting, when this matter will come up for discussion and settlement.—T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

The cups and prizes won at the annual show were presented on Jan. 24, at the new headquarters, The Eagle, Cobham Road, Stratford. The society boasts of 19 cups for the different sections, and what with the numerous points, medals, and spoons, most of the evening was taken up with this alone. Intending members are invited to the annual general meeting, Feb. 12. Old members kindly notice alteration of annual.—A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Meeting held January 20, Mr. Gibbins presided over a large attendance. Owing to the large number of entries at the table show it was decided to postpone other business until the special meeting, to be held in connection with the charity show. Mr. J. M'Carter judged. Over 70 birds were staged. NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 3, Moores; 2, vhc, Freestone; hc, Sturgess; c, Kilsby. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Freestone; 2, 3, Moores. NOV. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Henney; vhc, Barrett; hc, c, Laundon and Start. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Barrett; 2, Pole; 3, c, Birch; vhc, Rice; hc, Henney. LINNET: 1, Butler; 2, hc, Allen; 3, vhc, Kilsby; c, Brooks.—A. Freestone, Sec.

FOURTH LIST OF 10s. CASH SPECIAL WINNERS.

COUPON SHOWS.

[Lists No. 1, 2, and 3 appeared in our issues of Nov. 8, Nov. 29, and Dec. 20, respectively.]

INVERNESS.—C.—E. Todd, 9, Drummond-street, Inverness. N.—G. Grant, Balnair, Glen Urquhart, Inverness.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—C.—H. Briggs, 6, Fry-street, Dear Park, Durham. N.—Ridley Bros., 3, Coronation-street, Crookhill, Ryton-on-Tyne.

PONTYPRIDD.—C.—H. Phillips 6, Fair View, Ebbw Vale. N.—Gooding Bros., 100, Woodville-street, Cardiff.

BRADFORD NATIONAL.—C.—Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford. N.—W. E. Hutchinson, Commercial-road, Skelmanthorpe.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE.—C.—Frost and Rogers, 155, Queen's Park-road., Brighton. N.—A. J. Sears, 27, Ashbey-road, North Watford, Herts.

NEWTONGRANGE.—C.—J. Sykes, Bridgend, Musselburgh, N.B. N.—J. Kennedy, 74, East Corswall-street, Coatbridge.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL.—C.—J. Crone, 287, London-road, Bridgeton, Glasgow: N.—W. Levick, 10, John-street, Jamworth, Staffs.

DONCASTER.—C.—J. Almond, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead. N.—J. Johnson, 106, Mill-road, Kettering.

LLANELLY.—C.—Mrs. D. A. S. Longden, 40, Beechwood-road, Uplands, Swansea. N.—F. Sampson, 28, Nutgrove-avenue, Victoria Park, Bedminster, Bristol.

BOSCOMBE.—C.—W. N. Midgley, Chesham House, Winslow, Bucks. N.—Stubbs Bros., 4, Cyprus Cottages, Alstone, Cheltenham.

BANGOR.—C.—C. A. O'Reilly, 10, Dolphin-avenue, Dublin. N.—D. Carleton, 31, Church-street, Bangor.

GATESHEAD. — S.—R. D. Parlett, 17, Coombes-road, Crookes, Sheffield. N.—J. O'Reilly, 11, Nunthorpe-avenue, York.

HALTWHISTLE.—C.—A. Holden, 59, Harlington-street, Gateshead. N.—W. Howe, Long Byre, Greenhead, Carlisle.

CORRECTIONS.

WALSALL.—C.—Crundall and Rowley, 15, Wellington-avenue, Bradmore, Wolverhampton (Mr. A. J. Smith had already taken the maximum allowed each competitor).

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Will members kindly note that everything possible is being done to ensure payment of prize money of last show, and it will greatly facilitate matters if all holders of tickets and cash due will forward same at once to H. Bowring, hon. sec. pro tem, address 67, Everington Street, Fulham, S.W. The present officials are unanimous in their endeavours to make the Association one of the best in London, and ask all fanciers connected to continue to place their confidence in us. Now, members, please rally.—H. Bowring, hon. sec. pro tem.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting held Jan. 8. Mr. M. C. Potts chair. Mr. H Bird was elected a member. Nominations took place for judge for open show. Oct. 23 and 24. Mr. M. Cossan was appointed Auditor in place of Mr. Atkinson. Mr. Crawball read a letter, the writer of which wished to remain anonymous, urging the members to do their best for the Society and work together in harmony. Secretary intimated that he wished to be relieved of the secretaryship; this will be brought forward at next meeting. Subs. are now due. Annual meeting Feb. 5. Election of officers, final selection of judges, etc.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Second annual smoker, held at the Railway Inn, Juniper Green, Jan. 10, Pres., Mr. Begbie, presiding. There was not such a good turn out as was expected, but a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Napier gave selections on his gramophone, and songs were sung by Messrs. Crabb, Dickson, Ferguson, Gray, Preston, Begbie, Campbell, Marshall and Napier. Mr. Marshall moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Begbie for the splendid manner in which he had conducted the smoker. A very good night's enjoyment was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."—Jas. Napier Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Annual general meeting Jan. 15, a good attendance, Mr. W. E. Plank in the chair. Election of officers for 1914 resulted as follows:—Vice-pres., W. W. Lathbury, Esq.; chairman, Mr. G. Harrison; treas., Mr. W. Nichols; comm., Mrs. Mullis, Mrs. Wilkes, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. B. Green, Mr. J. Green, and Mr. Garrod; auditors, Mr. E. Pegg, Mr. F. Ward; sec., H. F. Bowring; assist. sec., W. E. Plank. The Pair Show was decided for Feb. 19, and members who were not present are requested to note that no entry forms will be sent out, but all birds will be entered upon arrival at the hall, which must not be later than 7.30 p.m. It was agreed to ask Mr. Shepherd to judge. Two new members were elected—Mrs. Jeffrey and Mr. Piggins.—H. F. Bowring, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY.

Meeting held Jan. 13, at the Star Inn, Church Street, Burnley. Mr. A. E. Barwise, chair, with a good turn up of members. Mr. J. Moorhouse was appointed vice-chairman in place of Mr. Spencer, who has taken on the duty of treasurer. Mr. Towler read his report of the Rochdale Amalgamated Soc., and it was decided by a large majority not to join same. Proposed that we have a judging competition on Jan. 28; 3 prizes, and 3d. entry. Other competitions were proposed, such as lecture on experiences on keeping birds, and buying birds, as a cash prize has been offered by Mr. Spencer for best lecture. Several inquiries having been made by me, I would be obliged if fanciers would note that this society has no connection whatever with any other society in Burnley. Fanciers wishing to join, please apply for particulars to either W. H. Spencer, 85, Athol Street, Burnley, or the sec., Mr. G. Whittaker, 18, Sandhurst Street, Burnley.—G. Whittaker, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, Jan. 24. 34 birds sang for three prizes, and some good singing was done:—1, Smerrick; 2, Nelson; 3, Jones. Open sing, Jan. 25; 36 birds entered for three prizes:—1, Nelson; 2, Pugh; 3, Jones.—S. Pugh, Sec.

Weekly Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, January 17, when 27 birds entered and some good singing was done. Result: 1, Nelson; 2, Jones; 3, Proctor. Open singing January 18, when 30 birds entered. Result: 1, Williams; 2, Nelson; 3, Jones.—S. Pugh, Sec.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, Jan. 3. Twenty-three entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, Nilson; 2, Williams; 3, Pugh. Jan. 4, open sing. Thirty-two entered for three prizes. 1, Nilson; 2, Piper; 3, Hinchcliffe.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Jan. 24; 19 birds sang: 1, Hayes; 2, Ward; 3, King. Also a grand contest Jan. 25, when 29 birds competed for four prizes and the singing was most beautiful for the crowded room to listen to: 1, Hayes; 2, Buttry; 3, Ward; 4, Rosendale. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Green, J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing held Skinners Arms, Buslinthorpe, Jan. 17: 1, King; 2, Playfort; 3, Ward; also Jan. 18 when 19 sang: 1, Ward; 2, Peace; 3, shared by Ward and Peace. Judges, J. Granger and J. Sellars. Contest next Saturday, 2.30 prompt.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House Jan. 17; 18 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2, Ward; 3, Hayes; judges, Naylor, Lacy, Cooper. Also Jan. 18 20 sang for four prizes: 1, Chadwick; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wood; 4, Sissons; judges, Jennings, Naylor, Mellia. Open contest for Rollers held Jan. 18 when 18 sang for three prizes: 1, 2, W. Lipman; 3, Condliffe; judges, C. Clayton, H. Hayes, J. Sellers. Open contest for Rollers at above Jan. 25, first pair bung 7.30.—Walter Naylor, hon. sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Jan. 3; 16 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Wood; 2, Bamfield; 3, Hardcastle. Also Jan. 4, 19 sang for three prizes. 1, Wigfield; 2, Wood; 3, Hardcastle. Judges: Mellia, Jennings, Naylor. Open contest for Rollers Jan. 11: Mr. Wm. Tillotson will give three good prizes. First pair bung 7.30.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

A very large muster of birds turned up at the Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newtown, Leeds. 27 birds sang. 1, Jas. Chippindale; 2, Jack Chippindale; 3, divided, Bims and Banfield. Judges: C. Lorranim and Mr. Maden.—R. Ridyard, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members sing held at headquarters Commercial Hotel, Jan. 17, when 20 birds faced each other for three prizes: 1, 2, Liversidge; 3, shared by Cooper and Wallis. The winner put in some fine singing, reaching the score of 84secs. Members sing as usual Jan. 24.—A. Tomlin, sec.

Members' sing held Jan. 10, at Commercial Hotel. Sixteen birds competed, the cold weather being detrimental to their progress. 1, Potter; 2, 3, Cooper. Next members' sing, Jan. 17; first pair at 3; new members heartily welcomed.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Jan. 17, 43 entered for three minutes time singing for four prizes: 1, Smith, 106; 2, Sweeting, 53; 3, Wiliams, 45; 4, Nelson, 35; also Jan. 18 13 birds entered for thee prizes: 1, Nelson; 2, Morley.—J. Brindley, sec.

Weekly Linnet contest for 3 minutes time singing held at the George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Jan. 24; 51 birds entered: 1, 3, Liversedge; 2, Sweeting; 4, Nelson. Jan. 25; 31 birds entered for three good prizes: 1, Morley; 2, Smith; 3, Liversedge.—J. Brindley, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held Butchers Arms, Union Street, Jan. 10; 23 birds entered: 1, Marshall, 96 sec.; 2, Jackson, 93; 3, Fairhurst, 83; 4, Donnelly, 81; timekeepers, Hodgkiss and Jackson; tappers, Wynn and Marshall; minutes, A. Donnelly; birdman, J. Caswell. After the contest we had our usual concert, Bates and Jackson taking part in the singing. Next contest, Jan. 20, at 2.30 prompt.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held Albion Inn, Bradshawgate, Jan. 17; for time and quality; 38 entered, and some very good singing was done before a good company. Quality: 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Asheroft; 3, Page. Time: 1, 2, 4, Fairhurst, 118, 82; 3, Hilton, 81. Judges: P. O'Neil, J. W. Jones, W. Gibbons. Timers: J. Ellison for quality, H. Poole time; minute man., W. Asheroft. General meeting, the Albion Inn, Jan 26, when all members are requested to attend.—R. Disley, Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, York, upwards of 30 birds entered and some very good singing was judged by Mr. C. Jackson, whose awards gave satisfaction: 1, Littlewood; 2, Ruddock; 3, Taylor; 4, Thorpe; 5, Littlewood; 6, Emmerson; 7, Moore; 8, Ruddock. Wm. Helstrip, timekeeper.

WIGAN ROLLER SOCIETY.

General meeting held Jan. 15, at Queen's Head, the first meeting of the society after formation. Officers elected for 1914: Pres., R. Hough; chair., P. Vickers; vice-chair., S. Whittaker; sec., P. Greenall; assist. sec., J. T. Unsworth; committee, all members. It is proposed to hold members' contest in Feb. Will fanciers anxious to join attend next meeting at 7 p.m., Jan. 31, or communicate with Peter Greenall, Sec., 2, Short-street, Pemberton, Wigan.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 24. Mr. W. Rushton chair. Prize money was paid at 6s. per class. Decided to leave radins open to all wishing to join. Following were made members: G. Bates, South Moor, J. Liddle, J. Graham, P. Clark, W. Waugh. We hope to have many more new members for next meeting to be held Feb. 21.

J. W. Robson, Sec.

Values Buildings, Burnhope.

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Who is the Champion

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EXCHANGE unflighted Twite, Goldfinch, Siskin cock Mules for unflighted Goldfinch-Greenfinch cock Hybrid, approval; yours first; sell 17/6: Moir, The Cross, Alnwick. (1254)

WILL exchange 4 Bramblefinches, 1 Chaffinch, 4 Blackbirds, all cocks, for cock Goldfinch and small foreign birds: L. Fraser, Brick Cottages, Craigellachie, Banffshire. (1258)

EXHIBITION cocks, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, sure winners, 4/6 each, 20/- lot; exchange Canaries; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1254)

EXCHANGE for pair Yorkshires, Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Corn Bunting, pair Bearded Tits, H.M., or sell 20/-: yours first: G. Whitbrook, 20, Plantation-row, Coaltown, Fife. 1(251)

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, grand colour and blaze, sure muler, 7/6; exchange good singing Roller cock or two Muling hens, or one and double breeder; offers: Vale, Wagon Works, Lydney, Glos. (1253)

THREE Norwich hens, 1 German hen, 3 hen mules, 8/- lot, or exchange for good large housemoulted Goldfinch cock: James Bowyer, Grocer, 145, Runcorn-rd., Barnton, near Northwich. (1259)

EXCHANGE two house-moulted muling Goldfinches for pair good bred young Norwich, cock yellow, sell both for 12/6; cash or deposit; week's approval: Osborne, Short-st., Blackheath, Birmingham. (1257)

EXCHANGE performing Redpolls, pull carriage up for seed, and thimble for water, with new cages and detachable fittings, for anything, or sell 4/- each: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn (1264)

WANTED, good large yellow stock Norwich cock, unlighted, must have good head and wing carriage; exchange two proved muling Goldfinches and two Sib. hens: Basten, 266, Windham-rd., Bournemouth. (1257)

ONE cock Linnet and Canary Mule, 1913 bred, 5/-; two cock Linnets, Canary reared, 1913 bred, 3/- each, or exchange Norwich hens to value; yours first: George Tonkin, 36, Devonshire-rd., Millom, Cumberland. (1248)

JOHN DAY will exchange first class British or Siberians for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, etc.; will also buy for cash any quantity of good healthy birds; prompt cash; Bankers, Barclay's; see advert.: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1250)

EXHIBITION Linnets, Twites, Goldfinches; six giant well laced cock Twites, six extra large well pencilled cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/- each; four giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, 7/6, 10/- each; exchange Canaries, Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (1250)

S. HOWORTH will exchange high-class British for Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches; send on and state wants; stamp; mixed dozen, guaranteed cocks, 5/6: half each, 3/-; massive specimens, 1/6 upwards: 7, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1265)

SELL or exchange cock Chaffinch hen, Greenfinch, H.M., 7/6; 3 cock Canaries, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; cock Goldie mule, 6/6; cock Linnet, cock Redpoll, 4 hen mules, 2 hen Canaries, lot 8/6; wanted, good joiner's ratchet brace and bits; approval: William Smith, 11, John-st., Dalbeattie. (1261)

LARGE cock Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 1st and special Lanark open show 1913, for best Mule; also large cock Greenfinch muler, exchange the two for three large field-moulted cock Goldfinches, must be good, or cock Hawfinch; approval both ways; yours first: Telfer, Lancethill, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

EXHIBITION Bullfinch, 1st Winsford, 12/6; exhibition Twite, 7/6; muling H.M. Greenfinch and hen Chaffinch, 5/6; good Bullfinch, 5/-; Bramblefinch, 5; Mealy Redpoll, 3/-; Pea-throat Goldfinch, 7/6; wanted, muling Siberian Goldie, exhibition British Goldfinches to moult, good Norwich hens: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1265)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or Foreign birds; note, all sent on approval both way; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Canaries.

WANTED Yellow Norwich hen, exchange pair lovely Spangled Game Bantams, sell 6/-: McNaughton, Alne, Yorks. (1256)

BARGAIN, dozen pairs of good Norwich for motor cycle engine, 2½ or 3½: Leonard, Sycamore-rd., Erdington. (1255)

FEW good Yorkshire cock for sale from 7/6 each; or exchange good British. Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (1255)

TWO pair Norwich, exchange two pair Rollers, or sell 8/6 pair: Evetson, 78, Cottingham-st., Allerehffe, Sheffield (1261)

PAIR pedigree racing homers, value 25/-, exchange Canaries, what offers: Martyn Leigh, 11, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1253)

BUFF variegated Norwich-Yorkshire cock, full song, exchange Crestbred hen: Leigh, 11, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1245)

YORKSHIRE corks from 10/-, hens 1/- to 10/-; offers, no live stock: Andrews, 135, Gordon-rd., Peckham, London. (1252)

SEVERAL Yorkshire and Norwich hens, 1913, 3 each; exchange good Crestbred cock and hen: Todd, Kirkgate, Ripon. (1259)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens for H.M. cock Goldfinch, one hen for H.M. cock Siskin: Will, Newsagent, Peterhead. (1248)

GRAND pair Yorkshires, bred 1913, sell 25/-; or exchange pen Barred Rocks, or offers poultry: Dunn, North-st., Northam. (1252)

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch Mule for unflighted clear buff Norwich hen: John Lindsay, Eddington, Douglas, Lanarkshire. (1248)

TRUE pair 1913 Rollers, exchange two large Norwich type genuine Sib. hens, approval: Gibbons, 95, Peel-ter., Stafford (1248)

FOUR pairs unflighted Norwich, buffs, 8/6 pair; or offers for lot; anything useful: Buckett, 51, King's rd., Henley on Thames. (1257)

EXCHANGE good buff cock, Norwich (1913) for buff hen, unflighted (no rubbish); approval: Warrington, 6, Vine-st., Darlington. (1253)

REAL pewter teapot, 12/6, for leggy unflighted yell. Yorkshire hen; yours first (letters): Fisher, 20, Bridge-st., Londonderry. (1252)

EXCHANGE six hen Canaries for house-moulted cock Linnets or Goldfinches, or offers: Wade, 49, Alfred-st., Sunderland. (1259)

GRAND cock Greenfinch hen Canary, 2/6; one bred Mules, champion, 2/6; hen Canaries, 18/- dozen: Mrs. Mayes, Eastwood, Notts (1251)

16 SEIFERTS, eight Yorkshire hens, 2/6, 3/6; cocks, 5/6; approval, carriage paid; exchange: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (1253)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks or Norwich for scrap brass, copper, block tin: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1266)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries for 6 Bantams or 14 pigeons, mutual approval: Arthur Beanmont, 289, Best-st., Sheffield. (1265)

GOLDIE-BULLIE, winner, 40/-; exchange Canaries, foreign or mule, mutual aproval.—Muscott, Mount Pleasant, Llandrindod Wells. (1264)

EXCHANGE four green water chicke hens, 1913, for Roller cock; sell, 14/-; approval: Burke, 1, Queen Victoria-st., Blackburn. (1249)

GRAMOPHONE, 10-inch double-sided records, exchange Crested or Norwich hen, Goldfinch cocks: Jeffrey, 209, York-rd., Battersea. (1261)

SPLENDID Yorkshires for sale, exchange pedigree Yorkshire terrier dog pup, must be good and small: Rogers, 11, Moss-grove, Liverpool. (1253)

EXCHANGE Yorkshires, one cock, five hens, value £1; anything useful for house or Fancy; approval: Nettleton, 232, Dansome-lane, Hull. (1252)

SIX Norwich hen Canaries, 1913, 3/- each; or exchange for two Norwich cocks, yellow and buff: Miss. Winder, 26, Shaw Heath, Stockport. (1254)

BELGIAN cock, 1912, grand bird, winner, £1 10s; or exchange two good Yorkshire cocks, week's approval: Berry, 15, Market-st, Torquay (1255)

EXCHANGE pair of clear Borders, grand condition, for pair of adult breeding yellow Budgies: Holmwood, Micheldever-rd., Andover. (1250)

FOUR British Roller cocks, three hens, Roller organ, in good song; sale, or exchange anything useful: Seed, Noyna House, Foulbridge, Colne. (1259)

EXCHANGE young Roller cock for laying pullets, or anything useful for home, or sell 10/-: H. Radley, Lodge-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1266)

SIX Norwich Roller cocks, full song, 30/-; 2 hens, 5/-, part exchange, cages preferred; approval: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (1250)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers, for scrap brass, copper, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley, Yorkshire. (1233)

NICE yellow Norwich cock, sale 8/6; also Cinnamon Yorkshire cock, 8/6; or exchange British or Foreign Finches; yours first: 42, Castle-rd., Salisbury. (1252)

THREE prs. Borders, Brown and Bennet's strain, matched to breed winners, 12/6 per pr., or useful exchange: Briggs Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1258)

EXCHANGE pair Racing Homers, 500 mile winning strain, for singing cock Canary, or two White Leghorn pullets: Lowe, 22, Alexandra-st., Bolton. (1248)

LARGE Buff Crestbred cock, two Yellow, two Buff Norwich hens, yellow songster; for gent's and ladies' boots: Hayes, "Overdale," Bargate, Derby. (1263)

GOLDFINCH Mules, full song, 5/6; yellow York. cock, two unflighted hens, 12/6; approval, cash with Editor: Bates, 84, Mosley-st., Southend, Essex. (1261)

EXCHANGE high-class B.R.C.C. rung Seifert Rollers, Randle and Fisher's strain; Blenheim Toy Spaniel preferred: Bott, 42, Emily-st., West Bromwich. (1259)

EXHIBITION Yorkshire Canaries, two hens, five cocks, breeding cages, etc.; exchange half-plate camera; anything useful: Jones, Constable, Festiniog. (1252)

PAIR Yorkshires, heavy marked yellow cock, clear buff hen, natural colour, both 7in., 12/6; exchange anything useful: Baxby, 20, Ridge, Woodlands, Doncaster. (1258)

EXCHANGE four pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, for small heating apparatus, coke preferred; apply: W. Sempers, No. 60, Butts-rd., Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. (1251)

PAIR Green Yorkshires, 3/-; pair Lancashires, 3/-; pair Crests, 3/-; yellow variegated Border cock, 2/6; Buff Border cock, 2/6: R. Malcolm, Mount Rosa, Broughty Ferry. (1253)

SELL or exchange grand pair Norwich Canaries, right for breeding, including cage, 12/6; healthy; approval, deposit: Wm. Coombes, 14, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool. (1256)

NORWICH, pair prize-bred, £2 10/-, exchange Scotch Fancy; two Border Fancy hens, 10/- each, exchange Seifert Roller cocks or toy Pom. pup: 55, Gilmore-pl., Edinburgh. (1248)

EXCHANGE, or sell 12/6, six Roller hens (1913) for selected f.m. British, Goldfinch and Linnet (cocks), or offer hardbills; yours first: Kean, Factory-pl., Saltcoats, Ayrshire, N.B. (1252)

WHAT offers in Norwich or cinnamons for 10 golf clubs, bag, and 18 balls, must be good; approval: yours first: Robert Johnston, Coronation-place, Tranent, Haddingtonshire. (1.51)

WANTED, pair of high-class Yorkshires, in exchange for two pair of Norwich, in fancy mahogany four-compartment cage, value 25/-: E. Harrison, 108, Harlesden-rd., Willesden Green. (1257)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4, Sandy lane, Stockport. (1146)

SELL good hen Canaries, 3/- each; or exchange for cock Canaries or Mules, any bird, but must be good songster; mutual approval; yours first: Thomas Walker, Queen's Hotel, Tirril, Penrith. (1252)

EXCHANGE a good class gramophone, 16 10in. records, with large horn, honestly worth £4, only new a few months; for cock Canaries: Cresswell, The Apollo, All Saints-rd., Notting Hill. (1255)

ALL cocks; Yorkshire, stock and singer, 1913; Crested, 1913; six Linnets, three Greenfinches; caged since November; exchange any for Roller cock; yours first: John Bullenty, 28, Percy-st., Fleetwood.

EXCHANGE large heavy feathered cinnamon marked hen, first cross, Lancashire and Crest, for a good Crest cock; approval both ways; sell 15/6: Hiles, Woodbine Cottage, Monrend Crescent, Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE gent.'s eight guinea Alder bicycle, nearly new, for exhibition Yorkshires, winners, champion classes only; sell bicycle £5; apply, particulars: birds first: Sergeant Thomas, 88th Battery, Colchester. (1259)

YELLOW Norwich cock, full song, buff marked hen, large young birds, 10/6 pair; pair smart Borders, 7/6; Dutch rabbits, buck and doe, nine months, 5/6; unrelated: C. W. Punter, 55, St John's, Tunbridge Wells. (1260)

PICKLES. Shawcroft hill, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. Few cinnamon marked Yorkshires and Norwich yellow cocks left, 5/6 each; gent's silver watch, 10/-; lady's 6/-; exchange stout yellow Norwich cock: yours first (1235)

EXCHANGE buff Norwich hen and variegated cock Mule Goldfinch, song, or pair Rollers, for muling Siberian Goldfinch, or large yellow, typical Norwich hen, unlighted; mutual approval; yours first: Bayliss, Printer-st., St. Ebbes, Oxford. (1251)

BUSINESS Encyclopaedia and Legal Adviser, as new, cost 25/-; exchange good Norwich or exhibition British or foreign; will give one unframed Bovril picture or set coupons in exchange songster; yours first: 91, Forest-rd., Dalston. (1261)

EXCHANGE or sell matched pair Yorks., yell. cock, buff hen, value £1; buff cock for stock, 15/-; for good Norwich yellow; must be large and good; approval each way; yours first: Morley, 4, Station-hill, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. (1260)

YORKSHIRES, greens, from winners, cocks, 7/6, hens 5/-; variegated cock, 10/-; Light Goldfinch Mules, Finch song, from 10/-; lovely hen Mule, 20/-; make winners; exchange clear yellow or buff Norwich; approval: Jenkins, Raglan House, Ross. (1259)

EXCHANGE two grand clear buff hens for yellow, green or variegated cock, or sell 30/; also grand buff cock and ticked yellow hen for buff green or variegated hen, and yellow green or variegated hen, sell 40/-; approval: Maclean, South-st., Forres. (1264)

YELLOW green, high-class Mule, full song, 15/-; or exchange for two large yellow unflighted Norwich hens; exhibition cock Bullie, winner, 7/6; exchange large Siberian hen Bullie; would consider Border Fancy exchange: Geo. Hinds, International Stores, Gosport. (1255)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE one yellow hen, one yellow green cock Budgerigars for two Norwich buff hens: Robt. Currie, Collin, Dumfries. (1253)

EXCHANGE talking Parrot and cage, also Crystal Palace aviary, for Canaries, anything useful: Parker, 154, Hugh-st., Castleford. (1250)

EXCHANGE pair Yellow Budgerigars, pair Java Sparrows for racing homers or training basket: J. Odgers, Williams-st., Camborne. (1254)

FINE green Amazon Parrot and cage, just begun to talk, accept £2 10s., or exchange Canaries: J. Sheard, 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (1258)

WHAT offers in singing Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries for beautiful Rock Parrot, thoroughly acclimatised, in this country 18 months; this bird is talking; only wants to be where there are children; stamp reply: Smith, 111, Hessle-rd., Hull. (1255)

Miscellaneous.

LADY'S gold watch, exchange Canaries; offers: Tomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green. (1263)

WANTED, rat catcher's outfit, traps, etc.: English, 38, Warne-st., Fleurdelis, Mon. (1258)

WILL exchange pair widing stockings, almost new, for good Crestbred hen: Dair, 4, Graham-st., Leith. (1255)

EXCHANGE two cricket bats and air gun for good cock Goldfinches: Smith, 74, Grosvenor-rd., Leyton. (1250)

WHAT offers in Canaries for cabin trunk, never used, cost 30/-: Cox, 100, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (1261)

NOTICE: We exchange your live stock for cutlery and plate: Write, Smith Bros., 47, Pear-st., Sheffield. (1263)

FOR sale, Irish terrier bitch, 10/-; or exchange 2 pairs of Norwich Canaries: Thomas Law, Frenchie, Fife. (1247)

FOR sale or exchange, 2 young nanny goats, for Canaries, or sell cheap: E. Butcher, Bridgwater, Som. (1260)

WHAT offers in Borders for Cameo ½-plate camera cost £3 10/- in 1912: Sim, 15, Coronation-st., Maryport. (1258)

EXCHANGE a banjoe for two Norwich hens or a Yellow Border cock: James Nicol, 6, Lillies Wynd, Arbroath. (1255)

SELL or exchange, flat-coated black retriever bitch, 5 months old, 10/-: Markwick, 94, Lees-rd., Grotton, nr Oldham. (1260)

EXCHANGE 11 racing homers, all rung, for pair Yorkshires, or sell 20/-: Stewart Allan, Coaltown, Wemyss, Fife. (1251)

BIRDCATCHER'S complete outfit, new this season, sell 15/-; exchange anything: E. Davis, 66, Troughton-st., Liverpool. (1257)

EXCHANGE Palace aviary for cock Canary or good cock Britisher, sell 6/-; no rubbish: Miller, Martins-rd., Shortlands. (1258)

FOR sale or exchange, 15 good flying tipplers; prize winners at flying: Apply, S. Hammond, 162 Mill-st., Leek, Staffs. (1266)

WHAT offers in Canaries for mahogany Crystal Palace aviary, cost £5: B. Chadwick, 1, Bertie-st., Beckett-st., Leeds. (1251)

FOR Sale, 6 single breeding cages, all complete, movable fronts, 1/9 each, one double, 3/6: 4, Speedwell-place, Leeds. (1251)

WANTED pair Canaries, exchange rolled gold watch, sell 15/-; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutchesonst., Glasgow. (1266)

TWO ladies' cycles in fair condition; exchange for Canaries or sell 60/-: Graham, 27, Rowland-st., Beswick, Manchester. (1252)

EXCHANGE new china clock set, good Gramophone, 36 7-inch records, for Canaries: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1259)

TWO black Spaniel puppies, dog and bitch, sell 7/6, 5/-, or exchange birds; approval: Jones, 18, Gadly-rd., Aberdare. (1263)

2/6 SAFETY razor; 7/6 fountain pen, perfectly new; exchange birds, cages value 6/-: Anstree, 74, Inkerman-st., Luton. (1253)

GENT.'S B.S.A. cycle, good as new, will exchange for good watch or jewellery: Jones, 2, Wood-st., Bradford, Manchester. (1248)

WILL exchange about 50 or more coloured plates for good singing Canary or Linnet cage: G. Wortley, 38, Dawes-rd., Fulham. (1265)

NEW Windsor banjo, cost 70/-, with tutor, new condition, 25/-, or exchange: Hunt, 25, Graham-rd., Pendleton, Manchester. (1251)

WANTED, typical Norwich yellow cock (1912), exchange concert piccolo value 15/6: W. Davies, 4, Widemarsh-st., Hereford. (1259)

EXCHANGE sitting black-red Old English Game eggs for one cock Canary, or two hens; offers: C. Richards, Ipstone, Staffs. (1260)

EXCHANGE piano harp, almost new, for Yellow or Ticked Border cock; yours first: Rankine, 7, Higherainguls, Kilsyth, Scotland. (1251)

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, £2; exchange common Canaries or fresh cork Linnets: H. Walker, 53, Bingfield-st., King's Cross. (1253)

ONE pair of Roscomb Bantams, Goldfinch mule, full song; exchange cash or birds: Lawrence, Cowper-rd., Harpenden, Herts. (1260)

ROLL cork lino, hearthrug and clock, 21/-; exchange anything useful; fowls preferred: Lear, 66, Gloucester-rd., Peckham, London. (1253)

INCUBATOR, hold about 50 eggs, 30/; exchange Canaries, Rollers preferred; yours first: James Grant, 33, St. Peter-st., Peterhead. (1259)

GOOD gramophone and records, cost 50/ Christmas; sell cheap or exchange good Roller and cash: Rigg, Causeway, Cambridge. (1.251)

MUST clear, Palace aviary, 7 adult green Budgerigars, £2; exchange gramophone and records, yours first: Dover Judd, Enfield. (1257)

WILL exchange exhibition Airedales, also Irish, for exhibition Scotch, Belgians, Norwich: M. Creech, Thotaa-st., Armagh, Ireland. (1251)

EXCHANGE collie puppie dog, seven weeks old, for Norwich, yellow hens or cinnamon yellows, value 12/6: Murdoch, Doura, Irvine. (1257)

EXCHANGE splendid silver English lever Virgwatch for two Yorkshire cocks: G. Lawton, 30, Water-lane, Newport, Salop. (1250)

WHIPPET dog, fastest in Kent, catch and kill rabbits and hares; sell 20/-; or Canaries: Gifford, Shortlands-rd., Sittingbourne. (1261)

PAIR lace curtains, half dozen table knives, copper teapot, pair gent's leggings; exchange Canaries: Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley. (1256)

EXCHANGE 9 Canary hens, Norwich and Yorkshire, also air gun, for Roller cocks or anything: 185, Knowle-rd., Birmingham. (1251)

GENT'S full suit length, brown tweed, sell 12/6; exchange Rollers or Yorkshires, anything useful: Bradley, Prospect-st., Alfreton. (1260)

WANTED Norwich or Rollers in exchange for good single barrel, 12-bore breech loader; stamp reply: Gardener, Vicarage, Llandovery. (1254)

GARDEN gun, new, fire shot cartridges, 12/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Roper, 124, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (1263)

CLAP nets, nearly new, 20 x 4½, poles, lines, carrying bag, 6 call cages; exchange Norwich cocks: T. Matthews, Burwell, Cambs. (1261)

NEW 5/- hollow ground razor for cock Canary, Mule, or Goldfinch, or 2 hen Canaries, mine first: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke. (1265)

WHAT offers in cage birds for bitch, seven months, good rabbiter, or sell 15/-: Bidmead, 81, King's-rd., Caversham, Reading. (1254)

EXCHANGE pair roller skates, good, one Palmer cover, 26 x 1¾ wired, for pair songsters; offers: Talbot, East-rd., Parkstone, Dorset. (1255)

EXCHANGE bracket lamp, all complete, for Siberian cock Goldfinch, or sell 15/; approval: J. Warriner, 8, Albion-st., Newark. (1248)

EXCHANGE nine rose trees for cock or three hens, Rollers or Yorkshires, young birds: Dolphin, 3, Prospect-ter., Brockwell, Chesterfield. (1258)

RIPPINGALE heating lamp, value 12/6, for good Yorkshire unflighted cock; approval both ways: Dukers, Gordon House, Brixham. (1244)

GOOD quiet ferret, 7/6; 66 foot tape, almost new, 5/-; exchange good unflighted Norwich, yours first: Barnett, Bannawell-st., Tavistock. (1259)

TWO rough coated fox terrier dog pups, two months old, parents face anything, sell 7/6 each; or exchange: Chanter, 14, Mill-st., South Molton. (1258)

EDISON Gem, 55 records, good condition, 35/-; cock Goldfinch mule, 6/-; exchange Canaries: Lee, 55, Waterloo-square, Camberwell (1262)

EXCHANGE silver cigarette case for pair Norwich Plainheads, or sale 15/-; yours first: Brooks, 15, Epps-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent. (1261)

120 HOBBIES' fretwork designs; exchange Canaries or offers; fancy waistcoat, light or dark, 1/-; Smiddy, Springstone-avenue, Ossett. (1244)

LARGE Crystal Palace drawing-room aviary as new, cost £3, accept 20/- or birds to value; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1254)

PAIR driving reins, headstall, collar, all new, cob size, 12/6; eight dog collars, 8/6; exchange Canaries: Ryder, 2, Chaston-st., Kentish Town. (1257)

FREE.—Two full-sized tins washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1076)

WILL exchange pair real Ayrshire blankets pure wool, for 4 singing Canaries, or sell 25/-; offers: T. McGeagan, 39, Duke-st., Kilmarnock. (1266)

EXCHANGE two razors in case or gent's watch, new goods, for Hartz Roller, in song: E. Rutland, 118, Butler-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester. (1222)

BLACK toy Pom dog, pedigree, Haughty Prince strain, seven weeks old, 35/-; exchange gramophone, 2 records: Prior, 67, Kerbey-st., Poplar, E. (1264)

EXCHANGE, accordion, splendid tone, cost 21/-; exchange for birds or poultry; approval: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1253)

SILVER English lever, capped and jewelled, good condition, 7/6; lady's silver watch, 5/-; bargains, approval: Mitchelhill, Longtown, Cumberland. (1264)

EXCHANGE printing outfit, value 15/-, set splendid carvers and steel, 10/-, what offers in Yorkshires: T. McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone. (1248)

WHAT offers gramophone record, made by native Nightingale, the property of Herr Carl Reich: Lawrence, Stone Row, Coalville, Leicestershire. (1255)

CHOCOLATE pom bitch (small), 18 months, perfect pet, sell 35/-; exchange mandoline, anything; yours first: Counsill, 13, Park-rd., Westhoughton. (1253)

PAIR Brampton's roller skates, ball bearings, aluminium fittings, almost new, for pair of Seifert rollers: Barrett, 1, Soper-grove, Basingstoke. (1260)

EXCHANGE pen Black Roscomb Bantams, prize strain, for exhibition Siberian or English Goldfinches, or offers: Gillies, New-rd., Manchline. (1270)

EXCHANGE microscope in walnut case, value 15/, for pair of Yorkshires; approval both ways: T. Scott, 15, Edmston-rd., Lenton, Nottingham. (1270)

GENT'S cycle, free wheel, Bowden brakes, warranted perfect condition, 23/-; exchange singing cock Mules: Lyons, 18, Albert-sq., Henry-st., Nottingham. (1258)

SISKIN, Redpoll, 2 Linnets, cocks, H.M.; 1 cock Linnet, F.M., for Siberian Goldfinch cock, H.M., yours first: 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (1229)

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors in silk-lined case, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1265)

GOOD bred whippet pup, age seven months, sell 10/6; or exchange anything useful, large muling hens preferred: E. Grimmer, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (1256)

MANDOLINE and case in good condition, sell or exchange two good Norwich, yellow hens or green cock: J. H. Welch, 13, Devonshire-rd., Chorley, Lancs.

"OUR Canaries," bound, unsoiled, for Roller schoolmaster, to be B.R.C.C. rung; or 2 Siberian Goldfinches: Cowpe, 13, Co-operative-st., Haslingden. (1258)

LADY'S 18ct. rolled gold cased keyless wristlet watch, good timekeeper, value 10/-, for offers in Rollers: Green, Mitford-terrace, Old Ford, Bow, E. (1251)

LADY'S half guinea umbrella, silver handle excellent cover, premier frame; exchange Roller hens, class strain: Schofield, Hairdresser, Gidlow, Wigan. (1252)

WHAT offers, cash, Canaries, or talking Parrot, for 1d. slot automatic musical cabinet, suit showman or publican, cost £5: Bannister, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley. (1263)

BARGAIN. Pair twelve yards clap nets, all complete, grand hen Bullfinch; exchange hen Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches, Sparkes, Tindall-lane, Beverley. (1258)

FOUR White Leghorn hens, large Dulcimer harp, cost 45/-; pair gent's boots, size 10, all sound condition; exchange: Burton, jun., Orchard-rd., Southsea. (1261)

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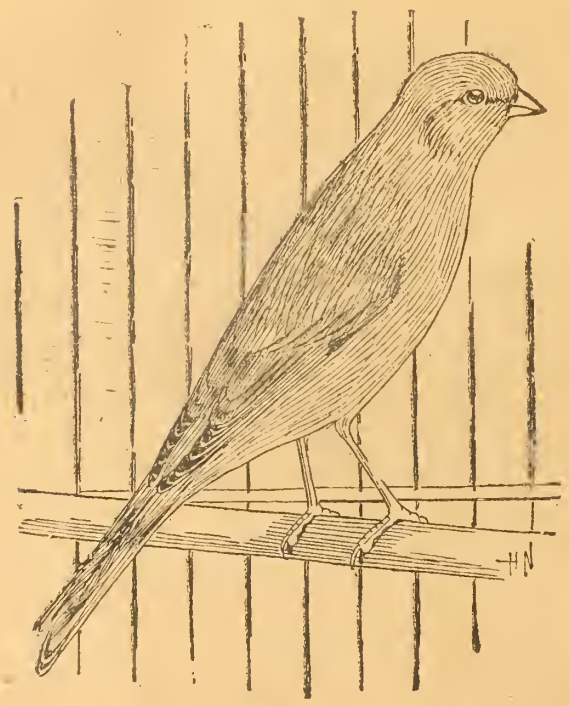

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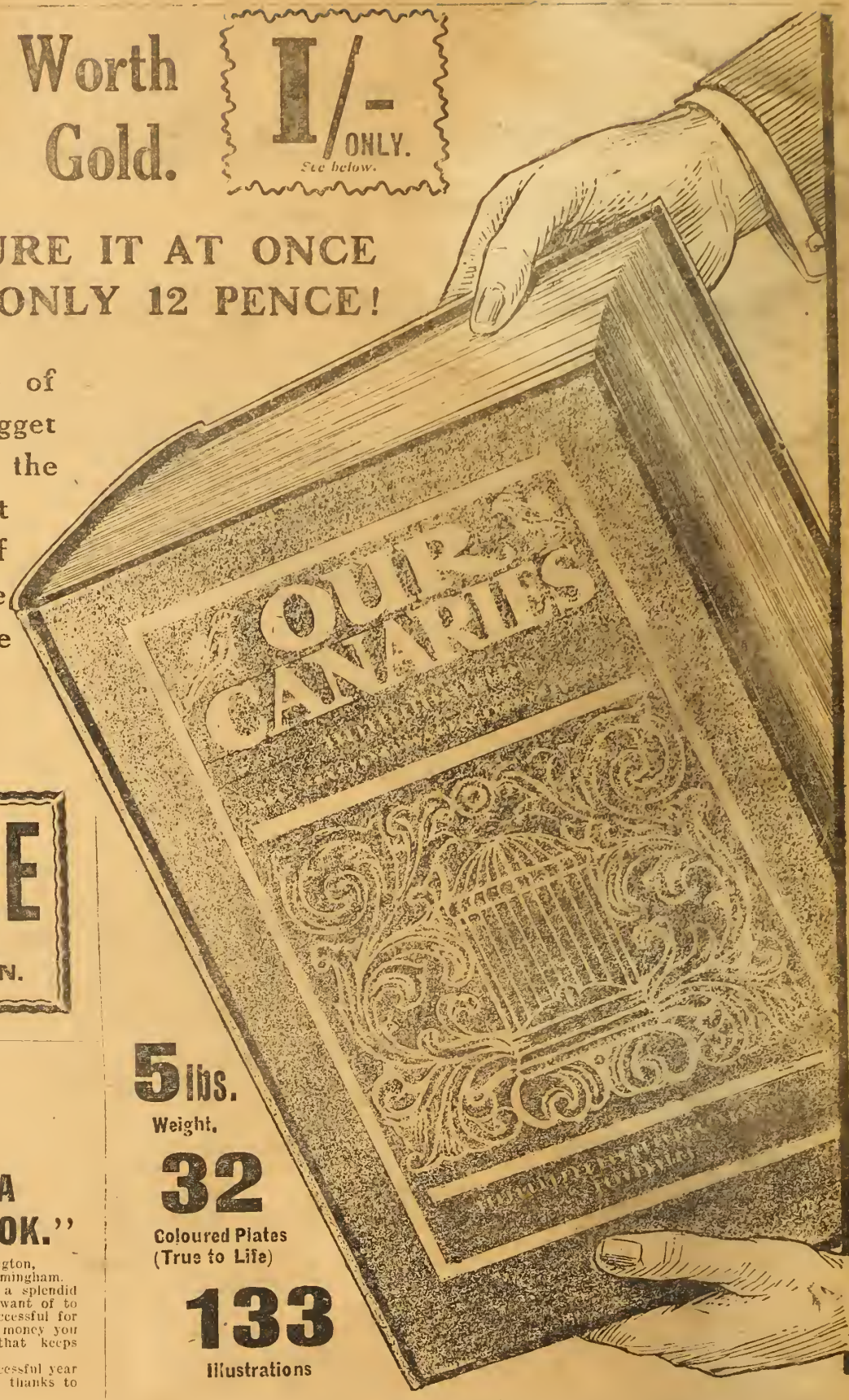

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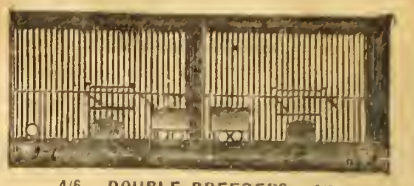

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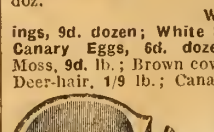

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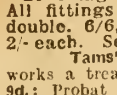

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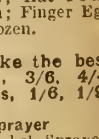

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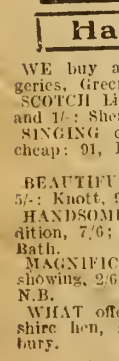

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HIGH class Crests, few good birds for sale, cheap to clear, approval, stamp: Alex. Onion, Sir Rowland Hill, Nottingham. (1285)

1913 Crested cocks, 1913 Crestbred hens, 1912 ditto hens; stamp reply; approval: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert. (1257)

PAIR of good Crests, sell £1, or exchange other Canaries, Yorkshires if possible: Jack Muggeridge, Albion-terrace, Horsham. (1283)

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HAVING selected my stock, can spare two unflighted Crested hens, also cock; approval: Burkett, 33, Waterway-st., Nottingham. (1276)

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale: 3 cocks, 4 hens; no reasonable offer refused: Nicholson, 16, Warwick-st., Old Lenton, Nottingham. (1275)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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WANTED, large stout cobby hen, yellow preferred; on approval, would deposit price: Douglas Wilson, Kinclavon, Hamilton. (1278)

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HALF bred Belgians, also a few quarter-bred Belgians, cheap; approval, stamp for reply: Miss Nelly Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus. (1287)

BELGIANS, few good pairs, several cocks, suitable Yorkshire crossing, cold room, 1913; approval: F. Baker, 2, Brooklands, Totnes. (1282)

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

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MASSIVE broken buff green cock, 25/-; good stock bird; approval: A. Tydeman, 45, York-rd., Ipswich. (1276)

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GREEN Norwich cock, 6/-; buff Cinnamon hen, Norwich type, 5/-: Walker, 14, Field-st., Skelmersdale. (1276)

PATTERSON, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow, has still a few left, cocks from 9/, hens from 3/6; stamp reply. (1263)

LARGE Norwich buff cocks, cold room bred, full song, 7/6; hens, 3/-: Wells, 38, Goosley-lane, East Ham. (1282)

CANARIES for sale, five hens, one cock, Norwich bred, healthy birds; cheap: J. Dudman, Sterte-rd., Poole. (1283)

GOOD 1913 Norwich cocks (outdoor), 5/-, 6/- each; approval; hens 2/6, 3/-: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs. (1278)

MASSIVE Buff cock, winner 2nd Ipswich, 17/6; approval; see Yorkshires: Flatt: 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (1275)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries for cash: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. Same address 18 years. (1282)

NORWICH, 10/6 pair, and upwards, only few pair left; approval, stamp: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (1212)

A few most reliable Norwich to be sold cheap for clearance, write: Braegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield-rd., Macclesfield. (1292)

TYPICAL birds in splendid condition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- per pair; approval, deposit: Varley, 63, Ingram-rd., Sheffield. (1284)

TWO pairs Norwich, Vardy's, and two useful hens, £1 lot; bargain, approval, deposit: Stow, 2, Peel-st., Ipswich. (1278)

HODDER'S 1913 yellow ticked cock, two hens, ready to nest, 15/-; cock worth money: Haytock, Florence-st., Rochdale. (1281)

TWO yellow Norwich cocks, in full song, 5/6 each, or 10/- two; approval: Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk. (1279)

FIVE hens left, three buff, two yellow variegated, 4/- each; unflighted; fed: E. Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1258)

GRAND selection prize-bred Norwich hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, upwards: Gibb, Bond-st., Brighton. (1284)

BAGPIPES, half set, almost new, £2 10/-; exchange Norwich Canaries: Thomson, Woodbine Villa, Blantyre, Scotland. (1284)

STARK'S noted strain, yellow or buff cocks, unflighted, 8/6 to 20/-; good value; approval: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (1202)

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; cold room; approval: William Phipps, 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1292)

MASSIVE buff Norwich cock, 8/6, 1st, sp., and 2nd, only times shown; approval: Marhoff, 1, Stanfield-rd., Bow. (1275)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/- each; pairs from 8/-: Raylor, Stockhill-terr., Old Basford. (1282)

TYPICAL clear yellow Norwich cock, 1913, rich colour-fed, in tip-top breeding form, 5/6: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (1285)

FEW grand unflighted Norwich cock Canaries, 10/6 each to clear; approval: Clarke, Robemaker, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford. (1292)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, single or pairs, from 12/6 pair, own breeding; approval, deposit: Silver, 72, Peel-st., Birmingham. (1281)

BARGAINS, two marked buff cocks, 8/-, 10/-; two good buff hens, 4/-, 5/-; cheap to clear: W. Howse, 49, Orme-rd., Worthing. (1272)

NORWICH cocks 8/-, hens 4/-; one White Leghorn cockerel, 5/6; 1913 June hatched: John Brennan, Millbrae, Larne, Ireland. (1284)

TWO Norwich buff cocks, also two yellow hens to match, 25/- the lot: Mellor, 31, Medlock-rd., Woodhouses, Ashton-u Lyne. (1281)

YELLOWS and buffs, prize bred Plainhead Canaries, 5/- upwards, seen after six: Mason, 218, Watt-st, Glasgow, S S. (1283)

GOOD ticked buff cock, 25/-; two clear yellow cocks, 12/6 each; approval: Wm. Burdett, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham. (1278)

1913 COLOUR-FED Norwich Canaries, warranted splendid singers, also some hens: 18, Buxton Gardens, Acton Hill, Acton. (1269)

NORWICH, two cocks, four hens, one Roller hen, one hen Lin.-Goldfinch Mule, 30/-: Walker, 240, Kingston-rd., Hampton Wick. (1280)

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SEVERAL clean healthy Norwich hens, in large aviary, 2/6 each; four assorted colours 9/-: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1276)

BARGAINS to clear, 3 grand typical yellow hens, 7/6 each; approval with pleasure: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (1270)

BUFF Norwich hen, large cross-bred hen, double breeder, box cage, lot 6/-; approval, deposit: Crabtree, 10, Canning-st., Burnley. (1281)

A FEW prize and prize-bred yellow and buff Canaries, Norwich, cocks and hens; stamp reply: McLennan, Market-st., Forres. (1289)

DEEP yellow Norwich cock, 1913 bred, deep yellow Norwich cock, 6/-; yellow Norwich-Yorkshire cock 5/6: Elliott, 118, Queens-rd., East Grinstead. (1286)

NORWICH, two yellow hens, one unflighted, one year bred, also two unflighted buff cocks, good stock birds: Thom, 69, Oxford-drive, Glasgow. (1278)

NORWICH cocks, two clear buffs, 8/- each, one green, 5/-; three hens, small, all 1913; approval, deposit: Smart, 25, Culloden-rd., Arbroath. (1278)

FIVE Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/- each, lot 30/-; pair greens, 10/6; will give one for dozen big healthy cock Linnets; yours first: Mains, 65, Shields-rd., Glasgow. (1288)

UNFLIGHTED tick and variegated yellow cocks, 20/-, 25/- each; unflighted buff cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1277)

FOR sale, grand pair Norwich, big buff cock, yellow marked hen, 20/-; unflighted buff cock, 10/-; take 25/- the lot: Williams, 312, Newhampton Rd. West, Wolverhampton. (1280)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6, matched pairs 7/6 upwards, inspection Saturdays, cash or deposit: Thompson, Regent-st., Hinckley. (1248)

CANARIES, Norwich Rollers, hens, buff, 1913 birds, warranted healthy, 2/6 each; a few at 1/6 each; cage 3d.: Newton, 10, Harcourt-terrace, Salisbury. (1260)

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FEW pairs of high-class unflighted Norwich for sale, from 12/6 pair to clear; also few real good buff Yorkshire cocks, from 10/- each; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton. (1281)

VARIEGATED buff Norwich cock, deep clear yellow hen, got vhc. in selling class Jan. 17, card sent, 7/6 pair; six extra large buff cocks, splendid heads, necks, 6/- each, worth double; six good buff hens, 4/- each, 20/- lot: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (1283)

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CLEAR buff, 21/-; clear yellow, 12/6; both unflighted cocks; splendid value; approval, deposit: Wright, All Saint's-st., Stamford. (1250)

CHAMPION Norwich, unflighted, cold room, cocks, full song, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1261)

ALL Mr. Whalley's winners and stock birds for sale; nothing withheld; inspection any time: 1259, Chester-rd., Stretford, Manchester. (1232)

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfineb type, large round heads, grand feather; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1207)

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NORWICH Canaries, cock, two hens, 10/6; young untried hens, good sitting, feeding strain, 2/6: Munday, 4, Drummond-rd., Skegness. (1278)

GRAND Norwich Canaries, from prize strain, fine healthy birds, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each; also few common ones, 7/6 each: A. Munday, Axminster. (1278)3

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1279)

CLEAN, healthy, unflighted Norwich, colour-fed, 7/6, 10/-, hens 3/-; approval, deposit: Mortimer, Redbourne-rd., Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (1272)

HIGH class Norwich cocks, 10/-, 12/6; hens 4/-, 5/-; pairs from 15/-; c.f., good stock birds: Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex. (1274)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 17/6; yellow hen, 4/6; unflighted marked cocks, 10/6; cold-room: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath. (1281)

BARGAINS: Large buff Norwich cocks, 6/6, 10/-; Irons, Hodder strains; approval; exchange good bull hen: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (1278)

FEW unflighted buff Norwich cocks, greens and clears, Barker's noted strain; inspection invited; 7/6, 10/-: Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes. (1277)

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NORWICH; two ticked buff cocks, 12/6 each; two, clear yellow cocks, 8/6 each; unflighted, few pairs from 10/6, bargains; approval, deposit: Ronald, 70, Carlton-st., West Hartlepool, Durham. (1284)

NORWICH: Three large buff cocks, mated to three typical yellow hens, 12/- pair; four yellow cocks and hens to match, 12/-; dirt cheap at 20/-: Jones and Chester, 31, Princess-st., Chester. (1288)

NORWICH clear yellow, slightly ticked cocks, colour fed, 1913 bred, good strain, sell 25/-, or exchange good hen to value; approval, deposit: Hurst, Great Bounds, Southborough, Kent. (1272)

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SEVERAL flighted and unflighted colour-fed Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs; buff hens from 4/-; yellow hens from 7/6; cocks from 10/-; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1286)

CAN spare three yellow hens, two clears, one ticked, also two good buff cocks, hens, 7/6 and 10/- each; cocks 10/6 each: Smedley, Highfield-rd., Askern, near Doncaster. Approval, deposit. (1279)

LARGE buff cock, yellow hen, winner, 60/- pair; variegated cock, buff hen, he, 30/-; three small hens, 3/6 each; bred from winner Newport, Portsmouth; approval, deposit: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight. (1279)

NORWICH, cocks in full song from 5/6, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/6; these are splendid birds; cold room; inspection; approval; Goldfinch, house-moulted, 7/6: Harbour, Grocer, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (1282)

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards; cold-room; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1280)

FINE marked buff Norwich cock, good size and quality, 10/-; lovely clear yellow Norwich cock, rare size, colour, etc., 20/-; both well worth double: James M. Thomas, 12, Birchfield Villas, Hebden Bridge. (1295)

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LARGE buff variegated cock, 1912, 15/-; yellow hen to match, 10/6; or 22/6 the pair: yellow marked cock, lovely feather, son of above, 10/6; buff, ditto, 8/6; approval; stamp: Whenk, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1291)

G. DOWELL, 4, Beer-st., Yeovil, has few pairs good typical Norwich for sale, 1913 bred, cold room, prices from 15/- pair; also few good hens, from 5/- each; all on approval; cash or deposit; or exchange for pedigree Toy Pom. (1252)

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OVERSTOCKED, must clear, ticked buff cock, plenty size and quality, 12/6; clear yellow hen, nice quality, 8/6; clear yellow cock, nice short bird and stout, 12/6; foul-marked green buff hen, nice type, 7/6: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire. (1294)

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CHAMPION Norwich, massive foul green unflighted cock, clear yellow hen to match, 22/; clear yellow cock and clear buff hen, £1: cap-marked buff cock, 12/-; 2 unflighted buff hens, 8/- each; approval, deposit: C. Allen, Naturalist, 18a, Whitcombe-st., Aberdare. (1273)

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Club Reports.

MENAI BRIDGE AND DIST. C.B.S

Committee meeting held Jan. 22, Mr. R. W. Roberts presiding over a well-attended meeting. Present: Treas., A. Jones, A. W. Huxley, W. H. Williams, J. Wilson (Llangoed), J. Jones, W. Williams, W. Jones. The committee has hired the Council School for the forthcoming show (Easter Monday), an ideal room, with plenty of light, free from draughts, and can be heated if required. Seventeen classes in all (2 novices), special in each class, and extra specials in sections. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judge. We hope that North Wales fanciers will give us their best support. Schedules will be ready shortly, and will be sent to all known exhibitors.—W. Nolan, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual meeting held in village schoolroom, Alexandria, Jan. 13. Pres. Donaldson (chair). After wishing those present the compliments of the season, he feelingly referred to the death of Mr. William Taylor, and sec. was requested to write a letter of condolence to his widow. The annual report having been read, showing the membership to be one hundred and six, and the income much greater than any previous year, was unanimously passed. Election of office-bearers: Hon. pres., A. Gilmour; hon. vice-pres., J. W. Bell, Esq., R. Watkinson, Esq.; Pres. Donaldson being of opinion that honours should go round, proposed Vice-Pres. W. B. Gillies as Pres., who, being unanimously appointed, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Donaldson, which was unanimously accorded. Mr. McLean intimated he should like to be relieved of sec. and treasurership, desired another to be appointed; as the meeting refused to appoint another, he consented to act for another year. Messrs. J. Hannay and W. A. Donaldson were appointed auditors, and J. Campbell, A. Clemson (Alexandria), J. Hannah, J. McEwan, Radhill, P. McAdam and G. McColl, Ballach, W. Bennie and J. Roxburgh, Renton, J. McBride and D. McIntyre, Dunbarton, Wm. Bavidson, Helensburgh, as district representatives. Agreed to hold pair Canary show Feb. 16, Messrs. J. Hannah, J. McEwan, and J. Campbell judges Specials were kindly promised as follows: Mr. J. Hannah, best pair Nor.; Mr. A. W. Donaldson, best pair Crests; Mr. J. McEwan, best pair Borders; Mr. J. Campbell, best pair of Scotch Fancies; Mr. P. McAdam, best pair Yorks.; silver medal by secy. to be best pair Canaries. Special by president to second best pair. W. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

ST. JAMES-THE-LESS (Bethnal Green).

Annual general meeting, held in Men's Club, St. James' Road, Jan. 13. The balance-sheet showed £10 in hand; 16 new members were elected: Messrs. A. Sage, J. E. Goldsmith (Hackney), H. Pimm, S. Bromley, H. Castle, T. A. Taylor (Bow), J. Goodwin (Homerton), E. Booth (Old Ford), F. E. May, A. Young, H. Stowers, F. Wiggins (Dalston), E. Kelly (Clapton), Cornish (Bethnal Green), R. W. Ford, L. G. Rhode (Stoke Newington) and the following nominated for membership: G. Hart (Old Ford), G. H. Seamer (Stoke Newington), E. Wood (Dalston) R. Warner (Bow). The executive comprises pres. and treas., Rev. J. L. Watts-Ditchfield, M.A.; chair., Rev. T. H. Falkiner; vice-chair., Mr. W. Godfrey; vice-treas., Mr. G. Longcroft; hon. secs., Messrs. Thos. G. Bransford and F. L. Adams; show sec., Mr. H. Bromley. Messrs. S. Forecast and Bacon were added to the list of vice presidents; committee, Messrs. W. Lazell, F. H. Marhoff, A. W. Vagg, J. Reese, H. Bull, J. Neale, J. Colwell, W. Paffey, C. Brichard, J. Goodwin, E. A. Suter, F. Trew; auditors, J. E. Goldsmith and W. Stevens. During the evening Mr. Geo. Longcroft received a present as a mark of esteem from an appreciative member. Committee meeting Feb. 2nd, young stock show Sept. 19, annual Nov. 21.—Thos. G. Bransford, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

25th annual general meeting, held Hampshire House Club, Hammersmith, Jan. 8. Owing to the wretched night it was not a large gathering of members, but those who faced the elements had plenty to do, also to hear. Sec. read several letters from members, apologising for not being able to attend. Balance-sheet for the past year, and the auditor's report were read. Mr. Gibbons, auditor, said he had never seen such clear and clean books. They were a credit to Mr. Dewhurst, the hon. sec., and to our Society. To cut down expenses it was passed that no balance sheet be printed, but the sec. said that in order that all members should have one he would type some free of charge. A hearty vote of thanks was given for officers' services in the past year. Patrons and officers for ensuing year were elected. Patrons, Leopold de Rothschild, Esq., H. Grey, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.; Pres., Dr. W. Roberts; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Turner; W. G. Gibbons, J. Freeman, J. Bray, H. Peveral, J. C. Warren, R. L. Crisp, T. Crust, J. Dewhurst, T. Jonas, W. J. Lethbridge, W. A. Shepherd, A. J. Lack, W. H. Mugford; chair., H. H. Gibbons; vice, A. J. Lack; hon. treas., J. Turner; hon. vet. surg., H. Grey, M.R.C.V.S.; auditors, W. G. Gibbons, J. Bray; press corres., A. Beavington. Mr. Dewhurst having resigned secretaryship, his son, Mr. J. W. Dewhurst, who had assisted his father so well in the past, was elected, members thinking they were lucky to have such a qualified member to fill such a responsible position. Committee elected: Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Bowell, Messrs. G. Butterfield, T. Annison, T. Yeo, W. S. Bennett, Smith, R. Jonas, Shorratt, F. Knight, T. Stone, Easterling, A. Beavington. Judge for coming shows, J. Robson. The next item was most important. Decided to move to the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, a beautiful large, well-lighted room, lifted with electric light and all modern improvements, with separate committee room. Buses and trams pass the door, and the Tube and Met. Railway are within five minutes. The committee are endeavouring to make this society and the show this year a success, therefore they had to find ways and means. It was proposed to add to the list of special prizes, besides the valuable silver cups, special for most points during the year for the three sections, champion, amateur and novice. That being agreed, Mr. W. G. Gibbons, Mr. T. Crust, Mr. A. Beavington, all guaranteed a silver plated teapot to be won outright. Mr. J. W. Dewhurst, junr., promised a hand-painted diploma for most points during the year, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. These were accepted, amid applause. In presenting the cups and diplomas the chairman made a few encouraging remarks to each winner: Mr. Bennett, Yorks. cup, won outright; Mr. Franz, Crest cup; Mr. Butterfield, Nor. cup; Mrs. Thynne, Foreign cup; Mr. Dewhurst, Buff cup, also cup presented by W. A. Shepherd, Esq. Mr. Bennett won shield for runner-up Yorks. cup. Diplomas: Champ., Mr. Turner, best up Yorks. cup. Diplomas: Champ., Mr. Turner, best in show, Mr. Willers, Nor.; Mrs. Crest, also best in show, Mr. Willers, Nor.; Mrs. Bennett, Yorks., Amat., Mr. Hart; Nor., Mr. Clark; Yorks., Nov., Mrs. Bowell, Yorks.; Mr. A. Beavington, Nor., Mrs. Thynne, For.; Mr. Dewhurst, Brit. These diplomas were all specials given by Mr. J. W. Dewhurst. A hearty vote of thanks to Chairman and Sec. terminated the meeting. The opening of the new quarters will be duly announced.—A. Beavington.

CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

First annual show will be held Feb. 14, at Mr. R. Lawson's, Black House. Judge, Mr. J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 24 classes for Canaries and British birds. Sec. has got a good number of good specials, and we are sure to have a big show. All fanciers are heartily invited to visit our show.—Alf. Dawson, Sec.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Meeting held Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Jan. 28; Mr. Button, chairman, presided. There was only a moderate number present. Decided to hold members' pair show, Feb. 14; birds staged 4 p.m.: members are requested to attend and bring plenty of entries. Fee, 6d. per cage. Points gained at table shows count for Boothroyd cup, and to be decided at open show, under society's special rules. Five new members were proposed and accepted, which is very encouraging and a good start for 1914. Election of officers will take place at this gathering, time permitting.—R. Elliott, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

General meeting held Feb. 2, headquarters; 25 present. Four new members were made, Messrs. Slade, Love, Matson, and Hockley. Our numbers steadily increase at each meeting, which is very satisfactory. Members are very enthusiastic about our first members' show, Kingsland Assembly Hall, Feb. 25. Mr. Martin Cook, Bournemouth, is judging, and 25 classes have been provided; prize-money on sliding scale. We have a hard working band of fanciers, who are all ready to help, and our society's prospects look particularly bright at present. W. L. Page, Hon. Sec.

LEINSTER O.S.

Meeting held Jan. 27, Mr. J. J. Cloke, Esq., chair. Unanimously decided to hold the club's first annual dinner and social at the Four Courts Hotel, Feb. 18. Fanciers desirous of joining the company should notify the hon. sec. at once, as arrangements have to be made for the occasion; tickets, 3/6. Second annual show has been fixed for Oct. 27 and 28 next. The schedule of 1913 will be adhered to, excepting that Field-moulted Linnet and Finch classes will probably be deleted unless guaranteed. Subs. for 1914 are now due.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec., 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

EASTLEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We have made a good start with our new society; members are steadily coming in. We have secured the support of some first-class fanciers, and there is every possibility of making our society a big success. Fanciers will do well by joining.—J. Aldersladé, Sec., 64, Dreshore Road, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEES-SIDE C.B.S

Annual pair and British show held Grangetown Hotel, with some keen competition. Mr. Marwood judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. Entries totalled 115, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

YORKS (10): 1, 2, Rand; 3, Taylor; 4, Fox. NOR. (11): 1, 2, 4, Bibby; 3, Wake. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Appleyard; 4, Gibson. MULING PAIRS: 1, Wake; 2, 4, Wells; 3, Appleyard. HYB. PAIRS (5): 1, Wells; 2, 3, 4, Taylor. GREENF. (6): 1, Appleyard; 2, 3, 4, Smurthwaite. GOLDF. AND BULLF. (6): 1, Hanson; 2, 3, 4, Smurthwaite. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Bibby; 2, 4, Smurthwaite; 3, Hanson. LINNET (11): 1, 2, 3, Appleyard; 4, Smurthwaite. A.O. BRIT. (4): 1, 3, 4, Smurthwaite; 2, Hanson.—Arthur Wake, Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 28, Rochuck Hotel, Mr. J. Davies chair, before a good meeting. Mr. Davies presented Mr. N. Leese with the rose bowl, and hoped he would still continue his winning career. The other specials were given out as well. Decided that we have a pair show next meeting, headquarters, 8, Mr. C. Degg judge. 6d. entry; 2d. per cage, for soc.'s funds. Classification: Nor., Yorks., Muling, Hyb., Goldf., Linnet, A.O.V. Brit. Hardbill, Nor. single, Yorks single. Members please classify from this. Next meeting is the annual meeting, and I want to have the season's working settled up, so kindly all turn up and oblige.—P. L. Barker, Hon. Sec.

WOOD GREEN F.F.A.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 13, brought a most successful year to a close; 30 new members joined during the year, bringing the total to 144. The accounts leave a balance in hand, and assets value £20, but our best asset is the enthusiasm and good feeling amongst the members. During the evening the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. T. Harris, was presented with a cheque as a token of the members' appreciation of his past services. The cups won at the annual show were presented to the winners. The cage birds cup was won by Mr. Higgins. Officers elected:—Pres., A. J. Heinze; chair, A. Brand; vice, H. Betts; Hon. Sec., G. T. Harris; show Secs., Easton Bros., and a strong committee of 18. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Fancy Press for the many favours received during the past year. Members requiring advertisements in our year book please notify sec. at once; subs. for 1914 are due. T. Callegari.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.

Sixth annual general meeting held headquarters, Spencer Hall, Jan. 26, when there was a good muster. Sec. read balance-sheet, which showed a total turnover of £49 14s. 3d. Although having no balance, the society has succeeded in removing the deficit on last year's account, while the assets in cup, staging material, etc., amounted to £19. Besides the grand challenge cup presented by the President, Mr. Geo. A. Touche, M.P., we have been presented with three additional, one to be won outright in 1914, two by Mr. J. P. Ayres, one by Mr. G. E. Weston, while a sign that the society is again flourishing is that 11 members have joined during 1913, with 8 more to start the year (a record for one night). Messrs. G. Ewer, Alton M. Jones, H. Bailey, Langley, H. L. Pennell, W. Sherratt, J. North, and H. Humphreys. Terms of membership are 1/- on nomination, and 3/- subs. For full particulars, apply to Sec., 1, Raydon-st., South Highgate, N. Officers were elected for 1914: Pres., Mr. Geo. A. Touche, M.P.; vice-pres., Mr. C. W. Law; chair, Mr G. Gardiner; vice-chair, Mr. R. T. Dann; treas., Mr. F. Sparks; auditors, Mr. W. Shearer and Mr. W. J. Kent; sec., J. Hyde; asst. sec., Geo. Street; committee, Messrs. J. P. Ayres, Mound, Johnston, W. Knight, Large, Withers, Wills, Bush, Carrington, H. T. Jones, Shakespeare, and A. Knight. J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND YORKS C.C.

Annual meeting held at Workington show, with a very fair attendance; Mr. J. Nixon, chair, when reading of balance-sheet by treasurer finished, a very satisfactory year. The committee of 1913 were re-elected. We have every prospect of a better year, as we have made several new members, and there are a few fanciers desirous of joining. Mr. G. Tweedie won cup for best young bird bred by a member. Mr. F. Coulson secured gold medal most points with three highest birds in champion section, and gold medal for same in novice section went to J. H. Buchanan. Other medal winners are Messrs. Tweedie, Stewart, Coulson, Palmer, Burns, Bostock, and Buchanan. Medals are in hands of makers, and will be despatched immediately they are finished. I shall be very pleased to have the names of any fanciers who wish to join.—J. Huntington, Hon. Sec., 19, Nelson-rd., Maryport.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held "Blythswood Halls," 283, Gt. Western-rd., Jan. 29, Mr. Phillips presiding over a good attendance. Financial statement by sec. was considered satisfactory. The following were elected office bearers for 1914: Pres., Mr. R. B. Gibb; vice-pres., Messrs. P. Houston, P. Thorn; sec. and treas., Wm. Lean, Northbank, Coach-house, Kelvinside Gardens, N.; committee, Messrs. M. Findlay, snr., J. D. Brown, J. G. Adams, G. Cumming, E. Graham, J. Pipnick, J. Phillips, J. Houston, A. Brown; auditors, Messrs. A. Crawford, A. Wilson. Table show next meeting, Feb. 26: Nor. pairs, Yorks., Bord., Scotch Fancy, A.O.V. Canary, Muling pairs, Hybrid pairs; specials for same were given by A. Wilson, P. Thorn, J. G. Adams. Entry fee, 3d. per cage. We give fanciers in the surrounding district a hearty invitation to join us; annual sub. 4/-. Full particulars, apply, Wm. Lean, Northbank, Coach-house, Kelvinside Gardens, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Third annual club show, held Masonic Hall, Jan. 24. Entries, 117, although a little below last year, were of good quality, some well-known winners being present. Mr. G. Histep, Stirling, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY CK.: 1, 2, Menzies; 3, Fotheringham. HEN: 1, Menzies. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, King; 2, Robb; 3, Stewart. HEN: 1, King; 2, Fotheringham; 3, 5, T. Cowan; 4, W. Stewart. BUFF CK.: 1, King; 2, 3, Baxter; 4, Cowan; 5, 6, Stewart. HEN: 1, King; 2, Baxter; 3, Yule. GG. OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Cowan; 4, Stewart; 5, Robb. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Clayton; 2, Holms; 4, Reid; 5, Stewart. HEN: 1, 2, Clayton. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Clayton; 3, Anderson. HEN: 1, Holms; 2, 4, Clayton; 3, Reid; 5, Stewart. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Grewar; 2, Mitchell. HEN: 1, Mitchell; 2, Holms; 3, Smillie; 4, Robb. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Grewar; 2, Smillie; 4, Simpson; 5, Holms. HEN: 1, Grewar; 2, Mitchell. NON-FED: 1, Grewar. CREST: 1, 2, Sneddon; 3, Baxter. C.B.: 1, Sneddon; 2, Baxter. COM. CAN.: 1, Holms; 2, Menzies. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Sinclair. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Yule; 2, Stewart; 3, Cowan; 4, A. Harvey; 5, W. Robb. GREENF.: 1, Robertson; 2, Smillie; 3, Stewart; 4, Stewart; 5, Harvey. LINNET: 1, Harvey; 2, Grewar; 3, Robertson; 4, 5, Stewart; 6, Beattie; 7, 8, Stewart. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Yule; 2, Robertson; 3, Simpson; 4, Beattie; 5, Stewart. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Yule; 2, Robertson; 3, Stewart; 4, Smith; 5, Beattie; 6, Stewart. SOFTBILL: 1, Smith. FOR.: 1, Jamieson; 2, Baxter. NOV. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, Menzies. BORD.: 1, 4, Robb; 2, Yule; 3, Cowan. NOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Simpson. YORKS.: 1, Anderson. BRIT.: 1, Yule; 2, Sinclair; 3, 4, Stewart; 5, Simpson; 6, Beattie. GIFT: 1, Anderson; 2, Baxter; 3, Robb; 4, Reid; 5, Stewart; 6, Holms. J. W. Holms, Sec.

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G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.S.

We have had our general meeting and officers for year 1914 were elected as follows: Pres., J. Helliwell; vice-pres., Dr. Douglas Bell, J. Aroutey, A. Radley, W. Everett, G. Shaw, W. Hutchinson; sec., F. Hampshire; treas., F. Dyson; delegates to Yorks. Union, F. Hampshire, P. Taylor. F. Hampshire, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S

5th annual general meeting held January 20, St. Thomas's Schoolroom, Ardwick. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a good attendance. Secretary presented the report and balance-sheet for 1913, which showed an increase of membership, 52 paid-up members being on the books. Although this has been an expensive year, we were able to carry forward a balance of £3 18s. 4d. After the auditors had given their report, the balance-sheet was passed as read. In the election of officers for 1914 all the members showed a great interest, and this made the voting very keen. The following were elected: Pres., Dr. Twigg; chair, Mr. W. Robinson; vice-pres., Rev. E. E. Gaul, Rev. J. W. Wragg, Dr. J. Kindon, Messrs. W. Downing, H. Boothman, R. Booth, A. E. Long, J. Vint, E. H. Fulcher; treas., Mr. A. E. Thorpe; sec., Mr. J. Spencer; auditors, Messrs. R. Booth, S. Greaves, A. E. Long; committee, Messrs. Greaves, Walshaw, Parish, Holland, Salthouse, Masheder; Press corres., Mr. R. Booth. The date of opening social fixed for Feb. 1st, at St. Thomas's Schools. The committee appointed having met since this will give their report at the next meeting; a good attendance is asked for, as the arrangements are being pushed forward. Table show of Norwich and Yorks. next meeting night. Mr. Boothman judges Norwich, and Mr. Atkinson Yorks. Nor. yell. cock, ditto buff, yell. hen, buff hen, Nor. inflig., Yorks. yell. ck., buff cock, yell. hen, buff hen, Yorks. inflig., A.O.V. Can. Members, rally round and see if we cannot improve on last year's grand report.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

USHAW MOOR (Workmen's) Club.

Monthly meeting, held Jan. 31. Mr. Thos. Hanson presided. Chairman made presentations to late sec. and assist.-sec., now sec., handing to Mr. H. Briggs a silver-mounted walking stick, and a pipe and case to Mr. A. Teasdale. Both kindly responded. Then Mr. Hanson gave some good advice to the members. The one or two who were absent missed a treat.—A. Teasdale, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Jan. 31, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Messrs. Fraser and P. Johnson were admitted to membership. On a motion to consider the question of extending our rodius, it was decided that same be put on the agenda of annual meeting. Decided to pay 3s. per class to member's section of open show. Prize-money paid to members present. Messrs. Swan and Brown elected auditors. Messrs. Brown, Swan, Connerton, and Sec. were appointed as a sub-committee, with a view to arranging a social gathering, or as may be suggested by them. Annual meeting Feb. 14.—John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKS. C.C.

The various competitions were brought to a close at Sunderland Show. Competition has been very keen, and the members are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts to popularise the variety in the north country. Societies having the club's patronage have every reason to be satisfied with the support given to the section, entries averaging about 16 per class throughout the six selected shows. Congratulations also to Mr. T. C. Crawhall on winning points championship the second year in succession with a record number of points. Miss E. E. Pyman (our only lady member) as runner-up for the trophy is deserving of the highest praise. Truly a very fine performance for a first attempt. Mr. M. Wigglesworth won challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member. Mr. W. Thurston won Ramsden's Cup for second best young bird, also Crawhall Cup for most points with three nominated birds, and Mr. Cattell's sp. for two highest birds, same conditions as per cup, a very fine achievement for a novice. Novice trophy was won by Mr. F. Mirley. Points gained in the various competitions: Championship Trophy: T. C. Crawhall 99, Miss E. E. Pyman 88, J. Stewart 75, E. Deighton 70, R. Hattler 41, W. Mather 40, M. Wigglesworth 32, G. Tweedie 17, C. Cattell 14, G. W. Cuthbertson 14, G. O'Hagen 7, H. Lyall 4, S. C. Dix 5. Novice Trophy: F. Mirley 25, W. Thurston 27, I. Smith 26, E. Kennerson 26, J. W. Witherley 20, T. Hedley 18, W. Studholme 12, E. Harrison 6, D. W Scott 3, S. Barrell 2. The Crawhall Cup (open to champion and novice): W. Thurston 27, M. Wigglesworth 21, E. Deighton 16, W. Mather 15, I. Smith 6, J. W. Witherley 3, E. Kennerson 2. Winners of Medals.—Champion Section: Miss E. E. Pyman, gold medal; J. Stewart, gold-centre silver medal. Winners of silver medals for most points with three birds at each of six selected shows: Newcastle, T. C. Crawhall; Hartlepool, Miss Pyman; Blaydon, J. Stewart; Chester-le-Street, E. Deighton; Gateshead, M. Wigglesworth; Sunderland, C. Cattell. Novice section: W. Thurston, gold medal; silver medals, Newcastle, W. Studholme; Hartlepool, E. Kennerson; Blaydon, F. Mirley; Chester-le-Street, I. Smith; Gateshead, W. Thurston; Sunderland, T. Hedley. Mr. Cattell's special for most points gained by a novice over table shows was won by T. Hedley. If any mistakes appear in above list will members please let me know as early as possible? I should like to make an appeal to all fanciers of the Yorkshire variety in the northern district to support our club. The entrance fee is only one shilling, and the annual subscription 2s. 6d. Mr. Crawhall (our president) has intimated to me his intention of returning to the club the value of the trophy he has won this year, so as to give an even larger number of specials to next season's competition. I am myself giving a silver cup for most points over table shows. Anyone desirous of becoming a member please write to me at 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle.—P. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Presentation of members' prizes by Mr. H. H. Towers, Jan. 31, at the Flying Dutchman, before a very large gathering of members and wives and friends. Mr. Towers said he was rather surprised to see the large number of valuable specials, and that he would not take up a lot of time by talking as no doubt those present would prefer to listen to the songs. These were ably given by Messrs. Wilcock, Watson, Birbeck, Medley, and Towers. Mr. T. Elsegood was worth a lot in a recitation entitled "King Robert of Sicily." Everything went off in good order, and all were agreed that they had spent a most enjoyable evening; only one note of sorrow sounded, and that was at the absence of our esteemed friend, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, who was kept away with illness. All present wished him a speedy recovery; he had sent word that though not with us in person he would be with us in mind. The usual votes of thanks having been given, and responded to, brought the evening to a close.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, held Jan. 14. Chairman Mr. Holden presided over a fair attendance. After several letters had been read, the best thanks of the members were given to all those who had helped in our late show, and also Messrs. Lawson and McGuire for washing the stands, etc., previous to the show. Sec. was instructed to write to Mr. and Mrs. Petterson thanking them for the use of a room during the week of our show, and also to Mr. Greason for cutting the timber, etc., to and from the show free gratis. Decided to hold next annual show Dec. 18 and 19. Selection of judges at next meeting. Members please attend. Also decided to have a social evening, and the following members were elected to make arrangements for same: Messrs. Petterson, Hawkins, Rowan, Holden, Greason, Peirson, Welshmey, Almond, and Curry. A meeting of the Social Committee was held Jan. 16 at Mr. Petterson's house, when it was decided that the social take the form of a whist drive and dance in the Bewick Hall, High West Street, Feb. 25, from 7.30 till 1 a.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. single, 2s. 6d. double, including refreshments. We extend a hearty invitation to fanciers, and their wives (or sweethearts), to join us, as we are looking forward to having a jolly time. Tickets can be had from any of the above members. Mr. Tate, Gateshead, was elected a member. As there are a lot of fanciers around our district who are not members of any cage bird society I extend a hearty invitation to them to join, or anyone else who would like to become members of the Palace of the North. Entrance fee, 1s. Annual subs., 2s. 6d. For particulars, etc., apply W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.

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Twitterings.

Will Mr. Philip Fallon please send his full address, so that the book ordered can be sent him.

Windsor one-day open show will be held Oct. 28. Mr. H. Norman has again been engaged to judge.

We hear from Miss Irene Kirk-Bullock, hon. sec., that the date of the 16th annual show of the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 17, 18.

The annual open show of the Oxford C.B.S. has been fixed for Oct. 22, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield; Mr. Robson judge. Will secs. in the neighbourhood please note, and avoid clashing.

Will fanciers please note that W. G. Taylor and F. Wright of Southall have now joined hands, and in future will exhibit as Taylor and Wright, of 128, Regina Road, Southall, Middlesex.

I have sent out over 500 schedules to known fanciers, writes Mr. George Reed, sec., 35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham. Anyone being overlooked can have one by applying.

In Mr. Matthes' report of S.N.P.C. cup competition you give W. Collings, Plymouth, as winner. It should be Devonport, as they are trying to take our birthright from us, writes Mr. W. Collings, Devonport.

Mr. Joiner has resigned the secretaryship of the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S., and Mr. G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove, Portsmouth, has been appointed in his place. All correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. G. F. Crawford, I have been appointed sec. of the South London Col. and Fan. Association, and all correspondence should in future be addressed to me, writes Mr. Geo. Burton, 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E.

For our great open show on Oct. 23 and 24 next, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, secs. Liverpool O.S., we have engaged the services of Messrs. Mundell, Cowgill, J. C. Barnes, C. Houlton, and Geo. Large, who are specialists in the varieties they adjudicate upon.

Brechin C.B.S. have engaged the following well-known fanciers to judge their annual show on Nov. 7, writes Mr. J. Crabb, sec.: Norwich, Mr. E. Barron, Glasgow; Borders, Mr. J. Hamilton, Eskbank; British, Mr. C. Sykes, Musselburgh. With these well-known gentlemen we ought to be assured of a bumping entry.

I have been appointed sec. of the Openshaw, Gorton, and Dist. C.B.S., in succession to Mr. Washbourne, writes Arthur W. Newton, and all correspondence respecting the society should be addressed to me at 165, Ashton Old Road, Ardwick, Manchester. I trust that all members will continue to take the same interest in the future as in the past.

Crested C.C. Meeting at Palace.

The annual general meeting of the Crested C.C. will be held in the Board Room on Saturday, Feb. 7. Agenda:—(1) To receive balance sheet and annual report. (2) Mr. Franz will move that "All birds must wear the closed ring to enable them to compete for all specials and bowls, and that birds must be bred by exhibitor." (3) Mr. G. C. Ley will move the revision of counting points. (4) To discuss ways and means of raising a cup fund, one member having promised £10 if the remaining members will find £40. Lack of interest by the secretary and all the members for not supporting shows better, compels the suggestion that a share out of the fund take place at the annual general meeting. In this case members will regret not attending. Any other business.—J. Tyson, hon. sec.

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In Mr. Bugg's (of Holbeach) advertisement in our last issue, the word Goldfinches should have read Greenfinches.

The following gentlemen have been selected to judge at our annual open show, Nov. 20 and 21, writes Mr. W. Tallantyre, sec. Haltwhistle C.B.S.:—Messrs. W. C. Duncan and T. C. Crawhall, Newcastle, and Mr. A. Holden, Gateshead.

It is with much regret that, owing to the pressure of business, I am compelled to relinquish my position as secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson. Mr. Geo. Cant, 30, Henslow Road, East Dulwich, has been elected to fill the position. I trust that fanciers will extend to him the same kind support that I myself have received during the nine years I have held the position. Mr. Cant is a keen fancier and a hard worker, and I wish him every success in his new post.

OBITUARY.

Miss Richards.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. A. W. Newton, Sec. Openshaw, Gorton, and Dist. Cage Bird Society, I have to inform you of the sad loss sustained by our esteemed member, Mr. T. Richards, who has lost his youngest daughter at the age of 13 years. I feel sure that all fanciers will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Richards and family in their sad bereavement.

"Kindly thank applicants who answered my advert. re Exchange Norwich for Yorkshire Pair. I had so many replies that I could only answer those who enclosed stamp."—J. W. DALZELL (Oldham).

Something New in Parrots.

I think it would interest readers to know, writes Mr. B. J. Moore, that Mrs. B. J. Moore is showing a Sallé's Amazon at the Crystal Palace bird show; this Parrot has not been seen on the show bench before, we believe.

Sale of Noted Norwich.

I have sold my champion yellow cock, winner of eight 1sts this show season, including 1st and best Norwich at the Scottish National, to Mr. Crawshaw of Accrington. I wish him every success.—W. McGinn, Walker-on-Lyne.

Clashing of Shows in Scotland.

We have fixed our show date for the first Saturday in November, a date on which we have held our show for the last 14 years, writes Mr. J. Lindsay, hon. sec. Markinch C.B.S., yet I see by your show dates fixed that Kelty and Blairadam have fixed their show for the same date, which we consider will be good for neither.

Two George Browns in one Town.

I notice in the Border Fancy advertisement column, writes Mr. Geo. Brown, 8, Elm Place, Leith, an advertiser named George Brown, 8, Springfield Street, Leith, and, as I have been asked several times if it is myself, I would feel greatly obliged if you would put in "Twitterings" that I have no connection with that gentleman.

Thirteen Years in a Cage and Still Happy.

One of the features of the recent Pair Show held by the City and Suburban A.C.B. was a thirteen years-old Goldfinch exhibited by Mr. W. Clark, which gained vhc and a special for the best vhc in seven classes. This bird was in lovely plumage, and in the pink of health, and but for the scales upon its feet might have gone higher. The pity of it is, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., that a few of those who decry the keeping of birds in captivity were not there to see for themselves how happy he was after all those years, for it certainly would have given them food for reflection.

Charity Show at Leicester.

The second annual charity show of the Leicester Hand in Hand and Leicester C.B. Societies will be held Feb. 14, at Vaughan's Working men's College. We hope fanciers in the county of Leicester will give their support to make the show a success by sending as many entries as possible, write Messrs. Hardbattle and Freestone, hon. secs., 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester. Schedules will be posted to any address on receipt of a post card. Prizes will be awarded from the entry fees (3d. per cage) on a sliding scale, and all the gate money will be handed to the funds of the Leicester Children's Hospital. It is with confidence we make this appeal to the Leicestershire fanciers to show their appreciation of the grand institution which does so much for the suffering.

"I had 20 replies to my advert. Have sold out, and am still receiving letters."—T. H. V. HAYTER (Beeston).

"Kindly thank all those replying to my advertisement. I have had over 40 replies, and it has been impossible or me to answer every one."—F. JAMES (Netherfield).

OUR BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

We have now for sale a few copies of the recent phenomenally successful Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, complete with illustrated Supplement and Coloured Plates, so that

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by sending stamps or postal order to the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Early application should be made, as the supply is very limited.

A grand Birthday Number.—A. E. Draeup (Nottingham).

Your Birthday Number is indeed grand.—W. Schofield (Ipswich).

Please accept my congratulations for the fine Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS.—A. Herbert (Leyton).

Allow me to congratulate you upon the Birthday Number; it was magnificent.—M. Ogden (Durham).

Was very pleased with Birthday Number. It was grand.—H. R. Gadd (Saxmundham).

I wish your Birthday Number every success. The plates are splendid. F. J. Beers (Ystrad Rhondda).

May I be allowed to congratulate you on such a superb Birthday Number? Wishing you and CAGE BIRDS a very prosperous New Year.—Winnie Lashbrook (Sidmouth).

You are to be congratulated upon your Birthday issue—it was simply delightful. You promise your readers a "treat," and you apparently spare no pains in order to accomplish that end.—D. E. Judd (Enfield).

Many thanks for the beautiful calendar given with your Christmas Number. I have your Birthday Number to hand, and I am sure it surpasses any of the bumper numbers you have given us yet. The plates are exquisite.—Harold F. Kettlewell (Snaith).

I must say this, that your Birthday Number surpasses all previous numbers in excellence, in anything pertaining to bird topics. Enclosed find stamp for a few advt. forms: if you like you can send a few Calendars, which I can distribute. W. Clough (Sutton Mill).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.** (G. Broome, 39, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21. **Torbay O.S., Paignton.**—(J. N. Jeffrey, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.C.

Oct. 21-22. **L. and P.O.S.** (C. W. Law, Brimley Ho., Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).

Oct. 23-24, **Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24. **Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29. **Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 30-31.—**Machester and N.C.O.S.**—(W. H. Tansey, 24, Westmorland St., Harpurhey.)

Nov. 4-5. **Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idaho, Oakland Avenue.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7. **Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.)

Nov. 7. **Winsford C.B.S.** (S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Rd.) J.R.

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 17.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18-19. **Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 20-21. **Haltwhistle C.B.S.** (W. Tallantyre, South View, W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21. **Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tinsmore St., Effingham St.)

Dec. 5. **Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Oct. 31. **Buckhaven C.B.S.** (W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Nov. 7. **Bo'ness.** (T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7. **Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 7. **Brechin C.B.S.** (J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14. **Hamilton Cadzow Oak.** (W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 28. **Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19. **Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Cradock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28. **Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

THE GREAT CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

"CAGE BIRDS" SPECIAL PRIZES.

To deal with points which may arise out of the judging for, or awards made in, our Championship Competition at the Palace Show, a special committee of four well-known fanciers has been appointed, and the decisions they arrive at will be final. Any protests, or claims, etc., must be lodged with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS by first post Monday next (Feb. 9th) (or be left at CAGE BIRDS' stall) or they will be too late to receive consideration. The awards made will be (of course) subject to scrutiny.

Our novice rule, we should like to point out, applies to each section (i.e., Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign) separately, and does not mean, for instance, that a champion in Foreign birds must be a champion in Canaries: this, of course, is understood by the Manager of the Palace Show; the novice rule at this fixture is, in fact, in effect the same as our own.

PORTRAITS OF WINNERS.

Exhibitors who wish to have their birds (winners or otherwise) at the Palace show sketched by one of our artists (Mr. Norman or Mr. Goodchild) should notify the attendant at CAGE BIRDS' stall, who will give terms and all particulars; or write or telegraph to us direct to our offices (telegrams, "Aviculture, London").

"CAGE BIRDS" STALL.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in the usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures and addresses therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge. If you do not happen to see what you want, ask our attendant for it.

ROUTES FOR VISITORS AND EXHIBITORS.

For convenience of visitors and exhibiters, we append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

MOTOR 'BUS, Service No. 3, runs from Camden Town (Tube) Station, right to the Crystal Palace. It can be joined at the junction of Hampstead and Tottenham Court Roads (convenient for Euston, St. Pancras, King's Cross, Baker Street, and Marylebone stations), at Charing Cross, Kennington Road, Brixton Station, and any other place en route. This 'bus service affords an excellent opportunity of getting reasonably sized packages of birds to or from the Palace.

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.).—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.).—Bakerloo tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria, and thence via London and Brighton (Low Level) or Chatham (High Level) Railways.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.). Passengers stopping at Willesden at or about two o'clock should enquire if there is a train due for the Palace, as it is possible to save an hour or more this way.

ST. PANCRAS (M.R.). & KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.), Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge, and thence via the London and Brighton Railway to the Palace.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.).—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.).—Take half-penny car to Elephant and Castle (or the Bakerloo tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge. Rail direct to the Palace from these stations, which offer, perhaps, the best means of reaching it.

Direct trains to the Palace also run frequently from Clapham Junction.

ADDITIONAL RAILWAY EXCURSIONS.

Since last week's issue went to press, we have received notice of the following excursions running into London on the dates of the Palace Show:—

LANCASHIRE AND YORKS. RAILWAY.—Sowerby Bridge and stations to Todmorden, also Colne, Nelson, Burnley, Accrington, Great Harwood, Clitheroe, Blackburn, Darwen, Bolton, Salford, Bacup, Rawtenstall, Bury, Rochdale, Southport, Wigan, Swinton, Shaw, Oldham, Manchester, and stations in the vicinity of the above, for 1, 3, 4, or 6 days, on Friday night. On Saturday morning, excursion for 1, 3, 4, or 6 days from Clitheroe, Blackburn, Darwen, Bolton, Preston, Southport, Wigan, Burnley, Accrington, Bury, Todmorden, Rochdale, Oldham, Ashton, Manchester, and stations in the vicinity of the above.

CAMBRIAN RAILWAY.—On Saturday, for 3, 4, or 6 days, from Pwllheli, Criccieth, Portmadoc, Harlech, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Aberdovey, Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, Brecon, Builth Wells, Newtown, Montgomery, Llanfyllin, Oswestry, Wrexham, Ellesmere, and stations in the vicinity of the above.

GREAT NORTHERN.—On Saturday, half-day Stamford, Essendine, Grantham. Half and one day, Nottingham, Sleaford, Ancaster, and neighbourhood. One day, Doncaster, Retford, Grimsby, Skegness, Boston, Lincoln, Sleaford, and neighbourhood, York, Selby, Newark, Derby, Ilkeston.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN.—On Friday night or Saturday for 1, 3, 4, or 6 days, from Liverpool, Birkenhead, Chester, Southport, St. Helens, Prescot, Runcorn Widnes, Wigan, Warrington, Crewe, Nantwich, Stafford, and stations in the vicinity of the above. On Saturday, for 3, 4, or 6 days, from Holyhead, Bangor, Llandudno, Rhyl, Denbigh, Llanrwst, and stations in the neighbourhood.

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe ☘

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 49.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

A TUTOR of the same strain as your own birds is desirable, but it is not always convenient to obtain such a teacher, and the next best substitute has to be given a trial. You will only require one schoolmaster, and this will be quite sufficient to teach any number of young cocks that could be placed in an average-sized bird room, or, to be more exact, say a room eight or nine feet square, and there are not many rooms of more than this size devoted entirely to the purpose. I mention this because you may hear some advocate the use of a tutor to every six or nine young cocks. The idea is a capital one, but where may we obtain the number of birds good enough to act as tutors? Not from amongst one breeder's stud. He has only one, his best singer, and this one he will use for the purpose, if he wishes to give the youngsters the best tuition; a condition that should appeal to all.

In other cases want of success may be traced to the unsuitableness of the song that is bred in the hen to blend with the song of the cock she is mated to. It is not often we see any discussion taking place on the subject where the hen is concerned. The average fancier is too reticent, yet he knows that it is one of an equal importance to the choosing of the cock bird. As a rule he does not make a rule of purchasing hens unless he is certain that he can obtain better quality than that he has already. He prefers to improve the quality of his own hens, and selects a sufficient number for his own purpose from amongst those that are the closest related to his best singers. Or again, he may have bred good quality birds, and by retaining only those that come up to the required standard, he knows exactly the tours and the way of singing those tours that are bred in them. In purchasing new blood he will introduce it on the cock side, as this will in some instances save time and disappointment. From the quality of the cock's song he knows whether it is short, or broken, or on the other hand well connected and of sufficient merit to warrant it being mated to his own hens.

The Value of the Ladies.

This subject reminds me of a double question I was asked a short time ago. It was—What is a reasonable price to give for a good Roller hen canary; and why do the prices vary for hens represented to be all of one strain, and coming from the same breeder's room? It seemed a very simple question to ask, yet how like some of the questions from the younger generation. My thoughts went at once to a loft of famous flying Homers. The notable birds in this loft were of a peculiar colour and could be traced back to one particular hen. In another case connected with our hobby, a Roller hen was picked up accidentally and obtained at the price of a common hen, and this hen bred numerous winners for its owner. Hens such as these are worth their weight in gold, but they are exceptions, and not of everyday occurrence.

In replying to the first question I answered: "There are good birds, and good birds; one hen could be purchased for 3s. or 4s. and be a good bird in its own class. You would pay 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s. or even £1 1s. for a hen, and yet each one may be put at a reasonable price for its quality; but in answering your next question about the different prices asked for birds of one strain, you will better understand the why and wherefore if I quote you instances of two cocks, A and B. As a young bird A won numerous prizes, as a yearling he bred youngsters, and was left with the hens from the time they were paired until they commenced to sit. The show season came again, and A was again amongst the prizes, to be followed by another season in the breeding cage; was again on the show bench and was still able to win. B was bred and owned by a fancier who could not tell one tour from another, and won time after time as a young bird; it was used for breeding; was again on the show bench, winning every time out, with one exception, and afterwards again in the breeding cage. They are both alive, and the song of B is I believe no worse than what it was when the bird had finished its first year's breeding. Now you will agree that hens bred from these two cocks are worth more money to a breeder than those that are bred from a cock that can only win on the show bench as a youngster. After the first year its song may deteriorate, yet it may still be useful as a breeder, but are hens bred from this cock worth as much as those from A and B?"

Classical Songsters; and Others.

My questioner had not looked at the matter from this point of view, and was inclined to think they were exceptions; they were not, and I was willing to quote him numerous other instances. This discussion will appeal to the novice, as also will the following one that appeared of late in the Fancy Press: "What is a reasonable price to pay for a good Roller cock?" The writer said it was a simple question to ask, yet up to the time of my writing this, no one has answered the query. I am in the habit of writing literally, meaning what I say, nothing more, nothing less, and I should regret very much indeed if any should misconstrue my meaning; and so I take it that this question was asked in all good faith. Yet it was incomplete, inasmuch that the purpose for which this good Roller cock was intended was not stated.

If a classical bird was meant, then a good price can be obtained for these birds at all times during the year, and the price may vary according to the value set on it by its owner. I could quote instances where a bird has been sold for £3, whereas another of similar merits has fetched £6, showing that a great deal depends on the demand, and whether the owner is really anxious to sell.

This variegated Yorkshire cock is a member of the excellent stud owned by Messrs. Forse & Son, of Leyton, and secured first prize at Leytonstone.

In another instance a bird was claimed on the show bench at £10. The buyer at the time thought it was not worth so much, yet it suited his requirements.

The prices of cocks of a moderate quality, or cheap birds, will fluctuate according to the season of the year, and will be the cheapest between September and December. The imported German birds are divided into three classes. Birds of Class 1 are sold at about 12s. 6d.; 2, at about 10s. 6d.; and 3, at about 7s. 6d., while contest birds can be purchased from 30s. upwards. After December the prices will advance, and it is only under exceptional circumstances that birds can be got from our breeders in the breeding season, because it is usual to dispose of the surplus stock before the breeding commences.

(To be continued.)

A GROUP OF BEAUTIES FROM FOREIGN CLIMES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(Continued from page 49.)

An article specially written round Mr. Goodchild's charming coloured plate published with our Birthday Issue Jan. 17.

Red Sunbird (*Aethopyga scheriae*).

THIS lovely "feathered exquisite" is a native of the Himalayas, ranging up to 7,000ft. in the summer, and is found at lower altitudes at all seasons. This species is the Himalayan Yellow-backed Sunbird of Oates, and the Himalayan Red Honey-Sucker of Jerdon. With the coloured figure on our plate for reference, I shall not describe the male in detail, but merely remark that the closed wings cover up the rump, bright yellow; and upper tail-coverts, metallic green. The female is dull green above, variegated with dark ashy on the crown, and suffused with russet-yellow on the back and upper tail-coverts; chin, throat and upper breast, crimson; remainder of lower plumage, pale russet-yellow on sides body, neck and throat, and pale greenish-grey in centre of body from lower breast to vent.

Mr. Ezra's beautiful specimen of this species will be well known to most of my readers, and his success in keeping them is well known, so I cannot do better than give here his methods of treatment. All his Sunbirds are kept in roomy cages in a large bright room, which is kept at an even temperature of about 60 degrees F. They are fed on syrup, fruit (mostly grapes) and they get tiny green flies (blight). The syrup consists of Mellin's Food, Nestle's milk, and honey, a teaspoonful of each in a cupful of boiling water. Sometimes Horlick's Malted Milk is used instead of Nestle's. The beautiful condition of Mr. Ezra's specimens, when on exhibit, are an eloquent testimony that the treatment cannot be well improved upon, though different aviculturists may vary the ingredients of the syrup a little.

From a Paris correspondent I received a letter by the same post as the request for this article. He has no less than nine species of Sunbirds, three species of Sugarbirds, and Indian White-eyes, all flying together in a large indoor aviary—two pairs of some of the species, and included in the series is a Red Sunbird, in which the rich crimson of the male has become a brick-red; of course, at the next moult the former brilliance may return, but time alone will show.

The Rainbow Bunting (*Cyanospiza leclancheri*).

When I state that the genus *Cyanospiza* includes the well-known Nonpareil and Indigo Buntings, as well as the subject of these notes, and others equally beautiful, yet new to aviculture, it will readily be understood what a fine group they form. The Rainbow Bunting has all the gorgeousness of a Tanager, yet only requires the simple dietary of a Finch, or, to use a common term, a hard-bill.

Mrs. K. Leslie Miller possessed the first living specimen of this species; it came into her possession in April, 1909, and was first exhibited by her at the Horticultural Hall, in November of the same year, where its exquisite beauty took all bird-lovers by storm. The chaste harmony of its soft coloured, yet rainbow-hued, garment, is not surpassed by any other species. During the later portion of last year quite a few of them were on the market, and a fair number of fanciers now possess a specimen.

Mr. C. W. Beebe, Curator of Ornithology at the New York Zoo, met with it in its native haunts, and in his fascinating book, "Two Bird Lovers in Mexico," he thus describes his experience:—"The most beautiful of all small birds was a Bunting. We christened him the Rainbow Bunting, but the books call him the Leclancher Bunting. These little Finches flitted through the underbrush in pairs, searching for insects and seeds among the leaves, or mounting to the top of a small bush and giving voice to their joy in a little ditty, the attempt at which was most to be admired, for the twittering ended in promise. Their beauty and vivacity evade all description. A photograph would convey nothing of their charm.

(To be continued.)

THE ART OF STAGING BRITISH BIRDS.

By C. PRIOR (Ropley).

(Concluded from page 49.)

THE specifications for an ideal show cage then, to accommodate any British seedeater except Hawfinch or Corn Bunting, may be summarised approximately as follows:—Body of cage: Height, 10in.; length, 11in.; width, 5in. or 5½in. Seed trough (right hand end of cage): Height, 1in.; width, 1¼in. to 1½in.; thickness, ⅜in. to ½in. Perches (of thickness to fit the foot): 3½in. from left end, 3½in. apart, 3in. up. Front: (entirely detachable in one piece): Top rail, ½in. wide; bottom rail, 1½in. wide; wires, ⅜in. to ⅝in. apart, 16 or 17 gauge; drinking hole between second and third wire at right hand end of cage; cross bar (punched) 3in. from bottom, otherwise 1½in. from top of bottom rail. Colour: Inside and front, holly or emerald green, or any intermediate shade; outside black. These dimensions will require to be increased to accommodate the big fellows, and this must always be done without losing sight of proportionateness.

Cagemakers nowadays have abandoned the old attitude of passive resistance to improvements, and have brought themselves right into line with modern requirements. Any up-to-date cagemaker will undertake to turn out the correct article in workmanlike style at a quite moderate figure, while some of the more enterprising ones keep exactly what you want in stock. Indeed, one well known London firm recently confided to me that they regarded the advertisement gained by stamping the backs of their show cages with their name and address as part of the profit on that particular line; and deplored, surely not without justice, the strange lapse of courtesy which led some exhibitors to efface their stamp. The old difficulty of getting proper show cages other than by making them at home being thus no longer existent, there is now less excuse than ever for slipshod methods in staging.

So far this article has dealt mainly with the staging of British seedeaters. The insectivorous species, particularly the small and delicately plumaged ones, offer an entirely different proposition, and the near approach to standardization towards which the staging of hardbills is heading is quite out of the question where softbills are concerned. The relative disparity in size between, for instance, a Nightingale and a Treecreeper, is not much greater than that between a Linnet and a Siskin; but whereas, with a possible modification in the thickness of the perches, the same show cage will do service for either of the last named, it would be impossible to contrive a show cage which would be equally as suitable to the Treecreeper as to the Nightingale.

It is not my intention to make any attempt to solve the problem of staging the small Softbills to the best advantage; this is clearly a subject that lends itself, more than any other branch of exhibiting, to the exercise of individual talent. I will not presume to expound an art which I have never practised, so what follows under this heading will take the form of suggestion rather than the advocacy of concrete principles.

The skill and patience required to bring these lovely little pets to the show bench in perfect condition and health—as brought they are—is proof of enthusiasm on the part of their owners worthy of the highest meed of praise. Such enthusiasm will assuredly not falter at the task of working out every detail that leads to the final consummation—a perfectly staged exhibit. Even the temperament of the individual specimens is taken into account, and occasionally what appears to be an unsuitable show-cage has to be employed, for the good and sufficient reason that the occupant declines to make itself at home in any other. The aspiring novice cannot do better than to visit one or two of the leading exhibitions and mark, learn and inwardly digest the object lessons there on view of the highest practice of the art.

As with Hardbills, the axiom relating to proportionateness of dimensions may confidently be advanced for consideration in planning show-cages for Softbills. The same range of colours will be found difficult to improve upon. An even wider range of diversity presents itself in the matter of perches, both as regards manufacture and material. The dominating feature of the whole scheme will be the substitution of artifices copied from nature in place of the usual mechanical fittings when these latter fail to do justice to the subject—and only then.

The practice of decorating the cage with an artistic rendering of the environments of the species in the wild state is in every way commendable, providing it does not hinder the bird's movements and a free and uninterrupted view of them. As a work of art the exhibit will appeal tremendously to the visitors, and it will be appreciated by the judge, but the merits of the bird, and his facilities for displaying them to that much abused individual will determine the position it is to occupy in the prize list.

That is the note which the closing lines of this article will echo. Its endeavour has been to differentiate between what is desirable in staging in order to enable a good specimen to do himself justice, and what is inimical to that end. Do not let it be imagined that good staging is sufficient by itself to lift a bird to the top of his class. It is not. On the other hand do not let it be overlooked that careless staging will almost inevitably hold a good bird back.

The Birds of Flamborough Headland.

By J. FEW (Wigan).

STANDING on the high chalk cliffs of Bempton in June last, and taking a glance in every direction, I was surprised to find no trace of its feathered inhabitants. In order to get a more comprehensive view, I advanced as near to the edge of the awe-inspiring perpendicular sea wall as I dare with a strong wind blowing from the land, and, with the aid of field-glasses, I made a searching survey northwards and southwards of the cliffs and then of the waters of the North Sea, where I naturally expected to find some birds fishing. The result was the same; not a solitary example being in evidence.

Very strange! Is this really the nesting haunt of the countless hosts of sea-fowl of the Flamborough headland, which has been famous for centuries? If so, where are the birds? Is it possible that they have all returned home and are ensconced from the gale and from sight in front of the cliffs? These queries flashed through my mind.

What are these small holes in the turf about every yard or so? Undoubtedly they are the prints of the iron spikes used by the intrepid rock climbers. So without more ado I get down on my hands and knees and crawl to within about two yards of the edge of the cliff. Then, lying flat down, so as to incur no risk of being blown over and precipitated more than 400 feet into the sea below, I gradually draw myself nearer and nearer the edge, till at last I peer over. What an extraordinary sight! Myriads of sea-fowl: the ledges and crannies of the great wall crowded; the air immediately in front of the cliffs alive with tens of thousands; and below, deep down, on the surface of the water an innumerable throng of floating birds.

The hordes of quaint-looking Auks arrive during the months of April and May, and after breeding return to the open sea accompanied by their young, finally quitting the neighbourhood about the end of August. They do not come ashore again till the next breeding-season, most of the birds spending the winter months on the Atlantic Ocean, while some frequent the inland seas.

"The seabirds that by night
Sleep on the dull dark ocean, by day
Float on the sunny billows, and they see
Where'er they go the self same images,
The sun's white glory far within the deep,
And the blue vale of water 'twixt the waves,
Ever the same, yet ever chang'd: no mark,
No sign, whereon to fix a local love."—*Faber.*

The Common Guillemot is unquestionably the main item in the bird life of the cliffs, there being row upon row and tier upon tier of this species, with here and there, on separate ledges and crannies, Razorbills with their darker mantles, white-cheeked Puffins with exceedingly thick orange-red bills, and legs and feet of the same colour, beautiful grey-and-white adult Herring Gulls and Rock and Stock Doves with their shining iridescent necks. The whole forms a splendid avian spectacle—with the background of pure chalk and tufts of green here and there, where vegetation has found a footing—that gives one pleasure to look upon.

An animated scene is this when the birds are on the wing. Common Guillemots in tens of thousands; Puffins and Razorbills in abundance; Carrion Crows and Jackdaws; Cormorants, easily identified by their larger size; Herring and Kittiwake Gulls, very conspicuous amongst the dark-mantled birds; and Stock and Rock Doves, the latter species being readily distinguished by the white patch on the croup. Then below this immense swarm are myriads of birds on the white-crested waves of the brilliant blue waters of the North Sea.

(To be continued.)

HEN BEARDED TIT.

Winner of 3rd prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Miss J. A. E. Smyth, of Catford. It will be noticed that the hen lacks the black "moustaches" which are so marked a feature of the male bird.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Pair show held Jan. 31, at the Mail Coach Inn. The entry was very good, 45 pairs being put down by 11 members. Norwich classes were very well filled, some very promising stock being put down by Mr. Bagnell and Mr. Stafford, who claimed the first three awards. Mr Brotherton put down some nice stock pairs in Yorkshires. Mr. Jones showed some very fine Britishs. Mr. J. Warrender, of Hoyland, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. CK., BUFF HEN (3): 1, Brotherton; 2, Bagnell; 3, Stringer. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Brotherton; 2, Stringer. YELL. NOR. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, 2, Bagnell; 3, Stafford; 4, the, A. Hunt; he, Stafford; c, Stringer. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Bagnell; 3, Stafford; 4 vhc, Webster; he, Stringer; c, Turner. YELL. YORKS. CK. (2): 1, Brotherton; 2, Bagnell. CLASS 6: 1, Brotherton. CLASS 7 (2): 1, Webster; 2, Taylor BUFF NOR. COCK (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Brotherton; 3, Turner; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Taylor. MULE'NG PAIR: 1, Brotherton. BUFF OR BFLLF.: 1, 2, 3, Jones; 4, Bagnell. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Brotherton; 4, Bagnell. J. Taylor, and Bailey, secs.

PARKHEAD NEW C.B.S.

First meeting, held in I.L.P. Halls, Ewan Place, Jan. 29. Mr. W Henderson presided over a well-attended meeting. Office-bearers elected: Pres., Mr. W. Henderson; Vice-pres., Mr. W. King; Sec., Mr. M. Kean; Committee, Messrs. W. McLaren, T. Stewart, J McAlean, R. Somers, A Whitelaw, T. Tennant, J Irvine. We enrolled 20 members, a very good beginning, and I may venture to say that by our next meeting our membership will be doubled, as the applications are flowing in freely. Badi is was settled to be three miles from Parkhead Cross. Meetings will be held in the I.L.P. Halls, Ewan Place, Parkhead, last Thursday of each month, at 7.45. We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers inside the radius to join our new club; no dealers eligible. For full particulars apply to Matthew Kean, Secretary, 1238 Duke Street, Parkhead Cross. [Please write on one side of the paper only. Ed.]

RAWTENSTALL F.S.

The next show and meeting will be held Feb. 6, at headquarters, Mission Room, Hall Street, Rawtenstall, at 7.30. A.V. cock, ditto hen, A.V. Brit., cock or hen. Judge, Mr. John Rukin. All rare bird fanciers in the district are cordially invited to be members, and make the cage bird section a strong one. Herbert Kershaw, Sec.

DON'T MISS
NEXT WEEK'S "CAGE BIRDS."

PENDLEBURY & SWINTON S.C.

Meeting held Jan. 29. Mr. G. Judson was elected Pres.; Messrs. W. Lloyd and T. Sharples, Vice-pres.; Mr. J. B. Dixon, treas.; Committee, Messrs. Tate, J. Jackson, Robinson, Hall. Decided the rules brought forward by the Secretary be accepted, and that we give the novices an idea of a Linnet sing at next meeting, anyone to bring a bird, no prize money.—Alex. Donnelly, 70, Cheetham Rd., Swinton.

MARKINCH P.P. AND C.B.S.

General meeting, held Lister's Rooms. Sec. gave his report of recent show. Balance-sheet was read, and found to be very satisfactory, and a good balance left on hand after one of our most successful shows. Mr. Geo. Mitchel, late sec., was appointed chairman, and Mr. David Summers vice-chair, Mr. John Lindsay sec., and Mr. Jas. Thomson assist. sec., Mr. A. Dewar treas.; the rest of the committee were all re-elected. Next show date fixed for first Sat. in Nov., a date on which we have held our show for the last 14 years, and yet I see by your show dates fixed that Kelty and Bairadam have fixed their show date for the same Saturday, which we consider will be good for neither. John Lindsay.

LONDON C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held "El Vino," Jan 27; pres., Mr. R. L. Crisp chair. There was a good attendance. Votes of thanks were accorded to the officers for their services for the past year. Sec. reported on the last year's work, etc., and read balance-sheet; this was agreed to stand over till next meeting, the secretary stating that he hoped to have the accounts duly audited and a balance-sheet sent to each member. Result of election of officers: Pres., Mr. R. L. Crisp; chair, Mr. J. Robson; auditors, Messrs. Cook and Boxall; treas., Mr. T. R. Trower; hon. sec., Mr. Jas. Bray, junr. The names of the committee will be published at next meeting, as several of the elected were not present, and the sec., in consequence, had to notify same. Diplomas, awards of merit, and prize cards were distributed by the president to winners. The remainder of the evening was taken up with the revision of the rules. Owing to the date of the next meeting falling on one of the days of the Palace show, it was agreed to postpone same till the second Tues. in March Committee meeting, third Tues. in Feb. The L.C.B.A. annual dinner, held in conjunction with the F.B.E.L. and N.B.H. and M.C., will take place Feb 9, at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-st. It is hoped all members will endeavour to be present. A cordial invitation is offered to all visitors and friends. Tickets can be obtained from Mr. John Tyson, 169, Sloane-st. (4/6 each). After a vote of thanks to chairman, meeting was adjourned till next meeting night.—F. Knight, Press Corres.

BARRY F. AND F.S.

First annual meeting, held headquarters, Bosser's Restaurant, Holton Road, Barry Dock, Jan. 6. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chair, Mr. W. W. Marshall; vice-chair, Mr. W. P. Greenham; treas., Mr. F. Edmonds; committee, Messrs. W. Shead, J. Channings, W. Mote, H. Olney, F. Matravers, W. L. Scandrell, and A. Woodruffe. It has been arranged to have a series of short lectures and table shows at our monthly meetings; next meeting Feb. 7, 7.30. After ordinary business has been transacted the public are heartily welcomed.—H. P. Thomas, Sec., Coldbrook Road, Cadoxton.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 28, Lamb Hotel. President, Mr. W. W. Theobald, chair, with a good attendance. In presenting the annual report and balance sheet, the hon. sec. said that on the whole the year had been a successful one, the average attendance at the meetings had been kept up, and although the annual pair show was down in numbers, the F.F. show was very good, both in quantity and quality. He appealed to the novices to come out of their shells, and to attend the meetings and shows more. The great event of the year, viz., the open show, had been from an exhibition point of view a very great success, although the numbers were about 100 down on the previous year, quality was everything that could be desired. Referring to the balance sheet, he regretted that there was a considerable adverse balance, and some scheme would have to be found for wiping it off. The expenses of the society were cut to the finest point, and it was unfortunate that owing to circumstances over which we had no control we have not made ends meet. The auditors having spoken of the excellent manner in which the accounts of the society were kept, and several questions answered, balance sheet was passed as read. According to rules, all officers retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. The president was again elected, and the Sec. read a letter he had received from Mr. Lewis, who for the last two years had successfully guided the society, that he did not wish to be elected to any office this year. The following were elected: Chair, Mr. J. Madagan; vice-chair, Mr. L. Short; auditors, Messrs. G. Stevens and J. Houghton; assist. hon. sec. and show manager, Mr W. Ponnsett; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. A. S. Treasure. Upon a further discussion on the deficit, it was decided to have a dance, and whip round, the president promising a guinea towards it. Annual pair show will be held Feb. 28. The dance will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 9, and it is hoped that all members will attend, and also do their best to sell tickets. —A. S. Treasure.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 31, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester. Mr. Warring presided over a moderate number. Six new members were elected, and balance-sheet, which shows a balance of £13 1ss. 6d., was adopted. Election of officers took place; Mr. Warring was re-elected pres.; Messrs Massey, Kilshaw, Leach, Foulds, and Brooks, vice-pres.; Mr. A. Percival re-elected sec. and treas.; Messrs. McKown and Kilshaw, auditors. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers. A dinner was arranged for March 28, when members can bring ladies; more details next month. Members are requested to keep this date open, when medals and cups will be presented. Considering the importance of the meeting, it is regrettable that so few turned up. It is hoped that much better attendances of members will be evidenced during the coming year. A hearty vote of thanks to the president brought an enjoyable meeting to an end. A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held at headquarters on Jan. 27, Mr. L. J. Richardson chair. The attendance was not so large as it ought to have been, especially the most important meeting of the year. Sec. read correspondence, which included the resignations of several members, which were accepted with regret. Several fanciers wrote wishing to become members, and were duly elected. Letter was read from the sec. of the London Federation of C.B. Societies notifying its reconstruction, and inviting the society to rejoin. After discussion it was decided that we rejoin the Federation. Balance-sheet for 1913 was brought forward, and adopted as correct. Officers for 1914 elected as follows: Patrons, Fred Hall, Esq., M.P., A. Laing, Esq.; pres., J. B. Crowe, Esq., vice-pres., Messrs. J. W. Cranfield, E. S. Lugg, J. Robson, A. Silver, J. B. Waterman, C. H. Whitlock; hon. solicitor, H. R. B. Tweed, Esq.; hon. auditors, Mr. F. Cole, Mr. W. Hodson; hon. treas., Mr. Geo. Cant. Ballot for committee resulted as follows: Messrs. C. Austin, F. Cole, J. Carpenter, J. S. Fairman, C. H. Grendell, W. Hodson, J. Hazell, M. Pratt, L. J. Richardson, D. Reeks, H. W. Tomsett; sec., Mr. G. Cant. Mr. J. S. Fairman brought forward a proposal that the secretary be paid a sum of not less than £2 per year; this was seconded by Mr. Reeks, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Mr. Hodson for services rendered to the club as sec. for the past nine years, who, owing to business arrangements, found himself unable to fill the position again this year. Vote of thanks to Chair closed the meeting.—W. Hodson.

Correspondence.

A Stolen Yorkshire Recovered.

Sir, I have had the good fortune of finding my Yorkshire hen which was stolen at Merthyr show, held Oct. 2. I must give my best thanks to Merthyr Society for the way they had worked in helping to find the bird. The bird will not be any use for breeding this year, as it is in a very poor condition. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

G. GREGORY.

Cup Running at Shows in Ireland.

Sir, The treatment for novices and champions is not fair in Ireland; the novice gets no chance to see birds prepared for the bench, unless he has a long pocket, which was greatly seen to advantage at some of the shows for the novice cup this season. Now the Irish Yorkshire Society should remedy this, as when you join they hold out great promises to the novices to show them how to stage and prepare their stock, and they did. (I don't think.) So much for the men on the Council; they grant patronage of their society to societies they never get a bird from; the novice, as well as champions must support these shows. We had shows clashing this season with loss to both; if it is sport, then let all the societies in Ireland subscribe and get a trophy, and a council of one member from each society, and draft rules for the competition for novices and champions and we will have no shows clashing, and all well supported in the competition.

HARD HIT.

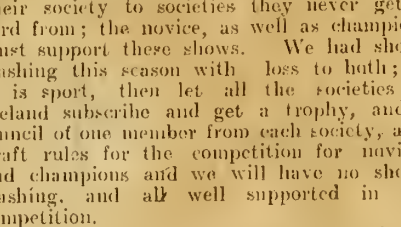
Failure of Yarm C.B.S. Show.

SIR,—In your correspondence column, Mr. Wilson, secretary of Yarm Society, writes: "We are of opinion that more care should be taken by committees promoting their annual show, in having same announced," etc. As our Association is the chief concern in his letter, I think the following facts will convince him that not only do we agree with his statement, but also that we acted up to it:—(1) Our show date was fixed, and announced to the Fancy, as far back as March of last year. (2) Since then the date has been quoted at least a dozen times in CAGE BIRDS club reports and "Twitterings." (3) The dates corresponded with those on which the show was held last year, and not a week earlier, as was the impression of several fanciers who visited our show this year. It was very unfortunate that Yarm show should clash with Sunderland, but as they altered their date from January 10th to the 17th, with only an "impression" that the date was open in the N.E. district, I cannot see that our Committee were to blame for the failure of Yarm show, particularly in regard to announcement of show dates in Fancy Press. At the same time I was sorry to hear that their show had been cancelled, knowing full well the great amount of work, time, and expense that the same would entail, and after all, to no purpose. The sympathy of my committee is extended to the Yarm officials, and we hope that their next venture will be more successful.

JOHN PEACOCK.
Hon. Sec. Sunderland C.B.A.

A Combined Rain-Screen and Gutter.

Sir,—The accompanying sketch shows an easily-constructed shoot and rain-screen for outdoor aviaries. Procure a six- or seven-inch board and two three-inch battens the length of the aviary. Nail one batten at right angles to one edge of the board, and the other



batten to the top of the front of the aviary, under the roof projection, as in illustration; then hinge the shoot to this. Next, get a piece of thin wood, and notch it underneath, the notches being large enough to go over a screw, and fix it as shown in the end view. This contrivance makes a good combined shoot and rain-screen, and the joint is easily made watertight by painting or tarring. I hope the idea will prove as useful to fellow-fanciers as it has done to myself. A, hinges; B, guide; C, batten.

G. S. PARFREY.

Borders at Bethesda.

Sir, I notice a letter re the above signed "Fair Play." I have looked the catalogue through, but cannot find anyone of that name exhibiting in the class for natural colour. If he will sign his name I may answer the questions required. I have no doubt those that were exhibiting in the class for natural colour wanted fair play.

A. WELLINGS.

Suggested Society for Port Talbot.

Sir,—In answer to "Taibach," re society for Port Talbot, I believe there are a great number of fanciers here, and if we could get a few together I think we could form a nice society. I have been ill three weeks, and likely to be for another such time, but if "Taibach" cares to call I should be pleased to give him a helping hand.

A. MAGGS.
18, Rice Street, Port Talbot.

London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.

SIR,—I should have liked the heading to have read "London and Provincial Federation of Cage Bird Societies." If a Federation is good for the Metropolitan district, it would be equally good, to my mind, for the Provinces, and I believe it would be a good thing for the cage bird Fancy if all cage bird societies were under the control of a governing body like the above, only with more stringent rules, and with those rules strictly adhered to. Not that I complain of the London Federation Council in this respect, or any other, but I remember a now defunct governing body which brought about its own undoing by not sticking hard and fast to its rules. Will the Council of the London Federation think the matter over, or have they done so already? If so, I have overlooked report of same if it has appeared in CAGE BIRDS columns.

J. N. JEFFERY.

How to Keep Young Birds Warm

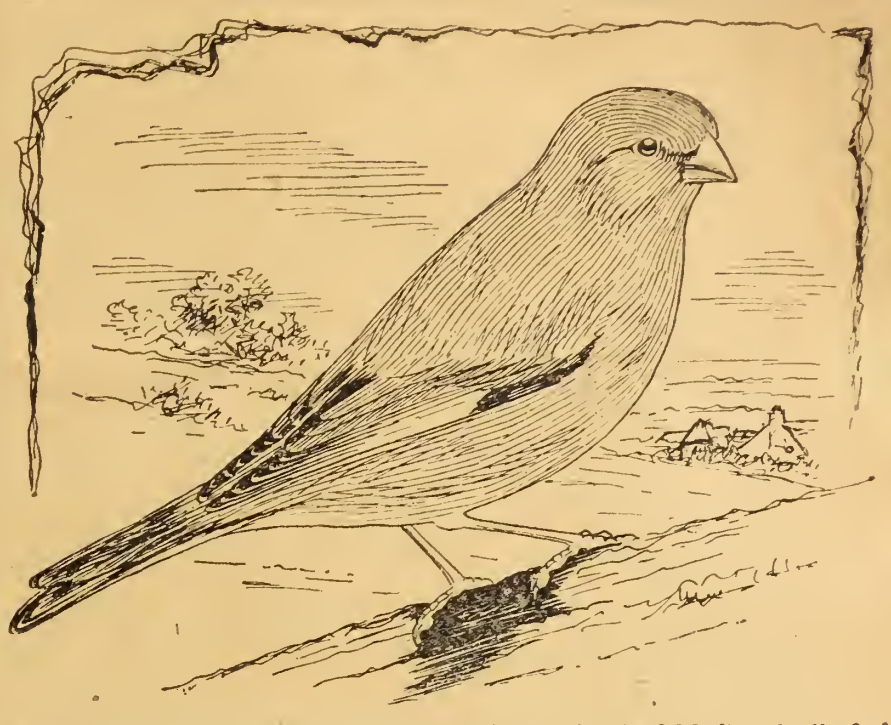
Sir,—As a help to amateurs who have, say, only a couple of pairs, with one sitting and the other with young, that would not cover her offspring, to keep them warm, but would feed when the young were strong enough to come up for food, and not having another hen, to transfer them to, the following idea may prove useful, as I myself had such a hen during 1912 season. She would not cover her young day nor night, and not having a hen vacant I tried the following, and successfully reared a nest of three Canaries, which are at present alive and healthy. I obtained a 3lb. earthenware jam jar, round the outside I folded some nesting felt, to retain heat, filling same with boiling water. I placed an ordinary nest pan (after filling the holes up with plaster, so the steam could not get through), which fitted quite close to the top of jar. I put same into the cage, and the hen went about her duties as if nothing had happened. By this method I retained heat from six to eight hours and saved the young. Trusting this will assist fanciers if they have such hens.

(Miss) A. PHEASANT.

Visit to a Woking Fancier.

Sir,—Whilst staying at Chobham, near Woking, it came to my notice that we had two great friends of our feathered birds living at Woking. After walking about five miles I came to the house I had been looking for; on enquiring, I found it to be Mr. H. Horncastle, "Lindesaye," Woking. The birds are looked after there in the best possible way—shell-nests, box-nests, water-troughs, and they are fed with mixed seed and poultry meal mixed together, half bushel being ordered at the time, and in frosty weather the good lady of the house buys fat meat and gives to them, and as it was very frosty while I was staying there, the birds were being well cared for. I must say that I saw some very fine birds—Blackbirds, Thrushes, Robins, Tits, Chaffinches, and many other kinds—they seemed very contented with their lot, while some I saw away were looking rather seedy. I found out that about six Yellowhammers come and feed near the window, and I hope that good may come of it. The birds are almost sure to nest in the gardens; that will be ample repayment for their benefactors. I hope to see more scraps thrown out to our songsters, instead of in the dust-bins, as the winter is very trying for those who have to seek for their living, and when the cost is totalled it comes very small, and I am sure our readers will be pleased to know of Mr. H. Horncastle and his wife's thoughtfulness in providing food for our birds.

J. LITTLE.



A fine Greenfinch, which won 2nd at the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. Show for Mr. O. A. Russell, Gosport.

Some Questions and Some Suggestions.

SIR,—Several questions seem to be troubling the Fancy at present: (1) "Why don't shows pay?"; (2) "Are specialist societies doomed"; (3) "What do exhibitors want?", and such like. The short answer to the first is—Because there are too many shows and too many societies. What, then, is the remedy? I say let the weaker societies, who have probably got rid of all their funds, and have, therefore, a precarious existence, amalgamate with the better established societies. My answer to the second is—"I hope not." Provided they behave themselves. I have been in at the start of more than one specialist society, and the position in the Fancy before the start was somewhat chaotic, both in judging to type and also in classification. Specialist societies have done good work in systematising judging to type and in classification, and if they will only avoid making foolish cast-iron rules which cannot be carried out to advantage by local societies, in other words, stop being afflicted with the fault of giving too little and asking too much, they may survive. They are in a more awkward position as regards amalgamation than local societies. Some specialist societies when started, covered all England, but it has been found too difficult for a secretary in one centre to keep up interest over so large a district; consequently, local specialist societies have sprung up, and herein lies a danger, for, in some varieties at least, we find judging done to different types in different districts, so much so, that, for instance, Northern exhibitors object to show under Southern judges, and vice versa. This tells against the shows, and I consider ought to be remedied at once by specialist societies of each variety combining to have judging done to one type, and by ousting any judge who does not judge to their combined type and points. Another difficulty some of them have to contend against is all or nearly all the judging being done by one or by very few judges. The ideal position is for every show supported by a specialist society to be judged by a different judge, and the nearer the specialist societies get to this the better it will be for them.

I think the third question should read—"What do amateurs want," My opinion is that novices are, on the whole, well treated, and champions generally get the credit of being able to take care of themselves, but what do the societies do for the large body of exhibitors known as "amateurs"? Perhaps I might with advantage review the history of amateur classes as far as I know it. Back, I should think, in the early nineties, the Norwich amateur classes were by far the most important in the Norwich show. At that time, if I remember rightly, the champion Norwich classes were mainly filled by such exhibitors as Mackley Bros., Yallop, Spilman, Howard, and others, people who were dealers rather than breeders. (I cannot say what was the society's qualification for a champion as distinguished from an amateur.) Several societies elsewhere followed the example of Norwich, but the general result was that the amateurs were found wanting, and the amateur classes, which did not answer, were turned into limit classes, which have answered fairly well, and which are, presumably, run mainly for the benefit of the amateur. But now societies are troubled because they cannot keep the amateurs, and complain that many after leaving the ranks of the novices try for a short time in the limited open classes, but eventually lose hope and retire. What is the remedy for this? It is suggested that all societies, at least important ones, should again give three sets of classes; viz.: champion, amateur, and novice, at least in the more popular varieties. Societies must, no doubt, consider how their open champion classes are going to pay, but I think that in these days, when there are so many shows, amateurs might with advantage be even more liberally treated than suggested by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, and, considering that an amateur might easily to-day take three first prizes, three consecutive week-ends with one extra good bird, I think that an amateur should not become a champion until he has taken, say, five, or even more, first prizes.

If my views are right, I think I may assume that the amateurs are responsible for many of the new and unnecessary societies that are started: they feel that they cannot win in the hottest competition, and they aid in starting a society which they expect to be a happy hunting-ground, and they frequently run a show with most of the classes limited in one way or another. A number of weak societies are also started through foolish quarrels, and high-handed action on the part of some official. However, I think that more liberality to amateurs on the part of important societies would probably tend to a diminution of unnecessary and weak societies. I am doing no more than describing what has happened in the district I am best acquainted with, and I do not wish to be too dogmatic, especially when one considers that societies which have hitherto only given champion and novice classes would have to take an increased risk as regards prize money. However, societies which have been running limit classes would probably consider it unnecessary to continue them.

ONE OF THE OLD HANDS.

New Society for West London.

Sir,—The new West London Society held its inaugural meeting Jan. 29. It was attended by many prominent local fanciers, who decided that the new society should be known as the Quintin's Park, Kensington and Dis. Fur and Feather Society: it will include poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cavies and cage-birds. The following officers were elected:—Vice-president, E. Thorp; chairman, H. Goldsmith; vice-chairman, T. Last; treas., W. Tarrant; hon. sec., A. J. Foy. Next meeting Feb. 12, at 235, Portobello Road, W., at 8. Agenda: Election of committee, formation of rules and election of new members. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join. Annual sub., 4s.; no entrance fee.

A. J. FOY (hon. sec.).
235, Harrow Road, W.

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Sir.—Would any of your readers give me a tip how to get Chaffinches on song?

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Border Fancy Canary Club.

Proposed Tribute to Mr. Martin Jamieson.

Sir,—I had much pleasure in reading Bailie Lambie's letter re testimonial for our late esteemed hon. sec., Mr. Martin Jamieson, who after 21 years' faithful service, has been compelled, through ill-health, to resign. He has, through his untiring efforts, raised the club to its present state of efficiency, both as regards membership and finance, and if Bailie Lambie (who, I have no doubt, will be willing to act as secretary towards the testimonial), opens a subscription list I am sure the members of the B.F.C. Club and others who have made the personal acquaintance of Mr. Jamieson, will be pleased to send him their donations to mark their esteem for one who has spent his lifetime for the advancement of the wee gems of the Canary tribe.

J. W. BRUCE.

Coldstream.

Mr. T. Arnott's Views.

It was with great pleasure that I noticed in your last issue of CAGE BIRDS a letter by that esteemed fancier Mr. Robert Lambie, concerning Mr. Jamieson's retiring from the office of secretary to the above-mentioned club, after a long and faithful service of 21 years. The reason, I believe, that this was not discussed at the club meeting on New Year's Day was because our business is generally somewhat hurried through. Personally I noticed this being passed by without the recognition it deserved, and I made up my mind then that I would write the new sec., Mr. Walter B. Smart, Loanhead, in the form of a resolution, that we as members of the Border Fancy Club owe Mr. Jamieson for his long and devoted service to that club much more than words of praise and a small yearly remuneration. Therefore I have pleasure in suggesting that we mark his faithful service with a present out of the funds of the club. I hope that present in whatever form it is will be as liberal and reasonable as the funds will permit. I also hope Mrs. Jamieson will not be forgotten, as no doubt she, like other fanciers' wives, will have assisted materially her husband's efforts towards the success that the club has attained. One could not have met a more able, painstaking, and courteous official. I hope his health will improve rapidly, and that he will be long spared to see the Border Fancy Club of Scotland the flourishing institution his untiring efforts have been so instrumental in making to day.

THOMAS ARNOTT.

Kirkcaldy.

The Secretary's Message.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. R. Lambie, re testimonial to Mr. Jamieson after 21 years' faithful service to the B.F.C.C., I may say that a large number of members present at the general meeting arranged with me that I get up same immediately after the books of the club were handed over, not only for the secretary, but that the past president (Mr. G. B. Richardson) should also be recognised for the very keen interest he has always taken in the club. Now that this has come to the Press I trust that every member of the club will do his best to show that the services of the retiring officials have been warmly appreciated, and I hope they will be long spared to enjoy their hobby, and also take an interest in the welfare of the club. Arrangements for the above will be made when the books are handed over, and notice of same will be sent to CAGE BIRDS.

WALTER B. SMART.

Send Lists Out?

Sir, I am pleased to see Mr. R. Lambie's letter re Mr. Jamieson's long services to the Border Fancy Club. The members and Fancy at large are much indebted for his services. He has worked faithfully for the Club, and has also been the means of bringing the wee gems to what they are at the present time. The best way would be to have lists sent out of the delegates of each district, and let them collect what they can get. The members have appreciated his services for 21 years, and will only be too ready to join in and get something up suitable for the occasion

C. BENNET.

Affairs in Abertillery.

Sir,—In your Club Notice column in CAGE BIRDS of the 24th ult., re Abertillery C.B.S., and their annual meeting, I notice remarks by their president about Mr. A. E. Moule, re collecting all monies for the Melmerry trophy, also other monies. Now, in my opinion the one thing most important has been omitted, re amount (which if his work is fully appreciated, should not be left out). As a contributor to the above society, I know that this gentleman collected close upon £19 in all, of which £6 11s. went to general funds, and he also sold a good number of tickets. Now all will agree with me this takes doing. With all due respects to the Abertillery C.B.S. in general, I think it nothing but right to have every detail published as regards to the work done by members "in full," so that there would be no misleading. I notice re officers elected for 1914, his name is not selected. I consider he should have been foremost, taking into consideration the great amount of work done by him, on behalf of the above society. As regards him being elected on committee, I think it nothing but a farce, seeing a new member was elected that night also on committee. I may say, as regards the Melmerry trophy referred to, I think it second to none in Wales.

ONE INTERESTED.

A Water Paint that Won't Come Off.

SIR,—In reply to "Mason" re water paint that won't come off, I suggest that he should use "Petraline," obtainable at most ironmongers' or colour shops. It should be used as follows: To each pound add one pint of boiling water, and stir with a stick until free from lumps. The solution so formed may be applied at once with an ordinary brush, and will dry hard and very quickly.

H. G. HOWELLS.

Sponges Marks Off.

Sir,—I would recommend the inquirer to use "Walpamur." I have used it with great success, and find after it has been on a few weeks you can sponge any dirty marks off, and it is to be got in almost any shade. Trusting your inquirer will find this a great advantage to him, and it may also be of some use to other fanciers.

F. SCOTHARD.

Another Word for "Walpamur."

Sir,—Your correspondent will no longer be troubled with water paint coming off if he uses "Walpamur Water Paint," which is stocked by most painters. When getting it, ask them to put in a little of the liquid which is used for mixing it. It looks well, and will stand washing with cold water, so that you need not be afraid of it rubbing off. Be sure that all old colouring is well cleaned off before applying "Walpamur."

G. LAWTON.

Still Another "Walpamur."

Sir,—The best water paint on the market is called "Walpamur" it costs 3d. per lb. and can be had at any good painter's shop. Its covering power is eight square yards to the pound. To use it make up with warm water to the thickness of ordinary paint and apply with a flowing coat; give two coats, with a day between each coat. This will wash with hot water three days after application. It may be obtained in any colour.

JAS. B. COOPER.

What about "Duresco"?

Sir,—In reply to "Mason," asking for a good water-paint. He states he has used the best, but it rubs off on his clothes. Well, during the last few years the market has been flooded with water-paints of all kinds, and there are few amongst them that do what is expected of them. My idea of a good water paint is one that can be easily applied, and that will not peel off, rub off, or wash off; in fact, give similar results as an ordinary oil paint. I have had experience with nearly all the leading brands, and the only one to give me satisfaction is "Duresco," which is a real washable water paint. In fact, the longer it has been on, the harder the surface becomes, and you can wash it like ordinary oil painted work. It is non-poisonous, a good deodorizer, and can be rightly called a sanitary paint. Of course, to obtain the best results the surface should be cleaned as free as possible of all previous coatings of distempers, etc., and only the Duresco petrifying liquid should be used for diluting it to a free working consistency. This particular liquid contains, I believe, certain silicates which preserve the timber, and render it fire resisting. That is to say, timber treated in this way will resist the action of fire for a reasonable length of time. "Duresco" works out fairly cheap, because a little covers a large surface. It is sold by the hundredweight, or can be had in 7lb. kegs. It is made in all colours, price according to colour, white being the cheapest. You can buy it at almost any large colour dealers. If not, ask a local builder you know if he would oblige you with some.

ALFRED R. JAY.

REPEATING OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser. ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

The Much-Discussed Hybrid.

Sir,—I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. Parlett is soft-soldering the Scottish National Committee, and promises not to interfere with them, which is very good of him, after having accused them of not taking proper care of his bird, and allowing fanciers to handle the cage! I wonder what our Scottish fanciers would say if they were to be prevented from lifting cages at the shows. I had almost decided to stay away from the Palace Show this time, being afraid of the enormous crush which was anticipated, owing to the public notice, given a fortnight ago, that the one and only Canary-Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid would certainly be at the Palace, but the best laid schemes, etc. So the owner now proclaims to the world that his rarity will not be on view. After him writing so much in praise of his bird it is rather a pity his courage has failed him at the critical moment. He appears to believe that discretion is the better part of valour; the bird would certainly have been very carefully examined, and discussed, by quite a number of the most experienced Hybrid breeders. And to find that he hadn't the courage to face the ordeal! Well, well, well! Yet I am not surprised, seeing that he dare not reply to my previous letter. Although we are to be deprived of the pleasure of seeing the light Hybrid at the Palace, I am in hopes of seeing its brother, which, being dark, shows unmistakably that it is a Greenfinch-Bullfinch-Hybrid, but, oh! I forgot. I believe it is said that this is only a half-brother to the light one, which, of course, may be correct. I have often bred dark and variegated birds from the same parents, but never suspected that they might be only half-brothers.

No, Mr. Parlett, I am not ashamed of either my country or my name, nor am I lacking in courage, which some have found out. But I am not seeking a free advertisement for myself, or my birds, nor seeking to intimidate judges or secretaries, like some I could mention. The Editor has my name and address, so to you, for the present, I am still

SCOTTIE.

Is it the Same?

Sir,—When I first wrote to Mr. Parlett, asking for the body of his Greenfinch Mule (in the event of its death) I had no idea of being drawn into any public controversy or of otherwise seeking notoriety by claiming to be the breeder of that Mule, but in CAGE BIRDS this week I seem to be challenged to come forward and support my claim. Now in the first place, what I should like to know is. Is the Greenfinch-Mule the same bird that won 1st at Sunderland, four or five years ago, for Mr. Fred Myers, of Yeadon, and which was claimed for two guineas at that show by Mr. Somerfield? I have always understood it was. I have seen it, and believing it to be the same, have followed its career with deep interest, but upon the answer to that question rests my claim as breeder. If this is not the same Mule, can Mr. Somerfield tell me what became of that bird? I can furnish particulars as to the breeding of it, and produce evidence, too, if required.

JAMES LUNN.

Mr. Metcalfe Recants.

Sir,—I notice in your last issue above bird will not be exhibited again this show season. As I was the judge that "wrong-classed" it, and this Hybrid having been recognised as a genuine specimen of a Canary-Bullie by the leading authorities on Mules and Hybrids, I am not so high-minded to think I am right and they are wrong. So I give in to their superior judgment. There are none of us infallible, and at the time I was convinced it was not a Canary-Bullie. I trust the breeder will again be successful in bringing forward a sensation for next year, and that the present owner may gain many more triumphs.

J. W. METCALFE.

Birds in Captivity.

Sir,—Having made a life long study of birds in the wild state and their requirements in captivity, I shall be glad if you will kindly find me space for a few remarks dealing with the matter. The sentimentalists have had a great deal to say about the cruelty of keeping birds in captivity. They have had plenty of time in which to show what a little they know about the subject, and they have done this thoroughly. It is time now that we who have studied the subject of birds all our lives should let these people know that there are thousands of aviculturists, exhibitors, and lovers of birds who keep them as pets, who can certainly teach these people a great deal that they are not aware of. I detest actual cruelty to birds or anything else; when a dealer or other person is acting cruelly I am always pleased to see him punished for it. The sentimentalists see a case of cruelty somewhere; they go away with their minds brim full of it, then turn round and tar everybody else with the same brush. This is a gross injustice. If any persons keep fowls in a filthy or half-starved condition, do they immediately want to stop everyone else from keeping fowls? Certainly not, and why should they want to interfere with those who keep birds that are in perfect health, perfectly content and undoubtedly happy in captivity. The ridiculous nonsense written by some people on birds, especially in these days, is extraordinary. There is no cruelty whatever in keeping birds, provided they are properly fed and attended to by those who understand the subject, and birds so treated have a much better chance of living to a greater age in captivity than in the wild state. There are many instances of birds so living and practically dying of age in captivity. Proof of this is simple. Age in birds is indicated by the legs growing rough and scaly, their claws grow long, and often twisted, and their mandibles become overgrown and rough in texture. Let any one capture say two hundred wild birds and examine them. I can safely say they will be lucky indeed if they find two per cent. showing these conditions; there are too many enemies to encounter in the wild state. If further proof of a bird being happy and better off in captivity is needed, again it is simple. Take for instance a Thrush, properly treated and well looked after, in a good sized cage, often singing beautifully even in winter when snow is on the ground: go out and look at the poor wretched Thrushes and other species in the snow, dying by hundreds of slow starvation. Is anyone with the ordinary amount of common sense going to tell me that the captive Thrush in lovely condition and full song is not infinitely better off; and remember birds do not sing in captivity because they are unhappy, for if that was so then how abominably unhappy they must be in the wild state: the song is exactly the same in cage as in the open, you get a good or inferior songster in both cases. The reason why birds are contented and happy in captivity, and are seen in such superb condition at the exhibitions is because, in addition to the careful treatment their owners bestow upon them, the food question has been thoroughly studied. Years ago hemp and a few other seeds were thought sufficient. Now the seed-eaters can be provided with all the natural wild seeds that they themselves feed upon when at large, and for the insectivorous species various live insect foods can be bought in quantities, even fresh ant cocoons, which they are passionately fond of. Since the protection of birds has taken place, the commoner species are becoming so numerous that unless the fruit grower bestirs himself, he will find his fruit growing business at an end; it is only a matter of time. I said when this protection began that that is what would occur, for certain. There have been no old-fashioned winters for years, which keep birds down, so they have increased greatly. I have only to go a few miles from here, Caversham, Oxon, to witness the wholesale destruction of the fruit crops. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Missel-thrushes, and Starlings visit the orchards directly the cherries begin to ripen, and they never leave them until the fruit is finished. To hear the noise of clappers, turning round on the trees and the frequent fire of guns, one would think it would keep the birds away, but they become so used to the noise that they simply fly out of the tree by hundreds, circle round, and as often as not settle in the next tree. Any quantity of cherries are knocked down by the birds and spoilt. One man told me last summer that he did not know what the end would be, if the destruction of his fruit crops went on. He lost many pounds' worth of cherries, many of his trees that had been loaded were almost stripped, and not worth putting a ladder up to; consequently he had finished cherry gathering nearly a fortnight sooner than he ought to have done. As soon as the cherries are over, the birds then attack raspberries, currants, and even gooseberries. Last season the same man and his sons were away during an afternoon, and the birds during that short time stripped his raspberry canes of nearly every berry that was ripe. After the soft fruits are over, the birds turn their attention to the apples and pears, pecking large holes in them, the wasps come along and scoop out the fruit, leaving a shuck hanging to a stalk. This is no fairy tale, but can be seen by anyone who chooses to visit the orchards during the fruit gathering season here. In France last year the birds had done so much damage to the parks, etc., that men were employed to destroy the birds' eggs. Yet if anyone took one of those eggs for his cabinet he would probably be looked upon by the sentimentalist almost as a criminal. I think it is abominable.

P. F. M. GALLOWAY.

More Limit Classes Wanted.

Sir,—With reference to the letter in your issue of Jan. 3, also the reply by Mr. Thomas in this week, Jan. 24, I have been thinking as to whether "Interested" is a novice or a champion. His remarks are rather misleading to a "Raw Novice," especially at this portion of his letter. "Limit" states: Take a Mule class, do we not know at the first show where we are? I ask "Novice" to note the following, experienced by myself: Some few years since my chances were to purchase a four-pointed (yellow) Goldie-Canary Mule at 10 weeks of age. I struck the bargain, and exhibited this Mule, unflighted, with rather poor results. However, I did not exhibit it in a limit class, but put it through the second moult, giving it plenty of pepper, etc., and my mule came through a blaze of colour. My hopes were very high. Purchasing a new show cage, and doing all that may be desired re staging, I entered my Mule to an early show (October month), this being the first time out of its second year's test. It returned quite safe—my word, and cardless at that! However, I wrote to the secretary asking if my Mule was benched, and received a reply that it was, and it was the hottest class of Mules that he (one of the stewards) had seen outside the Palace. So-and-So's was 1st, etc. (my old Palace Linnet-Mule being in it as well), and the letter concluded in great sympathy. "I hope you will not run against such hot stuff when exhibiting your Mule next." However, I entered on to Eastbourne next as no one could shatter my hopes but that my Mule should win. The following are his honours as sent out that very season: Eastbourne, 1st, spl. (hot stuff included); Bristol, open, 1st; Frome, 4th (Hybrids included, and under same judge as he was when cardless); Maesteg, 1st, spl., medal for best in show; Morriston, 1st, spl.; Bristol C.B.S., open, 2nd; Abertillery, 1st; Pontypridd, 2nd (wanted tubbing); Kingswood, open, Hybrids included and 1st withheld, 3rd. Sold to a well-known exhibitor at my reserved price, and taking premier honours with him as that of with myself.

My chances were to purchase his brother the year following, which I did. A bird with better properties as regards size, but not so well balanced in markings. This Mule I entered at Clapham, it being his first test after the second moult result, 4th, and three buffs being placed in front of him. I was satisfied, it being under the same judge as that of his brother when cardless. Next time out: Portsmouth, 1st; Paignton, 1st, spl.; Bristol, he, then minus of a patch of feathers at nape of the neck, and in trying to grow new feathers my treatment was the means of its joining the majority, I very much regret to state. Now as a novice I advise "Raw Novice" to hold on to any bird he may have, if, of course, showing any good signs, and put it through the second moult. Further test it under, say, two or three different judges, and keep the price up. Many a novice bird, as it were, has turned into a champion.

LIGHT MULE.

Is it Cruel to Cage Birds?

Sir,—I have read with much interest the articles appearing in the "Daily Express" on the problem of whether it is, or is not, cruel to keep birds in cages. I am very much in accord with all you have said upon the matter, and am certainly very much inclined to doubt the authenticity of the remarks attributed to the bird catcher by the Countess Serkoff. It is beyond belief that a man of this description should make such a statement. I am a great admirer of birds, and have during the past twenty years kept birds of every description in cages. I have had several experiences, too, which have proved to my mind that it is not cruel to keep birds in cages. Some few years back I put a Goldfinch in a cage into the garden, and a few minutes later saw another Goldfinch trying to get into the cage, so I put some seed into the bottom of another cage, and put it close to my Goldfinch's cage, and in a few minutes the newcomer went into same, and I walked out into the garden, and closed the door on it, and kept this bird for a number of years. Of course, this was not a wild bird. I could see at once that it had been a caged bird, but it proved, to me at any rate, that he was not very much disgusted with cage life. On another much earlier occasion, in fact, when I was a schoolboy, I set a trap cage, and caught a hen Greenfinch. It was in the winter time. I used this as a call bird for about a week; then, having a number of cock Greenfinches, I let the hen go. She flew into a tree in the garden, and within five minutes was caught in the self same trap again. I took her out and let her go, and she came back again. So I thought after that I would keep her. She got so tame that I could do almost anything with her, and not until the spring came did she attempt to go away, and then I even hoped she might return, but she did not do so; perhaps she was trapped by someone else.

B. CLARK.

A PRIZE OF 10/6

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DINGWALL C.B., Etc., S.

Thirty-first annual show held Masonic Hall Jan. 28. Silver medal for best Plainhead was won by W. McKay; the silver medal best Bord., R. McLeod. Mr. Junor, Tomatin, scored in Yorks., winning with his Inverness and Keith winners, looking as gay as a Guardsman. The mule and hybd. class was well patronised, "Highland Leader" again scoring here, and still fit to battle for his owner. Goldfinches, although not strong in number, were a nice lot. Mr. E. Harcombe's winning Goldie showing better than ever, rather late of moulting, but now fit to battle in a good class. The sec., Mr. Wm. Sinclair, had everything in A1 order, and was backed up by a comm. of willing fanciers: Bailie George McCallum at the helm as Pres., and Messrs. D. Munro, McPherson, Gair, Campbell, George McKenzie Murray, McLean, J. McKenzie. Mr. F. Stanford, Inverness, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, McKay, winner medal for best Nor. P.H., foul yell., fine chubby shape, full of col. and qual., grand, wide skull and neck; 2, buff, fine all-round bird, plenty size and subs., nice carr. throughout; 3, vhc, hc, Murray, buff, not quite size of winners, but yet a nice stock bird; hc, Scott. VARIEG.: 1, McKenzie, buff variegs., fine type and qual., grand head and neck, A1 wing carr.; 2, D. Murray, head and wing mkd., fine chubby shape, full of col. and qual., not much between them; 3, Chisholm, similar to 2nd in markings, but lacks subs. of winner; vhc, J. Murray. YORKS.: 1, 2, Junor, Inverness and Keith winner, C.F. yell., beauty for type and feather, stands well on legs, wins; 2, tapering shape, full of qual., well carried wings, good second; 3, D. Murray, yell., nice length, fine long wings and tail, presses hard; vhc, Junor; hc, Bruce; c, Murray. BORD.: 1, 3, McLeod, medal best Bord., cinn., even mkd., nice type, head, and front, lovely carr., close fitting wings, rich level col.; 2, vhc, E. Harcombe, yell., grand size and type, feathered like wax, rare jaunty carr., hard lines here; 3, McLeod, buff, grand size, well rounded back and front, very stylish, fails in subs. to winners, HYBD. OR MULE.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Duncan, winner well known Linnet mule, "Highland Leader," comments unnecessary, often described; 2, Junor, well known Redpoll-Greenie, showing parentage to advantage, in A1 cond.; 3, Goldfinch mule, grand size and col. GOLDF.: 1, E. Harcombe, well-known winner, true Britisher, nice size and shape, expansive blaze of rich col., well tanned chest, lovely bars and buttons; 2, Junor, nice size, square cut blaze, rare body col., beaten in finish; 3, MacRitchie Scott, largest in class, showing plenty of col. and subs., but requires some handling, rather nervous. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Junor, Siskin, grand rich col., nice black head and bib, splendid flank markings, wins; 2, Fraser, Bullf., capital size and shape, broad, dense cap, sound breast col., a picture; 3, Duncan, mealy Redpoll, rare size and shape, bold head, neat bib, splendidly mkd. flanks; vhc, Duncan; hc, Bain.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual general meeting held Dec. 20, Mr. Burns chair. Having a show same evening, there was a full attendance. Balance-sheet was read, and considered satisfactory, showing a surplus for the year of £5 5s. 11d. Mr. Burns for the 12th time was re-elected to the chair with applause. All last year's officers agreed to stand by for another year, with Messrs. Cooper, Redgate, and Cave added to the committee. Agreed to hold a pair show Feb. 17, Mr. Burns judge; classes, Canaries, and muling pairs; and that 1/- a class for most points be given as special from the society's funds. Mr. Philips was elected a member. Mr. G. Benson, who judged fit our show, received hearty applause from the members for the able manner he had handled the birds. The society is to be congratulated on its sound financial position, so well have the shows been patronised by the members and public, that we were able to give the whole of the members' subs., amounting to £6 10s., as special prize money, run our society, and have a balance of £5 5s. Will be pleased to join new members any meeting night.—G. Morton, Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, Jan. 28. Pres., Mr. Andrew Hunter, chair, and a record attendance of over forty. Financial statement submitted by sec., and passed as very satisfactory, a credit balance of £6 0s. 5d. being carried forward to 1914. In connection with any alteration of rules, a special committee was selected to go over these, and submit them to the February meeting to be adopted. Any member desiring to make alterations should communicate with secretary in writing on or before Feb. 18, so that they can be placed before special committee. Office-bearers for 1914 elected:—Pres., E. Holliday; vice-president, G. Gentle; sec. and treas., R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida; committee, Messrs. A. Forman, J. Fulton, Arthur Hunter, R. Jeffrey, A. Hardie, G. Morgan, W. Robertson, A. Steel, and R. Galbraith; auditors, Messrs. A. W. Naismith and R. B. Cairns. Date for annual show fixed same as last year, first Sat. in Dec., in Victoria Rooms, Victoria Road, Crosshill. Pair show arranged to be held in Marie Stuart Halls, next meeting, Feb. 25, at 7.30; Nor., Yorks., Bord., Crest or C.B.'s, Mule and Hyb. In Canaries, pairs must be yellow and buff, no double yellows or buffs allowed. A handsome lot of specials were promised, and it is to be hoped that members will take advantage of these. Table show was held for surplus stock, nearly 50 birds turning up. Mr. R. B. Cairns judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Principal winners were Messrs. Cuthbert, Robertson, A. W. Naismith, Morgan, Edward, Munro, Ross, Deans, McGavin, Jeffrey, and Steel. The chairman made special reference to the excellent social and concert held Jan. 16, when over 100 members and friends were present. The chairman receiving the usual vote of thanks, closed a very enjoyable meeting.—R. Heggie, Sec.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting and table show held Jan. 28 at Foster's Cafe, Shield's-rd. Mr. McPartling presided at a grand meeting, over 40 members being present; 24 new members were proposed and balloted for, all being accepted, bringing membership up to 75. Mr. J. G. Hutchinson judged all classes in table show, owing to Mr. T. Robson not being able to get to the meeting in time, his awards giving satisfaction. NOR. (14): 1, 3, Morrison; 2, Matthewson. BORD.: 1, Young, A.O.V. (5): 1, Morrison; 2, Coutts; 3, Young. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, 3, Coltman. Decided to hold another table show at next meeting for breeding pairs of Canaries, classes confined to novices, Nor., Bord., Yorks., and A.O.V., with one open class for muling pairs. 3d. entry. Judges, Messrs. T. Robson, McGinn, Young, Parker, and McPartling.—J. W. Coutts, Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Jan. 29, Mr. R. Topping, chair, before a good number of members. Decided to join in with the other Northern specialist clubs in holding a smoking concert for distribution of special prizes, R. Topping and F. W. Laidlow to act as delegates for this society in making arrangements for same. Next meeting Feby. 18, to choose medals, also to try and get a cup for young birds for the coming show season, so members turn up and lend us a hand in getting same, and bring a few birds, as we intend also to hold a pair show. Four classes—two champions, two novices; judge, Mr. A. Herniston. Our chairman, Mr. R. Topping, is giving a special of 2/6 for most points; we were all very sorry that he is selling all his birds owing to his removal from the town, but he is not going to leave the Fancy altogether, and we all expect that some day he will be as brisk as ever again. Points gained at the six patronage shows were as follows: W. H. Butler, 107; F. W. Laidlow, 64; J. Pierson, 64; C. Snowdon, 56; H. Wellsbury, 47; W. McGinn, 46; C. McKay, 38; G. Dobinson, 35; A. Holden, 36; R. W. Smith, 16; T. Fletcher, 11. Novice: R. Topping, 44; S. Lindsey, 25; J. Wood, 25; J. Lumley, 11; J. G. Hodson, 10; R. Hope, 10. Fanciers, remember next meeting.—F. W. Laidlow (Sec.).

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For Rules see last weeks "Cage Birds")

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BREEDING MULING HENS (Ochy Coo).—I am not sure whether I quite grasp the meaning of your first query. It reads a trifle vague, and you do not say what kind of mules you want the hens to produce—light or dark. If it is richness of colour and quality of feather you want, one of the surest and quickest means of getting it is to mate a clear yellow cock with a rich buff cinnamon hen in the first year, and the following year select the deepest and richest coloured from among the clears and ticked, or the lightest marked, to mate among themselves and back to the yellow cock. Clears may be exceptionally scarce from the first mating, but any that do turn up should be tried before being disposed of. The progeny of the second season mating should give you some birds of excellent colour and quality, which should turn out some good dark Mules. To work from the pure green, which, however, will give you colour without the fine quality that is got from the cinnamon, mate a clear buff hen, bred from double-yellows to a yellow-green cock with neat and clear pencilling and a bright and clear ground colour. The clear and ticked or very lightly marked progeny from this mating may be used the following season for breeding Mules of the dark order. (2) For pink-eyed sibs get a clear yellow pink-eyed cock and a ticked buff hen bred from two yellows, also pink-eyed, from the same strain, but not closely related. Mate these together, and in the next season select from among the progeny the richest buff hen, clear or slightly ticked, and mate back to the original cock, and the richest clear yellow cock to mate back to the parent hen. The remainder of the clears and ticked mate among themselves. In the third season you may begin to test the hens by mating them for a nest of Mules, and retain especially for future breeding those which throw Mules with light plumage. However small the amount of light plumage thrown will show that the tendency to breed light Mules is there, and those hens should be carefully preserved for future breeding of the strain. To continue the strain of sibs in the third year mate the progeny of the brother and sister matings of the former season back to the grandparents and among their progeny of the second year. After this if you find the birds losing much size it will be necessary to introduce some fresh blood, which you should do by introducing a fresh hen from the same strain as the original pair came from.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/12); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (2½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each), No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TWO NORWICH HENS (R.C.).—I suspect these particular hens are more than usually susceptible to the extreme changes of weather we have had of late. If the weather has become mild with you, place them in the cosiest part of your room, which should be a sufficient protection, but otherwise I would advise you to remove them to a rather warmer room for a time, but you need not keep them very warm. Then give a staple of plain canary seed as now, and in addition give every second day, separately, half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it, and, if you have any available, give also on these days two fat mealworms, killed, and fastened to the end of a perch. Give a small spray of watercress four times a week. Limit the diet to this for two or three weeks. In the water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three for a fortnight. If birds are not quite well in that time, please write again, and I will advise you further.

OUT OF CONDITION (Old Joe).—Possibly the cock in question is getting beyond his first youth, and, maybe, a trifle overfed, which would account for his keeping out of condition rather longer than usual. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and black rape, and a small spray of watercress, or a morsel of banana as a substitute when greenstuff is not available. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentain, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. See it is in a nice bright position; keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and offer a bath thrice a week when weather is mild.

MAKES SQUEAKY NOISE (Idwal). The symptoms you describe are quite characteristic of a cold, which may be more or less severe, so if you are right in your assumption that it has not been exposed to any draught, the probability is that its nearness to the window has made it susceptible to the extreme changes of temperature we have had of late. It would be wise to remove it to a more equable place and a fairly cosy, but not necessarily very warm, temperature for a week or two until it has succeeded in throwing off the effects. In addition to its present diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, to the water, and shake well together.

WILL NOT SING (J. Bell). You omit to say whether the bird was in song when you first bought him. If he was not, I should be rather inclined to doubt his sex. Although you say he is in very good health, I am further inclined to think that this is not quite the case, as the way in which you say the bird behaves is not usually significant of a high condition of health. Its behaviour when you go near is due to sheer fright, as that it is evidently of a very highly strung nervous temperament. The only way in which you can hope to overcome this trait is to deal with the bird with the greatest gentleness and method at all times, so as to win its confidence and enable it to get over nervousness, which some birds quickly do, whilst others never really get over it, and are always in more or less danger of dying suddenly at any slight shock. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water every second day for a week, and afterwards give by the same means 20 drops of Chemical Food four or five times a week for a month or so. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of stale bread sopped in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds, and also a small spray of watercress. Keep the bird in a bright, healthful place, and offer it a bath about every third day in mild weather.

SWELLING ON ABDOMEN (J.D., Edin.).—It is difficult to say what the swelling is without seeing it, though it is most probably an encysted tumour, which any veterinary or your medical man could very easily remove. You might try the effect of painting it slightly once with a small camel hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine. If this does not cause it to be absorbed naturally, then wait until it seems "ripe," and get it removed. If the bird continues to be in good sound health generally, I see no reason why you should not breed with it when the proper season arrives by which time I expect the substance will have been removed, and the bird quite recovered from the operation.

NIBBLES ITS FEATHERS (Novice).—This may be due to the bird being pestered by insects, either red mites or grey lice. Examine the cage well, paying particular attention to any crevices about it, and to its immediate surroundings, and if any mites are found continue your efforts to expel them until you are successful. Also examine the bird itself, and if you find any evidence of grey lice give the bird two hand-washings with an interval of a week between, and to the first two waters used on each occasion add a little creolin, in the proportion of a teaspoonful of the fluid to a pint of water. Should you find no trace of insects, then give the bird a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week or so, and if you have any mealworms available, give one each day, killed, and fastened to the end of a perch. In the water add a small pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentain, tincture of columba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

A DAMAGED TOE (K.K.).—If the toe has really been broken, as you say, it is probably too late to do anything by the time this can appear, as the part that was turned black will probably have sloughed off. It is a mistake to bathe a supposed fractured limb daily, as the act of catching the bird and the bathing are extremely likely to increase the mischief enormously. The best advice I can give you in these circumstances is to leave the bird alone as much as possible, and leave Nature to repair the mischief in her own way. Put in some soft wood perches, placed quite comfortably, and of proper size to give the bird a very firm and easy grip, so as to aid it to get about on one foot as much as it likes. Keep it in a quiet place, and disturb it as little as possible. If the foot that is peeling seems sore, catch the bird when at rest in the evening twice each week, and very gently anoint both feet with Lanecyllin. More than this I do not advise you to do.

SORE FEET (Mrs. C.).—First see if the claws are overgrown so as to hamper the bird's movements and cause tenderness. If they are, cut them back with a small pair of nail scissors to a proper length after first bathing them with the boracic solution mentioned below. Also see that the perches are of a proper size to give the bird a firm and comfortable grip, and that they are made of a nice soft wood. Having attended to these points, catch the bird daily for a few days and bathe the feet with a luke-warm solution of boracic acid for a few minutes each time. Make the acid solution by dissolving a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in a teacupful of warm water. After bathing, dry gently, and smear the feet and shanks with Lanecyllin, finally wiping off any surplus grease, to prevent it collecting any dirt or sand from the cage floor.

CUTTING CLAWS (Grateful).—You are quite correct in your surmise that the vein in the claw extends only about an eighth of an inch beyond the end of the horn. But in cutting the claws you must not cut right back to the visible end of the vein, which tapers gradually to a practically microscopic termination. If you hold up the claw to the light and cut, say, a sixteenth of an inch short of the ending of the vein you can see, you will be on the safe side, and need have no fear of doing the bird any injury. If you should by accident get a little too close so that a speck of blood shows after a few moments, there is no cause for alarm, and no necessity for any treatment unless drops of blood should appear one after another, when you should touch the claw with a drop of Friar's Balsam. But if you confidently carry out above directions, the latter event will never occur.

A DUET (Northumberland). (1) Keep cage floor, perches, and all food and water vessels as clean as possible. It would assist in this to strew the floor with clean dry sawdust until the looseness has ceased. Add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the water for one day only. Then give in addition to the staple diet a morsel of bread sopped in milk and dusted with carbonate of bismuth every second day for a week or so, and on the alternate day give half a teaspoonful of good sound hemp and a morsel of banana. Give no green food for the present. In the water, after the preliminary dose of soda, add six drops of tincture of iodine and four of tincture of opium for three or four days as may seem necessary. (2) No, if the Cinnamon hen you propose mating with the pink-eyed cock is a self, you may expect to get a certain proportion of fawn and cinnamon cocks among the progeny. The proportion may be small, but will depend upon the nearness of the relationship of both parents to cinnamon cells. The majority of the young will probably be cinnamon locked, variegated, and clear pink-eyed.

LOSING FEATHERS (Novice). It is not clear from your letter whether the bird is moulting the feathers or plucking or knocking them out. If the former is the case, feed generally as you will see in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping.

MAKING STRAIN AND MARKINGS (Kebrab). (1) It is quite possible for you to go on for several years breeding a strain of robust, healthy birds from the two sister hens and two unrelated cocks, but you can hardly expect to go on indefinitely without introducing fresh blood. By mating the parents in the second year with nephews and nieces respectively you might reasonably go on for four years without fresh blood, but beyond this it may not be wise to go. As to whether you could build up a good strain from these birds must, of course, depend upon whether the birds themselves are well bred. But perhaps you meant a healthy strain, which is answered in the above remarks. It is not necessarily always detrimental to mate cousins. It is the too frequent repetition of such mating, and using weakly or unsound stock birds for the purpose, that is the most detrimental. (2) You have hold of a wrong idea in asking this question. It would be exceedingly difficult to take any given Yorkshire, cock or hen, in these days, and say it had no trace of cinnamon blood in it. But assuming you had such a cock and mated it with a cinnamon-marked or pink-eyed hen, the result would most certainly not be all hens. You would get birds of both sexes, but no cinnamon or cinnamon-marked among them. But supposing the sexes were reversed, and the cinnamon blood was in the cock, then you might get some cinnamon-markings in the young, but every bird showing cinnamon colour would be a hen. You would, however, still get birds of both sexes, but all the cocks and doubtless some of the hens, would be green or green-marked.

BIRDS GOING BLIND (Q. Eddy).—You say the eyes appear full and normal until some days after the blindness has occurred, when they shrink. Does this mean that there is no apparent inflammation or discharge at any stage? If so, I should be strongly inclined to think that some accidental or violent cause was at work. Are the affected birds caged together? If they are, I would advise you to watch them closely to see if there is a spiteful one among them that is responsible for these injuries, and also see if is probable that they are being caused by some jagged end of wire or other projection about cage or food or water vessels. Should neither of these surmises appear correct, immediately isolate any future case which may occur. Make a decoction by infusing six or eight camomile flowers, obtainable at any chemist's, in a teacupful of boiling water for 20 minutes, allow to stand till cold, strain off the clear liquid, add 30 drops of tincture of opium, and bathe the eyes morning and night with this liquid, using a little fresh liquid and a new wad of wool each time, or for each bird. After bathing, dry carefully, and place a tiny speck of ointment, made by well mixing four grains of red oxide of mercury in half an ounce of spermaceti in each eye, and hold the bird a few moments to allow it to melt and work its way beneath the eyelid. The chemist will mix the ointment for you. Let me hear the result in a month hence.

A TRIPLET (E.B.). (1) Yes, certainly when birds are so pestered by mice that you can see two or three in the seed glasses at the same time; it is going to militate very considerably against success in breeding. Your only hope lies in clearing them out, and in your circumstances you cannot do better than apply the Virus remedy, which you will see advertised in our columns for this purpose. (2) Keep the birds caged until the middle of March now before you give them their liberty. Then let the hens fly about, and a fortnight later release the cocks. In this way you will do much to prevent them going to nest before the weather is suitable for them to do so. (3) I do not remember the size of your aviary, but if there is plenty of space in it I see no material objection to placing the Christmas tree in to provide roosting places for the birds. If well covered with leaves it might be useful to provide secluded nesting sites also. The chief objection to these ornamental shrubs in confined places is that they are so apt to become eyesores on account of the droppings of the birds adhering to the foliage.

STARTING THE FANCY (C.H.E.). It is rather a difficult matter to say definitely what amount anyone should spend in first starting in the Fancy. Save in general instances it is best for each one to settle this question in his own mind, after giving due thought to the possibilty of failure, with partial or complete loss of first outlay. A matter of £2 or £3 may quite possibly be of no more concern to one beginner than as many shillings would be to another. So I can only say that the price you name is by no means excessive for a pair of stock birds from a well-established strain of trained songsters such as you suggest the birds in question are; therefore, if cash is not a very great consideration with you, it is only for you to consider whether you care to take the risk of spending so much with the risk of getting little or even no return at the end of the first season. There is, of course, also the chance of your making a successful season and doing well out of the matter, and as you are studying "Canary Breeding for Beginners," you certainly have a good chance of coming out all right. The cock would probably be quite good enough to train, or assist in training, the youngsters if he kept in good song, but all cocks do not keep in their best song during the breeding season, and this, added to the risk of any particular bird going out of condition for a longer or shorter period, makes it a very risky proceeding to trust entirely to a single cock both for breeding and training the young to sing. If you get a second hen it would be advisable to have one of the same type of song, though it is not essential to be of the same strain. Doubtless the breeder from whom you got the pair would tell you of a strain that would mix well with his birds if you asked him.

METAL CAGES AND AVIARY (Budgi). (1) For personally I do not like all metal cages. They are, to my mind, even when well enamelled, much too cold and chilly to be comfortable at all times, and I do not think they are any easier to keep free from red mites, provided wood cages are given the same amount of attention. It may be only an idiosyncrasy, still, I prefer wood. (2) As you are building the room evidently from the commencement, I would advise you to line it with lath and plaster or cement, as you suggest, in preference to wood. The former should be the most durable and cosy, being less likely to become affected by damp etc., or warp and crack, and it will certainly afford less encouragement for insects to form harbours. It would also be good policy in your circumstances to have the radiator extended to the aviary whilst you are having it fixed so close to it, as you could then choose between using it or not, whereas if you do not make the extension you would have no choice but to do without it, however much you may want it at any particular time. Your scheme of ventilation seems quite OK, and I have no alteration to suggest in it. (3) I see no advantage in keeping the two moulting pairs in the greenhouse section unless the aviary proper was rather overcrowded, in which case the extra quietude would be advantageous, but the extra moisture from the plants would probably be a still greater detriment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

YOUNG BLACKBIRDS (W. C. G.). You say one of your young Blackbirds is black, and the others have not moulted. In this I think you must have made a mistake. The explanation is that they have all moulted, that the black one is a cock bird, and the other two are hens. There is not a lot of difference to the uninitiated between hens in their nest feathers, and after the moult, and as there was no decided change, I expect you have been under the impression that they had not moulted. If properly treated they should soon commence to warble, when you would be able to verify this. Are you anywhere where you can see Blackbirds at liberty? If so, compare them with the brownish mottled ones that you see in the open. These are the hen birds. (2) Our booklet No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," 2½d., from this office, is the one you want.

ROLLER CANARIES FOR HYBRID BREEDING (J.H.C.). You have omitted to send your name and address. Will you please send us these on a post card? You could, if you like, use Roller Canary hens with a cock Goldfinch or Linnet, but the young Hybrids would no doubt be small ones. This would not matter, if you wanted them for singing purposes only. For exhibition, one must have large birds to be of any use, size is such an important factor towards success. If you have the Roller hens in stock, and as you are quite a novice at breeding, I would advise you to use them; anyway for this next season. It would be experience for you that would be useful later on. Most Hybrid breeders use large yellow Norwich hens; from these they get birds of size and colour.

RED MITE TROUBLE (Geo. Wall). If you have done all the things you say you have, I am afraid the red mite have had rather a rough time of it. If fanciers generally were all as thorough, there would soon be a dearth of insects. If you continue your methods, you are sure to get rid of them, although I am afraid you are treating your birds rather too roughly. Wash your cages in fir tree oil as much as you like, but not the birds. If these are washed with ordinary soap, it is quite sufficient to clean them; besides, the insects do not live on the birds, but in the cracks of the cages. Now, although you have thoroughly dressed your cages, you have made the mistake of putting them back in the same position, consequently the insects left on the wall and around the nail find their way back again, and, of course, a warm kitchen is just the place to cause them to multiply. Find a fresh place for the cages, if you can, and in a cooler spot than the kitchen, if you can possibly manage it. If you are obliged to hang them in the same position, get some small corks and fasten on the back of the cage, so as to keep them away from the wall; these corks can be dressed with insecticide, which will prevent the mites getting on to the cage again from the wall. I expect the birds are suffering from irritation of the skin, caused by your rather drastic treatment. Just touch the bare place with a little warm kerol ointment, for three or four days in succession.

BLACKBIRD SNEEZING. The fact of your young Blackbird not growing or retaining all its feathers since the moult, is, in my opinion, a reason why you should give him an entire change of diet. The food you are giving him now evidently does not agree with him. Procure some good insectile food, such as is used for Nightingales and small Warblers; give him this for a fortnight, and then vary it with your usual food. Mix it with scraped raw carrot, mashed potatoes, chopped watercress, or other green food. Offer him a piece of apple or banana. My experience is that the better you treat these birds, the less trouble you have with them, and the more song you get out of them. Keep his cage scrupulously clean, and let him bathe frequently in the early mornings. For medicine, give a couple of pieces of Glauber Salts, the size of a pea, in his drinking water, for one day only, then make a mixture of equal quantities of fresh lemon juice, honey and whiskey, and give twenty drops in the drinker until the cold has disappeared. If no better, repeat the salts in about 4 or 5 days. Touch the bare places with kerol ointment, or even a little pure lard, without salt in it. Do this for three or four days in succession, then wait a week, and apply it again, wearing the way of the feathers.

SOFTBILL WITH SORE FEET (W. Wolf). Sore feet in softbill birds is always a difficult ailment to cure, and one that requires a good deal of perseverance. The old saying that "prevention is better than cure," applies to this as much as any bird ailment I know of. If cages are not very carefully fed, and given an occasional aperient, there is sure to be trouble if they manage in any way to injure the foot as yours have done. You must keep his blood cool by judicious feeding, letting him have plenty of fruit, and his food made damp, with scraped carrot or chopped watercress. This treatment will make him somewhat loose, so you should clean him out daily, and also give him a fresh perch, while the other one is being scrubbed and dried. In the case of the injured foot, you cannot do better than touch the sore part with a little neat witch hazel, put on with a clean camel hair brush, after bathing. This is very healing. Continue the same treatment for the Sprosser, but if his feet are unduly tender and the skin not broken, you could try soaking them in a solution of alum, and then anointing with vaseline, wiping them before returning the bird to its cage. Get him some perches made of the very softest wood you can procure, or peel them with cloth for a time. As I said before, these cases are not quickly cured; one must persevere, and be careful in the general treatment.

BREEDING WILD BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY (E. T. Rancocas). All the birds you mention have been bred in captivity at different times, but I cannot say positively that if you put certain pairs into an aviary that they will breed; it all depends upon the accommodation the birds, and your general treatment. Your aviary should contain some rough bushes, with plenty of nesting boxes, and wicker cages, and old nests placed in inviting situations. The birds you put in should be either house-moulted, tame specimens, or hand-reared birds. Your best subjects for trial would be English Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, and Greenfinches, in pairs, with no odd birds among them, or you will have no end of quarrelling. If you write again, giving particulars of aviary, and the birds you are putting into it, I shall be pleased to assist you, and help you in anything you want to know. If you are quite a novice, our British Bird Manual, Part I., Hardbills, would be useful to you; price 1s. 1d., from this office.

TROUBLE WITH LINNET (Novice). You have not done badly if you have had three years' good singing out of your bird. He must have a rest sometimes. According to your description, I should say he has grey lice. You had better catch him and hold him in the hand for a few minutes, and if he has any you will soon see them. Then you must thoroughly dress him with sulphur powder, working it into the feathers, but be careful you do not get any in his eyes. Give him a warm carbonate of soda bath, will cover a sixpence in the drinking water for one day only. Let him have this twice a week for a fortnight. Put him in a large cage, feed on plenty of green food; you can get chickweed, groundsel, and watercress at this time of the year, and a little later on you will be able to procure dandelion both the leaves and seed pods. Reduce the hemp, and give as much good teazle as you do canary. With this treatment he should improve and soon be in song again. An hour or two in the sunshine outdoors on fine mild days would be beneficial.

MAKING A STRAIN (British). You should take particular care of your hen and not overwork her, so that she may last you another season or two. Your best mate for her would be a clear buff cock bred in the same way that is related to her; perhaps you could get her father or half brother. If not, procure a clear Norwich cock bird from clear birds. If you have to do this, I would advise you to get a yellow, as by that means you would breed more yellows, which are, or ought to be, invaluable for Hybrid production. Among the young ones you may have a buff cock, and if he is of good size and healthy, pair him back to his mother; the young from this pairing will be clear, pass her blood, which is what you want to retain, as she throws clear. Do not part with the other young one; try some with Finches and the others pair together so as to get up a good stock. Be sure you only pair healthy birds. Be careful to get a cock bird for your hen that is bred from clears, if for two or three generations, so much the better. Blow up his feathers about the thighs and see that he is clear to the skin. Respecting the hen, if you have any other Canaries, I would advise you to let them rear the young ones so as to nurse her strength; by doing so you will find she will last you a season longer, which is a great consideration. She would probably lay an extra clutch of eggs, if you did not allow her to sit; but this would not weaken her so much as rearing. Do not force her with a lot of egg food; let her come along naturally.

RED BREASTED LINNET (C. Hobbes).—The rich crimson colour on the breast of the cock Linnet is only acquired in the breeding season. The hen bird does not have this; she is always more or less of a greyish brown, according to the season. (2) A Linnet-Canary Hybrid should be large, with a head in proportion to its body; a bird with a small pinched head on a big body seldom gets very high in the prize list. He should stand up boldly on the perch, be well rounded, with good wing and tail carriage, of rich brown colour shading off in buff on the light parts, his breast and flanks should be marked somewhat in the manner of the Linnet, but these markings are not so important as size, colour, and shape. A good seed mixture for a Linnet-Canary is two parts canary, one part each of rape and teazel. Make another mixture of linseed, hemp, maw, and niger, give him a spoonful of this once a week, and twice a week you could let him have the same quantity of a good wild seed mixture, which you can procure in packets at most corn dealers'.

BUNTING WITH GROWTH (D. R. Swainson). The first thing you should do is to slightly improve your mode of feeding. Procure a packet of wild seed mixture and give him a little of this two or three times a week. He may not eat much of it, but if he picks up even so little it is a help. Then buy some best ants' eggs and also some insectile food as used for warblers, soak a spoonful of the ants' eggs in hot milk, lay them on a sheet of paper to drain, and then give them to the bird in a little glass or china vessel. When he will eat these just damp a small quantity of the insectile mixture, and put into the vessel with the soaked ants' eggs on top, he will in time promptly eat both; when he does, you can give him this two or three times a week in addition to his seed. When he will eat the food freely, make it damp by mixing a little scraped raw carrot with it. You should also give him a mealworm or other insects, such as small beetles, caterpillars, green fly, etc.—not a lot at once, but whenever you can procure them. He should have a large cage to exercise in, and be allowed to bathe. Into his drinking water put a crystal of Glauber salts the size of a big pea, and give him this for one day, then miss a day, and give again, repeating in a week. Paint the growth with a camel hair brush that has been dipped in iodine; do this three days in succession, and then wait a week, and paint again if required.

TROUBLE WITH GOLDFINCH (S. Handel).—I have carefully read your letter, and I am inclined to think that all the trouble with your bird arises from derangement of the liver, and if you can remedy this he will come round again. Give him an aperient first, a crystal of Glauber Salts in his drinking water is as good as anything, then a couple of days after give as much carbonate of soda as will cover a sixpence. Let him have this to drink for one day only, miss a couple of days, and give again. Repeat again, missing a couple of days between each. Give the salts once to every twice of the soda. Collect some dandelion root, bruise a piece of it, and put in his drinking water on the days he is not having the medicine. As you are not giving him any hemp seed, he should have some sunflower. If he has not had any before, you will need to crack and open some for him until he gets the flavour of them, when he will probably manage it himself. Let him have as big a cage as you can possibly spare for him, and don't be afraid of the green food; you can still get seeding chickweed, groundsel, and watercress. There is no reason why you should not breed with him when he has recovered from his present indisposition.

TROUBLE WITH BUNTING (F.).—You certainly tell me what is the matter with your bird, but you say nothing as to your manner of feeding and general treatment, which is of vital importance, especially in your case, as I expect the feeding is at the root of the trouble. My advice is to give the bird as much Glauber Salts as will lay on a

shilling in his drinking water, and repeat the dose in three days' time. Read the advice given to "Swainson" in this issue, and feed your bird on similar lines; he is probably over-fat. Exercise and the bath will all assist to recovery.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

WILL IT DO FOR FINCHES? (A. J. S.).—Your aviary will certainly do for Finches, Waxbills, etc., if you get rid of the Budgerigars, and I also advise parting with the Cockatiels, as though they would do no harm to the small birds, they would disturb, as they are largish birds on the wing in a rather narrow aviary. A wood flight is not always a desideratum for an outdoor flight, but if you can keep it dry, it will be all right; but if not, then take up the wood floor (flight only) and fill in with earth. It will be better to refurnish for the Finches. Take out all existing perches and branches; then all round the interior of shelter-house and back of flight form a fairly thick hedge of pea sticks or similar material. Any kind of branches will do. The branches can go to top of aviary, but their bases should be 12 inches above floor level. Also put up a good supply of small boxes, rush nests, coconut shell nests, of which there ought to be at least double the number that you have pairs of birds. These can be suspended from roof and fixed to the walls at the back of the branches. Hay, grass, and a little moss will suffice now for nesting material. You could get one pair each of all the birds named in your letter; they would all agree together, and some of them would breed—all should breed, but not necessarily so in the same season. Foreign species are a bit irregular, even in the "best regulated" aviaries. You are most likely to succeed with only one pair of Zebra Finches. You could add to your list a pair each of Red-billed Weavers, Rufous-tailed and Long-tailed Grenadines, the two latter probable breeders.

PENNANT'S PARRAKEET (C.S.D.). I should stop the egg-food, otherwise your diet is about right. Bring it into the warmest quarters you can arrange for it, and try and let it have a little wing exercise outside its cage as soon as it cares to take it. You might give it a little plain arrowroot biscuit, broken up to about size of hemp seed, or a little larger, slightly moisten this with a mixture of boiling water and Scott's cod liver oil emulsion in equal parts. Give a little of this daily till its strength is renewed, when it would be better stopped. Keep its bowels moving quite freely by giving Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) as often as required. On other days continue the use of the Chemical Food. Bathing the legs and feet in hot water (not hot enough for discomfort), drying with a soft cloth, and then painting same with neat whisky, will give the bird some relief. Treated as above the bird should gradually recover strength. As soon as the warm weather comes, a period in the outdoor aviary will benefit it greatly, if you can put it there without danger to the other inmates. Shall be pleased to hear how it progresses.

AVIARY QUERIES (M.B.).—(1) You are very favourably situated both as regards country, soil, and pure air. The conditions could not be more favourable. It will be quite right for you to follow all the details of the plan referred to, but I must emphasise one or two points. The shelter must be roomy enough to provide roosting accommodation for all your birds if they use it, and when the front is partly blocked, the interior should be as light as any ordinary living room, and the details re flight given in previous reply cannot very well be improved upon. (2) 7½ft. would answer the purpose, but 9ft. would be far better, as then birds have plenty of room for flight above your head, and are not scared when you are in the aviary. If you have any further trouble with egg-binding, try dry-heat—the temperature of birds is so high that they can stand even 100 degs. for a considerable period which will give relief, though in some cases the egg may not be passed for a day or two. This treatment has been used by my friend, Mr. H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., for some time with great success. In giving drugs to small birds in the drinking water, an apparently large dose is really the reverse, as only a portion of the daily supply of water is drunk by the birds. Thus, if a bird drinks say one-half of the bulk supplied, and 40 minims was the dose, the bird only gets about 20 minims, or pro rata, according to the quantity consumed.

GARDEN AVIARY (T.H.H.H.).—Foreign and British species of birds do well in a suitably arranged garden aviary, and mostly soon become tame, even with species which naturally skulk amid dense undergrowth. I must, however, warn you that two of our most beautiful indigenous species—Goldfinch and Bullfinch—will speedily kill any deciduous trees and bushes growing within a limited space, by a continued process of disbudding. I am also equally sure that Budgerigars and Cockatiels will speedily kill any living trees and bushes in your aviary, and where any species of Parrakeets are kept, grass and rough herbage are the only living greenery that is permitted to survive, and this may need annual renewal. I must emphasise the conditions already given by the secretary of "C.B. League" that each aviary (for all the year round occupation) must consist of a weather proof shelter, as well lighted as an ordinary living-room, and the flight should have one-third of its length roofed in, also the north and east sides or ends of the flight should be, for at least a portion of the height, the north and east sides of an aviary are better boarded up. As regards birds to keep I fear the Goldfinches and Bullfinches will ultimately come to grief; Parrakeets, however small, are mischievous and even a playful nip from their beaks means a broken leg, wing, or other injury. The Pekin Nightingales (Robins), Red-crested and Green Cardinals, Grey and White Java Sparrows, and some species of Starling and Thrush (only one pair of each) would do well with your birds, but sooner or later small finches would be maltreated by the Budgerigars. The Cockatiel I have never found to injure the smallest Waxbill, though they sometimes disturb them in nesting by nibbling at the nests.

GREEN AMAZON (F. Drew). You really ought to have continued feeding this bird for a time as it had been fed before coming into your possession. Also you should have informed me how you had been feeding or how can I arrive at any conclusion as to the cause of its indisposition. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," would help you, as the treatment for two species is very similar, the Nutshells are 2½d. post free from our manager. As regards diet, a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet; one pint each dari, oats, and hemp; half-a-pint each of shelled nuts, sunflower, wheat, maize, and a gill of chillies—well mix the whole and keep a supply in cage. Ripe fruit daily, and plain biscuit, plain cake, stale crusts, and various nuts may be given at intervals to vary the diet. Water, grit, cuttlebone, and pieces of wood for the bird to gnaw up must be regularly supplied. The temperature of any living room will suffice, but while it must have light and air it must not be subjected to draught. You had better put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for three weeks, then only once a week for another month. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Report progress in a few weeks, or at once if it suddenly becomes worse, but you must give full details if you are to get a helpful reply.

MANNIKINS (M. J. C.).—It is a matter of diet I expect, largely. I should catch them up and put them in a roomy cage, give them a bath daily, use a bath apparatus which will hang over the open door of cage. Every fourth day, for a month at least, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and when not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. Keep the cage in a warmish place, yet not away from light and air, but give full protection against draught and cold air. As regards diet, give them canary and millet in equal parts, and keep a millet spray in the cage, renewing it as required. Give them a leaf of fresh, tender lettuce to pick at as opportunity occurs. Also keep cage tray covered with gritty sand, and supply a little grit (not sand) sprinkled on top of sand regularly, and keep cuttlebone hanging in the cage. If the magnesia does not keep the bowels moving freely (not watery-loose), then give two drops of tasteless castor-oil direct to the beak till the desired effect has been obtained—the magnesia afterwards will keep them sufficiently regulated. As soon as a piece of turf (similar to a lark turf) is obtainable free from frost, supply same for them to pick over if they will take a few dried ants' eggs, supply these regularly, and a pinch of maw seed twice a week at this season will be beneficial, but I have had Mannikins that would not touch it.

TO PUT UP AN AVIARY (F. B., Beginner).—As regards the roof, I should have it half covered in and half wire netting (½-inch mesh); front and right end can also be open netting; make it as high as you conveniently can; you must form a portion of the covered part of the roof into a shelter, enclosed all round, except for an open doorway leading into the flight; it must also have a window in, sufficiently large to make the interior fairly light, or the birds will not use it. If there are any rats in your own or neighbours' premises you must carry wire netting into the ground for a depth of 18in. all round the aviary to keep them out. The next step is fixing a good stout skirting board all the way round; to this you can nail the upright standards (2 x 2in. sq.), connect these at the top and across with tie pieces (2 x 1½in.), and then stretch the netting, or cover in with boarding. To furnish, put in some tree branches, thick and thin, and under the open wire netting top of flight grow grasses and cereals. If you care to send me a plan of ground, with positions of wall, bird-room, and N.S.E.W. marked out on it, and a stamped addressed envelope, I shall be pleased to send you a diagram showing how best to proceed. Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

FOR INDOOR AVIARY (Sheffield Blade).—If you include English seed-eaters, it will limit numbers much; for instance, there is only accommodation for at the most 12 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, but you could keep comfortably half as many again of the small ornamental Foreign Finches. The Lesser Redpoll could be included instead of the foreign species if you preferred it. If you limit it to foreign species put in a pair each of: Fire Finches, Cordon Bleus, and Grey Singing Finches, Orange-cheeked, Grey, and Golden-breasted Waxbills, Zebra Finches (7s. 6d.), Silverbills, Bib Finches and Avadavats. The foregoing are all cheap—2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. per pair, except where otherwise priced. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., or Nutshells No 16 and 20, 2½d. each post free, from our Manager, would help you greatly as to treatment, etc.

BUDGERIGARS (R. G. B.).—Feather plucking is a vice with Parrakeets, both large and small, and once acquired is seldom entirely eradicated. My advice is, give it to some friend who has got a garden aviary, or if you don't know anyone having such, wait till the grass is flowering and seeding, and take it to the open fields and give it its liberty. I am afraid it is hopeless to attempt anything with it within the limits of a cage—temporary improvement is usually followed by a relapse, and the former is only secured after much time and patience has been spent upon it. The birds would be better in an unheated room having a sunny aspect than in your kitchen. I should get rid of the hen at once and get another in good feather. In addition to the seed diet, they should get green food (piece of apple is good at this season), grit and cuttlebone should be given regularly. Our Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you as to general treatment.

FOR INDOOR AVIARY (Bird Lover).—With the proviso that you only add cocks to your present stock, the following would meet your case, and should not exceed the value you name: Grey Singing Finch, Green Singing Finch, Alario Finch (7s. 6d. or little higher), Gold-breasted Waxbill, Cordon Bleu, St. Helena Waxbill—these all have distinctive plumage and all sing a little, the first three are really good songsters, and the latter have some sweet notes, but do not sing much during the breeding season. You could put a cock Canary in with them safely, but I should choose one of the smallest varieties for the purpose. Two seed mixtures—one of canary and rape, and the other of white and Indian millet, will about meet their need as to seeds, with green food, grit, cuttlebone and water for drinking and bathing regularly. A millet spray hung up twice a week for them, supplies healthy occupation and a slight change in the menu. While weather permits, a small turf of seeding grass is about the best manner of supplying green food, they also get much exercise and many an odd insect therefrom, and all this helps to their general well-being.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (B. F. A.).—The colour arrangement of this species is very variable, that is, as to the extent of the areas of blue and yellow, especially. I incline to the opinion that the one of yours that differs is a young Blue-front, unless of course you have had it for some time, in which case it cannot be a young bird, but I am still of the opinion that it is a usually coloured Blue-front—they vary much in size, too. At one time they had quite a row of this species in the Parrot House of the London Zoo, and they varied to such an extent that the extremes looked like different species, and I think you may safely take it that yours is a Blue-front.

BREEDING IN CAGES (Novis). (1) There is not a single foreign species I know that can be spoken of as "quite free breeders in a Canary-breeding cage"; the following have all bred and you are likely to have some measure of success with them: Zebra (7s. 6d.), Bib, Ribbon, Alario (15s.), Grey Singing and Long-tailed Grass (20s.) Finches, St. Helena Waxbill, White Java Sparrows (12s. to 15s.), Bengalese, Silverbills and Budgerigars. There are others which have been bred, but the above are the most likely for you to begin with. Your chances will be greatly enhanced if you give each pair a "double-breeder with the partitions removed. (2) Rush nests, small boxes (closed all round and a hole cut for entrance), coconut husks, etc. (3) Canary seed, white and Indian millet, and spray millet will meet the requirements of most of them; with green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water—when breeding, dry insectile mixture, dry ants' eggs, and for some of them live insects. (4) Except for those priced, 2s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per pair. (5) Impossible to answer, as this varies with the species; with such as Zebra and Ribbon Finches and Budgerigars you would get most probably two or three or perhaps more, broods per year, with some of the others lucky to get one, perhaps. Your queries cover so much ground that I can only just indicate what is required; moreover, these species vary with their requirements—you must choose your species and then put a query through re the definite kinds. I should advise you to get "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., post free, from our Manager, and thoroughly master its contents before you make a start—a sort of going slow to make haste!

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Anfield Everton C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Priory Grove Mission Room, 8. General meeting. Election of officers and pair show.—Redpath and Walker.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Queen's Hotel, 7. Very important. M. Archer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S. Feb. 7, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Election of officers, enrol new members.—Wm. Hall.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Pair show, all sections Canaries and Mule or Hybrid pairs.—E. Johnson.

Bargoed C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Parker's Temp. Hotel, 7.30. To finish programme, fix date of open show, and nominate judge.—E. J. Chisholm.

Banktoot C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Special, and annual general meeting; urgent and important business.—F. Gelder.

Barnsley C.B.S. Feb. 7, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. pair show, and drawing up of syllabus.—E. Tonlson.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Gardner and Richard, 7.30. Pair show of Yorks. and Bord. Mr. Woodward gives a copper kettle for best pair of Yorks.—A. Hudson.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Feb. 10. Social Club, 7. To elect sec. and other officers for ensuing year.—John Dixon.

Birmingham South O.S.—Feb. 1, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. Annual meeting; pass balance sheet, debate on coming season, and pairing of birds.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Roller C.C.—Feb. 10, Joiners' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Kilshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Victoria Hotel. 5.30. Annual tea and concert, and prize distribution, tickets, 1s. 6d.—H. Bryant.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Headquarters, 7. Annual general meeting. Report and balance sheet, election of officers 1914, election of new members, general business, revision of rules, etc.—Will H. Gibb.

British Roller C.C.—Feb. 1, St. Marylebone Church Institute, Paddington Street, London, W., 4 p.m. Annual general meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Election of officers and very important business re annual show.—R. Ward.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Feb. 7, Village Hall, Juniper Green, 6. General business at 7. Mr. Steel, Dalkeith, will give a lecture: "Nestlings: Their Food and Feeding."—J. Napier.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 8. Members' pair and Finch show, 26 classes; a number of cash specials. Mr. J. Robson, judge.—H. Legg.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Smith's Hotel, 7. Important business.—J. W. Holms.

Darvel C.B.C.—Feb. 10, Town Hall, 7. General business; table show as arranged.—J. Robertson, jn.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Fountain Inn, 8. Arranging classes, etc., for members' shows. Please note change of meeting night owing to Bolton Woods having their annual supper, etc.—S. Wilcock.

East Ham C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Town Hall, East Ham. Distribution of prizes.—F. Onslow.—(Time not stated.—Ed.)

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Black Swan. Arrangement for table show; new members will be heartily welcomed.—Harry Cockrem.—(Time not stated.—Ed.)

Farnworth C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. General business and judging competition final; judge, Mr. W. Dawson. New members will be heartily welcomed.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S.—Feb. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Election of officers for 1914. Balance sheet and other business.—G. Garlutt.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Headquarters, 8. Annual meeting. Selecting judges, etc.—W. Curry.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.C.—Feb. 7, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.15. Annual general meeting. Balance sheet, electing office-bearers, etc. Old and new members invited.—Jas. MacGowan.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 7, Grange Schools, All Saint's Road, Dirkhill, 7.30. Allotting prizes for members' shows and cup scheme; lecture on Canary Breeding, by Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley. All fanciers are welcome.—A. Firth.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 14. Meeting House. General meeting. Election of officers, and distribution of prizes, etc.—J. Holroyd.—(Time not stated.—Ed.)

Grangemouth C.B.S.—Feb. 11. Rechabite Hall, 8. Important; classification for annual show, revising of rules, drastic alteration proposed.—J. Woodhouse.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—Feb. 9, Amethyst Club Headquarters, 8.30. Monthly meeting.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 7, Pimmnet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting. Nomination of officials and alteration of rules to be handed in at this meeting. Also result of members' shows.—H. Clegg.

Ilkeston, Codnor Park, and Eastwood.—Feb. 14, Erewash Hotel, Langley Mill, 7. General meeting, amalgamated show business. Please bring in all ticket money and books. Fanciers cordially invited.—Smith and Lees.

Keighley C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Fixing show dates. Members and intending members cordially invited.—C. W. Town.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Feb. 10. No. 2 Goth, 6 p.m. Classification for open show, etc.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Combination.—Feb. 9, Napoleon Hotel, 8. Election of sec. and treas., also working rules and conditions; all members of the three societies please attend.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Passing of balance sheet and election of officers. J. Boxtock.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Lockharts, Briggate. Table show and judging competition. 5s. for most points, and 2s. 6d. for winner of competition. Birds staged 7.30. Judges, Messrs. E. Norton and W. A. Wilson. Fanciers invited. E. Norton

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Feb. 10, White Swan, 8.30. Members' entries taken for charity show.—A. Freestone.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Drawing up of syllabus and discussion on the use of green and cinnamon blood. Everyone invited.—J. Lloyd.—(Kindly send address.—Ed.)

Littleborough C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Headquarters, 8. General business and election of auditors. All members and intending members invited.—Jno. R. Windle.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Secretary's resignation. Money due to the society to be in for this meeting.—D. John.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb. 14, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8.30. A few words to the novice, by Mr. E. Ayris.—G. G. Stubbs.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Masons' Arms, 7.30. General business; new members enrolled.—W. B. Smart.

Luton C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Peel Street, 8. Pair show Canaries. Judge, F. Martin.—L. Bloomfield.

Manningham C.B.A. Feb. 7, Mowbray Arms, 8. Arranging dinner and other business.—H. Grange.

Midland Counties' Y.C.C.—Feb. 11, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Birmingham, 8. Annual general meeting. Presentation of cups, medals, etc.; balance sheet, etc.—W. Wells.

Newsham C.B.C.—Feb. 8, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30.—C. Snowdon.

Nottingham and Notts O.S. Feb. 10, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Dates for open show. J. G. Royce.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Headquarters, 8. Election of officers, show dates, and judges.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road. Table show of British. Mr. Hardy, judge. J. Cope.

Openshaw Gortnn C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Alhambra Club Room, 8.30. General business, election of assist. sec., and voting in new members.—Arthur W. Newton.

Oxford C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Corn Exchange Hotel, George Street, 8. Committee meeting.—A. F. Fifield.

Pendlebury and Swinton.—Feb. 12, Windmill Hotel, Pendlebury, 8. Would other societies round Manchester for 30 miles kindly send notices of Linnet sings or Lark shows, etc.? Send me a few bills of same; I will see that same are put up in prominent places, as a few fanciers are wishing to try their luck in open sings, etc. Secs. of Linnet sings, etc., please give time of singing, say half minute face to face, and 5 minutes' singing, or 3 minutes' singing, as the case might be.—Alex. Donnelly, Sec., 70, Cheetham Road, Swinton, Manchester.

Rochdale Amalg. C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Temperance Club, 6.30. Show business, important. Please bring ticket money, and list of your expenses attending meeting, if not already sent to me.—W. Adams.

Southend C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Blue Boar Hotel, 8.30. General meeting; another silver cup is given to the society; members please come and arrange what it is to be competed for.—G. Deer and F. Cundy.

Southern Border F.C.—Feb. 7, Crystal Palace, 2.30. Annual general meeting.—F. Moore.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Cyprus, 7.30. Annual pair show.—W. L. Smith.

Skipton C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Final arrangements for show.—E. Gill.

S. London F.A.—Feb. 12, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, 8.30. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Birds staged by 7. Fanciers invited; admission free.—G. Barton.

Springburn Possil Park B.C.—Feb. 11, Reid Hall, 7.45. Pairs show, Norwich, Crest, Yorks., Bord., A.O.V. pairs, Mule Bullfinch Hyb., A.O. Hyb. pairs. Judges, Messrs. J. McLay and McCraig.—T. Penman.

Swansea C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Monthly meeting, adjourned business from special meeting.—S. D. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7. Supper and prize distribution. 1s. 3d. per head.—W. Walker.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Cardiff Arms, 7.30. Election of officers, annual report, date of pair show, etc. Fanciers heartily welcomed.—E. Thomas.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Feb. 10, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Show matched Canary pairs, and other business.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 7, Crown and Anchor, 8. Election of officers and other important matters left over from general meeting.—J. Isherwood.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Station Hotel, 7.30. Important business; new members invited.—G. Greenwell

Wandsworth F.S.—Feb. 12, Sutton's Hall, 8. Programme for the year to be drawn up.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Annual general meeting.—H. C. Crossley.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Headquarters, 8.30. Pair show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids. Judge, Geo. Baker.—W. G. Andrews.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for tea and social. Dates and judges for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Duke of York, 8. Adjourned meeting; election of officers, resignation of sec.; full attendance requested.—J. Gibbons.

Wood Green F.A.—Feb. 10 Assembly Rooms, Wood Green, 8. Table show. Spoon best exhibit. Judge, Mr. Titchner.—T. Callegari.

Yorks. C.C. or Scotland.—Feb. 10, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, 7.30. Breeding pairs show: Yell. cock, buff hen; buff cock, yell. hen; A.V. pairs. Judge, R. Heggie. Fee, 6d.—Wm. Priest.

York C.B.S.—Feb. 9, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Members please make special effort to attend and arrange syllabus for 1914.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Length of Canary (W. Hilton).—Are you joking with us, or has somebody been joking with you? Certainly no Canary is 16ins. long. Divide the length by two, and you would be 8ins., near the mark.

Cutting (J. Morrison). Thanks for cutting; we are utilising the same.

Bethesda Show (W. Cullen). Your letter is of too personal a nature to be published.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Club show, held at Liverpool, Jan. 17th, an entry of 400 turned up, including most of the cracks of this show season. This was the first show held under the secretaryship of Mr. Fred Handley, and everything was carried out in a thorough manner; it must have been a hard day's work, as very few turned up in the morning to give him a hand. Everyone was at work in the afternoon, and all railway birds were away in good time. Unfortunately one of Mr. Harding's (Wellingborough) exhibits arrived dead, and we believe it is one of his very best. He has the sympathy of all the G.C.A. members. The coveted President's prize for best Green bred by exhibitor was carried off by Mr. F. Handley with his noted yell. Nor. cock. The runner-up also belongs to this gentleman. Hyde's special was won by Mr. Metcalfe; best cl. Yorks., Mr. Skilling, also cup for most points novices; best cl. Nor. Mr. Lomax; best Bord., Mr. Middleton; best nov. Bord., Mr. Brotherton. The majority of exhibitors were paid their prize money, and the whole show reflects great credit on the go-ahead secretary. Mr. R. G. Helliwell (Halifax) judged Yorks. classes, and Mr. A. G. Davies (Manchester) the remainder, and their awards were well received.

CHAMP. YORKS. GR., SELF or FOUL YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Metcalfe, leader self, racy, erect and fearless, charming col., dark legs and beak, wins; 2nd, foul tail, plenty of size, well filled in top, wedge shape, nice grass green; 3rd, foul tips of wings, full of type and col., plenty of legs, shooty in carr.; vhc, Handley; hc, Benson and Young; c, McDermott. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Metcalfe, rare big one, grand tone of col., leggy, nice top end, ideal stock bird, getting strong for show; 2, c, Handley, self, smart, full of swank, well moulded, lovely col. and nicely tapered away; 3, vhc, Benson and Young, self, capital type, wonder for colour, shooty top, well balanced wings, any of above could win. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Benson and Young, self, the old Palace winner, looking as well as ever, marvel for col. and type, an ideal Yorkie throughout; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Metcalfe, capital team, often described, all looking fit; c, Moreueul. BUFF (5): 1, Morecuel, big slashing hen, most brilliant col. for a hen, rare back and taper, easy win; 2, 3, Benson and Young, selfs; 2nd, smart Yorkie, capital lacing to vent, pencilling of the best; 3rd, smaller, but full of type and col., should make a good one next year; vhc, McDermott; hc, Metcalfe. NOR. GR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, President's prize, Handley, self, noble head and neck, charming col., fit, and staged like a hero; 2, Lawson, foul tail, close up, stout front, lovely shade of col., robby and compact; 3, vhc, Harding, self, bit down, but grand col. and type, broad back, clean cut; hc, c, Walker. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 2, Ball, selfs, capital brace, Edinburgh winners, looking well, ideal shape and col., short wings and tails, very little between them, well staged; 3, c, Walker, wonderful col. and shape, broad back, all front, bold head and neck, a good one, vhc, Harding; hc, Bache. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Handley, foul, storming type, sweetly cut, broad round head, well carried wings and tail, Bradford winner; 2, Ball, self, not a big one, but full of type, and the right col., should fill out; 3, Harding, self, more subs., correct col., bit loose at sides, or might go up; vhc, Woods; hc, c, Walker. BUFF (9): 1, Ball, self, bouncing lady, all qual. and col., capital shape and style, closely carried wings and tail; 2, Harding, enormous head and neck, very happily clean cut, runs winner close; 3, vhc, Walker another of the right sort, nobby style, perfect col. and pencilling, three grand hens; hc, Handley; c, Lawson. NOR. BORD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Carruthers, wonder for col. and pencilling, round head, well carried wings and tail, as clean cut as canoe, in rare vigour; 2, Johnston, even better col., neat head and full of style, wing carr. not quite perfect to-day; 3, c, Middleton, again lifer for col., sweetly moulded, jaunty, moves well from perches; vhc, Little. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Middleton, sp. best Bord., ideal show bird, marble shaped head, shading tone of col., glorious cond.; 2, Johnston, well up to winner in col. and pencilling, smart, but loses at girth; 3, c, Howcroft, sweet little chap, all of style, brilliant shade of grass green col., well taged; vhc, Carruthers. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Carruthers, smart lady, sweetly moulded, nice taper, capital wing carr., full of Border properties; 2, vhc, Middleton, lovely exhibit, teeming with col., ideal type, very jaunty; 3, vhc, Howcroft, bit longer, but exquisite feather, nice tone of col., moves well; vhc, hc, Little; c, Montgomery. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Middleton, compact, all there for type, A1 qual., pencilling and lacing, well defined Border properties throughout; 3rd, lovely contour, rare type, just a bit flat in col.; 2, vhc, Montgomery, well head, well braced wings and tail well fitted, dazzler for col.; vhc, Little. NOV. YORKS. GR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, c, Jones; 2, Bell; vhc, hc, Cooper. BUFF HEN (6): 1, c, Jones; 2, vhc, Bell; 3, hc, Cooper. NOR. GR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, c, Higham; 2, 3, hc, Sam Woods; vhc, Lomax. BUFF HEN (6): 1, vhc, Andrews, foul tail; 2, 3, Lomax, selfs; hc, c, Woods. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Brotherton; 2, Andrews; vhc, Barnett, hc, c, Howcroft. BUFF HEN (5): 1, vhc, Howcroft; 2, 3, Brotherton; hc, Barnett. ORDINARY CLASSES YORKS. GR. YELL. CK. (51): 1, W. Jones; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Skilling, vhc, Handley; hc, W. Bell. BUFF (5): 1, Skilling; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Jones; vhc, Abbott; hc, Handley. YELL. CK. (19): 1, 2, McDermott; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Handley; hc, Skilling; c, Tom Evans. BUFF 1, Skilling; 2, hc, Skilling; 3, vhc, Benson and Young; c, T. Evans. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Skilling; 2, Jones; 3, W. Bell. BUFF 1, Skilling; 2, Abbott; NOR. GR. YELL. CK. 1, Tomlinson; 2, McMahon; 3, Handley. BUFF 1, Bloor; 2, Rimmer; 3, Tomlinson. BUFF HEN 1, Tomlinson; 2, McMahon. YORKS. BUFF 1, Abbott; 2, 3, Benson and Young. NOR. YELL. CK. 1, Lomax; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Handley. BUFF 1, Metcalfe; 2, Lomax; 3, Tomlinson. YELL. HEN: 1, Lomax; 2, Metcalfe. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Collier; 2, Barnett; 3, Howcroft. BUFF: 1, Carruthers; 2, Collier. YELL. HEN: 1, Carruthers; 2, vhc, Brotherton; 3, Collier. BUFF: 1, Howcroft; 2, Lomax; 3, Collier. A.O.V.: 1, Handley; 2, McMahon. MULE or HYB. (9): 1, Metcalfe; 2, 3, vhc, Middleton; hc, c, W. Jones. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Collier. BUFF.: 1, Lloyd; 2, McDermott; 3, J. Handley; vhc, Posthethwaite. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Abbott; 2, Posthethwaite. F.M.: 1, J. Handley; 2, Abbatt; 3, c, W. Jones; vhc, T. R. Jones; hc, Lloyd. GREENF.: 1, 2, Lloyd; 3, vhc, Redpath; hc, J. Handley. SISKIN: 1, Carruthers; 2, Lomax. TWITE: 1, Abbott; 2, hc, Lloyd; 3, J. Handley; vhc, Redpath; c, Carruthers. GIFT: 1, Walker; 2, Metcalfe. NOV. YORKS. GR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Skilling; 2, Postlethwaite, vhc, Tom Evans; hc, Redpath; c, Hampson. BUFF: 1, Skilling; 2, Postlethwaite; 3, Redpath; vhc, c, Evans; hc, Hampson. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Tom Evans; 2, Redpath; 3, Postlethwaite; hc, c, Skilling. BUFF: 1, Skilling; 2, Hampson; 3, Tom Evans. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Skilling; 2, vhc, Tom Evans; 3, hc, Steinart. BUFF: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, vhc, Tom Evans. YELL. HEN: 1, Tom Evans; 2, 3, Skilling; vhc, Hampson. BUFF: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, vhc, Evans; hc, Hampson; c, Steinart. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Skilling; 2, Tom Evans; vhc, McMahon. BUFF: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, Tom Evans; vhc, Steinart; hc, Hampson. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Higham; 2, Bache. BUFF HEN: 1, Redpath; 2, 3, vhc, McMahon. BUFF (1913): 1, 2, Bache; 3, McMahon.

THATTO HEATH.

4th annual members' show held in the Bowling Pavilion, Railway Hotel, Jan. 24. A record entry turned up. A grand Crest (Hesketh) won sp. best bird. Norwich were excellent, and a grand tkd. yell. cock won sp. for best nov. Can. Yorks. were nice, particularly the greens. Borders, especially greens, were very good indeed, and a very level lot. Nor. green were good, too. A few very nice Mules and British Birds were staged, and specials here went to Messrs. Ashall, best nov. and best vhc open, Woodward. Mr. Cuttler, the hon. sec., is a young enthusiast who does his duties in prompt style. Membership is increasing, and we hope to see greater strides made as time goes on. A great rush of fanciers and local enthusiasts attended the show, which was in every way a great success. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and fanciers seemed well satisfied.

CREST, ETC.: 1, sp. best in show, 2, Hesketh, fine Crest of all-round merit, and heavy-feathered C.B. 2nd, both in good order. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp. best Nov. Can., Grenall, remarkably fine wing tick yell., grand head and body sub., A1 carr., etc.; 2, Rushton, variegated, lovely size, shape and cond.; 3, H. Bixter, smaller, very compact, grand qual. and cond.; vhc, Enever; hc, Lea; c, Woodward. BUFF (7): 1, R. Bixter, very fine thick-set bird, neat carr., full of bloom and cond.; 2, Enever, fine body, rather longer in head, good bloom; 3, H. Bixter, wing mkd., good type, col., and cond.; vhc, Birchall; hc, Grenall; c, Woodward. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, R. Bixter; 2, Hutchinson; 3, H. Bixter, all neat and shapely. BUFFS (12): Very good lot here; 1, H. Bixter, variegated, bouncing, thick-set bird, A1 col., bloom, carr. and cond.; 2, Hesketh, very fine, cl., rather short of a tubbing to make it win; 3, Lea, neat type and carr., nice cond.; vhc, Rushton; hc, R. Bixter; c, Enever. HEN (8): 1, Enever, grand cl. yell., fine type, col., carr., and cond.; 2, vhc, Woodward, neat, shapely buff; 3, Cuttler, yell., nice type, etc.; hc, Hesketh; c, Rushton. UNFLIG. HEN (8): 1, H. Bixter, grand heavy mkd. yell., lovely type and qual., grand; 2, Woodward, fine shaped buff, in A1 order; 3, R. Bixter, yell., fine subs.; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Enever; c, Grenall. NOR. GR. CK.: 1, Enever, good size, rare col., fine shape, etc.; 2, H. Bixter, close up, fine col., shape, dark points; 3, Rushton, shade smaller, sound col., etc.; vhc, Williams. HEN: 1, Enever, fine foul throat, sound col., good type, nice cond.; 2, Williams, foul buff, nice col. and shape; 3, R. Bixter, self yell., A1 col., smaller. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Rushton; 2, 3, France. HEN: 1, Lea; 2, R. Bixter; 3, vhc, France. BUFF YORKS.: 1, Hutchinson, fine self gr., rare size, shape, sound col. and cond.; 2, Ashcroft, variegated, nice type, style, and cond.; 3, Rushton, smaller green. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Rushton; 2, 3, Halsall. HEN: 1, hc, Hutchinson, good foul tail green; 2, 3, vhc, Rushton, nice trio. BORD. CK.: 1, Ashcroft, typical buff, tick head, lovely carr. and cond.; 2, Hesketh, gay and jaunty yell., A1 carr.; 3, Hesketh, cl., longer wings and tail; vhc, Leather. HEN: 1, Hesketh, small pretty yell.; 2, Leather, neat buff. BORD., GR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, H. Bixter, very typical, lovely col., jaunty carr. and cond.; 2, France, well up in all points, all nice size. BUFF: 1, Hutchinson, very stylish, foul tail, grand col., A1 carr., etc.; 2, Ashcroft, very smart and neat; 3, H. Bixter, typical, good sound col. YELL. GREEN HENS: 1, vhc, H. Bixter; 2, Ashcroft; 3, Hutchinson, all very smart type and A1 colour, etc. BUFF: 1, H. Bixter; 2, Hutchinson; all the Border Greens were a very level lot. TWITE, ETC.: 1, hc, Woodward, very smart Mealy Redpoll, in grand order; 2, vhc, Ashall, bonny Twite, and smaller Mealy Redpoll; 3, Enever, very good Lesser Redpoll, rare bib and cowl. LINNET: 1, Williams; 2, Cuttler; 3, Woodward, nice lot, but want a little more glossy finish, etc. A.O. BRIT. (9): 1, vhc, Woodward, perfect Bramble, and a fine-coloured, medium sized Chaffinch; 2, 3, c, Enever, Hawfinch, hardly at his best to-day, fine Goldfinch, and good sized Bramble; hc, Birchall, nice Greenfinch. HYB.: 1, 3, Woodward, fine pair of dark Green Cans., both in fine bloom and cond.; 2, Enever, fine, dark Linnet Can., in A1 cond.; vhc, Halsall yell. Goldf. Can., medium size.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Show held Abbott's Cafe, Jan. 20. There was a very nice collection, most of the birds having been winners at shows in the district during the season. Mr. Benson judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all. No novice classes being provided, it was rather hard on the novices having to compete with the champion, but they managed to get in the prizes in many of the classes.

CL. I.C. YORKS YELL.: 1, Meaker; 2, Grundy; 3, Morton; vhc, hc, L. Walton. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, [illegible]; 3, Grundy. GREEN YELL. HEN: 1, Morton; 2, Grundy; 3, Stott; hc, Goulden. BUFF: 1, Grundy; 2, L. Walton, vhc, Morton. YELL. 1913: 1, 3, Great; 2, Stott; vhc, Morton; hc, L. Walton. BUFF: 1, Goulden; 2, Stott; 3, Morton. SELF OR FOUL CR.: 1, vhc, Brew; 2, [illegible]; 3, Stott. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Brew; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Brew; 3, Goulden. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Cooper; 2, 3, Stow. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR.: 1, W. Hesketh; 2, Stott; 3, Stow; vhc, Meaker. BUFF: 1, Stott; 2, Burns; 3, Meaker; vhc, N. Jones. YELL. HEN: 1, Burns; 2, Gaylard; 3, Meaker. BUFF: 1, Meaker; 2, vhc, Burns; 3, E. P. Gaylard. YELL. 1913: 1, Burns; 2, N. Jones; 3, Gaylard. Geo. Morton, Hon. Sec.

BLACKWOOD.

First open show held, in Drill Hall, Jan. 6, a capital place for a show, being quite free from draught. The birds were nicely arranged on the platform on the 5-tier lean-to system, well thought out and executed. The closing of entries in the festive season and stopping show advt. a week too soon resulted in the loss of several teams, and half of those who did enter left it so late that they could not be got into catalogue. Notwithstanding this, however, a record entry for the district was obtained. The stewards, Messrs. Palmer, Davies, Parsons and Pennhaana, headed by the much esteemed Chairman, though not old at the game, worked admirably. We regret to learn that on the morning of the show the Treasurer, Mr. Neale, had the misfortune to break his leg through the snapping of a ladder while putting up some posters. The Fancy will all join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Of the Secretary, Mr. Coleman, we cannot speak too highly good tempered and obliging to a degree under all conditions and at all times. An unlighted class in the Nor. and Yorks. section and also one or two Novice classes would be desirable additions to the classification, for here the youngsters had to compete with the older ones in both cases. The gate promised to be great, and we trust the result will spell success. The judge, Mr. E. J. Davies, Cardiff, was very late starting owing to several cases not arriving till nearly 11 o'clock, but ultimately everything passed on very pleasantly. Winners of points specials were Edwards, Phillips, Jeffreys.

NOR., YELL. (12), grand class: 1, spl, c, Mortimer, heavy variegated, very chubby, grand head, neck and chest, well filled, fine wings and tail, grand col., qual. and carr.; 2, Capt. Collier, variegated, almost equal in all points, loses trifle in col. and qual.; 3, Williams, cl., short, good depth chest, well braced wings, tail, nice col. and qual.; 4, Davies; res, he, Thomas; vhc, Edwards. BUFF (7): 1, spl., res, Thomas, massive variegated, good head and neck, fine width and deep chest, nice col. and qual.; 2, Capt. Collier, grizzle cap, very chubby, capital head, neck and chest, loses trifle col. and waist; 3, Jones and Davies, cl., grand col. and qual., well shown; 4, Edwards; vhc, Davies; hc, Mortimer. HEN (9): 1, 4, Thomas, unflig. buff, extra chubby, lovely head, neck and chest, fine qual.; 2, Capt. Collier, yell., grizzle cap, nice head, neck and subs., loses to winner in finish; 3, Williams, cl. buff, similar stamp to winner, but loses colour and fullness of chest; res, A. Bell, very nice, but bit patchy; vhc, Edwards; hc, c, Davies. YORK., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Phillips, cinn. mkd. wings and head, slim, straight, upstanding, well filled up, grand wings and tail, lovely qual. gem; 2, Weeks, cl. similar stamp to winner, better col., but shade smaller and trifle pinched at throat; 3, Thomson, good all round bird, lovely feather, but could not keep his tail closed; 4, Wotton; res, Maidment; vhc, Holmes; hc, c, Lové. BUFF (9): 1, Weeks, variegated, Pontypridd winner, fair length, good pos. and col., nervy, excels qual. and finish, hard pressed by 2 & 3. Phillips, tkd. wing, grand length, straight, well filled, lovely qual., shade stouter, we heard a big winner, 3rd cl., similar, grand col. and qual., loses just trifle size, head and neck; 4, G. Thomson; res, G. Thomson; vhc, Wootton; hc, Palmer; c, Brown. YORKS., HEN (13): 1, spl., Wotton, cl. yell., lady to be proud of, fine long slim bird, well filled, grand wings, tail, col. and pos., much admired; 2, Weeks, cl., grand yell., wonderful col. and qual., loses chiefly to winner in size; 3, G. Thomson, cl. buff, nice length and pos., beautiful taper, trifle short neck and shade strong in shoulders for our liking, grand feather and legs; 4, H. Phillips; res, Brown, vhc, Stocker; hc, Thomas; c, Griffiths. BORD. (6): 1, spl., Pearce, buff gr., correct Border type, very shapely, nice col. and qual., fine cond.; 2, res, Merry, even mkd. yell., hardly so finely tapered, trifle open chest; 3, 4, Gunn, buff, neck mkd., well filled, nice col. and qual., not quite so shapely, bit soiled; vhc, Love. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl., 2, Edwards, two wing mkd. Dark Crests, good body and feather, nicer sized shapely crests good col. and qual., 2nd cl. C.B., nice subs., good skull, feather and qual., spotless cond.; 3, Barrington. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl., Hughes Bros., Canary-Bullie, not one of largest, but lovely qual. and cond., with light tail and flights, wins; 2, Ball, well-known light Crest.-Can., beautiful col. and qual., trifle on small side; 3, Edwards, Crest.-Buff., nice size and col.; 4, Davies and Jones; res, Edwards; vhc, Hughes Bros.; hc, Jeffries. GOLDF. (16): 1, spl., 3, hc, Jeffries, good size, fine expansive and proportionate blaze, trifle coppery, fairly good col. all over, nice tans, buttons and sheen, 3rd not quite the sub., but fine square blaze, bit dark; 2, Winstone, good size, better col. all over than winner, good polish, loses expanse of blaze; 4, Maidment; res, vhc, Palmer; c, Coakham. BULLF. (5): 1, spl., Edwards, cock, neat, grand col., breast, cap, and bars, nice type, romps home; 2, Jeffries, hen, sweet type and col., grand cap and bars, well staged; 3, Lawrence, H.M. cock, tails col., steady; 4, Lassman. A.O. FINCH (7): 1, spl., Crawford, Hawfinch, lovely head and bib, nice col., feather and cond.; 2, 4, res, Jeffries, really good Chaffinch, fine size, col. and markings, good polish and cond.; 3, Palmer, Linnet, steady, good size and col., nicely pencilled, good cond.; vhc, Peterson; hc, Lloyd James. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl., 3, Jones, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, lovely cond., nicely mkd., taking exhibit, 3rd pair nice Redlings; 2, Tauner, Instrous Starling, well spangled, finest possible cond., extra steady. CHILDREN'S CLASS (5): 1, spl., Coakham, H.M. cock Bullf., nice type, col. and cond., would beat some in open classes; 2, Holmes, stylish yell. Yorks., well staged; 3, Coakham, Jonquil Gold Mule, fails col.; 4, Peterson; res., no name.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Co-operative Hall, Jan. 31, Mr. D. McLaren presided over a good attendance. The new rule cards, with syllabus of monthly meetings were handed out, the members agreeing to purchase same at threepence. Representatives to the West Fife League for the ensuing year appointed as follows: Messrs. McLaren, Stobie, Rankine, and the Sec. Members will note from the syllabus that at the Feb. meeting a novel making competition will be held when Mr Wm. Rolland will act as referee. Prior to meeting the fourth social for the year was held. Mr. Wm. Begg, Oakley, judged. NOR. 1, 2, Walt. CRESTS: 1, 3, McLaren; 2, Howe; 4, Coutts. PORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Buff and Baxter. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Hennaway; 2, 3, Buff and Baxter. YORKS.: 1, Kilpatrick; 2, 3, Coutts. MULING PAIRS: 1, Holwig; 2, Hennaway; 3, Watt. A.O. MULE PAIRS: 1, Campbell; 2, Anderson; 3, Coutts. BULLF. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Kilpatrick; 2, Robertson; 3, Coutts. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Kilpatrick; 2, Rolland; 3, Campbell. Robert F. Campbell, Sec.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

With a record number of entries (235) and specials (61) the association started the season's shows with their pair show, Jan. 24, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone. Norwich were an especially fine collection, both in quality and numbers, totalling 43 pens (26 pairs in the novice class); so good were they that the three silver medals for the best champion, amateur and novice, all went to that section. Yorks., though not so numerous, were well represented, and found appearance round for any thing short of prodigy capable of maintaining our northern reputation. Crests were quite in the ascendant, there being one wonderfully staged pairs with grand head properties. Mention, too, must be made of the stride that Borders have made these last two years, as evidenced in a gratifying array of matt typical birds. Hybrid pairs were not so numerous, neither was there such an entry of British and foreign birds as was confidently expected. The Norwich Cup was won by F. J. Makin; Bord., H. Hobden; Wynn Cup, A. Beavington; Mrs. Weston Cup, B. Thrower; novice teapot, Mrs Hobden; and Champion Trophy, Mrs. Thynne. The secretary was ably assisted by Mrs. and Mr. Thynne, F. Knight, A. Beavington, and J. Overman, besides the staging stewards, Messrs. C. G. Rolls and W. Witchers, who did yeoman service. Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frodick judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CHAMP. (13): 1, hc, c, C. Withers; 2, 3, vhc, Martin. AMAT. (6): 1, 2, 3, Thurley; vhc, Knight. NOV. (6): 1, 2, 3, Cobb; vhc, extra vhc, c, Beavington; extra 3, Kelly; hc, Large. CRESTS, CHAMP. (11): 1, 2, Shepherd; 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, hc, c, Day. NOV. (2): 1, Poulton; 2, Miss Marshall. YORKS., CHAMP. (12): 1, vhc, Hawes Bros.; 2, 3, hc, F. Tyers; c, Scudder. AMAT. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Sanders; vhc, Rolls; c, Monger. NOV. (6): 1, ex. vhc, Withers; 2, 3, vhc, Monk, hc, Burch; c, Armstrong. BORD., CHAMP. (14): 1, 2, c, Mrs. Thynne; 3, vhc, Mrs. Salter; ex. vhc, Lethbury; hc, Knight. NOV. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hobden; hc, Bradley; c, Mrs. Parry. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Bradley, cinns. GOLDF AND CAN.: (4): 1, Mrs. Holden; 2, Thrower; 3, Clark; vhc, Bradley. LINNET AND CAN. (3): 1, Mrs. Hobden; 2, Clark; 3, Dossell. GREENF. AND CAN. (2): 1, Clark; 2, Dossell. A.V. BRIT. AND BULLF. HEN: 1, Offord. Y.O.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Parrington. A.S BFTW. 2 BRIT. (2): 1, Parrington; 2 Clark. A.S. FINCH AND CAN., NOV. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Beavington; 2, Parrington; hc, Thrower. BETWEEN 2 BRIT., NOV. (2): 1, 3, Beavington; 2, Parrington. GOLDF., C.M. (6): 1, Holden; 2, Style; 3, Offord; vhc, Clark; hc, Overman; c, Thrower. GOLDF., F.M. (3): 1, 2, Thrower; 3, Offord. BULLF. (2): 1, Styles; 2, Thrower. LINNET, C.M. (2): 1, 2, Offord. F.M. (5): 1, Clark; 2, Styles; 3, vhc, Offord; hc, Thrower. GREENF., C.M. (5): 1, Hobden; 2, Mrs. Allison; 3, vhc, Offord; hc, Styles. F.M. 1, Offord. SISKIN (3): 1, 2, Offord; 3, Styles. REDPOLL (8): 1, vhc, hc, Offord; 2, Miss Shepherd; 3, Styles; c, Dossett. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (7): 1, Beavington; 2, Clark; 3, vhc, Parrington; hc, Offord. A.O. FINCH: 1, Offord, Hawfinch. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, Clark. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, Offord, Corn. BULLF. HEN (9): 1, Hobden; 2, Mrs. Maher. FINCH OR BUNTING, HEN: 1, Parrington, Corn. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, 2, Parrington, Black Redstart, Whitethroat; 3, Mrs. Maher, Whinchat. LARGE (2): 1, Parrington, Blackbird; 2, Shepherd, Thrush. PARROTS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Miss Clarke, pair Stanley Parrakeets, 1st Peach-faced Lovebirds; 3, Mr. Shepherd, Budgerigars. WAXBILLS, ETC. (3): 1, Mr. Thynne, St. Helena Waxbills; 2, Brownbridge, Fire Finches; abs., Miss Clare. WEAVERS, ETC. (2): 1, Mr. Dora Thynne, Whydahs; 2, vhc, Brownbridge, Mannakins and Javas; 3, Mrs. Thynne, Mannakins; hc, Miss Marshall. Weavers, A.O. SEEDEATERS (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne, Diamond Finch, pair Nonpariel Buntings; 3, Brumbridge, Ribbon Finches. THRUSHLIKE BIRDS (4): 1, 2, Shepherd, Larger Hill Mynah; Lesser Hill Mynah; 3, vhc, Mrs. Allison, Pekin Robins. A.V. SINGLE BIRD (6): 1, 2, Hawes Bros.; 3, Bradley; vhc, hc, c, Beavington.

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LONDONDERRY.

Annual open show held Union Hall, Jan. 15. Entries created a record of 75 above previous years. This was brought about by a hard-working lot of fanciers, who have spared no pains to make the show second to none in the North of Ireland. The hall is about the finest it has been our lot to see. Rare top light, absolutely free from draughts, and of a nice temperature all day long. The birds were staged on the three-tier principle all round the room, which left a nice space in the centre for the visitors, who turned up well from all parts of the North. Sec., Mr. Matt Kerr, is one of those jovial Irishmen who make everyone feel at home. He carried his duties out in A1 style, and ran the show on the most modern lines. He has great help in Mr. Neill, the worthy president, and Mr. Nevin, the society's banker. The committee worked well together to make the show pay its way, and have received their just reward. Crests opened the ball—49 in four classes, an example to English fanciers, and they compared favourably with our Crests. Mr. Creighton (Belfast) had quite a field day in the section, closely followed by Mr. John Moore. Nor. were an eye-opener for size and type combined. Mr. Thompson (Belfast) had his first team out, and scooped the pool. Yorks were the feature of the show in numbers and quality, the majority of the spoils going to Dublin. Messrs. O'Reilly, Hyland, Fleming, and Woods put out rare teams. British came out fairly well. The A.V. British class was a sight to be seen. Mr. Creighton accounted for the best British with his Yellow Bunting, while Mr. Longhead won members' cup for best unlighted. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY (3): 1, 2, Dunlop, leader spanking good Buff, soon gets into pos., rare circle; 2, Yellow, grand top, tail well under, nice depth through shoulder; 3, Lavery, pied gr., lovely pos., when up, but unsteady. HEN (3): 1, 2, Dunlop, Yell., topping reach, nice qual., stilty, and works well, smart exhibit; 2, Buff, neat head, well down, makes rare sweep, plenty of leg; 3, Lavery, rare subs. and shape, just a shade thick at neck. CREST CK., extra good class (17): 1, 2, Creighton, grizzle Crest, well radiated from centre, leafy feather, well packed; 2, Yell. D.C., neat and well formed crest, silky feather, rare shape and fit; 3, vhc, Moore, Gr., abundance of feather, of nice texture, crest well formed, and comes well over beak; res, Kincaid; he, Osborne; c, Dunlop. HEN (11): 1, Creighton, D.C., nicely radiated, full of webby feather, rare qual., and put down to win; 2, res, vhc, Kincaid, charming team, plenty of subs., neat centres, broad feather and compact; 3, hc, c, Moore, well balanced crest, not big, but smart, silky feather, grand hen to breed from. C.B. CK., grand lot (13): 1, Osborne, Gr., monster skull, marvellous lashings, abundance of feather, of rare texture; 2, res, c, Moore, again great skull, well lashed, broad back and compact for a big 'un; 3, Creighton, thick set, not so well lashed, plenty of feather; vhc, hc, Kincaid. HEN (8): 1, 2, res, c, Moore, variegs., rare width of skull, nice brows, silky feather, very broad across; 2nd just beaten head, wealth of feather of extra texture, well put down; 3, Gilfillan, Gr., charming quality, plenty of the right sort of clothes; vhc, hc, Creighton. NOR. CL. CK. (8): 1, 3, Thompson, stormer for head and neck, well braced wings, red hot, grand qual., very fit; 3rd on small side, charming qual. and type, sweet all through; 2, res, Kincaid, rare size, grand qual., broad back and short and compact, just beaten head properties; vhc, hc, c, Longhead. HEN (10): 1, 2, Thompson, Buff, hot stuff, marvel for type, broad thick-set body, lovely feather; 2nd Buff, bit unsteady, bold head and neck, short wings and tail, knocks herself about; 3, vhc, hc, Kincaid, Yell., thin, charming qual., shapely, full of style; res, Gilfillan; c, Longhead. TKD., MKD., OR VARIEG. CK. (13): 1, 2, Thompson, varieg. Yell., like a ball of fire, round head, thick-set neck, rare subs., and grand qual.; 2nd wing mkd., shade thinner, neat head, extra good in feather, tail well fitted to rump; 3, Osborne, three-pointed Buff, bold head and neck, boat shape body, full of Nor. type; res, Longhead; vhc, Kincaid; hc, Kincaid; c, Miss Lyle. HEN (8): 1, 2, Thompson, cap mkd. Buff, charming lady, teeming with qual., rare type, well braced wings and clean cut away; 2nd varige. Yell., sweet wench, smart, full of points to make up an ideal hen; 3, hc, Longhead, grand in all ways, might mave gone up, but wants washing; res, c, Kincaid; vhc, Osborne. YORKS CL. CK., extraordinary good class (26): 1, 2, O'Reilly, Buff leading, wonder for qual., straight as a gun barrel, round as you could make him, filled in to perfection, will take some beating; 2nd unflighted Yell., erect and fearless, grand top end, evenly carried wings, plenty behind leg, clean cut as a cameo; 3, hc, Hyland, charming Buff, all there for type, lovely character, crosses wings now and then; res, Woods, Yell., splendid pos., a real "good 'un"; vhc, Keating; c, Fleming. HEN (23), lovely lot of ladies: 1, vhc, O'Reilly, smart Yell., plenty of leg, smooth as marble, sweet head and well filled in neck, full of character; 2, 3, res, Hyland, grand outlines for a Buff, nice back and pos., full of qual., well finished from beak to tail; 3rd Buff, equal in all points but wing carr., wants handling; hc, Woods; c, Keating. TKD. ETC. CK. (21): 1, 2, Woods, smart Yell., red hot, full of type, not a big one, but all there in all Yorks properties; 2nd shashing Buff mkd. cap and wing, rare length of side, pipe tail, round and smooth, put down in capital form; 3, Jamieson, Yell., erect, and shows nice leg, full of qual., grand back and tail; res, hc, O'Reilly; vhc, Fleming; c, Neill. HEN (14): 1, Fleming, cap mkd. Yell., very racy, sweet character, smart wing carr., feather of the right texture; 2, Hyland, varieg. Buff Cinn., well filled in top, excellent wing carr., neat pair of legs, well braced up; 3, c, Keating, varieg. Yell. Cinn., shooting long flights and tail, erect, beaten qual.; res, Williamson; vhc, Jamieson; hc, O'Reilly. NON-FED CK. (16): 1, Frazer, cl. Buff, nice back and wing carr., gets up well, pipe tail, extra good feather; 2, O'Reilly, var. Yell., nice top end, grand character, plenty of leg, fails qual. to winner; 3, Master Glenn, Yell. Gr., well pencilled, nice shade of grass green; res, Neill; vhc, c, Williamson; hc, Capt. Allen. HEN (13): 1, c, Frazer, Buff, smart carr., well filled in front, plenty behind legs, capital qual.; 2, hc, Williamson, Yell., smart Yorkie, full of character, just beaten texture of feather; 3, res, Nevin, rare bloom, neat legs, well finished back and wings; vhc, O'Reilly. A.O.V. (4): 1, Dunlop, Belg., rare drive, square shoulders, stilty, and shows nice qual.; 2, Gilfillan, Nor. Gr. hen, smart exhibit, full of type, grand col.; 3, res, Kincaid, Cinn. Bord., sweet contour, very jaunty, rare qual. MULES, DARK (4): 1, Lavery, capital Goldf.-Can., like a ball of fire, fair size and wonderful cond.; 2, Porter, Siskin Mule, nice size and order, full of col., in rare trim; 3, Nevin, Goldf.-Can., sweet specimen, not a big one, but good, bit unsteady; res, Frazer. LIGHT (3): 1, Creighton, well known Yell. Goldf.-Can., red hot, often described, looks as well as ever; 2, Lavery, Buff Goldie Mule, capital trim, shines like glass. No. 2, Kerr, WC, alleged to be a Canary (Yorks type). BRIT. GOLDF. (14): 1, Lavery, wonder for tanning, square cut blaze, carries rare bloom, a real good 'un; 2, Mulcahy, topper for frontal attack, grand bars and buttons, only beatch tanning, a lovely specimen; 3, Creighton, another good one, bit soft, which put on false size; res, Waters; vhc, Kincaid; hc, Dunlop; c, Williamson. A.O.V. SMALL (14): 1, 2, Creighton, Yell. Bunting, magnificent col., perfect V-shaped markings, grand body col.; 2nd Linnet, rare good pencilling, cone shape, nutty brown col.; 3, vhc, c, Waters, Bramble, nice size and order, extra good in spangle, laced well to waist; hc, Lavery. SKY-LARK, ETC. (3): 1, Mulcahy, marvel of a Lark, steady as a rock, carries nice silver frosting throughout; 2, Kincaid, smart Thrush, well spotted and shown in capital trim; 3, Canning, Blackbird, rare order, coming into nice bloom, small. FOR.: 1, Nicl Macmillan, Lemon-Crested Cockatoo, capital feather and condition; 2, D. Macmillan, same species but not in same order or cond.

SOUTH MOOR SOCIAL CLUB.

2nd annual cage bird show, held Jan. 31, Feb. 1, in the Club Hall, a very fine hall, with plenty of room, light, and very cosy. Mr. G. Lane was again sec., and everything passed off well; he was ably assisted by a grand lot of fanciers. Mr. T. Shelly, chairman; Treas., J. Ranson; and stewards, Messrs. Chaytor, Roxborough, Teasdale, Taylor, and Astle. Entries came up well; 111 birds were staged to perfection. Borders were a very strong and good class. British made a fine show, some well-known winners being exhibited. The show was one of the best we have seen for a long time. It was well supported with visitors, and was a big success. Mr. J. Emmerson, Stanley, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CK. (7): 1, Bowman, yell., good cobby shape, nice head, good wings, lovely feather: 2, Teasdale, buff, very nice size, good front, grand col. and cond.; 3, Robson, yell., very hot col., grand head and good wings, fine exhibit: 4, Lane. HEN (8): 1, Armin and Shelly, yell., big one, nice shape, good head and neck, feather like silk; 2, Robson, buff, very good front, well braced wings, nice short legs, good qual. feather; 3, Teasdale, yell., cobby shape, nicely rounded head, fine wings and tail, well staged; 4, Lane. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 2, Lane, leader grand model of a Yorkie, sweet head, nicely drawn wings, rare qual, feather; 2nd, almost as good, not as clean underneath as leader; 3, Nicholson, nice shapely one, shoulders well rounded, not as good in feather; 4, Robson. HEN (5): 1, 3, Teasdale, leader, straight as a line, very fine head, lovely wings, very tight feather, grand polish; 3rd, fine shape, good length, grand cond., rather rough on shoulder; 2, Lane, big size, rare polish, not much behind winner; 4, Robson. BORD. CK. (6): 1, 4, Bates, leader a beauty, fine style, sweet head, grand wings and con., shown in the pink; 2, Davidson, nice one, good head, perfect wing carr., very graceful, well staged; 3, Herdman, extra head, good front, shade rough in feather. HEN (7): 1, Herdman, beauty, grand body, fine head, well kept wings, good polish, and cond.; 2, 4, Bates, nice one, good back, neat head, might lose in wings; 3, Davidson, very nice lady, extra feather, grand style. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Bates, gr. Bord., lovely bird, nice head, teeming with col., good wings; 2, 3, Davidson, gr. Bord., fine size, nice wings and tail, good front, nicely rounded head; 3, Davidson, gr. Bord., very smart youngster, rare feather and cond.; 4, No name. SINGING CLASS (11): 1, 3, Buckton, leader, var., nice size and col., fine feather; 3rd, good shape, nice front, teeming with col.; 2, Burt, likely one for singing, plenty of size; 4, Bates, in shape this one we fancied. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, Teasdale, nice Goldie, square blaze, good tan, well mooned and buttoned, damaged tail; 2, Armin, Bullie, nice cobby shape, very dense cap, extends well back, good wing bars, rare tone; 3, Laxon, Bullie, good size, finely cut, not so good in col.; 4, No name. LINNET (13): 1, Herdman, nice nut-Brown back, big size, finely pencilled, grand tone; 2, Laxon, not the size of winner, but a very good one. 3, Bell, good size, lovely head, rather light on breast; 4, Herdman. GREENF. (9): 1, Bell, good big head, plenty of size, good qual. and cond.; 2, Robson, not as big, but all there, rare tone, and very steady; 3, Davidson, fine shape, good head, lovely feather: 4, Herdman. REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, Hodder, Mealy, good cap and bib, finely pencilled, good col.; 2, Robson, Lesser, very taking 'Poll, sweet face and head, lovely feather, and well staged; 3, Armin, nice Lesser, good markings, rare tone and cond.; 4, Bowman. A.O.V. (5): 1, Lane, Chaffic, very good one, plenty of size, good polish and cond.; 2, Shelly, Blackbird, good size, fine col. and cond.; 3, Hall, Song Thrush, very steady, nicely spotted, some preferred; 4, Bell. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Lane, Can.-Goldie, fine size, good blaze, teeming with col.; 2, 4, Renwick, Linnet-Can., fine feather and cond., rather small; 3, Bates, Greenie Mule, good size, rare tone, very nice exhibit.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Successful table show of matched pairs held headquarters, Railway Hotel, Jan. 24. Mr. J. W. Cleminson, Preston, judged, and also gave a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Dawson took the chair in the absence of Mr. Taylor. We had a good muster of members and friends, several coming over from Bolton. After prize money was paid out we settled down to hear the lecture. The chairman said he felt glad to see so many present, and hoped that everyone would pay strict attention to Mr. Cleminson, so that they would be ready to ask questions. At the finish of the lecture Mr. Cleminson said that he would be pleased to answer any questions. The Chairman then invited questions, and several were asked, which Mr. Cleminson readily and suitably answered. Mr. Ordish moved that the best thanks of this meeting go to Mr. Cleminson for the able manner in which he had dealt with the various points connected with the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. W. Hulme seconded the vote, which all readily supported. Mr. Cleminson suitably responded, and a very well-spent and enjoyable evening closed.—R. Charleson, Sec.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Annual club show, held Masonic Hall, Jan. 17. Entries numbered 120, with keen competition in all sections. A feature of this show is the gift classes, members giving away to the public 18 birds. This should do something to increase the membership by having more breeders in the district. Messrs. J. Sneddon, P. McCue, and J. Adamson, all of Lochgelly, judged. There was no prize money or special prizes, all the benefit going to the funds of the association.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (Old Bird) (7): 1, 2, 5, 6, Stenhouse; 3, Cowan; 4, Ross. HEN (3): 1, Cowan; 2, Stenhouse; 3, Hutt. CK., YOUNG BIRD (1): 1, Hutt. HEN (2): 1, 2, Cowan. NOV. (2): 1, Ross; 2, Hutt. BORD., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Anderson; 4, Robertson. HEN (4): 1, 3, 4, Anderson; 2, Robertson. BUFF CK. (3): 1, 3, Anderson; 2, Robertson. HEN (3): 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Robertson. NOV. (3): 1, Hutt. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Campbell. NOV. (3): 1, 2, 3, Campbell. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Dickson; 2, M'Conville; 3, Kirk. Hen (5): 1, Dickson; 2, M'Conville; 3, Barclay; 4, 5, Kirk. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Dickson; 2, M'Conville; 3, Kirk; 4, 5, Barclay. HEN (3): 1, Dickson; 2, M'Conville; 3, Kirk. UNFLIG. CK. (4): 1, Dickson; 2, Barclay; 3, M'Conville; 4, Johnston. HEN (3): 1, Dickson; 2, Barclay; 3, Johnston. NOV. (3): 1, Johnston; 2, 3, Lister. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Johnston; 2, Sneddon. FINCH (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Anderson; 5, Robertson. A.O. BRIT. (4): 1, Anderson; 2, Dickson; 3, Campbell; 4, Kirk. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Anderson. FOR. (2): 1, Kirk; 2, Johnston. MULE, ETC., NOV. (11): 1, 3, Arnott; 2, Herd; 4, Malcolm; 5, Cooper; 6, Arnott. COM. CAN. (3): 1, Lister; 2, 3, Hutt. GIFT. SINGLE (11): 1, M'Conville; 2, Ross; 3, Cordery; 4, Hutt; 5, Cowan; 6, Arnott. PAIR (3): 1, J. Anderson; 2, Dickson; 3, Johnston. A.O. CAN. (6): 1, Cowan; 2, 4, 5, 6, Hutt; 3, Dickson.—A. Dickson, Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

2nd annual show, held Star Inn, Church-street. The show was capitably managed by Mr. G. Whittaker, sec., and Mr. West, steward. Owing to illness of several members, entries (about 100) were not up to expectations, but quality was of the best. The show was opened by Mr. Johnson, who remarked that it gave him the greatest of pleasure. He congratulated Mr. T. Lingard upon winning the challenge cup (a magnificent piece of silver), also Mr. H. Patlow, the runner-up. Both favourably responded. He also congratulated Mr. G. Whittaker, sec., and Mr. T. West, upon the way in which they did their work in preparing the show. He then handed the cup over to the winner. Mr. T. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson, and Mr. A. Hirst, judge, who did his work to everybody's satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR.: Class 1 (5): 1, 2, 4, Lingard; 3, Baker; vhc, Barwise. Class 2 (4): 1, 3, 4, Lingard; 2, Baker. Class 3 (3): 1, 2, 3, Lingard. Class 4 (6): 1, 2, vhc, Lingard; 3, 4, Baker; hc, Barwise. Class 5 (3): 1, 3, Lingard; 2, Baker. NOR. NOV.: Class 6 (3): 1, Catlow; 2, 3, Spencer. Class 7 (3): 1, Chadwick; 2, Spencer; 3, Berry. Class 8 (9): 1, 3, vhc, Spencer; 2, 4, Catlow; hc, c, Towler. Class 9 (4): 1, 2, Catlow; 3, Spencer; 4, Towler. Class 10 (8): 1, vhc, Spencer; 2, Catlow; 3, Chadwick; 4, Towler; hc, Hargreaves; c, Pattison. NOV. YORKS.: Class 13 (1): 1, Whittaker. Class 14 (1): 1, West. Class 15 (2): 1, 2, Whittaker. Class 16 (1): 1, West. Class 17 (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Holden; vhc, c, Barwise; hc, Hargreaves. Class 18 (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Holden; vhc, Barwise. Class 19 (7): 1, Barwise; 2, 3, Lingard; 4, vhc, Holden; hc, c, Hargreaves. Class 20, Gift (3): 1, 2, 3, Lingard. Special winners: Cup and Littlewood's sp., Edmunson's sp., Cheshire's sp., 10s. 6d., and Burton's sp., Lingard; Edwards' sp., 2nd best in show, Harrison's sp. best Nor. Nov., Barwise's sp., and Sandiford's, Catlow; Hartley's sp., Baker; Linscott's, Holden; Greenwood's rose bowl, Barwise; Litherland's, Chadwick and Barwise; Lingard's best Brit., Holden; Johnson's, Spencer; Smith's, Whittaker.—G. Whittaker, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Members' show, held Montgomery Hall, Sheffield, January 17th. J. H. Roe judge.

YELL. YORKS., A.V.: 1, Dr. Craig; 2, Webster. BUFF: 1, Webster; 2, Dr. Craig; 3, Porter. A.V. YELL. or BUFF YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, Dr. Craig; 3, Sampson. NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. or BUFF: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Howe and Senior. NOR. MKD. VAR. or GREEN: 1, 2, Howe and Senior; 3, Waters. A.V. CREST: 1, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, Colton and Down. CREST BRED, A.V.: 1, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, Colton and Down. YORKS. A.V. YELL. COCK, 1913: 1, 3, Dr. Craig; 2, Furniss. YORKS. A.V. 1913 BUFF: 1, 3, Furniss; 2, Ridale. YORKS. A.V. YELLOW HEN, 1913: 1, 2, Dr. Craig; 3, Ridale. YORKS. A.V. BUFF HEN, 1913: 1, 2, 3, Dr. Craig. A.V. YELL. NOR. COCK, 1913: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Howe and Senior. A.V. BUFF NOR. COCK, 1913: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Howe and Senior. NOR. A.V. YELL. or BUFF HEN, 1913: 1, 2, 3, Waters. A.V. CREST, 1913: 1, 2, 3, Evans. CREST BRED, 1913: 1, 2, Memmott; 3, Evans. BRIT. GOLDFINCH or BULLFINCH: 1, Walsh; 2, Bearder; 3, Fletcher, LINNET: 1, 3, Walsh; 2, Bearder. GREENFINCH: 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Walsh. REDPOLL, SISKIN or TWITE: 1, 3, Milne; 2, Fletcher. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Milne; 2, 3, Walsh. A.V. SOFTBILL, SML.: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher. A.V. LRG.: 1, Fletcher; 2, Baxby. FOREIGN, COMMON, SMALL.: Class 24: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher. PARROTS and PARRAKEETS: 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Baxby. A.O.V. FOR.: 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Colton and Down. NOV. CAN. 1913, YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Maynard; 2, Simpson; 3, Cadman. A.V. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Cadman. NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. or BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Matthews. A.V. NOR. HEN: 1, Matthews; 2, Markhall; 3, Smith. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Colton and Down; 2, Snape. Cup winners, Yorkshire, Dr. Craig, 2nd time; Norwich, J. Mathews; Crest, J. Evans; British, G. Fletcher; Foreign, G. Fletcher. Special winners: Most points novice Yorkshire, G. Simpson; ditto Nor., J. Mathews; champion Yorks., Dr. Craig; champion Nor., A. H. Waters; Crests, J. Evans; Foreign, Fletcher; British, G. Fletcher, best birds. Nov. Yorks., E. Simpson; Nov. Nor., J. Mathews; Champ. Crest, J. Evans; Yorks., Dr. Craig; Nor., A. H. Waters; British, G. Fletcher; For., G. Fletcher; most points in show, G. Fletcher; 2nd, A. H. Waters; best bird in show, Dr. Craig.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Table show of F.M. Greenfinches and Linnets held Jan. 24. There was a good entry and some very promising birds were exhibited, especially in Linnet class. Mr. A. Reid, Hamilton, judged very satisfactorily. Mr. Jas. Graham won spl. most points. GREENF.: 1, McLean; 2, Graham; 3, 5, Alex. Thomson; 4, Allan Thomson; 6, Arnoth. LINNET: 1, Boag; 2, Perric; 3, Graham; 4, Cummings; 5, Allan Thomson; 6, Alex. Thomson. Next table show Feb. 7; 3 classes, F.M. Green hen, Bullie hen, and Mealy Redpoll. Special for most points. Judge, Mr. Robert McEwan, Grangerfield, Larkhall.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, held King's Head, Shannon-st., Jan. 31; 16 birds sang for three prizes: 1, W. Sissons; 2, Wood; 3, J. Chippindale. Judges, Stead and Naylor. Also Feb. 1, 21 birds sang for four prizes: 1, W. Sissons; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, E. Wood; 4, J. Thompson. Judges, Jennings, Naylor and Stead. Open contest for Rollers, Feb. 8, first pair to be hung at 7.30 prompt.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

A splendid Linnet contest was heard by a full room at Albion Hotel, York Road, Feb. 1; 24 birds were hung, and some very good singing heard. 1st, H. Robinson; 2nd, Mrs. Barmby; 3rd, Jack Olbison. Also a very good Roller contest; 18 were hung. The singing was of the best quality. W. Lipman won 1st and 2nd respectively with two fine birds, and W. Mitchell was a good 3rd. Linnet contest Feb. 8, at 1; Roller contest, 7.30.—A. E. Ritchie, Sec.

[Please write on one side of the paper only, and see notice as to advertisements of forthcoming contests.—Ed.]

Quality singing, held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Jan. 31; 19 birds sang. 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, Hayes. Feb. 1: 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, Hayes. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Sellars. Also a grand Roller contest, Feb. 1. 1 and 2, shared by Binns and Rabbish; 3, Chadwick. Judges, C. Clayton and Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest for 3 minutes' time singing, held George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Jan. 31; 38 birds entered for 3 prizes. 1, Liversidge, 72; 2, Nelson, 70; 3, Morley, 67. Feb. 1, 23 entered for 3 prizes. 1, Morley, 114; 2, Smith, 61; 3, Williams, 48.—J. Brindley, Sec.

ERITH.

First club contest of the Royal Alfred Bird Club held Feb. 1. 6 pairs of birds were hung for 2 prizes. 1, T. Barrett, 3 score, 2; 2, G. Roper, 2 score, 19.—J. Baker, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn Jan. 31, 24 birds entered for three prizes, three minutes' time sing, and some good singiug was done. 1, 2, Nelson, 127, 60; 3, Smerrick, 56. Open sing, Feb. 1. 34 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, 2, Nelson, 88, 74; 3, Piper, 55.—S. Pugh, Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

A Linnet contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, open, for time, at Grapes Inn, Westhoughton, when the landlord, Mr. Holden, will give prizes according to entries; first pair in window at 2.15 prompt.—E. Hickman.

NORTH SHIELDS C.B.C.

Third annual show, held Dec. 26, Co-operative Hall. There was a record entry of 280; competition in many classes was very keen, but the awards were satisfactory and encouraging. The open classes, Larks and Linnets, were a special feature. The Linnet class was headed with comparative ease by the worthy chairman, Mr. W. Hunter, with a fine specimen, rich in col. markings and plumage. Mr. Wilkinson being a good 2nd with a fine bird, slightly less marked. The Lark class was won by Mr. Scott, with a magnificent bird, lovely col., very heavily mkd., and well staged; 2, 3, Potts, being slightly inferior in colour to 1st. The class was one of the best ever seen in the district. Canaries were a splendid lot, Borders being in prominence. The principal winners were NOR, Armstrong and Couchman, and Newton. YORKS, Wigglesworth, Bainbridge, and Seal. BORD., Dalziel, Little, Armstrong, Couchman, Bainbridge, Beevor, and Fiddler. CRESTS, Bewicke, Hands, Newton, and Morgan. Messrs. Wilson and Buglass had a few fine foreign birds on view, as had Mr. Dunn, who also exhibited a very fine Nightingale. British were well represented, the following taking chief honours:—GOLDF.: 1, 4, McVay; 2, Dixon; 3, Little, all splendid specimens, in a good class. BULLF.: 1, McVay; 2, 3, W. Hunter. GREENF.: 1, 3, 4, McVay; 2, Dixon, very strong class. LINNET, H.M.: 1, 2, 3, Hunter; 4, Couchman. F.M.: 1, 2, 3, Hunter. SISKIN or REDPOLL: 1, 3, Buglass; 2, fine Lesser Redpoll; 2, Hunter, good Siskin. CHAFF. or BRAMBLEF.: 1, 2, McVay; 3, Couchman, the winner has had ten years on the show bench, a fine old Chaffinch. BUNTING: 1, Hunter; 2, McVay; 3, Buglass. LARK., H.M.: 1, 3, McVay; 2, Potts. F.M.: 1, Scott; 2, 3, Potts, a fine lot. SOFTBILL.: 1, Dunn; 2, Wilson; 3, Hunter. The show was a grand success, although the weather had a big hand in spoiling the gate. The judging was ably carried out by Mr. Johnson, Wallsend. The show was most ably conducted, great credit being due to the following members for services rendered:—Mr. McVay, show manager; Messrs. Wilson, Buglass, Couchman, and Armstrong, stewards; and last but not least the worthy sec., Mr. R. P. Fox, 3½, West St., North Shields, whose untiring efforts went a long way towards making the show the success it was.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Jan. 28; 52 entries were staged. Mr. J. Bracegirdle judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Swindley; 2, hc, Woodfine; vhc, c, Jones and Chester. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, hc, Jones and Chester; c, Woodfine. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Richards; 3, vhc, Farrell; 2, Johnson; c, Helsby. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Richards; 2, 3 Johnson; vhc, Farrell; hc, Parker; c, Helsby. GOLDF.: 1, Swindley. BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Simpson and Dutton. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Windsor. NOR. PAIR, A.V., NOV.: 1, 2, Helsby; 3, Simpson and Dutton. YORKS.: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, e, Petinger; vhc, Windsor; hc, Helsby. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 2, Barnes.—R. L. G. Simpson.

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HIGH-CLASS British Rollers, club rung, water Glucke strain; cocks from 10/6; grand schoolmaster, 15/-; hens from 3/6; approval: Gooding, 38, St. Luke's-rd., Westbourne Park, London. (1266)

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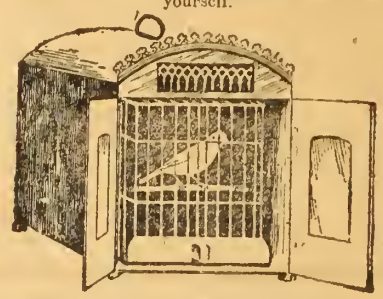

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BUFF, green cock, 5th City Glasgow, 20/-; yellow pied cock, 35/-; good birds; young; approval: Burnside, Elmbank, Lesmahagow. (1284)

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G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for sale cheap, from winners leading shows; see reports Sunderland; approval: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (1230)

THIRTY pairs high-class Yorkshires for sale, grand stock birds, from 12/6 upwards; cash or deposit; approval: E. Kennerson, 46, Queen-st., West Sunderland. (1272)

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FEW good Yorkshires cheap to clear, same as winners Wimbledon, Taunton, L.C.B.A., etc.: Scudder, 45, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone. (1291)

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TO clear, about 20 grand upstanding birds, cocks from 7/6, same as my recent winners, Uttoxeter, Bournemouth, Burton, etc.: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (1287)

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YORKSHIRES, grand stylish unflighted yellow and buff cocks, 10/6 each; buff hens, 8/6; extra long cinnamon marked yellow hen, 10/6; approval: MacRobbie, 11, India-st., Partick. (1295)

W. D. HALL has all his Yorkshires for sale; must sell, don't trouble about price, but just write and state wants, and I will oblige: 124, Sancroft-st., Kennington, London. Seen any night. (1291)

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GIVING Up: 20 Yorkshires, 8 cocks, 12 hens, £2 10/-, or best offer; stamp reply; first postal order gets them; or sewing machine with cash: Foulkes, 28, Stamford-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1275)

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WM. MATHER, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires, has some good birds for disposal, bred from his winners at all leading shows; prices reasonable, approval: 122, Woodbine-st., Gateshead. (1282)

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Grand Yellow and Buff Yorkshire Cocks, on full song, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. All standard length. Pairs matched to breed winners at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. In clears, ticked green marked, and cinnamon marked. Extra good Yellow and Buff Hens, at **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All cold-room bred and kept. Colour-fed or natural colour. Over 100 winners supplied this season at home and abroad. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra. All on seven days' approval at my risk.

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GREAT Bargain, clear buff unflighted Yorkshire cock, wonderful length, full of nerve, well up on leg, 22/6; yellow hen to match, picture, 10/-, or 30/- the pair; worth 40/-; approval: Edwards, Charnwood-rd., Slepshed, Leicestershire. (1282)

WINNING Yorkshires, 16 firsts, 8 seconds, 9 thirds, 9 specials, 4 silver medals; I have 30 grand birds to dispose of, all bred from or related to the above winners; cocks from 10/- to 40/-; hens from 7/6 to 30/-: L. Yates, 74, Rushes-rd., Petersfield. (1262)

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CLEAR Buff Yorkshire cock, big winner this season; will make a good stud bird only 12/6; worth double; with grand Yellow hen to match, 7/6; pair to clear, 18/6; chance of a lifetime; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1295)

HAVE on approval, compare any with birds at double the price from any source, then use your discretion, fine yellow hens 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, grand specimen 30/-; buff cocks, beauties, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, hens 7/6, 12/6, 15/-: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1287)

CAN spare smart foul-marked buff cinnamon cock, nice type, plenty leg, 10/6; clear yellow hen, plenty length and leg, 7/6; foul-marked green yellow cock, feathered like wax, and plenty reach, 10/6; clear buff hen, nice typical bird, 7/6: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Chesbire. (1294)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, from my prize strain; cocks, 7/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; all colour fed, and in the piuk of condition; cash or deposit; inspection invited: G. A. Parker, 17, Litchfield-aven., Romford-rd., Stratford. (1170)

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CHALLENGE cup winning deep fed yellow Yorkshire unflighted hen, very smart, long, lengthy, upstanding, leggy specimen, full of quality, faultless condition and exceptional merits, accept 25/-; great sacrifice, worth treble, for stock or exhibiting; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1293)

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YORKSHIRES, same strain winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, Bradford, etc.; unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; buff hen, 10/-; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; buff hen, 7/6; 1912 yellow marked cock, 15/-; yellow hen, 15/-; few cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1293)

MR. A. L. HAWKES must sacrifice a few more of his noted winning deep colour-fed yellow and buff Yorkshires, not having sufficient room to mate up all which he has selected for own use, will sacrifice few typical cocks at 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 10/-, 12/6, and 15/- each; approval anywhere: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1293)

FOUL-MARKED Cinnamon stock bird, a grand Yorkshire, over 7in. long, only 10/-; Yellow Green marked, stock cock, 12/6; clear Yellow stock cock, 15/-; also a few smaller cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6 each, all full song; grand racy hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; Yellows or Buffs, properly matched pairs for breeding your own winners at 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; inspection invited or sent on six days' approval; impossible to get better if you pay treble the prices: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1295)

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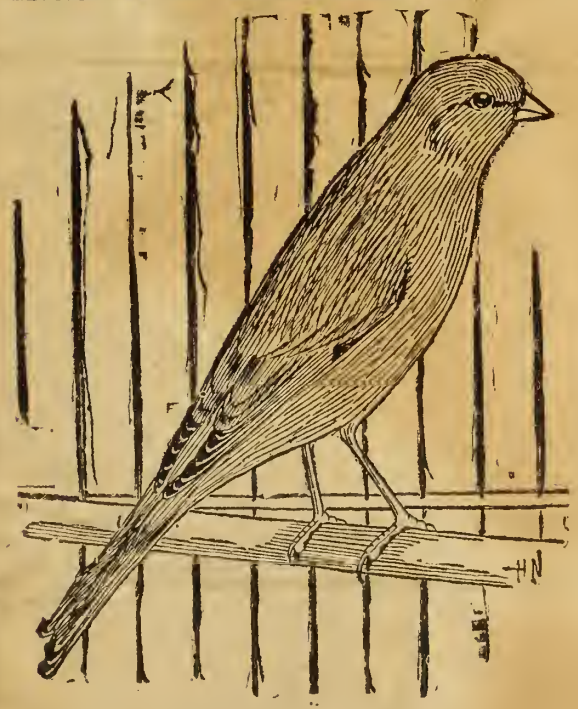

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WANTED, double-breeding cages, cheap for cash, also small wicker cages, price per doz.; or exchange birds; see Miscellaneous British: Whitley, Holbeach. (1292)

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Mules wanted, colour-fed, giving 7/- pair, good birds, cash deposited; particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (1133)

WANTED, good 7in. clear buff Yorkshire cock, exchange winning yellow Norwich hens, or good British, sell reasonable: yours first: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms. (1281)

WANTED, large or small quantities of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, etc., also Canaries and Mules; state your price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (1288)

EXCHANGE 6 Yorks. show cages, also miniature rifle, new, shot or ball cartridge used, noiseless, for 3 Norwich hens, or cock and two hens, Rollers, 1913: Brady, John-st., Workington. (1282)

WANTED, anything useful for hens: 100 coloured plates, poultry, cage birds, clean, ready for framing; one pair lace curtains 8ft. long preferred; must be good: Pickles, Henry-st., Stapley. (1289)

WANTED to sell, 25 pairs Canaries, strong, healthy, out-door bred, natural colour, all clears, Norwich Plainheads; particulars, stamp reply; letters only: Snelling, 4, Westbourne-st., Sittingbourne, Kent. (1275)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3 and long hens 1/6 each; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens; same address 26 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (1285)

NOTICE; will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich or York-hires; also wanted, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Crests; reasonable; cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (1272)

NORWICH Plainheads wanted for cash, in small or large lots, colour fed or natural colour; will give 7/- to 8/- a pair for good birds; send particulars to: J. Taylor, 26, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (1285)

WANTED, a few pairs of Yellow and Green Budgerigars for breeding in outdoor aviaries, also a few pairs of Lovebirds, must be good: Herbert Garthwaite, Auctioneer, The Poplars, Park-lane, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. (1282)

WANTED, surplus stocks of Canaries, all breeds, also cock Mules, for prompt cash, or exchange high-class Britishers for show; state price and particulars; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1242)

WANTED—CANARIES

Mules and British birds, Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

ENOCH POWER.

WANTED, any quantity of Norwich and Yorkshire hen Canaries, also cock Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Siskins Hawfinches, Yellowhammers; state lowest price; stamped envelope reply: Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED FOR EXPORT

Large Norwich Cinnamons, will give 8/- per pair; good Crests, 10/-; large colour fed Norwich, 7/; also Lancashires, Scotch Fancies, British Rollers, etc; am also open to purchase good Norwich show birds; send full particulars and stamp for reply; will deposit cash with Editor: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford. (1266)

RUTHERFORD & SONS

Wanted any quantity Yorkshire and Norwich hens, 1/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1s. 3d.: Rutherford, High-rd., Leytonstone, Essex. (1275)

CANARY KING

Wanted, 3,000 pairs Canaries for export, colour fed, natural colour, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, Lizards, Crests, and Scotch Fancies, and Mules; my annual sales are 20,000 Canaries; the largest dealer, breeder, and exhibitor in Great Britain: James Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. (1173)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

FRED ALLEN will exchange good British and Foreign for Canaries: Porter-st. Aviaries, Hull. (1292)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch for cock Canary or two hens: H. Jones, Pwll, Desert, Welshpool. (1277)

GRAND singing cock Blackbird and cage, exchange for two hen Canaries, sell 2/6: Westall, 11, Essex-st., Oxford. (1292)

FOUR good Muling Greenfinches, exchange Norwich, Yorkshire or Goldfinch, Muler: R. Graham, Ballybrack. (1293)

EXCHANGE 3 hen Bullfinches, 1 cock, F.M., for good Norwich cock, 1912: Byrnes, Walton-rd., Clacton-on-Sea. (1273)

WHAT offers in cock Bullfinches for a large buff Norwich hen, sell 9/6: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Hale End, Essex. (1291)

WILL exchange the best of my singing birds for Canaries or Goldfinch Mules: Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1292)

THREE Redpolls (pulls seeds and water) and cages; exchange two cock Canaries: O. Brown, King-st., Chown, Chesterfield. (1274)

HAND reared cock Blackbird, perfect feather, 5/-, exchange cock Thrush, yours first: Hedges, Confectioner, Wallingford. (1279)

WANTED, healthy hen Canary, from outside exposed aviary, in exchange for British: S. Sewell, High-st., Southwold. (1278)

FEW young hen Bullfinches, 2/- each, or exchange other Britishers, Norwich hens: Slater, 16, Spring-rd., Abingdon, Berks. (1283)

TWO cocks, H.M. Linnets, full song, two back cages, drinkers, brass-faced, lot 6/-: 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (1280)

EXCHANGE grand cock mule, in song, for two cock Goldfinches, large birds, finches first: T. Lister, Station-rd., Leven, Fife. (1289)

H.M. GOLDFINCHES, 6/-; Linnets, 2/6; hen Bullies, 2/6; exchange good Norwich cocks: Treeman, 227, Lansdowne-rd., Birkenhead. (1274)

EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches for left-off clothing, Canaries, Mules; yours first; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1291)

EXCHANGE grand 1913 Linnet Mule (Linnet song), for two 1913 large yellow hens; sell 10/6: Walker, 404, Berridore-rd., Nottingham. (1283)

TWO loud singing Skylarks, with cages, twice house moulted; can win contest; exchange Canaries: Hoyle, Wood-st., Barnsley. (1282)

EXHIBITORS, Linnet, Greenfinch, Reed Bunting, Lesser Redpoll, 2/- each; exchange records, covers, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1294)

COCK Goldfinch, 4/6; Peathroat Goldfinch, 4/6; Mealy Redpoll, 1/3; or exchange colour-fed hen Canary: Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield. (1265)

EXCHANGE, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, three good cocks, for cock Canary; yours first: Buxton, 42, Main-st., Bulwell, Nottingham. (1277)

EXCHANGE, field-moulted Greenfinch and Linnet, winners, for field-moulted Siskin or Twite; approval: Connachan, Gayfield-terr., Bathgate. (1292)

FOR sale, four cock Chaffinches, in new Bat's cages, 6/- lot, or exchange them for seed potatoes: Hammond, 5, Oak-st., Hertford, Herts. (1287)

WANTED, cock Canary; exchange large cock Goldfinch, grand colour, price 6/-; large Mealy Redpoll, 2/-: S. Burch, Woodbridge. (1283)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, bred Mules two years; exchange for cock Canary, Roller preferred; approval: Cole, 24, Foss-bank, Lincoln. (1278)

COCK Goldfinches, 3/-; seven for 20/-; good condition; or exchange Norwich; yours first: Reg. Dallman, Market Place, Melbourne, Derby. (1279)

A GRAND pair tame Siskins, also large cock Greenfinch; exchange Cinnamon hen, or sell, 4/6 the lot: H. Casey, 20, Sidney-st., Iffley-rd., Oxford. (1281)

TWO house-moulted Goldfinches and Greenfinches, breeders; exchange Norwich or cinnamons; offers for the three: Marwood, Brompton, Northallerton. (1276)

TWO pairs of winning Black Magpies, 20/- the pair; exchange good Norwich Canaries; approval: McCartney, Riverbank, Newmilns, Ayrshire. (1285)

EXCHANGE two cocks, one hen Greenfinches, one cock Bullfinch, for Norwich or Yorkshire, anything useful: Williams, 9, Hamp Ward, Bridgwater. (1274)

EXHIBITORS; two large Linnets, 2/6 each; two Greenfinches 1/6 each; exchange lot for good Norwich hen, yellow: Jeffrey, Hillhouse-rd., Rothesay.

DON'T hesitate, send now, only a few left; grand cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6; satisfaction guaranteed; caged two months: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (1281)

CHOICE Britishers, Mules, suitable small show (remainder at the Palace); exchange large hens for muling: Lafbury, Station-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (1281)

THREE good cock Goldies, good blaze, markings, etc., sell 3/- each or 8/- the lot; exchange entertained: W. Cooper, Priory Stores, Carisbrooke, Wight. (1281)

EXCHANGE 1913 buff Yorkshire cock, full song, for two good colour cock Goldfinches; approval both ways; yours first: Evans, 37, Tydraw-st., Port Talbot. (1270)

EXCHANGE one cock Goldie mule or Siskin mule, 2nd Liverpool, for Andreasburg Roller hens, or sell 12/6 each: Apply, Ford, Jeweller, Promenade, Rhos-on-Sea. (1288)

EXCHANGE, two cock Blackbirds, two Thrushes, pair Greenfinches, two cock Chaffinches, for good York, or Norwich cock, or sell: Watts, Grocer, Woking. (1278)

SALE or exchange, anything, pair of Bramblefinches, cocks, Redpolls, Linnet, Robin, and cock Skylark, singing, hand-reared: W. Roper, 121, South-st., Keighley. (1289)

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch, H.M., grand colour and size, three others, caged October, for Goldfinch and Linnet, cocks: 17, Oldfield-rd., Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. (1284)

EXCHANGE, cock Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Redpoll, Linnet, hens, two Canaries, Redpoll, Chaffinch, for pair racing Pigeons, rung: Davies, 20, Brock-st., Liverpool. (1277)

EXCHANGE three Bullfinch cocks for good Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 1st, 2nd, res., Jersey (see report, January 24th), or sell 20/-; no rubbish: Connell, 12, Peter-st., Jersey. (1293)

EXHIBITION cock Chaffinch, Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, mated last year, H.M., 6/- lot; exchange Mule or Canary cock in song: Smith, Blacksmith, Bucknall, Lincoln. (1280)

SALE or exchange, large Siberian cock Goldfinch for large Norwich cock, 1913; or yellow Lancashire cock, sell 12/6; approval; yours first: Morgan, Lester-st., Stretford, Manchester. (1275)

CHAFFINCH, a beauty, grand size, shape and whites, splendid colour, a real stormer, 2/6; exchange H.M. Linnet for muling; approval: Worrell, Church-st., Annfield Plain. (1282)

JOHN DAY will exchange first class British or Siberians for Canaries, Mules, etc.; will also buy for cash any quantity good healthy birds, prompt cash: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1282)

SISKIN, Linnet, Chaffinch and Greenfinch, and clap-net, all good birds, net twice used; sell 13/-, or exchange Norwich hens; approval: John Greig, 60, Park-rd., Tranent, East Lothian. (1282)

TWO large hen Bullfinches, paired with 2 cock Greenfinches, also 2 fine cock Yellow Buntings, from outdoor aviary, 10/- lot, or exchange foreign or poultry: Gay, Moor-st., Quinton, Birmingham. (1276)

EXCHANGE, sell, two cock Siskin-Canary Mules, three cock Siskins, two cock Goldfinches, cock Bullfinch; wanted, large yellow Norwich type muling stock, good Roller cock: Ryan, Ballinacarrow, Sligo. (1267)

EXHIBITORS, have certain winners after moult; yellow Greenfe, Yellow Bunting, and Chaffinch, cocks, sell lot 21/-; exchange stout yellow Norwich cock and yellow hen: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth. (1286)

EXHIBITION Siskin, colour-fed, 7/6; Bullfinch, 7/6; Chaffinch, 7/6; Grey Wagtail, 7/6; cocks, can win in keen competition; exchange large Norwich hens or large cock Hawfinch; approval: Wilson, Solicitor, Workington. (1284)

EXHIBITORS, grand Chaffinch, in cards at last Palace show, 30/-; perfectly healthy; or exchange for another first-class field-moulted hardbill, Goldie preferred; yours first: Burrows, Aldersgate Chemical Works, Sonthall. (1281)

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted English cock Goldfinch, a good bird, with a yellow Yorkshire hen, 1913, or a good Norwich hen, for a long yellow cinnamon Yorkshire hen, 1913, or sell 10/- the pair: French, 90, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (1291)

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, won 2nd, 10/6; Siskin, won two firsts, 10/6; two very large cinnamon hens, bred from cup winner, 8/6 each; house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 3/6; exchange good double-barrelled gun, 12-bore preferred: G. Mills, 188, Mt. Pleasant, Redditch. (1276)

TWICE aviary moulted exhibition Bramblefinch, beautifully marked, 5/-; Goldfinch mule, wild notes, 7/6 pair; spice birds, acclimatised, 3/-; aviary, 3ft., box pattern, 7/6; breeding and show cages, nearly new; offers: Hammond, 28, Studley-avenue, Highams Park, Essex. (1287)

TWO giant exhibition cock Hawfinches, 12/- each; large house-moulted cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last year, 10/-; extra large field-moulted cock Goldfinches, 5/- each; few exhibition Twites, Linnets, Greenfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; exchange Canarics or Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (1291)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or Foreign birds; note, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Canaries.

WANTED Yellow Norwich hen, exchange pair lovely Spangled Game Bantams, sell 6/-: McNaughton, Alne, Yorks. (1256)

EXCHANGE typical Yorkshire cock, yellow, 1913, for cages, or anything useful: Way, 67, Hodgson-st., Sheffield. (1288)

SALE or exchange anything useful, Norwich Crests from 10/6 pair: D. S. Dean, 24, Chester-terrace, Brighton. (1291)

I WILL exchange two colour-fed Norwich cocks for large unflighted coppy cock or hen: H. Pinnell, Warminster. (1283)

SALE or exchange, three buff hen Canaries, last February birds: W. Tangye, Alma-villa, Clinton-rd., Redruth. (1286)

YELLOW ciun. Border cock, foul tail, 12/6, or exchange buff Norwich hen: Jas. Graham, 5, Drygate-st., Larkhall. (1285)

EXCHANGE winning Yorkshires for half-plate Beck or Cooke lens, minute camera, etc.: Creed, 8, Baltic-rd., Tonbridge. (1274)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Roller cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, 1913; exchange laying pullets; sell, 15/- each: Evans, Patent Slip, Llanelly. (1273)

TWO good yellow Norwich hens, exchange for large yellow Norwich cock, or sell £1: Ross, Victoria Crescent, Elgin. (1281)

TWO high-class Roller hens, rung; exchange exhibition F.M. British or Softbill, songsters, or offer: 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (1294)

EXCHANGE heavy-marked yellow Yorkshire cock for clear buff cock, value 20/-: F. Rowan, 12, Burt-ter., Gateshead. (1285)

TYPICAL Yorkshire cocks 9/-, hens 5/-, upwards; also Borders 9/- pair; exchange Norwich: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1287)

COCK Gold Lizard, best strain, ripping stock bird, exchange for good Roller: H. Coleman, 15, Castle View, Clitheroe, Lancs. (1280)

WANTED, good Norwich cock, in exchange for exhibition buff hen, value £2; approval: Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds. (1291)

EXCHANGE, 2 matched pairs of Norwich for killing fowls, or sell 17/6 pair; approval both ways: D. Belty, Goodwick, Pem. (1290)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules, mutual approval: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (D.B.)

YORKSHIRE cocks 6/-; hens 2/6, pair 7/6, or useful exchange; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Summers, Sneinton Hill, Nottingham. (1277)

EXCHANGE pair green or clear Borders for pair Cinnamon marked; cock Linnet Mule, 15/-: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1289)

ONE-EIGHTH Belgian-Yorkshire cock, 1912, good stock bird, 7½ inches; exchange for two clear large Norwich hens: 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (1275)

PAIR of Norwich, yellow cock and buff hen, 12/6; exchange jewellery or anything: Rawling, 41, Palmerstone-rd., Peterborough. (1283)

NORWICH cock, prizewinner; exchange muling cock Goldfinch and large clear hen: Jeffrey, 309, York-rd., Battersea, London. (1290)

EXCHANGE three large hens, bred Mules, for pair of Borders, or Roller cock, sell 2/-; approval: 121, Cannock-rd., Chadsmore, Cannock. (1276)

NORWICH, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6 upwards; Scotch Fancies, hens 7/6; exchange for surplus stock: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (1284)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers for scrap brass, copper, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley, Yorkshire. (1276)

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock, winner, for two good stock hens, yellow and buff, must be plenty length: Wills, Aviaries, Wadebridge. (1278)

EXCHANGE two pairs Border Canaries and good breeding cage, for photographic enlarger: Hamer 11, Commercial-rd., Nelson, Lancs. (1281)

TWO pairs dumbbells 12lbs. and 3lbs., pair Indian clubs, sell; exchange Canaries; offers, anything: D., Shadrach Griffiths, Llandilo. (1277)

WILL give ladies' new boots for crested cock or pair Rollers, anything; approval; yours first: Redhead, Bootmaker, Bootle, Cumberland. (1259)

EXCHANGE, glucke Roller cock and two hens for pair Norwich, or three Yorks. hens; good birds: 17, Oldfield-rd., Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. (1284)

SALE or exchange day and gaslight singing cock Canaries, 6/- each; Toy Pom. preferred, or anything useful: Richards, 77, Pedmore-rd., Lye. (1294)

EXCHANGE 2 Crested hens, foul green and grizzle crest, buffs, for good yellow Crestbred hen; approval: Raisbeck, Mowden, Darlington. (1282)

EXCHANGE four Yorkshire show cages, six breeding cages, catcher's outfit complete; offers; small Foreign Finches: Yeomans, Penketh, Lancashire. (1273)

EXCHANGE pair prize bred Borders, 1913, for clear yellow Norwich cock, 1913; mutual approval: Deacon, Railway-terrace, Cockermouth. (1279)

YORKSHIRES, five pairs, unflighted, cinnamon blood, for sale or exchange; also Crested cock, 12/6: Rostron, 54, Pilsworth-rd., Heywood. (1278)

EXCHANGE yellow cock and buff hen Borders for good pair Green Borders or good yellow Yorkshire hen: Wall, 31, The Mead, Street, Somerset. (1279)

EXCHANGE Border yellow green cock for buff green hen, clear yellow hen for buff hen or yellow Norwich hen: McNeill, 84, New-row, Tranent. (1273)

SALE or exchange, five Border hens, two yellows, one buff, and two variegated, winning strain, 15/- the lot: Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1286)

TWO yellow Yorkshire hens, good birds, exchange for young Roller Schoolmaster, or sell 12/6; approval: Frank Baker, Curzon-st., Long Eaton. (1287)

WANTED, house moulted cock Goldfinch, exchange two Yorkshire hen Canaries and two hen Linnet Mules: Brooke, 19, Birkbeck-rd., S. Ealing. (1279)

THREE Norwich-Border hens, 2/6 each; exchange prize buff Norwich cock for clear yellow or cinnamon-ticked Norwich cock: Geddes, 89, Cathcart-rd., Glasgow. (1273)

FOUR pairs Yorkshires, 1913 bred, 7/6 pair, or exchange poultry; offers; approval; yours first: Thomas Greenwood, Cross-lanes, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1286)

EXCHANGE 3 Roller hens for yellow Yorkshire hen, also beautiful doll and bed; sell 21/-; or good pair of Norwich: F. Clarke, Newhall View, Rhabon, North Wales. (1282)

EXCHANGE five Rollers, four hens, one cock, for yellow Yorkshire cock, must be first prize winner at first-class shows, also little cash given: Miss Gough, 7, Avon-st., Evesham. (1275)

1913 buff Border cock ticked and 3 hens, good condition, 15/-, or exchange Norwich pair or offers, Norwich; yours first: Judson, 7, Great Howarth, Smallbridge, Rochdale. (1273)

EXCHANGE, or sell 12/6, six Roller hens (1913) for selected t.m. British, Goldfinch and Linnet (cocks), or offer bardbills; yours first: Kean, Factory-pl., Saltcoats, Ayrshire, N.B. (1252)

WANTED, two good yellow Crest hens; will exchange dark yellow Goldie Mules, in full song, and Plainhead Norwich hens; good size; approval: Hanley, Dublin-st., Longford. (1285)

EXCHANGE first-class green Crested Cock, 1913, perfect drooping crest, Barnard strain, for a good yellow Norwich cock; yours first: Masou, 5, Prince Albert-bldgs., Edinburgh. (1286)

WANTED a good large unflighted yellow Norwich hen, good head, exchange two good lengthy unflighted Yorkshires, or sell, 8/6: Webb, c/o J. Sainsbury, 114, High-st., Lewisham. (1276)

TWO Yorkshire cocks, two hens, four feeding hens, £3; exchange for even-marked light Goldfinch Mule, winner, or good working spaniel; approval: Andrew, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (1291)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport. (1146)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or Foreign birds: give good value in new single and double breeding cages; all with movable fronts: McKeand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (1272)

MEDIUM-Sized unflighted Norwich cocks, to value, for three large typical unflighted Norwich hens, two yellows, one buff; yours first: Sims, 252, Ashley-rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset. (1283)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires, Norwich or British, for breeding or showing for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see adverts. Yorks., British): Edwin North, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1295)

WANTED, Pom. or Yorkshire terrier, give in exchange Roller cock and two German hen Canaries, fretwork outfit, and double-breeding cage; yours first: Dixon, 83, Wellfield-rd., Preston (1292)

NINE Canaries, five cocks, four hens, 25/- lot; yellow cock Linnet Mule, full song, 8/-; typical yellow Yorkshire hen, 6/-; offers in exchange, Lancashires preferred: Gregg, Bottesford, Notts. (1277)

1913 ticked buff Norwich cock, sell 10/6; exchange yellow hen to value; cock Bullfinch, 2/6; selected Greenfinch, 1/-; or exchange yellow hen; mutual approval: Wainford, Postman, Bengeo, Hertford. (1274)

WANTED, Crestbred cock, green or yellow; exchange clear grizzle Crest hen and variegated buff Crestbred hen, both 1913 birds; no rubbish offered or taken; yours first: Irvine, 37, Lowcraigends, Kilsyth. (1283)

PICKLES. Shawcroft-hill, Wadsworth. Hebden Bridge. Few cinnamon marked Yorkshires and Norwich yellow cocks left, 5/6 each; gent's silver watch, 10/-; lady's, 6/-; exchange stout yellow Norwich cock; yours first. (1235)

EXCHANGE large yellow Norwich hen for six cock Bullfinches; exchange pair Yorksbires, won 1st Saturday last, Rotherham, for two large good-coloured cock Bullfinches, house-moulted: Brotherton, 118, Doncaster-rd., Rotherham. (1278)

ONE dark Crested cock, 15/-; one ditto Crested cock, 12/6; one green Crested cock, 10/-; honestly worth double, Barnett's strain and Mackie's ditto; exchange either for 1913 Crested hen, equal value: Donald, 72, Catherine-st., Aberdeen. (1283)

EVENLY marked yellow Crest cock, 30/-, grand stock bird, exchange good buff crest; white legged Goldfinch, two 2nd bred nine mules and hen, 13/-; exchange four pointed Norwich cock; approval: Nichols, Crest Breeder, Wymondham. (1288)

WILL exchange, 1913 fine large Greenfinch Mule, ditto Goldfinch Mule, natural colour; yellow Yorkshire cock, all in full song, for well bred 1912 or 1913 yellow Belgian cock; approval both ways: Johnson, 37, Stretchgate-lane, Halifax. (1276)

SIX-compartment breeding cage, 6ft. 3in. long, width 3ft. 3in.; 4-compartment, 4ft. long, width 3ft.; six pairs of Canaries, mostly Yorkshires, and seven hens; strong, healthy; giving up; offers, pullets, or cash: White, Nurseryman, Marlborough-rd., Romford. (1291)

SALE or exchange, Yorkshires, two 1912 yellow cocks, 15/- each; 1912 buff cock, 15/-; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; 1912 buff hen, 7/6; two yellow hens, 5/- each; or exchange gent's cycle or anything useful: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham. (1276)

YELLOW Norwich cock, two buff hens to match, splendid type, 30/-; yellow hen, 7/6; yellow Yorkshire cock, 15/-; two yellow hens, 5/- each; good upstanding birds, cold-room bred, also breeding cages; approval; exchange anything useful: Marsden, 26, Shadsworth, Blackburn. (1276)

YORKSHIRE hens, unflighted yellow and buff, about 7 inches, 8/-, 10/- each; one, 3/6; unflighted Norwich cock, 6/6; Goldfinch Mule, pure Goldfinch notes, 10/6; approval, cash or deposit; exchange hen Bullies or cock Goldfinches: H. Wakenshaw, 13, Plessey-rd., New Delaval, Northumberland. (1276)

Mainly Foreign.

YELLOW cock Budgerigars, 3/-: Cockatiel, 4/6; tame jay, 5/-; exchange Canaries; offers: Criddeford, Honiton. (1283)

EXCHANGE good talking Parrot for Yorkshires, or sell £5; no rubbish offered or taken; 14 days' approval: Price, 4, Llewellyn-st., Gilfach, Bargoed. (1273)

PARROT, Blue-fronted Amazon, plain talker, and cage, 40/-; or exchange a real good pair of Yorkshires to value; approval both ways: Digger, 384, Mott-st., Birmingham. (1276)

Miscellaneous.

WE buy and exchange Mules: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. (1292)

WANTED, offers for gent's double silver Albert: E. Thorne, 49, Broadway, Cardiff. (1293)

EXCHANGE, champion Yorkshires for gold jewellery: Mr. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1293)

EXCELSIOR gramophone and 15 records; exchange Canaries; offers; value 30/-: Criddeford, Honiton. (1283)

OFFERS wanted in exchange for Lucas motor-car headlight, or will sell, 15/-: Dazeley, Aylsham, Norfolk. (1288)

SINGLE-SIDED disc records, in exchange for common Canaries: L. Purssey, 19, Vicarage-rd., Ware, Herts. (1275)

CHILD'S American folding pram, as new, cost 50/-, sell 30/-, or exchange: A. Clark, 82, King-st., Peterhead. (1288)

OVER 100 copies each CAGE BIRDS, etc.; exchange birds, cages, anything: Swainson, 56, Stanley-rd., Ilford, Essex. (1274)

FAMILY Bible, new condition, cost 25/, sell 15/-, or exchange birds: Porter, 8, Devonshire-st, Worksop, Notts. (1270)

BIRDCATCHER'S outfit, exchange for cock Canary, or three hens; approval: Dalton, 28, Carr-st., Lincoln. (1278)

WANTED, two hen Canaries; exchange silver watch, new; sell 10/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchesonst., Glasgow. (1287)

WILL give good value in drapery for a few Norwich (for feeders): Strachan, Draper, Woodside, Aberdeen. (1269)

WANTED, two cock Canaries for small black and brass bedstead (5 x 3), sell 10/6: 11, Duke-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (1289)

LARDNER'S Encyclopædia, £2, football, small leg vice, fountain pen; want Canaries: Dimbleby, Austin-st., Stamford. (1288)

EXCHANGE, good melodeon, for pair Bantams, anything useful: S. Martin, 24 Ct., 1 House, Bromsgrove-st., Birmingham. (1275)

POLYPHON, ten tunes, in polished case, 15/- cash, or exchange Canaries; offers: Ernest, 8, The Parade, Wembley, Middx. (1285)

WILL exchange men's 7's calf lace boots, first-class hand-sewn, value 18/-, for Crests: Matthews, 47, Bosworth-st., Leicester. (1274)

EXCHANGE six 12in. six 10in. gramophone records, for good big Norwich cock, sell 15/-: Pearce, Crinnis Par, Cornwall. (1285)

WANTED pair Canaries, exchange rolled gold watch, sell 15/-; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1266)

WHAT offers in Rollers for shrimp net, for use on beach, as new; approval: Jones, 16, Beaconsfield-rd., New Ferry. (1283)

ELECTRIC bell and fittings, 2 bells, wire, No. 2 indicator, and 2 bottle, complete, for pair of Canaries; offers: Jackson, Kershaw-lane, Audenshaw, Manchester. (1287)

EXCHANGE Oboe for good talking Grey Parrot, Canaries, or sell £3 10/-: Fisher, 131, Harcourt-st., Ardwick, Manchester. (1276)

EXCHANGE two bucks, three does, good Himalayans, for cock Canaries or offers: Hill, 20, Northst., Horsham, Sussex. (1281)

WANTED, offer Canaries; exchange rainproof overcoat, made to measure, sell £2: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1289)

EDISON Gem phonograph, 40 records, 35/-; what offers Norwich hens in exchange?—Anton, 5, St. Thomas'-rd., Spalding. (1281)

PAIR Golden Sebright Bantams, exchange for White Wyandotte cock, sell 10/-: Davidson, Townhead, Kennoway, Fife. (1288)

WHAT offers in Canaries for 700 "Hobbies" and large quantity fretwork designs?—Wm. Currall, 104, Eskrett-st., Hednesford. (1279)

SALE or exchange, four 1912 working Homers, Yorkshire or Pom. bitch preferred: T. Deegan, 70, Heysham-rd., Southport. (1286)

WANTED, good British; exchange oil heating stove, suitable for room or office, cost 35/-: Vigue, 24, East-st., Chichester. (1286)

CLEARING out: Six pair high-class flying Homers, also training basket, holds 15; what offers: Chalmers, Barngreen, Arbroath. (1289)

WILL exchange exhibition Airedales, also Irish, for exhibition Scotch, Belgians, Norwich: M. Creesh, Thomas-st., Armagh, Ireland. (1251)

WANTED, Norwich Greens or British; exchange exhibition pen Duckwing Modern Game; approval: Williamson, Devonshire Arms, Fairfield, Buxton. (1281)

EXCHANGE, Gator zither, new, cost 25/-, for Canaries or other birds: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1285)

THIRTY-SIX 6d. novels in good order for good buff York hen; stamp for particulars: Palmer, Langford-rd., Weston-super-Mare. (1288)

EXCHANGE two pairs Yorkshires and cages, new portmanteau, for B.S.A. air gun; offers: Marvin, Photographer, Northallerton. (1271)

TRIO Old English Spangle Bantams, Dawson's; sell 12/6; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries: Hartle, Peak Dale, Stockport. (1281)

WILL exchange first sixteen parts "Customs of World," unsoiled, for Roller hens: Deutor, 42, Granville-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (1272)

PAIR of cycle frames, 24 and 26 inch respectively, sound condition, 7/6; or pair of Yorkshires: Kendall, Clayton Heights, Bradford. (1279)

"CAGE BIRDS" 250, "Feathered World" 100, 9 Norwich show cages, 2 Yorkshire, 24 loose fronts, what offers: Coll's Hotel, Eastbourne. (1291)

BREEDING box, well stocked with beetles and mealworms, 2/-, or offers: Rollinson, Wilkes Building, Woods Bank, Darlaston, Staffs. (1275)

VERY old spinning wheel, sale £2, or exchange for Crestbred yellow hen; must be good: Miss Ritch, 250, King-st., Aberdeen. (1270)

EXCHANGE Rhode Island cock, May hatched, good bird, for three hen Canaries or a pair of Canaries; yours first: A. Bisby, Kilnhurst. (1275)

EXCHANGE organette with 20 round cardboard records by Ariston, for Yorkshire hens, or sell 15/-: Ashcroft, Mill-st., Ormskirk. (1273)

FIELD glasses, in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange cock Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches, etc.: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham. (1287)

EXCHANGE pair Brampton ball-bearing extension skates, cost 18/-, for pair Canaries: Warren, Mafeking-villa, Waterman-rd., Cirencester. (1278)

PAIR clap nets, 14 yds. long, 7 ft. high, all complete, sell 14/6; exchange healthy ferrets: P. Bond, Warmwell's-lane, Marehay, Derbyshire. (1287)

FREE.—Two full-sized tins washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1076)

WHAT offers for new oak gramophone and 12 new double-sided records, value £2 10/-: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1284)

TWO buff Norwich hens, 10/-, 7/6 each, sale, or exchange phonograph records, must be perfect: Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle. (1284)

EXCHANGE two razors in case or gent's watch, new goods, for Hartz Roller, in song: E. Rutland, 118, Butler-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester. (1222)

EXCHANGE, accordion, splendid tone, cost 21/-; exchange for birds or poultry; approval: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1253)

EXCHANGE pigeons or Canaries for good greenhouse plants or hardy garden plants, only good stuff wanted: Pritchards, Hill Top, Hednesford. (1275)

THIRTY Cylinder records, 4/- dozen; few at 6/- dozen; offers, birds, boots, useful exchange; letters only: F. Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (1286)

EXCHANGE, new silver cigarette case, cost 27/-, for Scotch Fancy, or Yorkshire Canaries; approval both ways: Hurd, 5, Glendower-st., Cregagh, Belfast. (1291)

DIVAN easy chair, nearly new, cost £12, price £4; invalid's table, £1; Banjo, 14/-; exchange talking Parrot: Hodges, Saffron-rd., High Wycombe. (1294)

PAIR hollow-ground razors in silk-lined case, new, value 10/-; exchange Norwich cock, 1913, anything useful: E. Johnson, Hairdresser, Walton, Suffolk. (1280)

EXCHANGE violin and case for two Norwich hens, buff, or pair of Yorkshires, or sell £1; approval: Dodsworth, 2, Egerton-st., Middlesbrough. (1272)

APPROVAL: 7in. Yorkshires, very typical, 9/6 pair, honestly worth 25/-; two cocks, 7/-, cheap, £1, cost £2 2/-; Rollers wanted: H. Vernon, South Molton. (1277)

EXCHANGE Lucas's acetylene lamp or silver watch for "Our Canaries" (bound), perfect condition: Frank, Draper, 296, Kensington, Liverpool. (1277)

FINE specimen fox, mounted; offers, Canaries, also all species British birds; my prices are moderate: E. J. Rogers, 17, Florence-rd., Parkstone, Dorset. (1282)

MAIL cart, cost 60/-, good condition, sell 30/-; approval, deposit; exchange Canaries; offers: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1293)

BLUE coat and vest, pair cycling breeches and stockings, as new, exchange pair Canaries and cages; no cards: Mr. Yandell, 1, Castle-walk, Okehampton. (1291)

WANTED Yorkshires, Norwich, Rollers, or muling hens, exchange new boots, shoes, or part cash: Tupman, Boot Shop, Camden-st., Middlesbrough. (1292)

PAIR Green Budgerigars, soon breed; ½-plate hand camera, as new, cost guinea, accept anything in Canaries, or offers: Smith, 13, Essex-st., Oxford. (1292)

LARGE prize-bred Belgian hare doe, 10/6; air gun, "The Diana," nickel-plated, 4/6; or exchange cock Canaries, anything: T. Tong, Ruskington, Sleaford. (1281)

EXCHANGE, very good four-bottle dinner cruet, best silver plate, for three cocks or seven hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1289)

EXCHANGE six table, six dessert knives, good quality, ivorine handles, for two cocks or five hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1289)

BEAUTIFUL pair 1913-bred Bantams; grand marked Persian cat; exchange either for good singing cock Canary: Mrs. Motley, Grocer, Paterley Bridge. (1278)

FIFTY double-sided disc records, 9d. and 1s. each, mostly 2/6 ones, exchange boots, suiting, Mules; offers, letters only: Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (1286)

SET of fishing rods, nearly new, cost £1 1/-; exchange second-band cycle or pair of prize Belgian Hares: A. Hall, Park-st., Raunds, Wellingborough. (1273)

SYMPHONION, cost £2, sell 12/6, Song-Thrush, 3rd Bradford National, 12/6, grey Wagtail 10/-; exchange anything: Chas. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley. (1289)

EXCHANGE set carvers, hand forged shear steel blades, ivorine handles, for good cock or three hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1289)

EXCHANGE zither harp, cost 25/-, or oil painting, Alnwick Castle, 32 x 22, framed, for really good pair Norwich: 22, Fullerton-pl., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1285)

GENT'S best box calf whole golosh bals, 7, full fitting, and 3 cock Goldfinches, H.M.: wanted, Norwich Canaries, good: Roberts, 13, Broad-st., Northampton. (1272)

INCUBATOR fittings, 5in. thermometer, round capsule, and patent automatic gas regulator, used once, what offers, exchange: Nason, 159, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (1291)

SPLENDID young Norwich cock, full song, 5/-; gent.'s dress coat, new, 38 breast, lined silk, 50/-; offers: H. E. Farnell, 4, Great Hales-st., Market Drayton, Salop. (1279)

EGGS (sittings), Rhode Island Reds; also pair Grey Javas, spark coil, voltmeter, wheatstone bridge; exchange Canaries: Hayward, Steep, Petersfield, Hants. (1284)

EDISON combination phonograph with about 48 records, two and four minute; offers in new dress material, or children's boots entertained: Dazeley, Aylsham, Norfolk. (1288)

WANTED, birds, any description, in exchange for double or single breeding cages or loose fronts; state offer and wants: Leigh, 51, Netherfield-rd, South, Loverpool. (1286)

EXCHANGE pair nets, 18 x 3½, complete, night net, on poles, two Linnets, singing, for Canaries; yours first; mutual approval: E. Elliott, Spital-hill, Retford, Notts. (1285)

EIGHTEEN Breeders, complete, 2/-; Pom. dog, £1; cock, 2 hen Bullfinches, 4/- lot; cinnamon Yorkshire hen, 5/-; 10 Bantams, 18/-; approval: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (1276)

THREE singing cock Canaries, 5/-; four hens, 2/6; three cock Mules, 5/-; ten Linnets, 2/-; carriage pair; guaranteed cocks; on approval: Malley, 50, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (1284)

SIX volumes of modern electric practice, new, cost 54/-, sell 35/-, or exchanges entertained, wanted pair of long-distance binoculars: James Ponstie, 8, Dunn-st., Dalmuir, Glasgow. (1285)

EXCHANGE hand or stand quarter-plate camera, as new, cost 21/-; sell 15/- or offers in hen Canaries; birds preferred; birds first: G. H. Brown, Upper Howsell, Malvern Link. (1282)

GOLDFINCH Mule, 7/6; green (Crest) Norwich hen, 5/-; camera, ¼, stand (Lancaster), 15/6; half-plate, 17/6; magazine camera, 7/6; or offers exchange: Uttley, 20, Hope-place, Liverpool. (1276)

EXCHANGE Edison Ltd. phonograph, 40 sound records, good condition, for talking African Grey Parrot, must be a talker, or 5 pairs of stock Norwich: Lay, Beaumont Cottage, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. (1294)

CYCLOPAEDIA of Applied Electricity, 5 volumes, cost 5 guineas, beautifully bound, unsoiled, what offers in winning Norwich; sell £2; approval; yours first: Mossop, The Limes, Glen-avenue, Herne Bay. (1283)

PARROT, lovely Grey-coloured bird, talks, whistles, dances, turns somersault, never swears, price 30/- including cage; accept Canaries or Mule songsters in exchange: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford, Kent. (1291)

GENUINE: Three pairs adult green Budgerigars, 18/-; Linnet, 2/6; Bullie, 2/6; Goldie, 10/6; pair Canaries, 11/6; offers; exchange gramophone records; no rubbish: Judd, 22, Canonbury-rd., Enfield. (1277)

TALKING Australian Grey Parrot, large cage, 30/-; another cage, 5/-; pair Airiel field glasses, case, 15/-; pair flying homers, rung, 3/-; exchange; approval, deposit: J. A. Robinson, Harboro-pk., Rushden. (1281)

FULL-size doll's double pram., 15/-, cost 25/-; single spring bedstead, with overlay, 17/6; good overcoat, chest 40in., length 44in., 15/-; exchange Canaries; offers: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea. (1286)

ONE Crest cock, 15/-; one ditto, 10/-; three Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- to 15/- each; will either sell or exchange the above birds for boots; stamp reply to B. Woolley, Killis-lane, Kilbourne, Derbyshire. (1279)

EXCHANGE, very old jugs, ornaments, etc., for 1913 yellow Goldie or Greenfinch Mule; Black Minorcas or Toy Yorkshire Terrier entertained, or good Norwich: James, 41, Sandown-rd., Brislington, Bristol. (1277)

EXCHANGE plated cycle lamp and pair field glasses, value 10/6, for pair Yorkshires or Rollers, and double-breeder, fittings complete, or good trained schoolmaster: Mansey, 70, Hawkes-rd., Norbiton, Surrey. (1291)

WOULD exchange brown Spaniel, bitch, 14 months, for a yellow Border cinnamon cock; also Minorca cockerel and two Game Bantams for a yellow Border cock: James Waddell, 192, Stirling-st., Dunipace, Stirlingshire. (1277)

EXCHANGE entertained; foreign birds, Parrots, pullets (laying), Bantams, Pigeons, Puppies, Rabbits, wanted, cocks or hens, Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules, Bullfinches; prompt cash.—Simmonds' Aviaries, 64, Swan Street, Haggerston, London. (1280)

FOR sale or exchange, three gramophones and records, 61 phonograph records, new Crystal Palace aviary, good accordion, few piebald mice and cage; wanted, steady Blackbird, Thrush, and Hawfinch: Boltomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (1289)

EXCHANGE Cassell's complete "History of England," unbound, cost 26/-, and Jockey Club binoculars, in case, value 20/-, for singing Roller cock, two hens, and double breeding cage; approval both ways: Stukes, Sydney-ter, Lancaster. (1284)

EDISON'S Standard phonograph, and 36 records; for child's rocking horse, or anything useful, sell £2; eight hens and cockerel, Black Rosecomb Bantams, exchange Crystal Palace aviary, sell 25/-; yours first: Rawson, Park-ter., Loftus. (1286)

FOR sale, 9 books on Poultry, Pigeons, British, and Foreign Birds, Canaries and Hybrids, including one vol. of "Cage Birds"; lot value £1; good condition; best offer gets them; stamp particulars: W. G. C., 38, Azenby Park-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (1280)

BLANKETS, sheets, quilts, curtains, carpets, boots, suits, overcoats, blanket coats, etc., table cutlery, electro-plate goods, tools, etc.; good value given in anything for the home for Canaries; garden seeds, etc.: Exchange Co., 350, London-rd., Sheffield. (1238)

GENUINE Columbia gramophone, new, cost £5 5/- Christmas; also a quantity of 10-inch records, lot cost £7; sell £3 10/- or exchange common Canaries or Mule or good breech loading gun; offers: Woodward, 49, Greyhound-rd., Kensal Rise, Willesden. (1279)

BARGAIN: Carpenter's pack plain, nearly new; exchange cock Canary or pony harness, exchange two cock Canaries, hood as cover, nearly new, used twice 2/6; by C., exchange one cock or four hens: Ash, No. 24, Doleyfellin-t., Caerphilly, Glam. (1285)

WHAT offers in cash, or exchange, for solid silver keyless gent's Hunter watch, cost £5 recently, gent's double breasted heavy cloth overcoat, fit 36 to 38 chest, cost 63/-; gramophone, latest pattern, and 30 selected double-sided 10in. records, 23in. trumpet, cost £5 5/-; all equal new; particulars on application: Hawkes, 20, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

Next Week! Next Week!
CRYSTAL PALACE NUMBER
All Advertisements should reach us not later than Tuesday, Feb. 10th.

SALE or exchange, two-compartment breeding cages, metal, loose front, three single two-bird traps, sell 15/- lot; exchange ferrets, anything; gent.'s cycle, free wheel, £1, exchange fowls or blankets; trombone, £2, exchange anything useful for house; Hallmark, 10, Holland-grove, Glass Houghton, Castleford. (1287)

SPLENDID piece of furniture, drawing-room aviary 27in. high, 26in. long, representing a church, ornamented with coloured glass and small white knobs, oak fretwork, polished mahogany colour, close wires, sell 47/-, or exchange breeding cage, 6 compartments, or more; exchange light harness: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (1207)

WANTED pair of Rollers, must be good, in exchange for "Illustrated London News," 8 bound vols., 1855-56-59-60, or 8 bound vols. of "Graphic," 1870-71-72-73, new condition, most interesting reading, or lot for prize birds; on approval: E. J. Sale, Grocer, Aylesbury. (1279)

WILL exchange one pair of gent.'s or lady's boots or one suit length or dress length for two cock Canaries in full song, or one cock and three hens, or six cock Bullfinches or 12 hens, or one dozen and a half cock Larks or Linnets, or four Thrushes: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terr., Leeds. (1286)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

SHOPKEEPERS, send for my wholesale price list of cages, cage fronts, glass pottery, cage tin ware, and packet bird seeds: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs. (1291)

Aquarium.

GOLDFISH, all sizes, rare fish of many species, reptiles, amphibia, plants, snails; list free; catalogue, Aquaria and Vivaria, 1d.: L. Cura and Sons, Vine-st., Clerkenwell-rd., London, E.C. Fisheries: Carmaniano, Piacenza, Italy. Established 1859. (1244)

AQUARIUMS, all about stocking aquariums with plants, rockery and fish, and much helpful advice on the feeding and management of the occupants, will be found in "Nutshell No. 21," 2½d. post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (2d. from agents, a list of whom is published frequently).

BUSINESSES.

FOR sale, the business of the late Mr. T. Parkinson, Seedsman and Naturalist, established over 20 years in the main business thoroughfare of Newcastle; a good sound investment: Apply Mrs. A. Parkinson, Nelson-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1281)

Cycles.

FOR sale, gent.'s roadster, Rudge, 28in., very good condition, genuine bargain; stamp reply for appointment: W. G. C., 38, Azenby-rd, Peckham, S.E. (1234)

CYCLE agents and repairers, send for wholesale catalogue of cycles, cycle and motor tyres and accessories: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham. (601)

REAL genuine bargain; gent.'s up-to-date 24-inch cycle, perfect easy running order, rim brakes, splendid Dunlop tyres, tubes, plating, and enamelling as new, all accessories, 18/6; guaranteed as represented; easy payments taken: Edward, 12, Kid-st., Notts. (1281)

Cavies.

1,000 Cavies, trained to mow lawns, from 9d.: Pearson's Cavy Farm, Greenwich. (1292)

Dress.

2/6, Lady's high-class new umbrella, good frame and cover, fashionable handle; gent.'s ditto, 2/9: E. G. Barratt, Edderthorpe-st., Bradford. (1287)

UNDERWOOD'S champion box calf boots and shoes, newly soled and heeled, ladies 2/9; gents 3/6; girls 2/6; boys 2/9; youths 3/-; all sizes; carriage paid: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1029)

Ferrets.

SPLENDID ferrets, 5/- each; ten days' approval; cash or deposit: Wannop, Short-st., Carlisle. (1290)

FERRETS, good workers, clean and tame, from 4/-; stocks purchased: Pearson's Ferret Farm, Greenwich. (1292)

Garden.

SWEET peas, large flowered (newest varieties), 100 seeds 6d.; pansies, choice large flowers, rich colours, 1/- dozen; exchange: Inkpen, Florist, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend. (1292)

SWEET Pea growers should send 6d. P.O. for an ounce of my finest mixed seed, containing 50 best varieties, post free: A. Brown, 147, Beardall-st., Hucknall Torkard, Notts. (1289)

Household Furniture, Utensils, etc.

BEAUTIFUL white blankets, full size, 72 by 54, 4s. 3d. per pair, carriage paid; everybody delighted, warm, heavy, worth 10s.: Depot C.B., Woollen Blanket Manufacturers, 95, Melrose-rd., Liverpool.

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2/-, beautiful lady's rolled gold bangle, in case; six tea spoons and sugar spoon, in fancy case, 1/3; pair carvers, xylo. handles, 2/6: E. G. Parratt, Edderthorpe-st., Bradford. (1287)

Kennel—Dogs for Sale. Dogs for Exchange.

WANTED, bitches, heavy in whelp or just whelped, hire: Jackson, Specialist, Dudley. (1230)

PRETTY collie bitch, 5 months, good watch, sound; offers: Boyden, Leckhampstead, Newbury. (1265)

BLACK Chow pedigree bitch, 5 months old, 2½gns.: Rev. Percy Rowlands, Kingsholm, Gloucester. (1293)

WANTED litters of puppies, dogs of various breeds, for cash: R. Kreamer, 101, Tib-st., Manchester.

BLACK Cocker spaniel, 2 years, retrieves with gun, sell 35/-, or useful exchange; Bond, Lamphey, nr. Pembroke. (1284)

PUPPY wanted, large breed preferred, suitable for house: Particulars, etc., to E. T. Burt, 62, Gt. Bland-st., London, S.E.

IMPORTANT announcement.—I will give good price for litter of puppies, either pure or crossbreds: Dutton, Dunstable. (1155)

FOX terrier dog, 18 months, nice markings, well bred, 15/-; exchange birds: Martin, 31, Renshaw-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1285)

PEDIGREE black and tan female Dachshund, nine months, 10s. 6d.; 14 cavies, 8/-: Rev. Whistler, Workton, Kettering. (1265)

PRETTY white Pomeranian bitch, 10s., very cheap: Mrs. Ward, New House Farm, St. Michael's, Tenbury, Worcestershire. (1295)

EXCHANGE, beautiful smooth fox terrier dog, good guard, for Canaries, or anything useful: Crook, 19, Raikes-rd., Preston. (1276)

SKYES, dog and bitch, 5 months, noted breed, champion pedigree: Mrs. Davis Hayward, Pencaedrain, Pontneathvaughan. (1266)

LOWMAN brown coursing whippet dog, extra good, coat, lead, collar, make champion, £2: Robinson, 77, Harboro'-rd., Rushden. (1279)

LOVELY Fox Terrier puppies, well bred and marked, bitch 6/-, dogs 7/6: Apply Rogers, 160, Willow-st., Oswestry, Salop. (1270)

TWO smart whippet dog puppies, three months, 10/6 each; bitch, 7/6; make handicap winners: Barlow, Tobacconist, Greenwich. (1294)

FOR sale, Retriever puppies, will make good big dogs, father a pedigree, 10/-, 7/6 each; bitch, 5/-: Williamson, Carrier, Heanor. (1279)

MISS TUBBS has exquisite Pekingese puppies, prize pedigrees, also male puppy, cheap for pet: Glenroy, Walm-lane, Cricklewood. (1279)

ALL black curly Retriever dog, retrieves any distance; seven months; sell 25/-; part Goldfinches: 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (1280)

Received this Week!

Dear Sir,

Please stop my advert. in CAGE BIRDS under "Kennel" column, as I have had such a lot of replies, and have been very busy making a selection.—Yours faithfully,

(Miss) I. SKILTON (London, N.W.).

TWO powerful Bull-Airedale dog puppies, seven weeks, 7/6 each; bitch, 5/6; parents tackle anything: Barlow, Tobacconist, Greenwich. (1224)

WANTED, pedigree Airedale bitch pup; exchange Seifert Roller cock, 1913 rung; approval: Kennedy, 63, Matilda-st., Elswick, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1280)

BEAUTIFUL miniature Pomeranian bitch puppies, splendid pedigrees, also miniature sable bitch, cheap for pet: Glenroy, Walm-lane, Cricklewood. (1279)

ABERDEEN Scottish terriers, champion pedigree, grand young dogs, cheap; lovely bitch puppy, 10/-: Blair, Shoe Merchant, Woodside, Aberdeen. (1280)

PUG bitch, fawn, born 1909, pedigree contains numerous champions, sell £2, or exchange anything: 204, Tamworth-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1271)

PEDIGREE Yorkshire terrier bitch, maiden, ten months, weight 4lbs., accept £1, or exchange Canaries: Mason, 3, Woodside-ave., Burley, Leeds. (1287)

TWO good Yorkshire terrier bitch puppies, pedigree, 11 weeks, £1 each; approval, deposit: A. J. Smith, Whitemoor-lane, Belper, Derbyshire. (1276)

SALE or exchange, pedigree Scotch terrier bitch, 18 months, for Canaries, Norwich preferred, sell £1: John Thomas, 57 Horeb-st., Penydarren, Merthyr Tydfil. (1287)

FOR sale, Cumberland dog Fox, plays with dogs, three years on chain, price 25/-, or offer; splendid condition: M. Iveson, 15a, John-st., Maryport, Cumberland. (1293)

FIVE months bitch puppy, by Bull terrier ex prize Bulldog bitch, £1, also pedigree Bulldog bitch and pups cheap, exchange: William Bont, Burgess-hill, Sussex. (1294)

GRAND litter crossed Airedale and Collie puppies, 6 weeks, make excellent guards and companion dogs, 8/6; bitches, 6/6: Mitchell, Butcher, 97, Willford-rd., Nottingham. (1293)

BROWN Pomeranian bitch, 4lbs., 14 months, champion pedigree, 40/-, or exchange Canaries, Hartz preferred, shortly in season: Haywood, 3, Neville Grove, Meadows, Nottingham. (1286)

DEEP red Chow dog, 15 months, beautiful coat, splendid guard, clean house, champion pedigree, fond children, bargain, £3 3s., worth double.—Newsagent, 6, Station Avenue, Loughboro' Junction. (1295)

SALE or exchange, valuable Pointer dog pup, five months old; Prof. Williams' book on "Hypnotism," also good jack jdane; offers poultry or Canaries: Hoare, 87, Brook-st., Aberaman, Aberdare. (1287)

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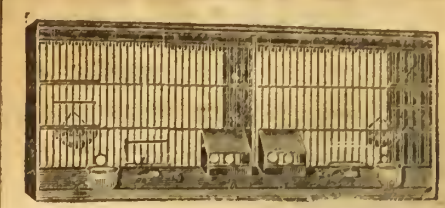

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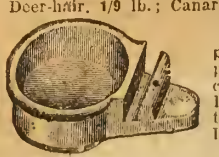

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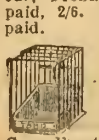

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On Sunday, Feb. 1st, I received the last consignment for this season of the real Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches and Siskins. These birds are all in magnificent trim, and consignment consists of 850 cock Goldfinches, 200 cock Bullfinches, 130 hen Bullfinches, 240 cock Siskins and 80 hen Siskins. (No Hawfinches or Linnets this time.) I guarantee all above to have come to me direct, and offer the sum of £100 to any person in the United Kingdom who can prove he ever saw one of them before myself. I advertise these birds as what they really are, viz., genuine Siberians, and not Russians palmed off as Siberians, and offer £100 to any dealer who can prove I have bought a single Russian bird during past season. I offer splendid Siberian cock Goldfinches in full song at 4/6 each, seven 24/6. Picked jonques for muling and showing in minor competition, 7/6 each. Superb exhibition specimens with full complement of show points, and guaranteed fit for keenest competition, 10/6 each. Magnificent Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/- each, seven 28/-. Exhibition specimens, fit for keenest competition, 7/6 and 10/6 each. Siberian hen Bullfinches, 5/-, 7/6 and 10/6 each. Cock Siskins, in splendid condition, 2/6 each. Picked yellows, with full bib, 5/-: few extra good, 10/6 each. Hen Siskins, 1/- each. Few yellows, well laced, 1/6 each. Please note, all above are birds of last year's breeding, and being steady and well used to cage-life, should readily breed in captivity. All will be sent on approval on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system. Fullest satisfaction guaranteed or money fully refunded. I make no boast of the winners I have supplied, but merely mention that I have probably sold more winners than three men alive, including winners at Palace and Scottish National in Goldfinches, Bullfinches and Siskins. I never supply any person with my exhibition specimens unless he pays full retail price, so that every buyer has an equal chance of getting the finest specimens. Intending purchasers should place their orders without delay to avoid disappointment.

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Crests and Crestbreds.

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CREST and Crestbred cocks from 6/-, hens 3/-; also cages: Shea, 220, Caledonian-rd., London, N. (1305)

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1913 GREEN Crestbred cock and show cage, price 11/6: Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-sq., London, W. (1286)

CRESTS and Crestbred for sale; 3 cocks, 1 crested, 2 plain: Nicholson, 16, Warwick-st., Old Lenton, Nottingham. (1306)

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EXCHANGE a yellow-green Norwich cock, good breeder, for green or yellow Crestbred hen; no rubbish; approval: W. Smailes, Radcliffe, Askington. (1324)

CREST and Crestbreds from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth. (1305)

A FEW good Crest and Crestbred yellow and buff for sale, all good and reliable birds, bred from winners; approval: H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham. (1279)

CHOICE lot of Crests and Crestbred, both in cocks and hens, from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; week's approval: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1320)

LARGE buff Crestbred marked hen, Joyce's, 10/6; dark crested yellow cock, Dobson's, green Crestbred hen, Tyson's, good pair, 25/-: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (1306)

CRESTS and Crestbred for sale, same strain as my cup and Palace winners; reasonable price; state wants; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-aven., Wood Green. (1235)

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FEW Crests for sale, same strain as my winners of both Sheffield challenge cups this season; approval, deposit: J. Evans, 232, Horner House, Stocksbridge, near Sheffield. (1312)

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REFERRING to our previous advertisements we still have a few pairs left, really good bred stuff; four grand Crestbred cocks, 20/- to 25/- each; several splendid hens, 12/6 to 20/- each; these are ridiculously cheap, but our lady client wants us to get them cleared; they are not rubbish; all 1913 birds; inspection invited here, or on approval; usual terms: "Pets," The Aviaries, Coppice Drive, Harrogate. (1318)

CHAMPION Crests.—Several real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, including several winners, only 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; also judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/-, to £5 pair; all strong, healthy, and vigorous; Barnett's Palace winning strain; all cold room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1322)

USEFUL, reliable stock birds, cheap, approval; heavy Crested yellow-green cock, 25/-; about the largest skulled green Crested-bred cock going, £2; long feathered green Crested-bred hen, 12/6; big skulled quality, yellow marked, Crested-bred cock, easy winner in his class, 40/-; clear buff dark-Crested cock, has won in good competition, £2 10/-, ditto £1/10/-; variegated crested hen, large head and long crest, 30/-; clear yellow Crested-bred cock, 20/-; big buff-marked Crested-bred cock, 10/-; clear buff Crested-bred hen, a good one, 30/-: L. Charles, 18, Merton rd., Norwich. (1307)

SPECIAL, special, special. Massive feathery 1913 Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather only 10/6; grand large 1913 dark Crested cock, lovely neat drooping crest, only 12/6; massive feathery 1913 Crestbred cock, rare head feather to end of beak, only 10/6; real choice 1913 dark Crested hen, large, neat, drooping crest, only 10/6; also several other real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/- each; all strong and healthy; cold-room bred; Palace winning strain, satisfaction guaranteed; approval Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1322)

OWING to the death of Mr. C. J. Willis (who was well known in the Fancy) the remainder of his birds, birdroom fittings, fixtures, etc., are to be disposed of at knock-down prices; green Crested cock, 10/-; variegated cock, green crest, 12/6; grey Crested hen, 10/-; green Crestbred hen, 6/-, four Crestbred hens, 10/ the lot: green Yorkshire cock and yellow hen, 10/ the pair; seven Border hens, buffs and yellows, 2/6 each; quantity of Crest show cages, 1/6 each; cases for above at half price; ten double breeding cages, drying cage 3/6; also feeding cages, etc., etc.: Willis, 42, Bonhard-rd., E. Dulwich. (1305)

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS

Thomas Broadhead has for disposal grand green crested cock, 3rd Manchester, 40/-; also lightly variegated large C.B. cock, 2nd Nottingham, no better stock, 50/-; approval, stamp: Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield. (1317)

G. M. DAVEY

Winner of Barnstaple Challenge Cup, 16 firsts, 14 seconds, 12 thirds, this season, has a few young Crests and Crestbreds for sale; warranted bred same as winners; from 15/-: 1, Henry-st., Plymouth. (1317)

Lizards.

BROKEN capped silver hens, same strain as my diploma winners, Newcastle, Gateshead, 4/6 each: Reid, Edwin-st., Sunderland. (1312)

LIZARDS. Best blood in the world; pairs 10/-; hens 4/-, 5/-, 1913 bred; approval: Whipp, 483, Rochdale-rd., High Crompton, Shaw. (1313)

ON sale, grand Gold Lizard cock, clear cap, 7/-; also few Gold hens, 5/- each; 1913 birds, approval, deposit: Levi Butterworth, 593, Oldham-rd., Rochdale. (1301)

THE Lizard Prince offers 60 grand Lizards, which include winners Manchester, Nottingham, Preston, Bradford, Horticultural Hall, Oldham, etc.; single birds or pairs cheap; none reserved; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire. (1310)

W. P. BARNES, Breeder champion Lizards, winner championship diplomas, L.C.B.A., Bradford National, best Lizard Preston, best bird Longton, Newcastle, Sunderland; properly matched pairs from 17/6, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (1305)

Lancashires.

UNFLIGHTED yellow Plainhead, cock, 1st Macclesfield, 16/-: Hall, 31, Fountain-st., Macclesfield.

MASSIVE Lancashire Plainheads, 10/6 each, cock or hen, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1310)

IF you want good and cheap Lancashires, coppy and plainheads, see my full list: W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BUFF coppy cock, 1912, winner 2nd open, 20/-; exchange Norwich, pedigree Fox Terrier, or Bull bitch: Young, Frome. (1309)

YELLOW coppy cock buff Plainhead hen, 20/- pair; large yellow Plainhead hen, 1912 bred, 15/-: J. Newell, 12, Carlisle-st., Rochdale. (1288)

ALL my Lancashires for sale, including my champion Diploma winners, guaranteed, not borrowed champions; 30; what offer lot: Beattie, 253, Newheyrd., Newhey. (1319)

LARGE Lancashire Plainhead cock, 1912, good specimen, 10/-; also capital Crestbred green cock, 1913 (Joyce's), 10/-; approval: Lock, 11, Gashouse-rd., Basingstoke. (1319)

EXCHANGE pair Lancashire Plainheads (year old), large birds, buff cock, yellow hen (or sell 25/-), for yellow cock Siskin and cock Siberian Goldie; must be big and steady; approval; will deposit value with Editor: J. Tomlinson, Shoemaker, 66, Pool-st., Wigan. (1311)

GOOD pair of Lancashires: Fine long Plainhead cock, clear buff, 1 year; coppy hen, clear buff, 2 years; 50/-, or exchange for 2 good pairs Yorkshires; no grandmothers or grandfathers wanted; approval both ways: Leonard Mann, 150, Portland-st., Walworth, London. (1314)

Cinnamons.

HAMPTON has some Cinnamons and greens; will be sold very reasonable; giving up: 77, Kingland-rd., Bristol. (1278)

NORWICH Cinnamons, unflighted, buffs and yellows; cocks and hens from 10/6; approval, deposit: Taylor, County Bank, Clitheroe. (1280)

UNFLIGHTED buff Cinnamon cocks, large massive birds, price reasonable; on approval: Arthur Bullock, Station-rd., Meir, Longton, Staffs. (1315)

CINNAMONS, 1912: Buff cock, grand Norwich type head, size, 20/-; one yellow, one buff hens 10/- each: Smith, 63, Fisher-st., Wolverhampton. (1309)

MRS. DEACON'S champion cinnamons; having purchased this famous stock entire, offer buff cocks, 12/6 each, worth double: Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (1271)

CINNAMON and Plainhead Norwich, single cocks or hens, from 10/-; pairs from 20/-; inspection invited: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn. Approval, stamp. (1314)

WANTED, pair of Yorkshire cinnamons for a pen of Black Leghorns, five pullets and cock, laying, or sell 30/-; approval; yours first: W. Lavis, 259, Newrd., Copnor, Portsmouth. (1307)

Belgians.

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

J. D. HORRILL, King Edward-st., Barnstaple, has several good birds for sale from my winners; cheap, approval. (1284)

FOR sale, cheap, to clear, two young buff Belgians, cocks, and one hen: Holliday, Rockholm, Vincent-avenue, Shirley, Southampton. (1323)

BELGIANS: Few good pairs, several cocks, suitable Yorkshire crossing, cold room, 1913; approval: F. Baker, 2, Brooklands, Totnes. (1317)

TYPICAL winning Belgians; several matched pairs for disposal from 30/-; odd cocks cheap (approval): C. F. Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (1323)

PALACE winner, grand 1913 Belgian cock for sale, also a few good 1913 birds, same strain, reasonable; approval: A. Baker, 35, Richmond-st., Barnstaple.

GIVING up through ill-health; 20 grand Belgians must be sold, cold room bred, from £1 each, worth double; approval: G. Baker, 24, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1325)

SOME grand Belgian Canaries for disposal, yellow and buff cocks, also buff hen, cheap, on approval: Apply J. Walmsley, Second-street, Newcrofton, Wakefield. (1323)

G. S. BAKER, George's-rd., Barnstaple. Few grand birds bred from noted buff cock, winner Championship, Palace, 1913, 1914; see Palace report for wins; reasonable prices; approval. (1310)

Greens.

GOOD Yorkshire buff, slightly foul tail, cock, taken several lots, 17/6, Box 1311, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (1305)

YORKSHIRE greens, show or stock, pairs 12/6, upwards, on approval; stamp reply: Abbott, 57, Darswood-st., Liverpool South. (1310)

YORKSHIRES, two unflighted yellow green cocks, for stock or show purposes: McDermott, 9, Maplegrove, Lodge-lane, Liverpool. (1308)

YORKSHIRE Greens, type, quality and colour; see Palace reports; reasonable; approval: Benson and Young, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard. (1313)

LENGTHY 1912 self buff stock cock, 15/-, good colour, quality; yellow hens 6/-, 7/6; approval, known fanciers: Teare, Drury-terrace, Douglas, Man. (1308)

SPLENDID foul green yellow Yorkshire cock, 1912, fine stock bird, only wants seeing, 15/-; another foul green buff, 12/6; two buff Cinnamon Yorks. hens, 7/6 each; approval: Hadley, Masonic Hall, Holyhead, North Wales. (1314)

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens: A few pairs of each for sale, being short of room; these are what I breed from; see reports; have some good birds for disposal; prices reasonable; good birds, good price: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (1292)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills, young birds, 12/6 each, cash or deposit, very fine birds, July and August bred, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Lecuwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

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EXTRA large Norwich buff cock, 7/6; yellow cock, 7/6: Ling, 15, Fleet-st., Derby. (1298)

BIG, splashed Norwich hen, bred mules, 7/6, or nearest offer: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend. (1306)

GOOD cocks, 6/-; cold room bred, fine song; hens 2/-, 2/6: Atkins, 5, Pleasant-terrace, Intake, Sheffield. (1302)

NORWICH, buff, variegated 1913 cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6: Miss F. Bird, Parcet, Peterborough. (1307)

HENS, 5 young, 2/- to 3/- each; seen any time: Binks, 186, Peabody Buildings, Farringdon-rd., E.C. (1304)

T. WARDLE has good Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6; pairs, 10/-: Swannington, Leicester. (1306)

FEW good Norwich for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 7/-: Staines, 47, Leighton-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (1314)

THREE Norwich Roller cocks, in full song, 5/- each; 1 hen 3/-; approval: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (1315)

NORWICH, just a few left, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; stamp reply: Galbraith, 162, Hospital-st., Glasgow. (1302)

SIX pairs Norwich, Mackley's strain, male birds, 7/6 each, hens 3/6: Miss E. Fox, 63, Benford-st., Leicester. (1302)

A. WILSON, Mausefield, Mauchline, has only two Norwich buff hens left, Watson's strain, 10/- and 15/- each. (1302)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries for cash: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. Same address 18 years. (1282)

FEW grand massive pairs, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 5/-, 6/6; cash; four days' approval: Girling, Harford-st., Norwich. (1315)

NORWICH, 10/6 pair, and upwards, only few pair left; approval, stamp: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (1212)

LARGE pairs of stock Norwich, 30/- pair; few good buff hens, reasonable: D. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (1317)

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BUFF hen (1912), good stock bird, 12/6; exchange for yellow hen or cock: Weir, 6, Piershill-terrace, Edinburgh. (1319)

A. WELLINGS, Prescot, for change of blood, selling yellows and buff cocks, or would exchange same on approval. (1308)

A few most reliable Norwich to be sold cheap for clearance, write: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield-rd., Macclesfield. (1292)

PAIR of Norwich, clear buff cock, yellow ticked hen, large birds, 10/6; or exchange: Wm. Binns, Alne, York. (1316)

TYPICAL birds in splendid condition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- per pair; approval, deposit: Varley, 63, Ingram-rd., Shelfield. (1284)

WANTED, for breeding, pair good Norwich; must be healthy birds, cheap: Macara, 447, New City-rd., Glasgow. (1311)

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks, clear or marked, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; worth double: 43, New England-rd., Brighton. (1311)

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TWO good Norwich cock Canaries, 4/6, 5/-, one Yorkshire, 6/-; good singers: Miss Pratt, 5, The Quadrant, Exeter. (1315)

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; cold room; approval: William Phipps, 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1292)

SPLENDID Norwich cock Canaries, 6 for 30/-, or separate, 1913 birds: Mrs. Morris, Moat House, Brentwood, Essex. (1304)

HAVE still a few good birds for sale, cocks from 6/6, hens from 5/6, colour fed; approval: Jones, 27, Gotch-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, single or pairs, from 12/6 pair, own breeding; approval, deposit: Silver, 72, Peel-st., Birmingham. (1281)

NORWICH unflighted buff cock, 10/6; buff hens, flighted and unflighted, from 5/-; stamp: Muir, 107, Shields-rd., Glasgow. (1311)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, 7/6, clear buff hen, marked buff hen, 4/- each: Wm. Parkinson, 85, Hodder-st., Accrington. (1302)

FEW pairs high-class 1913 Norwich Canaries, splendid condition, 7/6 pair: W. Turner, The Ashells, Quorn, Loughborough. (1298)

YELLOW hens, three, at 7/6 each; two at 20/- each; bargains; approval: Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempton, Bedford. (1309)

NORWICH pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; will exchange for surplus stock Norwiches, Crests; stamp: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (1309)

FEW large 1913 buff cocks, breeding condition, non-fed; sacrifice 5/6 each; worth double: Hunt, River-st., Truro, Cornwall. (1299)

CHAMPION Norwich; unflighted cold-room buff cocks, yellow hens, from 10/6 pair: Smith, 29, Vernon-st., Newark, Notts. (1280)

BARGAINS; 2 large buff marked cocks, 8/-, 10/-; also 2 good buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, cheap to clear: Howse, Orme-rd., Worthing. (1301)

TWO good clear buff hens (Norwich), bred from yellow parents, 9/6, or 5/- each; approval: Eddy, Bellevue-terrace, Penzance. (1316)

LARGE var. buff Norwich hen, second Pentrebach, nr. Swansea, open class, 15/-, approval: Gomer Thomas, St. George, Llanelly. (1325)

SEVERAL large clear buff 1913 Norwich hens, ready for breeding, 4/- each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (1322)

THREE young Norwich cocks, 2 buff 7/6, 6/6 each; one yellow-marked 6/6; or 19/- the three: Gibson, 5, Ryan-st., Wisbech. (1313)

PRIZE Norwich Canaries on song, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6, 3 days' approval; deposit with Editor: Miss Hoare, Kimpton, Welwyn. (1323)

LARGE typical clear yellow 1912 Norwich hen, well bred, 30/-, or exchange unflighted yellow cock; approval: Mullis, Winslow, Bucks. (1320)

PAIR Norwich, single breeder, 10/6; dress coat and vest, 15/6; singing cage, 4/6; gent's cycle, 20/-: Salisbury, Ashford, Derbyshire. (1312)

NORWICH cocks, yellows and buffs, from 10/-; few pairs from 12/6; mostly unflighted; approval: Jas. Crass, Whickham, Swalwell. (1316)

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 to 10/- each; hens from 3/- to 6/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (1311)

GRAND unflighted buff cock, 6/-; large yellow hen, 5/-; grand cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; approval: Brewer, Sandhurst-place, Bedford. (1319)

ALL Mr. Whalley's winners and stock birds for sale; nothing withheld; inspection any time: 1259, Chester-rd., Stretford, Manchester. (1232)

FEW high-class Norwich unflighted buff cocks, also 1912 hens, coloured fed, reasonable; inspection invited: Thomas, 387, High-rd., Leyton. (1323)

SIX cocks, four clear buffs, variegated green, 5/6 each, lot 30/-; approval, deposit: Royston, Trentlocks, West Bridgford, Nottingham. (1307)

FANCIERS, all my winners and stock birds for sale, prices from 10/-; approval willingly: Muscott, Mount Pleasant, Llandrindod Wells. (1310)

FEW grand Norwich cocks from 10/-, few hens from 5/-, buffs and yellows, stamp reply: Lister, 7, Orchard-st., Wombwell, near Barnsley. (1301)

CLEAR buff cock, 12/6; buff and vari. yellow hens, 12/6, 15/-; large birds; also hens from 5/- to 10/-: Murdoch, 32, Roseburn-terr., Edinburgh. (1311)

YELLOW Plainhead cock for sale, 4th prize Rochdale Amalgamated Societies, Jan. 24, £1; approval: Fielding, 15, Whitelees-rd., Littleborough. (1319)

GIVING up: Unflighted buff cock, 2nd Rugby, strong class, 15/-; bargain; approval; cash or deposit: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (1306)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

CLEAN, healthy, unflighted Norwich, colour-fed, 7/6, 10/-, hens 3/-; approval, deposit: Mortimer, Redbourne-rd., Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (1272)

YELLOW cock, 1st novice Dulwich, buff hen, £3 pair; other cocks, some prize winners, 10/- to 30/-: Mrs. Arthur Williams, Jetminster, Dorset. (1313)

FEW unflighted buff Norwich cocks, greens and clears, Barker's noted strain: inspection invited: 7/6, 10/-: Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes. (1277)

STANDARD type champion strains (Howes, Vardys, Seeds), breeding buff hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6: Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (Note address.) (1276)

NORWICH buff cock, yellow hen, 27/6; yellow cock, buff hen, £1; others cheap; see wins Glasgow, Paisley: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (1316)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated; cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards: stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

FOR sale, two yellow hens, 1 unflighted, other 1 year bred, also 2 unflighted buff cocks, good stock birds: Thorn, 69, Oxford-drive, Glasgow. (1317)

CHAMPION Palace strains; Crests, pairs, 14/-; Norwich Plainheads, pairs 7/-; large birds, approval; stamp for reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (1302)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N., has several good pairs for disposal, from 10/6; large buff cocks from 8/-. (1310)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each. Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

GIVING up. Two grand cocks, buff and yellow, 10/- and 7/6 each; two grand yellow hens, 7/6 each, approval. Livesey, 211, Audley Range, Blackburn. (1306)

YORKSHIRE buff cocks, clear, 10/6; green, 6/6; H.M. Bullfinch, 5/6; exchange Norwich hens; approval: T. Löwe, 82, Allerton-rd., Woolton, Liverpool. (1317)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, yellow hen, 20/-; yellow cock, buff variegated hen 25/-; buff cock 15/-; approval: Wm. Griffiths, 24, Wellfield-st., Springburn, Glasgow. (1320)

FOR sale, two clean healthy Norwich cocks and three hens, will make excellent breeders, 15/6; cocks in full song: W. Collings, 111, Verdant-lane, Catford, S.E. (1305)

A FEW grand yellow and buff cocks, good size, type, quality, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; on approval; cash or deposit: Woodhouse, 63, Marshall-st., Grangemouth. (1311)

MR. RATHBONE, 183, Watlands-view, Porthill, Stoke-on-Trent, has three good buff Norwich cocks to spare at 20/-, 15/-, 10/- each; or exchange for laying pullets. (1309)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks or hens, 5/- upwards; matched pairs reasonable prices; inspection; state wants; cash or deposit: Thompson, Draper, Regent-st., Hinckley. (308)

TO clear, ready for breeding, Norwich cocks, few specials at 10/-, others 8/6, 7/6 each, warranted healthy 1913 birds; hens, 4/6, 5/6: Asbee, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambs. (1273)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6; hens from 4/-, 5/-, 7/-, 10/-; pairs from 10/, 12/6, 15/, 20/; approval: cash or deposit: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (1320)

WELL bred Norwich, cold-room, yellow cocks, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6; yellow hens from 5/-; buff cocks, 7/-, 9/-, 12/6; buff hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6: Hooker, 91, Effingham-rd., Hornsey, N. (1311)

C. ROBERTS, Stannaley, Newton Drive, Blackpool, noted breeder of champion Norwich, can spare large young cocks and hens from 10/6, pairs from 21/6; state wants. (1324)

FOUR large yellow, 3 buff cocks, 10/6 each; big unflighted yellow cock, 15/-; hens from 5/-; all good stock birds, carriage paid: F. J. Laccohee, 92, St. George-st., Norwich. (1326)

OUTDOOR birds; good healthy cocks, splendid singers and stock birds; buff, yellow, and variegated, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval: Roberts, Mount, Church Stretton, Salop. (1301)

GRAND healthy stock birds, lovely quality, big heads, short tails, will breed winners, cocks from 12/6, own breeding only: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (1228)

GOOD Norwich buff cock, 8/6; buff cock, 7/-; good necks and heads; clear yellow hen, 7/-; clear buff hen, 4/-; also several others cheap, all 1912: Goodall, Aberlour, Banffshire. (1306)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, can spare large unflighted buff cock, £1; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; 1912 ticked buff cock, 10/6; unflighted yellow hen, 7/6; from winners; approval, deposit. (1317)

NINE Norwich Canaries for sale, 3 cocks (2 marked), the rest clear, cold-room bred, in splendid condition; in large flight cage, 55/- the lot because giving up keeping birds: 51, Cromwell avenue, Highgate. (1304)

MARTIN COOK, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth; surplus stock, 20 Norwich cocks, 20 hens, mostly unflighted, 10/-, 12/6 and 15/- pair, or best cash offer the lot; healthy, cold room bred and kept. (1307)

J. TRISTEM, winner over 600 prizes, cups, diplomas, etc., can spare massive stock buff cock, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; unflighted yellow, 25/-; good birds; approval with pleasure: 24, Meridian-place, Clifton, Bristol. (1326)

NORWICH, 1912, tick yellow cock and buff hen, 35/-; unflighted variegated yellow cock, 20/-; unflighted clear tick variegated buff cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-road, Northampton. (1317)

BEWARE of Crest-blood getting into your stock, giving objectionable overhanging eyebrows; a few Plainheads for sale; show or stock: cheap; approval: Macqueen, Wood-carver, Dumfries. (Winner 200 prizes.) (1312)

GEO. THOMAS has 3 unflighted buff cocks, 10/- and 15/- each; 1 yellow, 12/6; also yellow and buff hens from 7/6; all related to my winners at Palace, Horticultural, South London, South West London: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth. (1304)

A FEW good Norwich to spare, 2 unflighted buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-; a few hens from 2/6 to 5/-; one large variegated hen, 10/-; clear yellow, 10/-; bred from my winning strain: Joseph Hodd, Vicarage-st., Whitwick, Leicestershire. (1305)

HIGH-class Norwich, best blood in the Fancy, Bullfinch type, good heads, cocks or hens, 35 years breeder of the best, judge at 100 shows, many winners sold, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Mottingham. (1307)

WANTED, really good self green plain-headed Norwich cock; will give in exchange grand massive self green Crestbred cock and buff green Crested hen, cost 40/-, from Rudd's: George Blows, 8, The Clyde, Ilford-lane, Ilford, Essex. (1305)

A. HOLDEN, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of championships, "Cage Birds" Diploma, has a few good stock birds left for sale, buff cocks, yellow and buff hens; stamp; approval: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead. (1305)

NORWICH Roller cocks, for singing or breeding, large healthy birds, on full song, every bird warranted, my own breeding, 6/6 upwards; good large hens, excellent feeders, 2/6 each: Charles H. Pickett, Romford-Common, Essex. (1314)

J. COOK & Son, 115, Lowergate, Clitheroe, have few of their winning strain, cheap to clear: flighted and unflighted cocks from 10/6; hens from 7/6; yellow or buff, all healthy and cold-room kept: approval, cash or deposit; stamp reply. (1318)

JUDGE A. E. SILK, WHITSTABLE.

This Strain of Norwich is the best in United Kingdom. Show reports stand for little. Find out where the winners at the shows **originally came from. THAT IS THE GREATEST POINT.** Don't be led into buying birds with no blood relation to the winners, and have **no real strain in them. Winners can be bought,** but winners **cannot be bred** unless you have the **right stock birds.** To get the right stock you must **Send to the Fountain Head.**

Some excellent Match Pairs, properly matched by an expert, from **20/-** to **80/-.** Grand Hens from **10/-** to **40/-.** Cocks, **10/-** to **40/-. Approval with pleasure.** It is to your interest to note carefully the address.

JUDGE SILK, WHITSTABLE.

R. W. SMITH'S noted Norwich, best of blood; see report, Newcastle, Blaydon, Bishop Auckland; cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; approval, stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1311)

NORWICH cocks, Silks, Whitstable, strain, clear buff 10/6, yellow 9/-, buff marked 8/6; bargains; song bird prices; room wanted for breeding: Pilbeam, 13, Garden-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (1310)

A. L. HAWKES must sacrifice few more cobby, thick-set, deep fed buff and yellow unflighted Norwich hens, 5/- and 7/6 each; cheap at treble the price: Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1325)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, massive size, grand head and neck, 25/-; unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; buff green cock, 15/-; good colour and quality and size: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle. (1307)

SEVERAL flighted and unflighted colour-fed Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs; buff hens from 4/-; yellow hens from 7/6; cocks from 10/-; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1286)

FEW extra large clear buff 1912 stock cocks, some winners, and have bred winners, rare chance to increase size without coarseness, prices £1, 25/-, to £2; approval: Valentine, St. Mary's, Bedford. (1308)

TICKED yellow cock, good stock bird, winner five firsts, 40/-; unflighted yellow cock, 2nd only time shown, 20/-; good pairs from winners, 10/-, 15/-: John Baker, Victoria-st., Melbourne, Derbyshire. (1302)

TWO unflighted cocks, yellow and buff, to dispose of, 21/- each, good size, related to my winners; or exchange for good buff hen: approval: F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1310)

SEVERAL Norwich hens, grand type and quality, short tails, flights, bred from largest stock birds in the West, from 7/6; cash or deposit; approval: Hy. Phillips, Norwich Aviaries, Marazion, Cornwall.

GRAND 1912 yellow Norwich cock, good head, neck, short wings and tail, cobby, excellent stock bird, 25/-: winning Bullfinch, 12/6; wanted, good Goldfinches: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1323)

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards; cold-room; cash, approval, deposit: T. Saunders, 131, Upper Cobdnit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1314)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, offers the following exceptional bargains: Big, slashing clear yellow cock, £2; yellow cock, unflighted, a real gem, 25/-; clear buff cock, large head, good quality, 20/-; cap marked buff cock, 15/-, worth double: also some grand pairs for amateurs, from 20/- upwards.

PURE TYPICAL NORWICH.—Grand size, correct type, all cold-room bred, Yellow or Buff Cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Yellow or Buff Hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval.—**Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.** (1323)

SIMPSON, 27, Cawdes-st., Bentley, Doncaster, has for sale Norwich unflighted C.F., related to my previous winners; cocks 7/-, hens 2/6 upwards; cold-room bred, and in full song; deposit; also cock and hen Goldie and Siskin Mules. (1320)

FOUR good Norwich hens, 1913; three buff, one yellow; one third prize at Biggar; sire has won six first prizes at Biggar and Lanark; twice champion at Biggar; from 10/- to 25/-; also four Border hens: Aitken, Biggar Station, Biggar. (1301)

OWING to my having such a magnificent lot of young buff hens, I can spare a few such as very few fanciers would be able to let go at this time of the year; prices 20/-, 25/-, 40/-, 50/-: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1319)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers his entire stock, 60 pairs Norwich, Plainheads, all round, 7/6 pair, splendid value, exceptionally well bred, fine breeding condition; cold-room bred 1912 and 1913 birds; approval; various cages cheap. (1307)

WINNING unflighted colour-fed buff Norwich hens, stout, thick-set, chubby specimen, with grand bold head and chest; won two seconds, 1 first recently, accept 12/6, worth treble for stock; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

CLEAR yellow cock, breeder 7/6; clear buff cock, breeder 6/-; unflighted buff, ticked head 8/-; clear buff, unflighted 5/6; 6 1913 cocks, natural colour, all fed, 4/6 each, mostly clears, full song; best condition; seen any time; approval: Wright, 180, Mill-rd., Wellingboro. (1321)

JUST to reduce stock for breeding I offer this week 1 variegated buff cock, 8/6; yellow hen to match, 7/6, or 15/- the pair; 1 yellow variegated cock, 10/6; with buff hen to match, 5/6, or 15/- the pair; 1913 own breeding; approval: Whent, Cambridge Town, Shoeburyness. (1322)

I HAVE a few more of this prize strain of Norwich; they are bred from winners, Dobinson's, Richardson, French, and McGinn, this strain winning at all the leading shows in the North; inspection invited: John Hagon, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland. (1250)

THIS strain breeds winners every year; see wins this season at Horticultural Hall, Wimbledon, Clapham, Windsor, Reading, Frome, Southend, Tonbridge. Clear buff cock, 1913, bred from my winning hen at Frome, 30/-; another ticked buff, 1913, 15/-; several others reasonable; approval; no yellow hens to spare: Saunders, Sunnybank, Sutton, Surrey. (1315)

SPECIAL, special, special. Few real good, large, typical stock Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 21/- each; rare size, type, colour and quality, including many future winners, all strong and healthy, and in perfect breeding condition; Palace winning strain, cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1322)

MR. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice, being unable to mate them for want of room, typical coloured buff unflighted Norwich cocks, cap-marked buff, won 2 firsts, 1 second, gem for style and type, with massive head and frame, 15/-; clear, thick-set buff cock, round as an apple, with plenty of substance, 2nd Stafford, 4th Leyton, 12/6; another clear cock, full of quality, 3rd L.C.B.A., 10/-; marvellous value, worth treble for stock, approval: Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1325)

E. BAKER offers these first-class Norwich.—Splendid buff cock, 1913, 10/-; lovely variegated deep yellow cock, 1913, rare type, short flights, carries tail like cock Sparrow, £1 5s.; another, smaller, same stamp, 12/6; clear yellow, broad-headed cock, 1913, splendid quality, 15/-; variegated yellow 1913 hen, nice quality and size, 10/6; another, deep clear yellow, big bird, 12/6; variegated buff hen, 1913, large and clean, 8/6; clear buff 1912 hen, big bird, 7/6; all related to my winners; Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1317)

MANY of the following will be found reliable and very cheap. Large clear yellow ck., good head, 40/-, worth double; big yellow marked cock, strong in skull, but little long in feather, 20/-; grand all quality yellow marked cock, splendid type, good head and neck, can win in keen competition, 50/-; monster clear buff hen, grand type and quality, 40/-, can win; good fair sized yellow marked hen, 10/6; good clear buff, 8/6; good clear buff cock, large, 15/-; similar good type, not so large, 10/6; approval: L. Charles, 18, Merton-rd., Norwich. (1307)

CHAMPION Norwich.—Few real good stock and exhibition Norwich Plainheads now ready for immediate showing, plenty of size, good colour, large head and full necks, rare type and quality of feather; yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £5 pair; all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous, and in tip top show condition; for size, type, and quality I defy competition; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1322)

J. HAYHURST

LARGE buff cocks, 10/6, 17/6; few buff hens 7/6, all unflighted; approval, stamp reply: 217, Brunshow-rd, Burnley. (1312)

STEPHEN TWEDDLE

Wimberley-st., Blackburn, breeder of high-class Norwich. I have a few good birds for sale, all my own breeding; stamp reply. (1323)

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

has a large and varied selection of Norwich cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; pairs matched from 10/- to 40/-; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1319)

L. J. RICHARDSON

Four Linnet class entries Palace sold, left yellow cocks 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; buff cocks from 15/-; buff hens from 7/6; no yellow hens: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London. (1317)

MISS JENNIE WALL

Prize-winning Norwich for sale, with good heads and wing carriage; cocks, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 6/-; approval, cash or deposit; outdoor aviary breed; inspection invited: 45, France-st., Parkgate, Rotherham. (1284)

RETIRING FROM THE FANCY

Norwich winners and stock birds, also cages, prices cheap to clear; inspection invited: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1197)

NORWICH CANARIES

Cock, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned; 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

LARGE typical cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sire winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

"Bert Lewis," Diploma and Cash Special Winner

Clearance sale, none reserved. Golden opportunity for beginners. Pairs from 20/-, singles from 10/-, including winners. State wants, approval anywhere, cash or deposit Editor: 18, Windmill-lane, Kettering. (1314)

T. JUDD

Having selected my breeding stock of Norwich, can spare typical buff cock, 2nd Leicester, 2nd Birmingham, 3rd, Coventry, 30/-; buff hen 15/-; both natural colour; also unflighted buff cock 30/-; all above lightly variegated; approval; stamp: 135, Lockhurst-lane, Coventry. (1313)

P. LAWTON

has for sale some champion Norwich, grand type and quality, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; satisfaction guaranteed; pair from 15/- upwards; winner of the Whitehead Challenge Cup outright; inspection invited; approval: 59, Old Hall-st., Kearsley, nr. Bolton. (1309)

EIGHT NORWICH STOCK COCKS

Extra big birds, correct type, good heads, real Bullfinch type, ticked buff, ticked yellow, green marked buffs and yellows, all in full song, bred from some of the biggest winners on the show bench to-day; my price 12/6 each; could not be bought elsewhere under 25/-; a few real good buff and yellow hens to match above cocks, 5/- each; 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1326)

NEW GENTLEMAN'S CYCLE

free wheel, plated rims, front and back rim brakes, cost me £4 15/- month ago, beautifully lined out, 22in. frame, make "Royal Imperial," upturned handle bars, only ridden 3 miles, sell £4 4/-, or exchange colour-fed Norwich Plainheads or Norwich Cinnamons; buying motor cycle, send offers to: Geo. Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1325)

TWENTY YEARS A BREEDER

Winner hundreds of prizes, no purer blood obtainable than this thoroughly reliable strain: clear buff cock, delightful quality and type, 3rd Winsford, 20/-; thick-set marked buff cock, topping head 15/-; ticked buff cock, grand head and quality, 15/-; clear yellow cock, marked buff hen, pair 20/-; buff cock, yellow hen, pair 20/-; marked buff hen 10/-; all unflighted; approval: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop. (1315)

The Great Show at Norwich

IS AT W. RUDD'S.

Can be seen by appointment—I say, appointment because mine is not a 6d. bazaar or shop. I employ no **Girl or Boy labour,** but **Men,** and they are paid to work. But I shall be pleased to personally see those desiring to inspect with a view to purchase, but have no time to do this for amusement.

One Proof of Value.

West Stanley, Durham,
Feb., 1914.

"Cheap at Double."

"Received bird in grand condition; very pleased with him. I consider he would be cheap at double the price he cost me."—W. Lousley to W. Rudd. **Hundreds** of others could be given that have been received during the present month.

Most decided Canary bargains on earth at present time.

AMATEURS and NOVICES

On the look out for something useful, and that will prove profitable to breed from with ordinary luck, should have a pair of any of the following on approval; all scientifically matched to produce best results. Prize-bred Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancies, or Hartz Mountain Rollers, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-;** all cocks guaranteed on song; Crests, **15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-;** travelling cages, **3d.;** single breeding cages, **2/6;** double ditto, **3/6** and **5/-** each all fitted ready for immediate starting, with all utensils complete.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

Palace Winning Norwich

C. W. SILK,

Glen Rosa, Emsworth

I can offer some of the finest Norwich in the South of England, including my 2nd prize Clear Buff at Palace this week; 1st, spl., Clear Buff, Boscombe; and several winning Yellows; also specially matched pairs to breed winners, from **25/-** to **80/-.** Also some grand Yellow Hens, from **10/-**; Buffs from **7/6. Inspection invited. All birds sent on approval with pleasure.**

WM. BOURGER

Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare following at half value: Large buff variegated, unflighted cock 20/-; large yellow ditto 25/-; 3 clear yellow unflighted cocks 15/- each; 2 buff ditto 15/- each; several good young cocks 10/-; yellow and buff hens 7/-, 10/-, and 15/-; 2 extra good yellow hens 25/- each; all are bred from one of the oldest and most reliable strain in fancy; approval. (1318)

H. E. PHILLIPS

Unflighted buff cocks from 10/6; yellow, 12/6; unflighted buff hens, winners, from 10/6; yellows, 12/6; one-year buff cocks, 15/-; all same strain as Palace this week; eight entries, four cards, Ramsden's specials; two claimed; I guarantee satisfaction: H. E. Phillips, 60, College-rd., Norwich. (1319)

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

My wins include champion diploma, holder Barnstaple cup; yellow cocks, cap, wing marked 30/-, saddle marked 30/-, clear 15/-, buffs 10/6 to 50/-; hens 5/- to £1; approval: S. Jones, Lynton. (1300)

PURE TYPICAL NORWICH

Unflighted yellows and buffs, grand quality, related to my winners; singles, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: S. E. Brumhill, 118, Grange-rd., Ramsgate. (Late of Maidstone.) (1264)

J. C. WILMOT

17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, has a few choice Norwich to spare, bred from his winners; state wants; approval with pleasure.

G. T. JONES

Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of "Cage Birds" Diploma, has for disposal grand typical specimens; no fancy prices: satisfaction guaranteed: 18, Castle-st., Brecon, S. Wales. (1307)

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH

After a very successful breeding season I have a number of good birds for disposal, related to my winners. See show reports: Capt Collier, Barracks, Brecon, South Wales. (1284)

OWING TO BUSINESS

pressure the whole of my stock for disposal; some grand specimens; also 25 double breeders and 2 4ft. flights, show cages and all utensils; stamp reply; seen any time: S. Ward, 19 and 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico. (1267)

J. C. BARNES

Can spare some grand Norwich, correct type and quality, with plenty of substance; pairs from 30/-; odd birds 10/-, upwards; well-known strain; winner of Shelfield challenge cup, 3 years in succession; inspection earnestly requested; approval with pleasure; stamp reply; satisfaction guaranteed: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

Rare Chance For Novices

Yellow cocks, grand type, size, quality, from 15/-; buffs from 10/-; pairs, perfectly matched, from 20/-, bred from my winners; see Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford National, Aberdeen, Cons't, Scottish National reports, fourteen 1sts, twelve 2nds, thirteen 3rds, eighteen specials, including special for best Norwich, and be t bird in show, champion-up diploma (see Cinnamons): Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland. (1274)

15/- and 20/- Pairs.
Pure Norwich.

Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens, Yellows or Buffs, from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than any-one in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the originals testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years. —**SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.**

For

10/6, 12/6; or Extra Specials, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- per pair. I can supply either Norwich or Yorkshires, correctly matched for breeding; also cocks, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6; best value in the market. Cold-breds, pink of condition. Travelling Cages, 3d. Send trial order to old advertiser and judge. Send for full list and approval terms, free.—**R. HANFORD, 263, Osmaston Rd., Derby.** (1327)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.

H. DIMMOCK.—Deep Glucke and Water-Glucke Rollers, same strain as my cup winners. Cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-; cages 4d. extra. All B.R.C.C. rung: 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (1096)

THOS. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Champion Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers: 6, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (1120)

1913 ROLLER cocks, singing, 3/-, two 5/6; hens 1/6: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1360)

PURE Seifert Rollers, club rung, 1913, 10/6 to 15/- per pair: R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescot. (1307)

1913 Rollers: Club rung cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens 5/- each, 9/- for two: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham (1280)

CAN spare ten pairs, 15/- to 30/-; odd cocks from 10/6, hens 5/-; cold-room bred: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton-Lindsey. (1312)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks from 12/- upwards; hens 4/- and 5/- each; cash, deposit: Wirth, Knowsley-rd., Liverpool. (1215)

GIVING up. Four pairs pure Randall's Glucke Rollers, cocks 15/-, hens 4/-, or offers: Holgate, 12, Hannah-st., Bacup. (1306)

PURE Randall's Water Glucke cocks 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/6; deposit: Wilson, 421, Weelsby-st., Grimsby. (1320)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, 1913, variegated, 5/6 couple, worth double, beauties: Turner, 8, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (1306)

CHAMPION Hartz Mountain Rollers, schoolmasters 10/- each, honestly worth 25/- each; bargain: Loftus, 13, Hamilton-rd., Herne Hill. (1323)

HIGH-CLASS St. Andreasberg cocks, 7/-, excellent breeding hens, 2/6 each; mostly rung: Tom Jackson, Canal-st., Congleton. (1319)

FOUR cocks and 7 hens, cocks on full song, Roller Seifert strain, cock 7/6, hens 2/-, £2 lot: Davies, 52, New Row, Highley, Salop. (1324)

TWENTY Roller hens, Fould's pure strain, 1913 bred, all from club rung birds, 2/6 each: Edgerley, Francis-st., Monton, Manchester. (1326)

HIGH-class Roller hens, 2/6 each, two for 4/6, to clear; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Bretton, 4, Wellington-st., Radcliffe, Manchester. (1198)

WILL give exhibition cock Greenfinch Mule for 3 young Roller cocks; approval, yours first: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1297)

FEW deep Glucke Rollers, winning strain, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6; approval: A. Parker, 5, Gladys-rd., Bearwood, Smethwick, Birmingham. (1323)

WATER glucke Rollers, from a good strain, cocks from 10/-, hens from 4/-; on approval: L. Watkins, 22, Eden-st., Astley Bridge, Bolton. (1310)

HIGH CLASS 1913 Seifert hens, Walton's strain, 3/- each to clear, approval, cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (1313)

GERMAN Roller, the best in England without any doubt, 20/-; approval; cash or deposit: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1326)

HIGH class Seifert and Glucke cocks, 7/6, 10/6, hens 2/6, 3/6; cold room, on approval; cash or deposit: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (1326)

ONE cock, 1912, Rochl's strain, £1; 1 cock, 1913, Randall's, 15/-; good stock birds; hens 4/-; all rung: Sauter, 41, Rosemary-rd., Peckham, S.E. (1325)

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens 2/-; one cock or two hens carriage free; cash or deposit: Craven, 80, Freehold-st., Leeds. (1273)

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, outdoor aviary bred, delightful songsters; cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/6: Reed, Pordbridge, Wansford, Northamptonshire. (1289)

ROLLERS, Randall's strain, cold-room bred, full song; cocks, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 2/-: Perks, New-road, off Belmont-rd., Lye, Stourbridge. (1305)

HIGH class Rollers, British Roller Club rung, cocks 10/-, 7/6, hens 5/-, 3/6: breeding pair 14/- and 10/-; approval: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop. (1312)

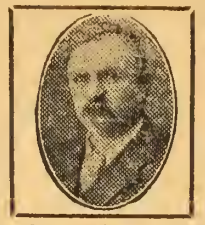
HIGH CLASS Seifert Rollers, in full song, 7/6 each; approval, cash or deposit: D. Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1283)

SEIFERT Rollers, Rochl's strain, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 and 15/- each; hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/- each; cold room; approval; deposit: N. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (1288)

FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmasters 10/-, hens 3/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)

CONTEST Rollers; pairs, scientifically mated to produce winners, 12/6: cocks, grand songster; typical unrelated hens: See Commersall's Advt.(1269)

CONTEST Rollers, guaranteed lovely songsters, cocks 10/- and 12/6, hens 5/-; approval, or call and hear them: Particulars, S. Commersall, Birstall, Leeds. (1224)



Crystal Palace, 1914.
SILVER CUP,
4 Firsts, 2 Thirds, Etc.

Once again my birds have wound up the show season by securing highest honours at the Great National Show (see report of Palace Show in this issue). That they have won consistently all through the season is shown by the fact that they have secured **76 Specials, 89 Firsts, 74 Seconds, and 60 Thirds This Season,** in open champion classes, in hottest competition at all the leading shows. They have also won the N.P.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. Competition, also several Silver Cups and Bowls, Gold and Silver Medals, Diplomas, and numerous other trophies.

I have also supplied birds that have won highest honours for my clients, including winners of this year's Palace show, in very strong classes. I have letters filed here for anyone to see in proof of this; also a large number of letters from fanciers who have bred winners from stock bred and sold by me.

These are **FACTS,** needing no comment. They speak for themselves, and they cannot be disputed. I am now offering marvellous value in the following varieties:—

CHAMPION NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN.

Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** to **100/-** per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain of winners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Grand cobby hens, **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-** per pair.

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The Shows.

HAWARDEN.

Hawarden and Dis. C.B.S. annual show, Glynne Arms, Jan. 17. Mr. A. Wellings judged, and gave general satisfaction. The hon. sec., Mr. J. S. Lloyd, had the arrangements well in hand, and the committee all worked splendidly to secure the success they undoubtedly achieved. The cup for most points went as follows: H. Johnson (Yorks.), T. Redfern (Nor. and Brit). Other special winners were Messrs. H. Smith, H. Butler, and H. Burrows.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Butler, grand feather, clean cut, good pos.; 2, H. Johnson, shade slim, fails in neck, otherwise good; 3, Geo. Johnson, fine pos., bit coarse on thighs; 4, Harrison; vhc, c, F. Johnson; he, T. Boswell. BUFF.: 1, Redfern, real gem for quality and pos., wins well; 2, Harrison, full of qual., but fails in legs to winner; 3, Butler, big, reachy bird, bit coarse in feather; 4, F. Johnson; vhc, he, Geo. Bellis; c, Geo. Johnson. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Butler, fine pos., good wings, well drawn; 2, vhc, F. Johnson, short in legs, fails pos.; 3, Redfern, good carr., nice feather, bit weak in neck; 4, H. Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, H. Johnson, splendid head and neck, good wings, well finished, 2 full of qual., nice reach, fails in neck; 3, Burrows, rather short in body; 4, vhc, Bellis; he, Butler; c, F. Johnson. YELL. HEN: 1, Johnson, real gem, fit for open competition; 2, F. Johnson, little to choose for the first place; 3, Johnson, close on winners, but showing little frill; 4, F. Johnson; vhc, Geo. Johnson; he, Redfern; c, Boswell. BUFF HEN: 1, Johnson, tight as wax, good wings, and tail; 2, Johnson, another gem, but a little smaller than winner; 3, F. Johnson, fails quality coarse under; 4, Geo. Johnson; vhc, Redfern; he, Johnson; c, Butler. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, and Sandiford's, Redfern, good head and neck, nice feather; 2, Jones, little to choose for 1st; 3, Harrison, good size and front, in body feather on head; 4, J. Jones. BUFF: 1, Redfern, plenty of size, good head, but thick on vent; 2, H. Jones, equal to winner, except the feet, bit large; 3, Johnson; 4, Johnson; vhc, J. Jones; he, Geo. Johnson. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, H. Jones; 2, J. Jones; 3, Boswell; all fail in qual. BUFF: 1, Jones, grand feather and head, good wings, bit fat; 2, J. Harrison, bit more front wanted here, slim; 3, Geo. Johnson, good type, but in bad feather on back; 4, H. Johnson. YELL. HEN.: 1, J. Jones, nice front, good wings, short tail; 2, Johnson, fat on chest, spoils the run; 3, H. Jones, coarse feather. BUFF HEN: 1, Redfern, shown in grand form, nice feather; 2, J. Harrison, close on 1st, full of quality; 3, Redfern, bit coarser in feather; 4, H. Johnson; vhc, Jones; he, H. Jones; c, Geo. Johnson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Harrison, green Norwich, fit to go out in stronger competition; 2, Boswell, Yorks. Green, good col., bit small; 3, Smith, cinnamon, short in subs. GOLDF., BRIT.: 1, Smith, good deep face, well mooned, deep in tanning; 2, Redfern, tight race, beaten in under blaze; 3, Harrison, running the others very close, little short in face; 4, Jones; vhc, Durham; he, Bellis; c, Johnson. LINNET: 1, Boswell, Norwich type, good front and pencilling; 2, Johnson, nicely mkd., good wings, bit wild; 3, Harrison, best col. in class, but small, no front; 4, Durham; vhc, c, Durham; he, Johnson. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Redfern, two grand ones, deep col. and type; 3, Johnson, not steady, no doubt will make a good one; 4, Bellis. BULLFINCH: 1, Smith, good cap, deep col., and nice back; 2, Johnson, just beaten in col., good cap; 3, Harrison, fails in cap, going narrow at back; 4, Boswell. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Jones, Hawfinch, in good feather, good bib and wing bars; 2, Boswell, Yellowhammer, not one of the best, fails in marking; 3, Smith, Siskin, short on thigh markings; 4, Redfern; vhc, Harrison; he, Smith. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Redfern, Goldfinch-Can.; 2, F. Johnson, Linnet-Can.; 3, Smith, Greenfinch-Can.; 4, Boswell; vhc, Geo. Johnson. YORKS., UNFLIG.: 1, Redfern; 2, Johnson; 3, Johnson; 4, he, Butler; vhc, Butler; he, Butler; c, Harrison. NOR. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Redfern; 3, Jones; 4, Johnson; vhc, Jones; he, Redfern; c, Johnson. NOVICE YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Burrows.

EAST LOTHIAN C.B.S.

Monthly table show, held Jan. 24, at headquarters, when over 80 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Gordon, who seemed to give general satisfaction. Sp. best Bord. went to Mr. J. Fairgrieve with a nice yell. hen; best Nor., Mr. C. Barrie. Sec. J. Fairgrieve worked with heart and soul for the convenience of exhibits and exhibitors. It was agreed to hold a pairs show at end of Feb.

BORD. CK. (12): 1, Grant, cl. yell., nice carr., lovely feather and cond., easy win; 2, J. C. Fairgrieve, yell., not quite the col., rare shape, beaten bloom; 3, J. Fairgrieve, rare type and qual., close up; 4, sp., P. Fairgrieve; 5, sp., Steel; 6, Drysdale; 7, Barrie. HEN (8): 1, sp., J. Fairgrieve, yell., grand body and shape, tight as wax; 2, sp., Grant, bull, tight feather, nice type, close up; 3, Sanderson, loses in feather to leaders; 4, Steel; 5, Scott; 6, Ramage; 7, Barrie. EVEN OR VARIEG. (6): 1, 5, Grant, lovely bird, grand body and shape; 2, Steel, shade long, neat head; 3, Ramage, loses type; 4, Sanderson; 6, Scott. GREEN (3): 1, Fairgrieve, yell., smart shape, good wings, might have given way to 2, Grant, better col. and type, well laced; 3, sp., Fairgrieve, loses feather to winners. CINN. (7): 1, Grant, yell., lovely col., neat shape, good wings and tail; 2, 6, Ramage, bull, grand shape and qual., nice head, close up; 3, 4, Fairgrieve, hardly so warm col., nice head; 5, Barrie; 7, Steel. NOR. CK. (6): 1, 2, 4, Barrie, very hot, yell., big, good shape, fine silky feather; 2nd, bull, longer shape, fine level col.; 3, sp., Steel, yell., good col., fair size, well placed; 5, 6, Scott. HEN (5): 1, sp., 2, 3, Barrie, rare team, leader, bull tkd., fine rolby shape, good feather, be the punk; 2nd, wing and eye mkd., equally good in shape and feather, presses hard; 3rd, cl., beaten in subs and wing carr.; 4, 5, Scott. BRIT., VARIE (15). Very hot class, which took some handling. 1, sp., P. Fairgrieve, lovely Waxwing, rare col. and head, tight body, but fails in wax, rather wild; 2, Steel, Bullie, rare breast col., fair cap, good wings and tail, might have given way to 1, Docker, a charming yellow Wagtail, lovely feather, laged in faultless cond.; 4, Stoddart, Hawfinch, lovely cond., shade small; 5, Grant, 6, 7, Steel. SMALL (1): 1, Wood, Goldie, if a Britisher a real stormer, nice blaze, good tanning.; 2, Grant, another Goldie, but a true Britisher, nice blaze, good tannings and buttons; 3, Steel, Goldie, hardly so well up in face and tannings; 4, Fairgrieve, lovely Siskin, nice cap, and facings. A.O.V. (5): 1, Scott, Scotch Fancy, big, good length of side, nice pos., good drive; 2, Docker, Siberian Bullie, monster for size, lovely breast col., fine broad cap and wing bars; 3, sp., 4, Barrie, lovely pair White Finches, and pair Green Budgies, staged to perfection; 5, Wood; 6, Goodall; 7, Spark. J. Fairgrieve, Hon. Sec.

BIGGAR C.B.S.

Sixth annual show, held in Wilson's, Westend Hall, Jan. 28. The hall is well suited for a show as it is of a nice size, and the staging was well arranged to show off the birds to perfection. Mr. D. Lawson, pres., and Mr. M. Rae, sec., worked hard, and were well backed up by a hard-working committee. D. Lawson won sp. for best Canary, with a nice Crest, and T. Porteous, sp. best British bird, with a Goldfinch of nice quality. A. Williamson won sp. most points Canary section. There would have been a little difference in the awards if some of the exhibits had been better staged. Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The show was well attended an hour before closing. The president presented the prizes and specials to the successful exhibitors.

BULLF. CK. (7): 1, Smith, good size, nice cap and breast col.; 2, H.M. sp, Selkirk, good cap and bars, beaten col.; 3, Davidson, nice F.M., not as steady as winners; 4, Wilson; 5, Hutchinson; 6, Lourie. HEN (7): 1, Porteous, good size, nice cap and bars; 2, Williamson, loses in qual; 3, 4, Lawson and Son, smaller; 5, McCann; 6, Williamson. GOLDF. (8): 1, sp, Porteous, nice exhibit, good blaze, well shown; 2, Williamson, again a nice one, presses; 3, Lawson and Sons, nice field-moulted, with time will beat the winners; 4, Johnstone; 5, Graham; 6, Elliot, a good class. GREENF. (17): 1, 2, Linton, winner, well-known; 2, good size and type, beaten size, well shown; 3, Shand, not far behind; 4, Porteous; 5, Johnstone; 6, 8, Williamson; 7, McCann. F.M.: 1, McCann, nicely steadied, good type and col.; 2, Boa, good size and type, beaten colour; 3, Whitefield, not as steady, still a nice one; 4, Redpath; 5, Johnstone; 6, 7, Selkirk; 8, Rae. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (7): 1, Whitefield, well known Bramble, well shown; 2, Clark, Chaffi., nice size and col., good whites, nicely fed; 3, Williamson, nice Bramble, not the size of winner, but good colour and pencilling; 4, Redpath; 5, McCann; 6, Williamson. LINNET (4) a poor class: 1, Selkirk; 2, Porteous; 3, Lawson and Son; 4, Clark. REDPOLL (8): 1, Williamson, nice size and shape, good bib; 2, Davidson, nice Mealy; 3, 6, J. Elliot; 4, Boa; 5, Selkirk. SISKIN OR TWITE (7) all Siskins: 1, Lawson, nice size and type, good cap and bib, nicely pencilled, in good bloom; 2, Graham, rare pencilling and col.; 3, Selkirk, good cap and bib, beaten pencilling; 4, Boa; 5, Campbell; 6, Williamson. A.O. BRIT. (1): Williamson, a good Hawfinch, in rare fettle. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Porteous, Goldie Mule, good size and col., dark; 2, Selkirk, dark Greenie Mule, nicely fed; 3, Lawson, Goldie Mule, good col. and size. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, D. Lawson and Sons, nice foreign Goldie and Sib. Norwich hen; 2 Lawson and Sons, nice Goldie cock and Siskin hen; 3, Clark, Greenf. cock, and nice buff Nor. hen; 4, 6, Williamson; 5, Lawson and Son, a nice class. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Lawson and Son, nice yell., good type and col.; 2, Dobbie, another nice yell., good size, type, and col.; 3, Aitken, a nice buff; 4, Williamson; 5, Girdwood; 6, Johnstone. HEN (9): 1, 5, Campbell, nice buff, good type and nice head; 2, Dobbie, yell., good qual. and type; 3, Aitken, good buff, grand type, col., and size; 4, Williamson; 6, Porteous. NON-FED (4) a good class of buffs: 1, Dobbie; 2, 3, Campbell; 4, Lawson and Sons. BORD. FANCY, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 6, Linton, nice team, well shown in this exhibitors usual style; 3, Johnstone; 4, Campbell; 5, Lawson. BUFF (10): 1, Lawson and Sons, well balanced, good type and qual., tkd.; 2, 5, Linton, good cl., nice qual.; 3, Davidson, again a nice one, well shown; 4, Johnstone; 6, Aitchison. YELL., GR., OR CINN. (5): 1, 3, 4, Campbell, nice little hen, good qual., nicely broken in markings; res. for best Canary in hall; 2, Lawson and Son; 5, Aitken. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, Campbell, grand team, well shown, and in great fettle, teeming with qual; 3, Linton, a nicely balanced Cinn.; 5, Lawson and Son. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, 5, 6, Linton; 2, Campbell; 3, Aitchinson; 4, Aitken. BUFF (7): 1, Aitchison, nice even mark, good qual. and markings, nice type; 2, 5, Linton, again an even mark, well shown; 3, Aitken, nicely marked, good type and qual. A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, Lawson and Sons, nice Crest, wins sp. best Canary in hall; 2, 5, A. Lawson, Scots Fancy; 3, Porteous, Linnet Mule.

PENCLAWDD.

First annual open show held Jan. 31. Entries greatly exceeded expectations with the result that the rooms engaged were taxed to their utmost to contain the exhibits, and even then the secretary's office had to be utilised to stage one class. Financially the show should prove an unqualified success, the attendance being splendid. The Sec., Mr. J. Rosser, was a very able and obliging official Mr. Sylvester judged.

CANARY (8): 1, vhc, Owens, Yorks, grand length, well up on leg, nice col. and qual.; 2, 3, Davies and Jones, Nor., both good col. and qual., very cobby, shown in A1 form; he, Muscott; c, Jenkins. GOLDF., ETC. (12): 1, Richards, Goldf., nice square blaze, good bars, and buttons, nicely tanned; 2, Holborow, Bullf., good size and shape, nice col., breast, very cobby; 3, he Jeffries, Goldf., good size and shape, good expansive blaze, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Nicholas; he, Grillin; c, Holborow. LINNET (11): 1, Jeffrey, very shapely, nice nutty col., well laced; 2, Jones, again good col. and qual., loses markings to leader; 3, Rosser, good size and shape, neatly laced, hardly col. of leaders; vhc, no name; he, Howells; c, Jones. A.O.V. (13): 1, Muscott, hen Rednaped Lory, in good feather, rather lucky to beat; 2, 3, Mr. Longden, another Rednaped Lory, wonderful col. and qual., in perfect order,—well-known; 3, Missel-Thrush, good size and shape, in tip-top order; vhc, Holborow; he, Davies; c, Hughes.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Show held Jan. 31, Little Saddle Hotel. J. Bailey as judge gave general satisfaction. W. Fisher won novice's gold medal, and E. Clegg won in the champion section. There were 75 birds on view, of good quality.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Fisher; 3, Clough; vhc, Senior; he, Rayner. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Broadbent; he, Senior; c, Clough. BUFF EVEN MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Taylor; vhc, Rayner; he, Hutchinson; c, Fisher. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, vhc, Clough; he, Fisher. BUFF: 1, vhc, Clegg; 2, he, Fisher; 3, Hirst. YELL. MKD. HEN: 1, Rayner; 2, Hirst; 3, Fisher; vhc, Barker; he, c, Taylor. HEAVY VARIEG. CK.: 1, vhc, Broadbent; 2, Lee; 3, c, Taylor; he, Milnes. A.V. BRIT.: 1, Clough; 2, Taylor; 3, Fisher; vhc, Milnes; he, Hutchinson. SELL. CK.: 1, Milnes; 2, vhc, Stallord; 3, Rayner, he, Broadbent; c, Hutchinson. HEN: 1, Milnes; 2, Fisher; 3, he, Broadbent; vhc, Rayner; c, Stafford. T. Barker, Sec. (Please write only on one side of the paper. Ed.)

ROCHDALE C.B.S.

2nd annual show, held Jan. 24. Judge, Mr. E. Bumskill, Southport. There was an entry of 200, which is far in excess of previous years, and quality was good all round, many of the birds being well known winners in open shows. About 50 classes were put on, including 13 novices, but the latter section was very poorly supported. No doubt we shall try to find a solution to this question, as far as we, as a society, are concerned. Lancashires had a good entry, 14 facing the judge in the 1913 class, and a good even lot they were. Lizards were only fair, being practically confined to about four exhibitors. Some good Norwich Crests and C.B. were staged. Yorks. were very good. British also came up well, and were of great interest to the many fanciers and friends who visited the show. A perusal of the prize list will no doubt prove of interest, many well-known names being amongst the winners. Mr. Jameson, Bury, won sp. for best bird with a buff coppy, a Manchester winner. Section prizes were given by Messrs. Hadern (2), Naylor, Collinge, Schofield, Blincoe, Woods, Dutton, and Francis.

LANCS. VELL. COPPY (3): 1, A. Hordern; 2, J. Newill; 3, T. H. Collinge. BUFF (5): 1, H. Jameson; 2, J. Newill; 3, Collinge; 4, Entwistle. YELL. P.H. (5): 1, Hordern; 2, Fielding; 3, Hordern; 4, Fielding. BUFF (5): 1, Adams; 2, Hordern; 3, Entwisth; 4, Hordern. HEN (7): 1, 2, Collinge; 3, 4, Newill. 1913 (14): 1, Webster; 2, Hordern; 3, Jameson; 4, Adams. LIZ. CL. CAP GOLD (3): 1, Hordern; 2, Butterworth; 3, Dewhirst. SILVER (2): 1, Dewhirst; 2, Hordern. BROKEN CAP, GOLD (1): 1, Barrass. SILVER: (3): 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Butterworth. HEN (1): 1, Hordern. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Naylor. C.B. (6): 1, Fielding; 2, Cheetham; 3, 4, Collinge. CREST (8): 1, 2, Collinge; 3, Cheetham; 4, Armestead. YORKS., CL. YELL. (1) 1, Schofield; 2, Wilson; 3, Low and Johnson; 4, Lees. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Clark; 4, Bamford. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Leach; 2, Evans; 3, Butterworth. BUFF (3): 1, Evans; 2, 3, Clark. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Webster; 3, Howarth; 4, Evans. BUFF (6): 1, Leach; 2, Schofield; 3, Evans; 4, Butterworth. HEN, A.V. (9): 1, 4, Evans; 2, Howarth; 3, Schofield. 1913 HEN, A.V. (9): 1, 2, Coupe; 3, Evans; 4, Schofield. NOV., YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Lingard; 2, Moffatt. BUFF (1): 1, Lingard. HEN (2): 1, Francis; 2, Moffatt. 1913 (1): 1, Heathcote. COCK, A.V. (5): 1, 3, Dutton; 2, Howarth; 4, Lingard. CL. YELL. NOR. (2): 1, Lees; 2, Pleasance. BUFF (6): 1, Slater; 2, Greenhalgh; 3, Leach; 4, Pleasance. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Leach; 2, Greenhalgh; 3, Pleasance; 4, Dewhirst. BUFF (3): 1, Greenhalgh; 2, 3, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Slater; 2, Lees; 3, Hartley—1, Pleasance. BUFF (2): 1, Slater; 2, Blincoe. HEN (7): 1, Leach; 2, 4, Leach; 3, Woods. 1913 HEN (6): 1, Lees; 2, Slater; 3, 4, Colley. NOV., YELL., A.V. (1): 1, Francis. BUFF: Cancelled. HEN: Cancelled. 1913 HEN (1): 1, Francis. COCK: Cancelled. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, 3, Blincoe; 2, Lingard; 4, Windle. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (3): 1, Hartley; 2, Meadowcroft; 3, Windle. LINNET OR GREENF. (9): 1, Blincoe; 2, Hamer; 3, 4, Rabbith. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Rabbith; 2, Fielding; 3, Blincoe; absent, Fielding. A.O. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Blincoe. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Blincoe. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 3, Brough; 2, Blincoe; 4, Rabbith. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Tonks. Will all delegates please attend the meeting at Temperance Club, Rochdale, Feb. 14, at 6.30, for the purpose of settling this show runners-up?—Wm. Adams, Gen. Sec.

PARTICK.

Annual breeding pairs show held Feb. 6, in Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road. Crests were quite the outstanding feature, and the judge found some difficulty in picking out the winners, the leading birds being hard to separate. Plainheads made a good show, and many good specimens were staged. Borders also made a gallant effort, and many hot specimens of the "wee gems" put in their appearance. Yorks. came next in rotation, and the slim ones had the satisfaction of providing the largest entry of the evening. This variety is becoming very popular in these parts. Hybrid pairs made up the show, and many interesting crosses were on view, and should anything be accomplished by the members in breeding, some new crosses will be on exhibition in another season. The judges were: Crests and Plainheads, Mr. A. Sloan, Possilpark; Bord. and Hyb., Mr. J. Laurie, Govan; Yorks. and A.O.V., W. Heggie, Monnt Florida. The undernoted kindly granted special prizes, viz.: Messrs. A. Marwell, J. F. Park, J. McMillan, T. Fraser, and were suitably thanked for same.

CREST PAIRS: 1, sp., 3, 4, McMillan, grand pair, Crest cock, C.B. hen, former good crest, of grand formation, good centre fine veiny feather, C.B. hen grand size, rare subs., well lashed, in grand order; 2, 5, 6, Nimmo, similarly matched, not much to choose between the leaders, staged in spanking form. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Henry, rare matched pair, put down in rare order; 2, McMillan, well staged and placed; 3, Fraser, rattling pair, many thought might have taken leading pos. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Park, cock of good size, rare head and neck, mated to a slashing yell. hen, grand type and qual., put down in breeding form; 2, Henry, very creditable pair; 3, Fraser, another neat pair, in fine bloom. B.F., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Aikenhead, natty pair, that some considered lucky; 2, Walker, nice pair, all there for type and qual.; 3, Fairweather, our choice for 1st place, a grand matched pair, ck. real typical, grand head and neck, best of wing carr., nicely tajered, a good one, hen a sweet little lady, clothed in her best. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Aikenhead, good pair, well put down; 2, Walker, presses hard; 3, Fairweather, sweet pair, well placed and staged. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Aikenhead, stylish cock, of good size, well put on legs, sweet head and neck, well braced wings, mated to a good hen, free from frill, a grand pair; 2, Park, good pair; 3, Coats, nicely matched, in grand bloom; 4, Sinclair; 5, Aikenhead. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Park, buff cock, Glasgow and district winner, mated to a slashing yellow hen; 2, Sinclair, hard luck to run against such a pair; 3, Park, in fine feather; 4, Aikenhead; 5, Coats; 6, Sinclair. A.O.V.: 1, Walker, cinn. Bord.; 2, Walker, same variety; 3, Coats, Yorks., Greens, grand type and qual., might have gone up, rare bloom. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Fraser, a grand trio, leading with a grand Goldfinch cock, mated to a slashing Bullfinch hen, grand cap and col., 2 Goldf. cock, Greenf. hen, well placed here, 3 Greenf. cock, Bullf. hen, well put down, all in grand order and bloom.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

FORT WILLIAM.

Twelfth annual show held Town Hall, Feb. 4 open to Inverness and Argyle, including districts of Ramoch, Bridge of Orchy, Tyndrum, Crianlarich in Yorks., Mr. W. H. McDougal won sp. for best bird. Bords. were very good, Mr. Harper carrying off all the plums, his yellow cock, one of the best going, being runner-up for best. British were an excellent lot. The entry greatly exceeded that of last year. President ex-Provost Young was unavoidably absent. Sec. Mr. P. C. McGhan performed his duties in a highly satisfactory manner, and was well backed up by treas., Mr. Alex. McKenzie. Mr. A. M. Gardiner judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. CK. (1): 1, Cameron, non fed, best of cond., nice head and neck, fine wings and tail, grand qual.; 2, McDougall, better shape, but loses in cond., crosses wings at time; 3, McPherson, variegated head and neck, best shape in class, needs a wash; 4, Cameron. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Weston, 1st nice head and neck, short and compact body, fine wings and tail, nice lady, 2 not so good in head, but grand type, trifle loose at waist, 3 more slim got up, nice style, good head and qual. of feather, 4, McCallum; 5, Cameron; 6, 7, McPherson. YORKS (16): 1, 2, 3, 5, McDougall, 1st and sp. best in hall, non-fed leading, straight upstanding, well filled up, grand wings and tail, lovely qual., a gem, 2 similar stamp, better col., but a shade smaller, trifle open in front, 3 true Yorkie, difficult to separate; 4, Cameron; 6, Harper. BORD. CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Harper, 1 best of type and qual., rare cond., fine jaunty carr., runner-up to best bird, 2 nice type and col., good style, 3 presses hard. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Harper, 1 fine type, close compact wings and tail, a little stiff when moving, 2 beaten in type, not so round, fine jaunty carr., 3 fine stylish lady, a team the owner may be proud of. PAIRS (3): 1, McDougal, Yorks., well matched; 2, Boyd, fine large cock to nice typical hen, with luck ought to do some good; 3, Harper. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mrs. Weston, Lanes. coppy, nice type, a little open in back of head, fine length, could have been better staged; 2, Miss Davidson, Common Can., in spanking cond.; 3, McGhan, Comm. Can., larger, but not so good cond. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, McDougal, well-known Twite-Can., in rare order, often described; 2, Fraser, Goldf.-Can., shows parentage well, some feathers out of place; 3, McPherson. GOLDF. (6): 1, McCallum, nice size and shape, very rich col., fine blaze, plenty of rich tan on body, one of the best, easy winner; 2, 6, McGhan, larger, big blaze, but lacks cond. and tanning of leader; 3, McCallum, smaller size, well up in col., steady; 4, Harper. GREENF. (5): 1, no name, beautiful shape, round as a ball, fine head and col., nice yell. flights in tail; 2, Hope, fine bold head, good shape and col.; 3, Harper, little smaller, nice col. and cond., hard to separate; 4, McDougal; 5, McGhan. BULLF. (2): 1, 2, McGhan, 1 not so good in head as 2, but better col. and nicer back, good wing bars and steady, 2 a little better shape, very unsteady. LINNET (3): 1, McDougal, great size, little dark for our taste, well mkd. flanks, plenty of white in wings and tail; 2, Harper, beaten size, and not so good in whites; 3, Mc Callum, smaller, slight frill on throat, nicely mkd. on back and flanks, nice whites. LESSER 'POLL (6): 1, 6, Hope, nice head, beautiful shape, col., and marking; 2, Harper, not so good in head, nice col. and markings; 3, McCallum, F.M., in grand order, should moult a good one; 4, Cameron; 5, McGhan. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (12): 1, 2, 4, McCallum, 1 large Mealy, great size and fine markings, small in head for size of body, a little dark in col., wins, 2 Twite, a little pale below breast, fine shape and size, grand cond.; 3, Mrs. Weston, full of true characteristics, rare col. and shape; 5, 6, 7, Hope, a grand class. SISKIN (12): Fine class, not a bad one in it: 1, 4, 5, McCallum, beautiful col. and cond., A1 qual., fine dense cap, prettily pencilled; 2, Hope, good size, fine col. and pencilling, a little horny feathered at throat, not so good sheen, still a grand bird; 3, Harper, smaller, nice cap, wings col., and marking, should make up a good one; 6, no name; 7, McDougal. A.O.V. BRIT (3): 1, Mrs. Weston, Reed Bunting, finely mkd., rare good pencilling, wins; 2, Hope, Bramble, in nice order, will improve; 3, McCallum, Reed Bunting, larger than leader, not so finely mkd., well placed. BRIT. HEN (2): 1, Mrs. Weston, Bullf., in nice order; 2, McCallum, fine col. and pencilling. BOYS AND GIRLS (25): 1, Paterson, grand Chaffinch, fine size, col. and markings; 2, Foster, H.M., Greenf., nice shape, col. and cond.; 3, Cameron, Siskin, nice cobby shape, good col., grand cap, bib, and flank, markings, fit for the open; 4, Hope, Mealy, nice order, rich col., breast, good markings; 5, Hope; 6, D. Hope; 7, Cameron.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Final members' show, held Jan. 31, at Duke of York, Princess Street, the last of the three for the society's cup, and a keen struggle was expected, for over 90 birds competed, and quality was grand, as these were the birds which has won for the society the Midland Inter-club Cup. Messrs. Crundell and Rowley won sp. for best Canary in show with their well-known winning buff Norwich, and Mr. J. A. Touks sp. best Brit. with a grand Goldie, which also is not a stranger to the show bench. Grand teams were staged by Messrs. Loach, Gibbons, Touks, Crundell and Rowley, Weaver, Hall, and Hampton. Mr. J. Gibbons won the society's cup for the second time, the runner-up being F. A. Loach, who made a desperate fight for it. Mr. G. Baker, Birmingham, judged, and his awards were very well received.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Gibbons; 2, he, Weaver; 3, Hampton; vhc, Loach. BUFF: 1, sp., Crundell and Rowley; 2, Hamplon; 3, Loach. VARIEG. OR GR.: 1, 2, Weaver. NOR., OLD HEN: 1, Hampton; 2, Gibbons; 3, vhc, Crundell and Rowley; he, c, Loach. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Hampton; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, vhc, Weaver; he, c, Loach. BUFF: 1, Loach; 2, Hampton; 3, Weaver; vhc, he, Crundell and Rowley. HEN: 1, vhc, Crundell and Rowley; 2, c, Loach; 3, Hampton; he, Weaver. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Gibbons. BUFF: 1, 2, Gibbons. VARIEG. OR GR.: 1, Gibbons; 2, 3, vhc, Hall. HEN: 1, 2, Gibbons; 3, vhc, Hall. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Gibbons. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, vhc, Harrison; 3, Weaver; he, Loach. DARK MULE: 1, Tonks; 2, Harrison. HYB.: 1, Tonks. GOLDF.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Tonks; vhc, Harrison. LINNET: 1, 2, Tonks. GREENF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Tonks; vhc, Hall. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, he, Tonks; 3, vhc, Harrison. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 3, Tonks; 2, Harrison.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Annual pair show, Jan. 31, Laidlaw's Hall. W. Mitchell judged, and gave entire satisfaction. SCOTCH FCY.: 1, sp., 2, Smith; 3, Blyth. BORD.: 1, sp., Bruce; 2, 4, 5, Borlie; 3, Blyth. CREST: 1, sp., 3, Blyth; 2, 5, Dott; 4, Bruce. NOR.: 1, sp., 4, Crawford; 2, 5, Forrest; 3, 6, Fullarton; 7, Mrs. J. Banks. MULING PAIR: 1, sp., Mrs. J. Banks. HYB.: 1, Robertson. BRIT.: 1, sp., 3, Brown, 2, Robertson; 4, Blyth.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Annual general meeting, held in the Press Room, Crystal Palace, Feb. 7, Mr. H. Norman chair. Present: Mrs. Thynne, Messrs. Pearce, Wiseman, Jenkins, Plank, Saunders, Green, Pegg, Culham, Sneek, Onslow, Lathbury, Clayden, Madagan, G. H. Pratt, A. J. Pratt, Newley, Moore, Thynne, and F. W. Burton. Balance sheet was presented, and a copy of same will be printed in the 1914 handbooks, and sent to every member. The financial position is very strong, the cash balance in hand at the end of the year being £5 9s. No one who was present could doubt that the club has come to stay. The enthusiasm of the members was unbounded, and the way they spoke of what the club was going to do showed that there was little fear of their ardour abating. The proposal of Mr. G. Burton re alteration of the definition of a tick was carried with a slight alteration in the wording. This definition now reads: "A ticked bird is one with a patch of dark feathers not larger than a sixpence on an otherwise clear body. It can also have one technical mark on eye, wing, or tail, but only one such mark, in addition to the body or head mark." It was proposed to extend the classification for the ensuing year, but owing to the late secretary's notes not being complete I cannot give the classification agreed upon; every member will be informed in due course. Mr. Jenkins offered to guarantee an uneven marked class at each patronage show, and Mr. Newley made the same offer with regard to an amateur class. Both offers were warmly received, and it was decided to let the committee take the matter in hand and obtain the opinion of the members. Decided that the financial year of the club should end on Jan. 21 in each year, so that auditors should have time to go through the books and prepare them in time for a balance-sheet to be presented at the Palace Show. Mr. Newley kindly offered another special, value two guineas, for the ensuing year. Mr. G. H. Pratt also offered to give two breakfast cruets, one for champion and one novice, for those making most entries and gaining least points at the patronage shows. Mr. Moore offered a guinea for a sealed handicap, and other members signified their intention of giving specials during the year. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. H. A. Soames; vice-pres., Mr. D. Jenkins; chair, Mr. H. Norman; vice-chair, Mr. J. McGuffie; treas., Mr. R. A. Newley; auditors, Messrs. J. Robson and H. Hobden; London committee, Messrs. G. Burton, Gollop, Harrison, Freeman, Onslow, Green, Plank, and Lathburry; provincial committee, Messrs. Madagan, Gwilliam, Bacon, W. J. Saunders, G. H. Pratt, A. J. Pratt, Roberts, and Clayden; sec., F. W. Burton, 91, Forest Road, Dalston, N.E., to whom all correspondence should be addressed. Chairman then presented the cups and spoons. Mr. G. H. Pratt won the S.B. and C. Cup, the Newley Cup, marble clock, and two spoons, this being the number to which each member was limited; Mr. W. J. Saunders won the novice cruet, a goodly number of his points being gained after he passed into the champions. Other spoon winners were: Madagan (2), W. J. Saunders (1), Roberts (1), Burton Bros. (1). The winners of cash specials and diplomas I cannot give as there was some doubt expressed as to whether the points had been correctly counted. Sec. earnestly appeals for the support of members to make the ensuing year better than the past one, good as that was, and he assures them that he will not rest until he has placed the Southern Border F.C. in the front rank of specialist societies. Provincial members can rest assured that if they will communicate their wishes to their sec. they will receive the same attention as if they were at the meeting to place their views before the members themselves.—F. W. Burton. Hon. Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Lecture on Canaries, given Feb. 7 by Mr. R. Halliday, Shipley. He started by saying that the room has a lot to do with the success of any breeder; it should be dry, for if the room is damp and clammy it will not do at all. Canaries should have a good variety of seeds, and not too much egg food. In buying seed get the best, as this is cheapest in the long run. Give the white seed separate, with the mixed fancy seeds in egg glass. He likes only two perches in cage—no long perch along the bottom, and likes them best without either paint or whitewash. The birds, perhaps, do not look so well, but he pointed out we did not sell them in the cages. The door should be large, and work easily. In buying stock, get the best your money can buy—few and good, rather than a lot of ordinary birds. Go into your birdroom quietly, so as not to startle your birds, and try to get them settled down to your presence before starting breeding. He would not advise a novice to go and buy a big show bird, for no doubt he would be disappointed with the result. He thought that by continually breeding with show birds the size would deteriorate. A successful exhibitor should have, besides his show birds, some good stock birds. He does not believe in pairing till April. If you have not been giving any mixed seed during winter, start now, and give them a bit to get them into condition. You cannot give a bath too often, if the light is good. To make egg cake, steep bread in water, then squeeze out as dry as possible, rub egg through sieve, mix together, add a pinch of salt, cayenne, and a little meal; don't overdo the egg food. Keep all glasses scrupulously clean; the earthenware nest-pan is better than the old-fashioned soap-box style. It is no good breeding from weakly stock; have some good, healthy stock, then if you breed a good one it will have stamina enough to stand the show season. Try to breed big stock, even if they are a bit rough. Over-slim birds are generally snaky in neck. When breeding, disturb as little as possible; have a peep to see if all is well when the hen is off feeding. He prefers a double-breeding cage for each hen. Generally speaking, take the young ones away when they are three weeks old, and give egg-food a bit sloppy for two days. Clean cage out each day, and put some crushed seed in bottom with sand. If a hen is feeding badly, tempt it with different kinds of food. After the lecture, questions were freely asked, and ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Halliday. We give an invitation to all fanciers to join us; meetings first Saturday in each month.—A. Firth, Sec.

HYSON GREEN C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 3, headquarters. There was a goodly number present, and much business was got through in a fancier-like spirit. Decided to add novice classes to all shows of the society, and with schemes afoot to ensure a valuable list of specials for competion, we appeal in confidence to old and new fanciers to join us. Application may be made to any of the officers, viz., Mr. Hodgkinson, hon. sec.; Mr. Wolfe, chairman; Mr. Barnes, vice; Messrs. White, Cottingham, Royce, Sharpe, Willis, and Robinson, committee.; W. Bown and A. E. Moult, hon. secs.—A. E. Moult.

NORWICH P.C.

Norwich Plainhead Club annual dinner was held in the spacious White Horse Restaurant, Preston, on Feb. 7. About 40 people sat down to a really well-served dinner. Genial Mr. Tom Dent was at the head of the table. Among the ladies present we noticed Mrs. Tringove, Mrs Jude, Hayhurst, Mrs. Tom Seed and friend, Mrs. Wilson, and others. After the Royal toasts a well-arranged concert programme was enjoyed by the members. Mr. F. Cunliffe, the Secretary, tendered his annual report. He dealt exhaustively with the club's ups and downs from 1910, and gave the average entries at the five patronage shows. He expressed his hopes for the further success of the club, sentiments which all reciprocated. After a song by Mr. Wilson Mr. Dent distributed the prizes. They were so many that it seemed as if everyone had one to draw. First came the trophy winner, Mr. Joe Thomas. The Chairman read a letter from him explaining his absence owing to the Palace Show. Next on the list was Mr. Sam Cook, who, on rising to receive his prize, was called upon for a speech. After some moments' hesitation he laughingly promised them a response next year. Mr. Luke Granger won 3rd prize, but was absent through sickness. Fourth place was filled by Mr. Jude Hayhurst, the popular chairman of Burnley Society. Mr. W. Wrigley won 5th, and Mr. Vardy 6th, most points. The gold medal for best in the champion section at the club show was won by Mr. J. E. Davies with his well-known clear buff; best novice, Mr. J. Edmundson. Messrs. T. Blease and Son won the handsome cup in the novice classes, and it speaks well for their stock when it is known that most of their points were won in the open classes. Mr. W. Vardy, jun., won 2nd place, with Mr. J. Nickson 3rd; 4th place was won by Mr. Cottam. Mr. H. Hitchen won 5th, most points. All these novices are now in the champions, and it is hoped they will be as successful in those classes. After all the prizes were given we had musical items from the artistes, amongst which was an ably-rendered violin solo by Mr. Turner. Mr. Dent proposed the toast of the N.P.C., and coupled with it the name of Mr. T. Johnson, who suitably replied. Votes of thanks by Mr. Jude Hayhurst and Mr. A. Hirst to the artistes, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Rollinson, Mr. Hind, and Mr. Black, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—T. Johnson.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Pair show held Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Jan. 31. Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the Town Clerk, I was unable to inform all members of the change of address, which was formerly decided at the Town Hall. However, there was a good display of 71 exhibits, which were very cosily staged by the stewards, Messrs. Potten, Taylor, Ferridge, and Daws, and the awards of the judges, Messrs. A. J. A. Marley and C. H. A. Bennett seem to have given entire satisfaction. Mr. E. Oakes paid us a visit with his band of fanciers rather late in the evening, having been very interested in some "birds" at the Town Hall.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor. CHAMP. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc (name not given Ed.). AMAT. YORKS.: 1, 2, hc, Farmer; 3, vhc, Parker; c, Fox. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Farmer; 2, vhc, Parker; hc, c, Wilkins and Son. VARIEG.: 1, 3, c, Farmer; 2, vhc, Parker; hc, Wilkins and Son. AMAT. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Potten and Fisher. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Potten and Fisher. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Parker. NOV. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, R. Wadsworth; 3, J. J. Ferridge. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Pask and Webb; 2, Ferridge. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Pask and Webb; 3, Palmer. BORD.: 1, spl, vhc, Daw; 2, Fordham; 3, hc, Onslow. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, 3, Parker; 2, vhc, Walker. GREENF., ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Parker; 2, Walker; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Ferridge; c, Onslow. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Walker; 2, Parker; 3, vhc, Ferridge.—F. Onslow, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual meeting Feb. 5. Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. Mr. T. Hall (Benwell) elected a member. Balance-sheet showing a cash balance of £3 10s 11d., assets £17 4s. 6d., and a reserve fund of £6 18s. 7d. was read and adopted. Election of officers for 1914 took place: Pres., A. J. Haggie, J.P.; vice, Ald. A. Scott, J.P., Coun. D. Adams, J.P., Messrs. Ford, Maling, Parrish, Reid, Henderson, Welford, J.P., Currah, Taylor, Tindall, Wilson, Anderson, Todd, Ellis, Anderson, Shepherd, Chapman, Murton, Stephenson, Cochran, and Carr; chairman, M. C. Potts; vice, T. C. Crawhall; auditors, Messrs. Topping and Cossar; show manager, W. Curry; committee, Messrs. Tindall, W. Mackenzie, J. Mackenzie, Young, Maddison, Curry, Wyndham, Smith, Hope, Irving, Holden, Wellsbury, Greason, Laidlow, Farrer, Peterson, Dix, Smith, Lumley McGuire, Johnston, Montgomery, Espie, and Greenwell; sec. and treas., J. W. Reed, 218, Ladypark Road, Benwell, Newcastle. sec., Mr. J. Craig, Newcastle. Mr. Crawhall, chairman, outlined a scheme for the Northern Specialist Societies to hold their meetings the same night as ours, and hold table shows in conjunction with our society, and asked the members present who were members of these specialist societies, to bring the question before their next meetings. Mr. Crawhall was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his services as chairman during the past two year, he feelingly replied, and said he hoped the society would have a record year.—D. W. Reed.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

First annual whist drive and dance in aid of open show funds, on Feb. 2, Central Hall, 156 sitting down for whist, and 80 came in for dancing. The stewards for whist were Messrs. T. Starkey, E. Tebbutt, H. Lowther, W. Ratcliff, timekeeper, T. W. Twilley, our worthy chairman. Prize-winners were: Ladies, 1, Mrs. Ryder; 2, Mrs. Barnes; 3, Miss A. Darnell; 4, Mrs. Batty; lucky numbers, Mrs. Healy. Gentlemen, 1, Mr. Kitchener; 2, Mr. Offord; 3, Mr. Tinycross; 4, Mr. Goodley; lucky number, Mr. Short. This drive proved a great success, and our funds have benefited to the amount of about £3, which with what we have in hand will enable us to think seriously about running open show next November. M.C.'s for the dance: Messrs. T. Starkey, H. Lowther, E. Bond.—H. Lowther, Hon. Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 5. Rules were framed for the coming season, and other business transacted. Two new members elected. Next meeting Feb. 16, New headquarters, Boy Scouts Room, Station Hill.—J. Alderslade, Sec.

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GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Fourth annual general meeting held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Jan. 29, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a fair attendance. Points specials for annual show, 1913, were paid out to Messrs. D. Lunn and J. Campbell. Balance-sheet for 1913, same having been previously posted to each member, was now gone over. Auditors reported to meeting that they found accounts and other documents in the most complete and satisfactory condition. The balance-sheet was considered very satisfactory, and passed unanimously. The hand-some balance of £19 17s. 10½d. was left on hand. This is very encouraging to the office-bearers and members alike, and ought to be a very pleasing conclusion of their labours for the past year; but we are looking forward to greater things. Decided to keep part of balance in bank, and remainder to be divided in prize money among the members. President C. Campbell, on vacating the chair, was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his services to the club. Office-bearers for year elected as follows: Pres., Archibald Handry; vice-pres., Peter Allan and Arthur Symington; sec. and treas., Mr. W. Proudfoot. Committee: Messrs. C. Campbell, D. Lunn, A. Gilbespie, J. Campbell, G. McGown, D. Law, and C. Newgreen. Auditors, Mr. G. G. Henderson and Mr. Peter Allan. Rules were passed as read. Meetings will be held on the second Friday of every month at 8, in Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, and it is to be hoped that members will turn up in full force. Monthly table show will be held as formerly, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10; F.F. show July 11; annual members' show Nov. 20. No syllabus will be printed this year, but post cards will be used instead to notify members as to date, etc., of next meeting. New members nominated, viz., J. Booth, Jno. Glass, G. Hislop, and Thos. Mackay. All intending members please note that this club caters for Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds. Annual subs. 4s., in two instalments if desired. All particulars can be had from W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., 145, Henderson-street, Glasgow.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Results of competitions, season 1913-14:—Champion Section: 1st, N.G.M.Y.C.C. £10 10s. challenge trophy and club medal, value £1, L. Dykes, 122 points; 2nd, the W. A. Cowgill £5 5s. challenge trophy and club medal, value 12s., C. Morrison, 109 points; 3rd, Edward Clegg challenge trophy, and club medal, value 8s., Messrs. Ogden Bros., 99 points; 4th prize, H. J. Chittenden, 64 points; 5th, medal, J. Thomas, 60 points. For the special, value 25s., presented by C. Morrison for most points with 3rd birds, Messrs. Dykes, Chittenden, and Morrison tie with 30 points each. Mr. Morrison has withdrawn his claim to share of this prize, so this leaves it to be divided between Messrs. Dykes and Chittenden. Mr. L. Dykes wins Mr. Ramsden's special with 127 points. Amateur competition in open classes: 1st, gold medal, presented by J. Bailey, value £1 1s., C. E. Hall, 97 points; 2nd, case of cutlery, presented by T. Sandiford, S. Binns, 29 points; 3rd, pair of vases, value 10s. 6d., presented by J. W. Dewhurst, G. Snead, 29 points; 4th, medal, presented by H. Hill, J. H. Fowle, 16 points. Junior Novice Competition in novice G.M. classes at Y.C. shows: First half of season: J. W. Bushby, 19 points, and J. W. Bedford 13 points; second half of show season: W. Hirst 76 points, and A. Sheard 56 points. Cash specials won in champion classes at patronage shows:—Gt. Horton O.S., 4th birds, Hall; vhc birds, Casey, Chittenden, Towers. Windhill, 4th, Dykes, Sutcliffe and Son, Clegg, and Morrison; vhc's, Townsend, Ogden Bros., Hall. Halifax, 4ths, Hall, Bailey, Townsend, Saville; vhc's, Hall, Dykes, Shaws Bros. Manchester, 4ths, Hall, Myers and Lumb; vhc's, Hall. Gt. Horton G.I., 4ths, Dykes, Clegg, Myers and Lumb, Snead; vhc's, Dykes, Priestley, Saville. Sheffield, 4ths, Towers; vhc's, Chittenden, Fowle, Clegg. Shipley, 4ths, Morrison, Snead, Chittenden; vhc's, Towers. Bradford West, 4ths, Morrison, Myers and Lumb, Mason; vhc's, Morrison, Binns, Thomas. Bradford National, 4ths, Dykes, Morrison, Towers; vhc's, Ogden Bros. Doncaster, 4th, Dykes, Morrison, Snead, Ogden Bros.; vhc's, Ogden Bros., Dykes and Morrison.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.—(Kindly let us have clearer copy next time, Mr. Chambers, or you will put us in an ophthalmic hospital.—Ed. "C.B.")

CUMNOCK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Auchinleck Lesser Town Hall, Feb. 7, with a good attendance. Last financial year started with a balance of £9 14s. 6½d., and the incoming year with a much better balance of £15 0s. 5d. Members have to be congratulated on the financial success. Income for the year, including the balance from previous year, was £38 11s. 8d., with an expenditure of £23 11s. 3d. On the retirement of Mr. Kinnear, chairman, Mr. J. Hainey, Annbank, was elected. Mr. T. Findlay and Mr. A. Tannock re-elected vice-pres., also the sec. and treas. Mr. A. Wyper and Mr. Nutt were re-elected, and a large working committee. Judges for ensuing year were nominated, and it was left with secretary to write same. A judge for each section will be tried this year. Two unflighted classes have been added in the Norwich section, and other additions made. Mr. A. Wyper, Market Place, Auchinleck, will be very glad for any fancier to send him his name. Membership stands at 37, an increase from last year, and with the three new classes added our club show classification is increased to 41. This should encourage fanciers to join us and make the show still a greater success.—J. Nutt, treas.

READING C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, Feb. 4, Palmer Hall, before a good attendance. Four new members elected, viz., Messrs. F. Prior, J. Edgington (Guildford), H. Wilkins (Reading), P. Chalker (Hurst). Correspondence was read from Mr. Robson agreeing to judge pair show on March 4 and annual show on Nov. 11, also from Mr. C. C. Hawes offering to give a lecture on Yorkshires, which was accepted with great pleasure. Sec. mentioned that Mr. P. F. M. Galloway had offered to conduct a party of members on a ramble through the woods on the second Wednesday in June. Again accepted with pleasure. Classes for pair show were arranged as last year, with extra class for small foreign, making 12 classes altogether. Young bird show was decided for July 15, and Mr. T. Yates kindly consented to judge same. The novices essay competition is between Mules, Borders, Norwich, Yorks, and British. Mr. Acton being unavoidably absent left foreign unrepresented. Each competitor had got his paper up well, and was very interesting. When the result of voting was announced it was found that Mules and Norwich had tied for first place, with Yorks second, and Brit. third, so two prizes were given instead of one. This was such a success that another will be organised later on. Any fancier wishing for particulars of pair show and lecture please write W. H. Pike, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Table show of P.M. British, on Feb. 7, in Y.M. Halls. Greenfinch hens, Bullfinch hens, Mealy Red polls. Mr. Robert McEwan (Grangehall) judged to everyone's satisfaction. R. Perrie and J. Graham being equal in points for special the prize was halved. Greenfinch hen: 1, Campbell, 2, Graham, 3, Perrie; 4, Kerr. Bullfinch hen: 1, Perrie, 2, Graham, 3, Smith; 4, Kerr; 5, Alexander; 6, Kennedy. Mealy Poll: 1, Smith, 2, McGhie; 3, Perrie; 4, Graham; 5, Smith; 6, Alexander. Pairs show held for Feb. 21 in Y.M.C.A. Hall, at 5 p.m. Judge, W. Johnstone (Blackwood). Nor., yell. cock, buff hen; Nor., buff cock, yell hen; Bord yell. cock, buff hen, buff cock, yell hen. Yorks, pairs, A.O.V. Can., mealy pairs. Hyb. pairs, Bullfinch hen (Canary-Bullfinch bred). Hyb. pairs, A.O.V., for pairs. Specials for every class; special for most points over show. Alan Thomson, Sec.

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Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing. held at headquarters, Jan. 24. 18 birds sang for three prizes. 1, J. Cooper; 2, Potter; 3, A. Cooper. Members' sing as usual next Sat., 31st. First pair in window at 3.15 prompt.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

Members sing, Jan. 21. 20 birds sung for three prizes: 1, Potter; 2, Cooper; 3, Cooper. Members sing held Feb. 7. 18 birds sung for three good prizes. Result: 1, 3, Liversidge 96 and 54, respectively; 2, Cooper, 62 secs.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held Butcher's Arms, Union Street, Feb. 7, for time. 22 entered: 1, 3, Knowles, 1'6 and 128 secs.: 2, Fairhurst, 130; 4, Jackson, 106. A match was decided before contest between Knowles and Fairhurst, Knowles winner by 6 secs. Also Saturday, Jan. 21. 21 entered: 1, 2, shared Jackson and Fairhurst, 175 secs.; 3, Fairhurst, 108; 4, Syddall, 85. Timekeeper, Jackson and Hodgkiss. Tappers, Wynn, and Marshall.—E. Hickman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, George and Dragon, Bridge st. 36 birds entered for 3 minutes' time singing. Winners were: S. Morley (1), 95; E. Smith (2), 84; J. Brindley (3), 56; also on Feb. 8, 31 birds entered: S. Morley (1), 83; J. Brindley (2), 60; T. Parnell (3), 53.—J. Brindley, Sec.

WIGAN & DISTRICT ROLLER C.C.

Members' contest Feb. 7. Awards: 2, 3, Greenall; ex. 2, hc, Vickers; 4, Mather; 5, hc, Whittle; hc, Unsworth; hc, Swift; c, Smith. Mr. Massey, Bolton, judged, and at 7.30 p.m. gave a very interesting lecture on "The Song of the Roller," and answered several questions. We all heartily appreciated Mr. Massey's efforts.—P. Greenall, Sec.

TYLDESLEY LINNET C.

Contest Feb. 7. Only 18 birds faced the judges for time only. Winners: 1, Harrison, 180; 2, Benson, 82; 3, Litherland, 75. Timers, Mr. Newton and Mr. Partington; sappers, Benson and Morris; minute man and bird man, Mr. T. Robinson. After the contest we had a convivial evening, several songs being well rendered. Hope to meet all fanciers at West Loughton Contest.—D. Harrison, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held Woodman Inn, Feb. 28. Entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, J. Beard, nov., 85; 2, B. Nelson, 82; 3, W. Proctor, 81. Open sing, Feb. 8, 39 entered for three prizes. 1, Nelson, 72; 2, T. Piper, 64; 3, W. Proctor, 58. Mr. Nelson sung Mr. Proctor after contest, Nelson won.—S. Pugh, Sec.

ESH VILLAGE.

Linnet contest, Workmen's Club, Esh Village, Feb. 14. 15s. added to, entrance 6d., refreshments 3d.; 1st birds hung 1 o'clock prompt.—Anty. McKenua, Sec.—(Advt.). (1316)

LEEDS.

Grand contest, held Albion Hotel, York Road Feb. 8. 27 birds were hung for four prizes, the room was crowded, and the birds were of the best. 1 Hayes, 2 Johnson, 3 Ward, 4 Appleyard Judges, J. Clegg and T. Johnson. Also Roller contest, 25 birds singing in their best style. Mr. Sam Hardcastle was a good 1st, 2 Lipman; Wilks and Lipman sharing 3rd prize. Judge, W. Sissons, H. Whitfield, A. Richardson.—A. E. Ritchie, Sec.

Albion Hotel Saville Green, York Road, Leeds, Feb. 15., at 1 p.m., a grand open contest for Linnets will be held for good prizes. In the evening, at 7 p.m., an open contest for Rollers, will be held, this to count for President's cup and medals.—A. E. Ritchie, Sec.—(Advt.) (1305)

Quality singing contest, held, Skinners' Arms, Buslinthorpe, Feb. 14. 17 birds sang: 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, King. Also Feb. 15, 19 competed: 1, Binns; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Pears. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality Linnet singing, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 7. 18 sung for three prizes: 1, Sissons; 2, 3, shared by Wood and Hayes. Judges Naylor and Stead. Also Feb. 8, 20 birds sung for four prizes: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wood; 4, Sissons. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Stead.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Jan. 24. 16 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared by Hardcastle and Sissons. Judges, McNabs, N. Taylor. Also Jan. 25, 18 birds sang for three prizes. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, W. Sissons; 3, J. Chippendale. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Mellia. Open contest for Rollers, Jan. 25, 16 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Gawthorpe; 2, Condille; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, W. Sissons, C. Clayton, H. Hayes. Open contest for Rollers will be held at the above house, Feb. 1. First pair of birds hung at 7.30.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHITE SPECK ON EYES (D. M. W.).—Sorry, but the bird is blind from cataract, and nothing whatever you can do for it will be of the least avail in curing it. If you keep it in a moderate sized cage, with the perches conveniently arranged, it will live happily enough in its way.

SAWDUST v. SAND (Beginner).—Where the expense of good clean gritty sand is a consideration, it may be greatly economised by using clean coarse pine sawdust in cages and flights during the winter and early spring months, and placing a small shallow receptacle filled with the sand in one corner on the cage floor, or a zinc drinker may be hung on the cross-stay inside cage, and grit kept in that. Renew supply as often as necessary. Sawdust makes a very clean and warm "bedding" for cage floors when used in this way out of the breeding season.

BATHING (M. D. R.). Certainly any normally healthy bird may be allowed to bathe as freely as it desires during the winter, but it is best to offer the bath in the early part of the day, or soon after midday at latest, to ensure the birds having the plumage well dried before settling down to roost. At the same time if any birds do not seem disposed to bathe freely, there is no need whatever to worry about it. All birds are not equally fond of bathing, and many seem to get along very well indeed with a bath only at rare intervals during the colder months. Such birds, if not required for show, you may very well allow to please themselves, beyond placing the opportunity in their way once or twice a week.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Narman's "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

HOARSENESS (Iredale).—In addition to the usual diet, give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it every third day for two or three weeks, and add to the water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. The hoarseness will probably disappear after a time.

OVERGROWN CLAWS (L. W. H.). Yes, it is often necessary to cut back the claws of a caged bird, and particularly soon after the moult, during which time they seem to grow more quickly than at other times. Also, some birds' claws grow more rapidly than others. Catch the bird and wash the feet clean in warm water, then dry, and hold each claw separately in front of a strong light, by placing bird on its back in the palm of your left hand, with its head towards the wrist; close second, third and fourth fingers over its breast, and hold it firmly, then place one of the feet between the tips of thumb and fore-finger, with one claw at a time projecting. When held up to light, a tiny pink streak will be seen extending some distance down the centre of claw. That is the vein. Nip off end of claw, with a sharp pair of nail scissors for preference, just a little short of the end of that vein, and no more harm will be done than by cutting your finger nails. If the claws grow abnormally fast, glue a small piece of fine sandpaper, about an inch wide, round one end of one of the perches that the bird frequently uses, for a week or two now and again.

HEN HAVING FITS (Reggie).—The bird suffers from epileptic attacks. Such specimens are almost invariably weakly anæmic subjects, which are never likely to be anything but a constant worry and disappointment, and if they do succeed in rearing young, which is rare, are very apt to transmit their weaknesses to their progeny, so that altogether the best treatment is a merciful dose of chloroform. If you wish to try any other treatment, give a plain and wholesome diet, with a little egg food, crushed biscuit, or bread and milk once a week, in addition to the seed diet, a spray of watercress or morsel of banana, when green food is out of season twice a week, and keep bowels regular, either by increasing or decreasing the supply of salad as may be indicated, or by adding an aperient to the water for a day or two when required. Reduce sufficient bromide of potassium to fine powder to cover a sixpence and well mix in a teaspoonful of pure honey. Each time a fit occurs, give a morsel of bread and milk, squeezed rather dry, with two drops of this honey mixed in it, and sprinkled on top with maw seed. Give this for three consecutive days, and also dissolve a crystal of the bromide the size of a hemp seed in each tablespoonful of drinking water daily for a week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHEN TO BREED (Tom).—I would advise you to try for early young ones in preference to waiting until after your holidays in July. There will be plenty of time to have one, if not two nests before then, whereas if you wait until after July the hen will probably drop into moult, if there should happen to be a sudden change of weather, and then your season would be lost. With careful feeding you should be able to put them together at the end of March, and I think with ordinary luck you should get two nests doing for themselves before you go. It is the Finch you will want to manage; just watch his beak, and see how it is clearing. Do not force him any more than you can help, but bring him along with plenty of dandelion and sow-thistle leaves as soon as you can get some. These are sure to be obtainable in favoured localities.

TWO BULLIES NESTING (Shoer).—You made the mistake last year of leaving the two hen Bullies together, consequently they fussed about with each other and wasted time, taking no notice of the cock birds. I would advise you to try the cock Canary and a Bullfinch hen in a cage, and let the other two pairs fly about the room. You could try the experiment of keeping the cage in the same room if you liked, but if you saw the other hen Bullie continually at the wires, you would have to remove it to another room. You will want to make a rough kind of nest at one end of the cage for the captive Bullie, and keep plenty of moss and sawdust on the bottom of the cage, when she is expected to lay, as she may not lay in the nest.

BREEDING WITH CHAFFINCH (H. E. S.).—I fear the Chaffinch would hardly be a suitable bird for you to try to breed with. Hybrids from it have been produced both with the Greenfinch and the Brambling, but then this has been done by fanciers who have had years of experience, and not by a beginner. If you would like to make a start, why not try for some of the Canary Hybrids first, and see how you progress. Get a cock Linnet or Greenfinch and mate him with a hen Canary, and then the following year you could try your hand with a couple of British birds. (2) Perhaps you are not treating your Chaffinch correctly as regards cage room, bathing and food supply. Read the direction given in this issue to C.L.C. If you follow it out I fancy your bird will soon pull himself together; there cannot be much the matter with him if he sings.

OUTDOOR BIRD ROOM (J. Butler).—For your information I may say that I keep my own birds in an outside house all the year round, without any artificial heat whatever, and they are as healthy as possible, but if yours have been kept inside, I would not advise you to put them out until the beginning of April, as you live rather far North. Down here we could do it in March. I presume you would have the birds in cages (you do not say if that is so), therefore you would be able to have three tiers along one side, and the end; that would give you about eighteen 2ft. cages, room for twelve breeding pairs, and spare cages for young ones. (2) Do you think your Bramble is a young bird? I fear it would be waste of time trying to breed from him if he has once mated with his own kind. If you think so, by all means keep him over the moult, and try during the coming summer to hand-rear a nest of young Chaffinches, or procure what you require in some other way. But be sure you have young birds. (3) Birds are colour fed in the autumn, and you commence to give them the feed just before they moult, about the middle of July. Directions for mixing are usually printed on the tin.

TAMING A CHAFFINCH (C. L. C.).—There is no royal road to the taming of wild birds. One simply wants to be patient and careful. Handle the cages as much as you possibly can, and whenever you approach the bird, offer him some tit-bit that he is particularly fond of. When cleaning out, let him run through the door into another cage. This does not frighten him so much as leaving him in the cage while cleaning it. In fact, the running from one cage to the other assists a lot in keeping him steady. When he is hanging in his usual position, do not put him up high; have him so that you are able to look down on him, rather than look up. About breast high is quite high enough. When he is ready, let him have a fair size cage for stock purposes, one about eighteen or twenty inches high. Feed on the following: Canary and good teazle, 4 parts each; rape and linseed, 1 part each, this will be his stock food. Give sunflower daily, say, a dozen seeds, a little hemp once a week, and occasionally, smash up a walnut or other nut. He should also have insects, a couple of mealworms a day just now, but later on you will be able to obtain flies, earwigs, spiders, caterpillars, etc., all of which are relished, and help to keep him in condition. You should offer him some greenfood, although Chaffinches are not particularly keen on it, but sometimes it has a few maggots or insects among it, which are appreciated. Keep in a cool place, and let him have a bath frequently. With this treatment and careful attention, he should be fit for anything.

NEW BEGINNER (E. W. E.). You will find your outdoor aviary give you no end of pleasure and amusement. Do not overcrowd it, as the birds do not do so well ,and the place soon gets dirty. I gather from your letter that you have put in 8 birds, all cocks excepting one, and I am afraid you will have trouble. You must either take out the hen, or introduce partners for the other birds, and have one pair of each. Respecting the Hawfinch, I have not found him particularly pugnacious, but I would not answer for him if he was the odd cock in an aviary with matched pairs.

BIRDS DYING (A. Novice).—I have carefully read your letter, and am afraid there is either something wrong with your management, or you have disease among the birds. Have you introduced a fresh one lately? One can easily understand a fancier losing a bird occasionally, but not in the manner you have been doing. I would suggest that you send one, together with the fee, to Mr. Yates for examination. You will then have a much better idea how to proceed. In any case, whatever you do, do not turn in your Canaries, and be careful not to take any food or feeding vessel from the infected aviary to the bird room. I would also advise you to attend to the Canaries first when you go your usual round in the morning. Are you using good sound seed? There is a lot of cheap stuff now on the market that is not fit to give birds. Is your greenstuff quite free from frost? These matters are of vital importance. You do not say when you turned the birds outside; it would hardly be wise to do it just previous to cold weather setting in. Doing so might lower their vitality, and make them very susceptible to disease.

HYBRID BREEDING IN THE COUNTRY (C. H. Edwards).—I think your suggestion a good one, and a nice way of making use of the building. I do not know that living in the country is an advantage, as far as Hybrid breeding is concerned, for frequently the hen bird gets upset by a stray cock of the same species perching outside, and calling to her, just as she has settled down on a clutch of eggs. On the other hand you have every opportunity of getting plenty of wild food for them, which is of great assistance. I think you would possibly do better if you could divide your place up into several small aviaries, and allow a pair in each. Several pairs flying loose in the same place do not always work out quite so nicely as one would like. They do not always keep to themselves, and frequently interfere with each other's nests. Still, some have succeeded, and why not you? You can only try. Cover the opening with half-inch wire netting—do not have it larger. It is a shade more expensive than three-quarters, but infinitely better. You should hand-rear some of those Bullies and Goldies that nest in the garden; they would be invaluable for future operations. For this year, try a couple of cock Goldies, a Siskin and Linnet, and the following hens—a Bullie, Greenfinch, Redpoll, and, say, a couple of Canaries. Do not have more than one of the same species of British hens in unless it is two Greenfinches, and then keep your eye on them, also on the two cock Goldies. If you see them fussing about with each other, and taking no notice of the other birds, fetch one of them out. If you can get your birds at once and cage them off in pairs, until you turn them out, it will be an advantage. Shall be pleased to assist you further if you require it.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING IN INDOOR AVIARY (W. O. P.).—I think you propose having rather too many birds in your aviary to have much hope of success. The Bullies, the Greenies, and the Linnet would, of course, pair off together, and I suppose your intention is for one of the Goldies to pair off with the odd Greenfinch hen, and one with the Siskin, and any of them with the Canaries. I think you would do better not to put in the odd hen Greenfinch, as she would only interfere with the other hen, and you would no doubt have them constantly fighting. I also think that possibly one Canary hen would be sufficient, as you will probably have to remove one of the cock Goldies. But if you find they are acting as they should do, you could then run another hen in. (2) Turn the hens in now, and hang the cock birds up in cages close handy, or if the cages are large enough, let them run together in pairs during this month. (3) When the birds are all turned in, and you are anxious for them to go to nest, you had better feed them on a mixture of two parts canary, one of teazle, and one of summer rape, a spoonful of mixed seeds to each bird every other day, and in between a spoonful of a good wild seed mixture. Let them have sunflower every day, and facilities for bathing. Collect plenty of dandelion and other wild food for them, which you can hang up in bunches, removing the stale ones each day. Nest boxes and small wicker cages should be placed in suitable positions, and you should be liberal with nesting material. Go out into the country and collect old nests, moss, rootlets and branches of short grass, wool and cow-hair.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

FOR INDOOR AVIARY (G. Ledge-Sheffield).—If British species, or foreign of similar size, only 5 pairs, but you could put in 9 pairs of the small ornamental Foreign Finches. I will give you three series: (1) Orange-cheek, Gold-breasted, and St. Helena Waxbills, Avadavats, Cordon Bleus, Grey Singing Finches, Bib and Zebra Finches and Silverbills, a pair of each. (2) A pair each of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Green Singing Finches, Linnets and Bronze Mannikins. (3) A pair each of Long-tailed Grassfinches, Ruficauda and Zebra Finches, Cape Canaries, Silverbills and Bib Finches. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager, very helpful in indicating the requirements of the above species.

CONDENSATION IN BIRD-ROOM (E. Turrell).—All outdoor buildings are liable to a greater or lesser degree to sweat during rapid weather changes. The best course is to use sufficient heat so as not to let the temperature fall below a given point, so that in very bad weather only a little extra heating power is needed. You appear to have sufficient ventilation, but probably a louvre ventilator at the highest corner of roof might improve matters, but whenever the temperature is allowed to go really low, and then is suddenly raised by artificial means, condensation is sure to ensue. Once I find it necessary to put on the small stove in my bird lobby, it is kept going day and night till the weather no longer calls for its use, and I regulate the temperature on mild days by ventilation, and I am able to keep the trouble you complain of down to a minimum.

CONSERVATORY SHELTER (C. E. B.).—So long as the atmosphere is not too moist, and you are able to secure adequate ventilation without draught, the occupants of your conservatory should do well—the one thing against a glass house, as a home for birds, is the variability of temperature, but if you can command a little heat so as to keep things as even as possible, the birds should be quite comfortable. When you have got your outside flight up, you will have to be careful that their means of egress and ingress does not create a draught in the inside compartment. I think you will get quite average success by having all your birds together in the aviary. Some of the birds you name are shy breeders, but some will certainly breed; Zebra Finches are pretty, perky little birds, and almost certain breeders. When you put up the flight, make it high enough, if possible, so that when you have to go inside the birds will have a little space in which to fly above your head. I should plant the outside flight with common (broad-leaved) Laurel, Berberis, and Euonymus, also wild clematis and rambler roses; this will make it look picturesque—grass and herbage can grow amid the evergreens. Seed-eaters are great disbudders, and do not give deciduous bushes a chance to live long.

A YOUNG FESTIVE AMAZON (H. R. Titswell).—As a purchaser, you should always ascertain how a bird has been fed, and continue this method for a time, even if it has been wrongly fed; the change to a wholesome dietary should not be a sudden one. Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet; one pint each oats, hemp and wheat; half pint each crushed maize, dari, sunflower and shelled nuts—the whole to be well mixed; you can leave out one or two of the smaller seeds if the bird persistently refuses them, but must not allow it to live entirely upon sunflower and hemp. Also supply ripe fruit, any kind it will take, plain biscuit, plain cake, stale crust, and green food; the following must also be continually in the cage, in fact treated as part of the dietary; grit, cuttlebone, water, also pieces of wood. Some Amazons like boiled maize, and if a young bird is thin it should get it daily—for an adult twice weekly will be sufficient—prepare it so, boil till soft, drain off all water, dust with flowers of sulphur, and when cool supply to the bird; it only keeps fresh one day. If your bird is plump and eating heartily of the dry seed mixture, then there is no need to commence giving boiled maize. Water is best given chilled during the winter season. The cage can be placed where it can get light and air and yet be free from draught.

PULLING OUT ITS FEATHERS (W. G. Spear).—You are not troubling, except by not giving sufficient details for us to give you a thoroughly helpful answer; but, from what you do state I fear your bird is quite hopeless; it appears to be quite confirmed in the habit, and when this stage is reached a cure is scarcely ever reached. Your bird is not a Grey Parrot, but a Rose-breasted Cockatoo. I can only say confine its dietary to seed mixture, fruit, nuts, plain biscuits and stale crusts; this should be ample variety, but the following must be continually in the cage: grit, cuttlebone and wood, the latter for it to cut up. Spray the bird twice weekly with warm water containing a little essence of quassia, but guard against a chill till its plumage is dry. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water twice a week; if the voidings should become watery loose, then only give the magnesia once a week. If the bird gets at all thin owing to the above regime, you had better write again at once, with full details.

BREEDING IN C.P. CAGE (A Beginner).—These cages are usually divided up into three divisions, and you had better leave it so, and put one pair of birds in each division. Cover the domes with curtain muslin, so as to make them fairly secluded, and fix at the top of each a large sized rush nest, and supply hay and moss as building material. Choose your birds from the following: Zebra, Bib, Ribbon and Saffron Finches, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Silverbills, and Grey Singing Finches. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free from our manager, would help you. Re the outdoor aviary, if this is provided with a shelter or partly roofed in, it will do admirably for Budgerigars, and you could keep three pairs in it. Get Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, and it will tell you just what to do.

BUDGERIGARS (Jelf).—As these birds have come from a warm shop, it would be better if they were kept in a warmer room till the cold weather has passed; but the Budgie is a restless, active bird, and an open wire cage, 9 inches by 16 by 16 inches gives them no chance; their cage should be at least double that size! In addition to Canary and Millet, give them a few oats, also greenfood, or a piece of sweet apple to nibble at, and do not omit grit and cuttlebone. When obtainable free from frost, a small turf, similar to those given to Larks, will be greatly appreciated, and if it be watered from a rose before putting in, the birds will take a bath by rolling in it. Give them a millet spray; this will find them something to do picking them clean. Give them one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required to keep the bowels moving quite freely, and on other days put half-a-teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water for at least a month. You should get our Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free from our Manager, it would help you. A fly round the room would do these birds a world of good.

SOFTBILL IN INDIA (Sindhi).—I have several friends out in India, who do get food ingredients for insectile mixtures, and who successfully keep them, and I think they would help you, but I cannot give their names and addresses in the columns of a public

paper. My difficulty is that I do not know what ingredients are procurable in your district: it is a fact that one aviculturist in the Punjab does get mealworms sent out to him from this country, and he gets on fairly well, but has some mishaps occasionally. Another Indian friend, who lived in Calcutta, fed his birds, such as Babblers, Sivas, Mesias, etc., on a mixture of pea meal and refined butter, into which was incorporated every other day a little raw, finely minced liver or kidney, but of course birds must first be meated off mostly with live insects, and must have the stock mixture supplemented by these regularly—fruit also is a valuable addition. Maggots (larvæ of blow flies) are usually procurable in any country; live fresh water shrimps are also favoured by many species. Mr. D. Ezra, of Calcutta, would probably be able to assist you, and also W. Rutledge, a dealer in India, whose address I do not know, possibly he could help you. Sorry I am compelled to be somewhat indefinite.

WILL THEY AGREE? (Bird Man).—I consider your aviary would be fully stocked with pairs each of Rosellas, Cockatiels, Golden-crowned Conures, Black-cheeked Love Birds, and 3 pairs of Budgerigars, and I should anticipate they would agree fairly well together, but one cannot say definitely with Parrakeets, though I do not think you need anticipate trouble. As regards breeding, they should breed, and most of them undoubtedly will, but the Conures for instance may try your patience considerably before attempting to nest. The Bishops will not interfere with the accommodation of the other birds, and I expect they will be gradually killed off by the mischievousness of the Budgerigars.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BUDGERIGAR ILL (K. K.).—If this is case of egg-binding, as appears probable, this answer will, I fear, be too late for you, but if she still lives, try the dry heat treatment (see article in this issue). It is possible that the temperature of the conservatory has been too variable, and also too moist for her. Bring her into a warmish living room, where she will be free from draught, yet have light and air. A temperature of 80 deg. F. would do her no harm for a couple of days, so long as she has air to breathe, and after that gradually "harden her off." Keep the bowels moving freely by an occasional drop of Cde oil, and give her a little syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. As regards diet, canary, white and spray millet, green food, and a few oats will suffice, but grit, cuttlebone and water must be regularly supplied. Should like to hear how the bird progresses.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

R. C.—The presence of the lice was favoured by the bird's low condition. It was a chronic case of liver disease, of which there was no hope of remedy. The intestines suffered as the result, with consequent alteration in consistency of evacuations. Pneumonia was also present, accounting for abnormal breathing; the pneumonia was of a septic character, owing to absorption of poisonous products generated in the system. It may have had its origin some time ago in the partaking of poisonous or toxic substances in the food.

Mrs. J. Bairstow.—Death resulted from cerebral apoplexy, following a fit probably induced by fright. The bird was otherwise quite healthy.

O. J. Taylor.—Acute inflammation of the bowels.

F. M. Littledale.—Enteritis. The whole length of the intestine was very inflamed, as though due to the action of an acute irritant poison. I should certainly advise removal of your birds to another room, as it most probably originates from contamination by rats. I can fully endorse your description of the bird, it was certainly the finest specimen of its kind I have yet seen; you have experienced an irreparable loss.

M. Bousfield.—Death resulted from a fit as the result of fright consequent upon transit.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Hallas.—Your letter is good, but the subject is hardly suitable for our columns.

J. Wadsworth.—Your "argument" is surely a very poor one. If one accepts it, then it must follow that because many human beings suffer from various ailments the human race as a whole is unhappy. We are feeling particularly "chirpy" at the moment, thank you, so this point of view fails to appeal to us.

F. H. Marhoff, W. Towns, W. D. King, T. Akers, and Others.—We have received six or seven letters dealing with visits paid to the Crystal Palace Show, and unfortunately cannot possibly publish them all.

G. Strachan.—A nice letter, but we should prefer one dealing with the practical side of bird-keeping.

Club Notices (A. E. P.).—No charge is made for inserting Club Notices of reasonable length, and we are sending you a parcel of Club Notice cards.

H. Whitney.—We think the questions asked in your letter are somewhat ungenerous ones. What can it matter so long as the awards were correctly made?

W. P.—Your liability is the same as that of any other member, viz., a proportion of the deficit, the latter being divided amongst the whole of the members.

A FEW REPLIES UNAVOIDABLY HELD OVER.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick and Manchester Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 17, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom (entrance Chapel Street, Ardwick), 8. Final arrangements for social. Table Show: Yorkshire Pairs, Norwich Pairs, A.O.V. Pairs. Judges, Mr. Dooley and Secretary.—J. Spencer.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 18. Table show of Yorks. and Norwich. Rally round and make social on Feb. 18 a success.—R. Booth.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 17, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. The advisability of forming a Roller branch of the society. Local Roller fanciers cordially invited.—J. Whitehead.

Bedford and Beds. U.C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Roise Street Schoolroom, 6.30. Pair Show: Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, Junior Class. Orders for show cages. Judge, H. Markham.—Arthur Simons.

Bermondsey F.A.—Feb. 16. Committee and general meeting. Closing of entries for Feb. 21 show at Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe, New Road. Mr. Matthes and Mr. Summers to judge. Judging competition after judges have finished. Silver medal for most entries.—R. Jackson.

Birkenhead C.F.A. Feb. 17, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Pair Show: Two classes each variety of Canary and Muling Pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Burns. Friends invited.—G. Morton.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 17, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Pair Show; judge, Mr. J. Farrar. Sp. for best pair. Judging competition; three money prizes. Union ballot paper and other business.—W. Cruise.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 14, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8. Annual tea and social business.—W. H. Kilburn.

Brandon Colliery C.B.A.—Feb. 14. Cage bird show. We have received 315 entries up to time of writing. Most of the best of the day will be shown.—G. Reed.

Camborne F. and H.S.—Feb. 20, Tehidy Working Men's Club Rooms, 7.30. Ordering rings. Matched pair show.—T. J. Uren.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Nominations of officers for next year, also to elect judges for open show.—E. Thomas.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Club Hall, 6.30. Balance-sheet; election of officers for 1914.—W. Tomlinson.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 14, Flying Dutchman, 8. Election of officers and revision of rules to Yorkshire Union.—W. Helliwell.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 17, 8.30. Final arrangements for Pair and Finch Show.—T. J. Hose.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Feb. 21, 81, Gilbowie Road, 2.30. Pairs Show: Crests, Nor., Bords., Yorks., A.O.V., Muling Pairs, and Hyb. Pairs. Entry, 3d. Judging 3 p.m.—W. Kane.

Colinton and Currie.—Next meeting March 7—(no time).—Ed. "C.B.").—Jas. Napier.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Yorkshire Union and other important business.—L. Barker.

Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S.—Next meeting Feb. 14. Balance-sheet will be read; election of officers; final arrangements for dinner and concerts. Tickets 2s. 6d. G. Hunt.

Dundee (City of) C.B.S.—March 4, Doig's Rooms, Overgate.—A. Law. (No time stated.—Ed.)

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 19. Lecture and egg competition, 8 sharp.—W. Kite.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, 8. Election of judges and classification for annual show, etc. All monies and unsold tickets to be returned to—J. C. Charlton.

G.E. Rly. F.A.—Feb. 17, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. Adjourned annual meeting, report, and balance-sheet.—W. G. Rogers.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 14, Butchers' Arms, 8. Election of officers, distribution of prizes, also new rules and other special business. J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 21. Annual tea, social, and whist drive and presentation of prizes at the West Ward Liberal Club, 5; tickets, 1s. 6d. Those that are going kindly let secretary know by Feb. 17.—Harry Clegg.

Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Rechabite Hall, 8. Judging on points competition, also yearly meeting. Members, turn up and bring birds as promised. Jas. Greenhalgh.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Feb. 14, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 16, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show pair classes: Cinn. Mks., Green Mks., and Nor.; judge, Mr. H. Mallinson.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—Feb. 16, St. George's School, 8. Discussion on pairing and breeding.—T. Allsop.

Kent County C.B.A.—Feb. 18, 26a, Snargate Street, Dover, 7.30. Annual meeting.—H. Wood.

King's Cross C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Trafalgar Inn, King's Cross, Halifax, 7.30. Pie supper; tickets, 9d. Fanciers desirous of attending kindly give in names not later than Feb. 15.—A. Sutcliffe.

Leeds Roller C.—Feb. 14, Lockhart's, 7.30. Presentation to Mr. Davies, and report of members from the International Show.—H. Best.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Bull's Head, 8.30. Table Show: Nor., Heavily Var. or Gr. (open and nov.), A.O.V. (open and nov.), Pairs for Hybrid Breeding (Brit. or For.).—J. Hardbattle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 17. White Swan, 8.30. Clear and Marked Buff Cocks, and Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition; 3d. entry. Judge, W. Hulme.—R. Charleson.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 14, Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate, 3.30. Table Show. Judging competition. New members enrolled; birds staged 3.30.—G. W. Brown.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Sawley Road Schools, 6. Pair Show; judging at 6.30. Birds classed as brought in Points to count for special prize for most points during year. Judge, Mr. J. Lowe.—G. Barnes.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Feb. 13, El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Ordinary business; representatives of unaffiliated societies also invited.—J. C. Perch.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Pair Show.—H. F. Bowring.

Morpeth C.B.A.—Feb. 14, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judges and classification; other important business.—W. Summers.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Programme and balance-sheet.—W. H. Fansey.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Mar. 5. Pair Show: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, and Mule and Hyb. 1. We invite all the specialist societies to take part. Every fancier welcomed.—J. W. Reed.

New Stevenston (Holytown) C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Masonic Hall, 7. Enrolling new members and proposing judges for our next show.—J. Lamb.

Northern N.P.C.—Feb. 18, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Selection of medals. Pair Show, four classes two champions', two novices'. Judge, Mr. W. McGinn.—F. W. Laidlaw.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Feb. 18, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Selection of medals and other important business.—R. Tindale.

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North London C.B.A.—Feb. 18, headquarters, 8. Pair Show. Judge, John Robson.—P. W. Jeffries.

North Staffs. Roller C.C.—Feb. 14, Evans' Cafe, 7. Please attend. J. Tomlinson.

Preston O.S.—Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Ashton-on-Ribble) has kindly promised to lecture on "How to pair up the Norwich Plainhead," at the next monthly meeting, Mar. 3, "Tokio Cafe."—W. H. Cottam.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7. Annual presentation of prizes, by Mr. J. Chambers, Leeds. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Granby Hotel, 6 p.m. Gen. meeting; pie supper, 6.30; social evening to follow; all fanciers invited.—H. Myers.

Redcar C.B.S.—Feb. 14. Crown and Anchor, 3. Show of pairs and Brit. General meeting to follow.—C. L. Mallory.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Feb. 14. Victoria Hotel, 2.30 p.m. 4th and last members' show of the season; judge, Mr. F. Self (Bradford).—T. Drake.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Feb. 14, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 7.30. Annual general meetiug; financial statement; election of office-bearers; and very important business.—J. R. Meikle,

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Mr. Barnford's, Smallbridge, 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting; alteration of general meeting night.—J. F. Cheetham.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge, 7 p.m. Pair show; judge, J. H. Harrison (Hebden Bridge).—A. Sutcliffe.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Arrange for general meeting.—J. Bamford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Mar. 2. Table show of matched pairs, Norwich, Yorks., and Muling; fee 3d.; to be divided amongst winners. Mr. Pitchford and Mr. Davis judging. Mr. Pitchford will give one dozen nest pans for best pair; birds staged 8.—J. Pitchford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 14, Central Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting; (1) balance sheet, (2) election of officers, (3) proposed extension of radius, (4) other business.—J. Peacock.

Sale and Dis. C.B.S. Feb. 16, Excelsior Club, Tatton Rd., 8 p.m. Selection of judges and date for F.F. and open shows.—H. Whitney.

Tong and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 17. Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Yorkshire Union ballot paper.—W. Walker.

Walkden and Dis. Roller C.S.—Feb. 17, Stocks Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Business important.—Hy. Howard.

Watford C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Conservative Hall, 7.30. Judging competition of matched pairs, Brit. and For. Final. Judge, J. Goodall; and other business; important.—W. Rackley.

Wigan C.B.S.—Feb. 14, "Legs of Man" Hotel, 8 p.m.—Ed. Ball.

Wingate Dis. F.S.—Feb. 14, Literary Institute, 7. Very important business.—J. Burdett.

Wimbledon C.B.S. Feb. 16, Queen's Hall, 6. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Robson.—H. Smith.

Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. & M.C.—Feb. 14, Market Tavern, Godwin St., 7.30. Business important.—T. H. Inman.

Yorks. C.B.S.—Feb. 18, All Saints' Schoolrooms. Members' show, birds staged 6.15. Judge, Mr. Cowgill, Bradford. All fanciers welcome. V. G. I. Zimmermann.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, Leeds, has removed to Ella, Bayswater Place, Roundhay Road.

Mr. A. T. Bellinger, hon. sec., writes that Bromley and Dis. F.A. annual show is fixed for October 28 and 29.

At Boscombe Mr. Swatwridge was 2nd in Borders, writes Mr. M. Cook, hon. sec. In report it reads, No name.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S. have fixed on Nov. 13 and 14 for their annual show.—E. M. Nelson.

Mr. G. H. Billett has been appointed to judge cage birds at Harpenden on Whit Monday, June 1st.

In the report of Londonderry Show in C.B. hen class 2nd and special prize should read Osborne, not Moore.

At the last meeting of the Bermondsey F.A. the following were elected members: Messrs. Hembrow, Gardener, and Shingles.

The date of Abersychan C.B.S. show has been fixed for Dec. 3. Mr. H. W. Battye will judge.

Mr. J. G. Royce, hon. sec., writes that the show of Nottingham and Notts O.S. is fixed for Nov. 13-14.

Prize money won at Blackwood Show, Jan. 6th, has been paid. Anyone overlooked please inform the secretary.—W. H. Colman.

I have been engaged to judge Yorkshires at Newcastle Show, Oct. 23 and 24, writes Mr. Jas. Stewart (Whitehaven).

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Schedules for Bathgate have been posted, writes Mr. A. Nicol, 46, High Street, Bathgate. Any fancier omitted please send postcard.

I thank you for copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is, as usual, full of good stuff and excellent value.—T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

I wish your 1914 CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL great success. It is exceedingly cheap at the price.—J. McWatt (Bonnybridge).

Thanks very much for your kindness and quick reply of results of Palace Show. I wish CAGE BIRDS success. — E. W. Allen (Upper Parkstone).

Miss F. Backhouse, winner of 2nd for Couldians at Horticultural Hall, wishes to thank the L.C.B.A. for the exquisite prize card sent; a beautiful card indeed, and a prize in itself.

We hear from Mr. W. Rackley, hon. sec., that Watford C.B.S. has engaged Mr. J. Goodall to judge the first feather show, and Messrs. Robson and Silver the open show.

Leeds C.B.S. are holding their annual open show on Oct. 10. Will secs. please note to avoid clashing. Judges are Messrs. W. Mundell, G. Harland, and J. Maddison.

The date of the annual show of the Sheffield O.S. is fixed for Nov. 6 7. Will other secs. note, to avoid clashing writes Mr. E. C. Job, sec.

Mr. J. L. Heseltine writes that Messrs. Battye, Trengove, and Houlton have been engaged to judge at Hull C.B.S. open show, Nov. 13 14.

I have given up the secretaryship of the Preston O.S. writes Mr. Barton, and all communications should be addressed to my successor, W. Cobham, 202, Aqueduct Street; Preston.

Please state in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Hall, 31, Fountain Street (E.) Macclesfield, I have accepted office as secretary, and Mr. W. Mallins as assist. sec. and treas., of Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. Walter Bayley writes that he is retiring from the Fancy, and that he has sold his entire stock of Borders including all the winners to that well known fancier and judge, Mr. Tom Harrison Altrincham.

The Preston O.S. have appointed Mr. W. H. Cottam hon. secretary, and Mr. H. F. March treasurer, in place of Mr. T. Barton and Jos. Pyke, and all communications should be sent to me.—W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct Street, Preston.

Mr. D. Kerr, of Forfar, writes:—We have decided to hold our open show on Nov. 14th. I am going to receive assistance this year, as my work often takes me away from home. It will now be carried on in joint sec. under the names of Kerr and Robertson (13, Green Street).

I was agreeably surprised, on opening CAGE BIRDS of this week, to find my Greenie depicted, the first time shown he won 2nd Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S., and he has taken several honours since. The drawing is a credit to the artist. I thank you for the honour, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—O. A. RUSSELL.

Messrs. A. Holden, J. Stewart, J. Robson, G. Brown, and J. F. Dewar have been elected to judge at Newcastle annual open show, Oct. 23 and 24. Will secretaries also note that we have not taken any other society's date, as we always have our show the last but one Friday and Saturday in October.—J. W. Reed.

OBITUARY.

Mr. D. Pearson, Glasgow.

It is my sorrowful duty, writes Mr. W. Proudfoot, sec. and treas., Glasgow West-End C.B.C., to have to inform you of the death of our highly respected honorary president, Douglas Pearson, Esq.; after a short and painful illness he passed away on Friday, Feb. 6, at 8.30 a.m. He has been associated with our club since it was founded in 1910. He was exceedingly popular and took a very active interest in all the doings and welfare of our club, and his valuable assistance and advice will be very sadly missed. I am sure all our office-bearers and fellow-members will extend their most sincere and deepest sympathy to Mrs. Pearson and Master Pearson at this time of their sad bereavement.

I am getting numerous applications for my Cinnamons, writes Mr. Dan Hamilton (Hamilton). I sold this season three 1st prize winning Cinnamons to one man, including both 1st Cinnamon classes at Gateshead, 1st Bradford National. In fact my young yellow cock won for me four 1sts, including City of Glasgow and spl. for best green or cinnamon, 1st Muirkirk, 1st Hamilton, 1st Cowdenbeath, 2nd Arbroath, when I sold him to that prominent English exhibitor, for whom he has won 1st Sale, Bradford National, Gateshead, and 3rd Scottish National, only times shown; not bad for a youngster.

White Moorhen for the Zoo

A white Moorhen was caught alive by a gamekeeper in Stoke Woods, near Exeter, on Feb. 5. The bird has been sent to the Zoo.

The Yorksbire Fancy in Wales.

The South Wales and Monmouth Yorkshire C.C. has now a fairly good list of new members, and Mr. Webster, 6, Upper Park St., Llanelly, hon. sec., a native of Yorkshire, who has been located in South Wales some years, and practically the introducer of the club, desires all fanciers in South Wales and Monmouth and district, who are interested in Yorkshires, to join the Club. Already the Club has made itself felt, and the increase in high-class Yorkshires is very noticeable.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.

In the report of the Birkenhead Canary Fanciers' Show, writes Mr. G. Morton, I omitted to mention that the handsome eight-day clock presented by Mr. W. Cooper for most points Novice, was won by Mr. J. Walton, Mr. Browse being runner up. Special for best Yorks, presented by Mr. T. Edwards, and sp. best Nor. Buff, presented by Mr. N. Jones, were both won by Mr. J. Stott, sp. for best Norwich Yellow, presented by Mr. E. R. Gayland, by Mr. W. Howlett.

New Society for Port Glasgow and Distric

A meeting was held in the Co-operative Halls, Port Glasgow, Jan. 7, for the purpose of forming a Cage Bird Club. There were something like 30 members to make a start, mostly young members just starting in the hobby, and with well known and trained fanciers behind them. The club is to be called the Port Glasgow and District O.S. The following office bearers were elected:—Pres., D. Black; vice pres., S. McKay, J. McGarrie; sec., T. Adair; treas., J. McGaw; committee, Messrs. Boyle, F. M. Montgomery, Gemmil, W. Montgomery, Wilson, J. Montgomery, London, W. Montgomery. Next meeting will be held Jan. 28, 7.30, in abovenamed halls, and we shall be glad to welcome any other fanciers who would like to become members.—W. J. Forrester, assist. sec.

Preston Forging Ahead.

Preston O.S. seem to be blessed with a very energetic secretary in Mr. W. H. Cottam. The society had a very nice balance in hand on last year's working and excellent prizes are being provided for every monthly meeting during the year.

"Our Canaries."

"Our Canaries" trebles your chance of profit from breeding and rearing Canaries, writes Mr. C. W. Knowles, Blyth. I have learned more from "Our Canaries" than from any other book about bird-keeping. It is certainly the best book going. In this largest book on Canaries novices will get their best money's worth.

Young Blackbirds in Scotland.

A friend of mine while out visiting Mr. McPhait (Liberton) was astonished to see a Blackbird's nest containing young ones, writes Mr. George Brown, of Leith. No doubt this is due to the very mild weather we have had since the year came in, and especially for this part of Scotland. We think it is a record.

The Roberts Cup Points.

Kindly mention, writes Mr. J. Tyson, sec. of the Crested Canary Club, that the points in the Roberts cup competition for 1913 resulted as follows: Messrs. Evins Bros. 169, Mr. F. G. Bale 110, Mr. A. J. Smith 68, Mr. T. J. King 61. This is the third time in succession that Messrs. Evins Bros. have won it with most points.

A Wail from Aintree.

The committee have decided to wind up Aintree and Dis. Society owing to the meagre support given to them in their efforts by the members. Members shows, lectures, rambles, and other interesting events have all alike been failures, so that it is considered unwise to continue further for the present, until more enthusiasm is shown by the cage bird fanciers in this district and an honest desire for a society to further promote their interests.—J. A. Anderson, hon. sec.

Mr. Fred Hammond's Impending Retirement from the Fancy.

Mr. Fred Hammond (Bradford) writes:—I am indeed pleased to hear from Mr. Hill that it is the present intention of Mrs. Carl and yourself to be present at our annual gathering on March 7, and I sincerely trust nothing will intervene to cause you to alter your arrangements. Much as I regret it, I am compelled by circumstances to regard that date as my retirement from the Fancy, at any rate, so far as any official connection is concerned. I am detained at business so much owing to the enormous increase of business between the United States and this country, that it is seldom I can spend any time with my birds, and, moreover, my duties being of a somewhat exacting nature you will readily understand, I am sure, how great a task it seems to be to commence again with clerical work when I get home. I must say, however, that I trust my severance from a hobby which has given me so much genuine pleasure will be only temporary, and with all due regard to good trade I am hoping that things will "ease off" a bit before very long. One can have too much even of a good thing."

[All who know Mr. Hammond and his many good qualities as a fancier will join with us in hoping that his retirement will be (as he himself wishes) of a temporary nature. —Editor, "C.B."]

"Please thank all who replied to my advt., I had so many replies I could not answer all." W. LIDGETT (Newark).

"I have had a good sale with my advertisement of canaries. Have sent them all over England."—NELLY THOMAS.

"Please thank the numerous applicants for my Grey African Parrot, which was sold to a lady at Cheltenham. CAGE BIRDS must have a record circulation, judging from replies received."—H. SMITH (Connah's Quay).

Shows Clashing in Wales.

We are very sorry to see Upper Rhondda clash with us, seeing that our date had been out in your columns a fortnight before their date appeared. I would like to bring this to their notice.—F. Sweeting, hon. sec., Abersychan C.B.S.

A New Society for Sutton, Surrey.

A society has been formed in Sutton, District Fanciers' Society. The radius is to be ten miles. The society will cater for poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and cage bird fanciers, and the committee will be pleased to welcome any fancier who would like to join. The committee think there is a good opening for a society in the district, and will do their best to make it go with a bang. Fanciers should send along their names to the hon. secretary, Mr. Brown, The Bungalow, Lee Place, Sutton. He will be pleased to answer enquiries. Next meeting at the Station Hotel on Feb. 16th at 8.30 p.m. sharp, when it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Annual subscription 2s. 6d., entry fee to those joining during 1914.—G. W. SAUNDERS.

GOSSIP FROM THE PALACE SHOW.

Putting the Spots on.

Another fair visitor looking at the Jazards with a companion was heard to say: "I wonder how they put the spots on? How exceedingly clever."

The Manager's Smile.

In spite of the anxiety and worry incidental to running a big show, Mr. Ramsden was in a particularly good humour on the closing day. We happened to buttonhole him just as that £35 Crest was claimed, and his smile was quite angelic.

All Alive Oh!

The remarks made by the fair sex who are not related to fanciers were very interesting. For instance, one observed to a companion, "The birds are all alive, aren't they?" We wonder if she expected to find a few dead ones!

The Old Love.

During the show we met many old-time fanciers. Although they have left the Fancy (some of them for many years), they still have a lingering fondness for the birdies, and do the Palace regularly, year after year.

Aged Workers.

We heard that every man on the staff, both in the office and in attendance on the birds, was over 70 years of age. What price being too old at 40? No one could possibly have done the work better or more conscientiously.

Will They Take On?

We heard many enquiries for pairs of Green Borders for stock purposes. The Norwich and Yorkshire Greens are almost an unknown quantity down south, but if the Borders lead the way, perhaps the others will follow. Who knows?

Very Sporting.

One of the exhibitors in the Frilled Canary class came all the way from Paris with his birds. We are afraid he had rather a dull time, as so few fanciers were able to converse with him. We thought it very sporty of him to visit the Great National show.

Sensational Novice Norwich.

Although the champion Norwich received their due share of notice, we honestly believe the novice birds were one of the sensations of the show. Some of the leaders were so good that they would have made many of the champions "sit up" had they been beside them.

Why do they do it?

Perhaps the greatest puzzle to the outside visitors is the interest taken in the Hybrids. Why anyone should want to pair together and breed with different species is quite beyond them. One actually went so far as to say that it must be cruel, and should be put a stop to!

Still on Top.

It may interest British Bird exhibitors to hear that the winning Hawfinch was at the top of his class at the last Palace Show in the novice section. He then belonged to Mr. Oliver, of East Ham. He was claimed at the last Horticultural Hall Show. We hear Mr. O. has another good one in the making.

What was the Brand?

All day on Monday the friends of a certain well-known Crest fancier (who shall be nameless) were going about with long faces, and voices full of sympathy. Their particular pal had had his watch and valuables stolen at a certain hotel. The said watch was found on the Tuesday in his overcoat pocket. Now unkind people are advising him to change the brand he particularly patronises.

Canterbury Pilgrims.

A small party of keen fanciers came up from the Cathedral city on the Monday. Among them was the Rev. Sales, who won the almost historic special at Canterbury show, for doing which he received no end of chaff. The brewers, however, were sporty enough to send him the cash instead of the barrel of ale. He told us that this is gradually finding its way into the tills of the seed merchants.

Not Out in the Cold.

While the L.C.B.A. and other societies were enjoying their dinner on Monday night at Frascati's Restaurant, Mr. Ramsden's staff of feeders and attendants were enjoying their supper in the Palace show, an enthusiastic fancier (Mr. Pearce) having sent them a huge pork pie! This is an annual custom, Mr. Pearce having sent a pie for the workers at the National Show for some years past. Although three of the "old stagers" on the staff are 70 years of age, they ate the pie like two-year-olds!

How it was Done.

The judging for CAGE BIRDS big prizes was particularly interesting. The best bird from each section was brought up, and the whole of them made into a class. The judges then handed in a slip, and the points were totted up, the bird gaining the most being the winner. In this champion section Mr. Smith's clear body dark Crest came out an easy winner with 23 points, the runner-up being Mrs. Middleton's Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid with 16 points. In the novice section the Hybrids turned the tables on the Crest. Mr. Levick's four-pointed Goldie-Canary just getting home in front of Mr. Hawkes' Green Crest, the actual points scored being 27, and 25 respectively. In the final Mr. Smith's grand Crest carried too much weight, for Mr. Levick's charming Hybrid, and "knocked him out," thus winning the 10-guinea cup.

"R.P." CANARIES.

Object Lesson in the Strange Virtues of Pepper.

Salt has the place of honour in poetic vocabulary, and mustard is made into plasters: but pepper is one of the least dignified of our condiments. It had, however, its great revenge to-day, not in a restaurant, but at a bird show.

At the Crystal Palace, where the song of multitudinous Canaries falls like a cascade of silver music from unseen height, the symphony of colour is almost as great as the symphony of sound.

Golden as buttercups, saffron like crocuses; yellow, with harmonies of red and brown hidden under it. But everywhere on the catalogue opposite the numbers of these glowing, singing little prodigies were the initials "R.P."

A reference to the first page shows that "R.P." means Ramsden's Pure Pepper, that the birds have been fed on pepper, and that the lovely colours of the feathers are due to the uses of this condiment when they are moulting.

One of the judges told an "Evening News" representative that the exhibitor who first discovered by accident that pepper coloured the feathers had a high time, winning prizes all over the country, but gave an infinite amount of trouble to those who were convinced that such tints were the result of fraudulent painting.—London "Evening News," February 6th.

MODERN CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS FOR THE NOVICE.

By THOMAS LANE (Barnstable.)

A FEW remarks on the above variety may interest the novice, who, like myself, when I began breeding them, will probably be very eager to know how to produce the noble Crests and Crestbreds to be seen on the show benches today. I say noble since to my way of thinking there is no variety in the Canary Fancy which commands more respect and attention from visitors and fanciers alike when exhibited at our leading shows.

What looks more charming than a well-matched pair of Crests staged in the pair class! Look at the winning pair! Note the clear body and dark crest of the cock! It is of good size, round and drooping, densely packed, and with a neat centre. His crest feather is not quite so leafy as we could wish, perhaps, but still he is good enough and, as the local historian would say, is a perfect dandy.

Now note the Green Crestbred hen chosen as his mate. How refined and lady-like she looks in the show cage. Her spouse, although himself a "knut," does not approve of her being a "flapper." You will notice she has a nice round head—the head feather is dense and long, and very wide besides being somewhat veiny in character.

This denotes plenty of good blood a valuable asset to the Crest breeder who wishes to produce feather of good texture. Both birds, it will be seen, have good Bullfinch type bodies—a point I value highly, especially in the hens (see drawing). I do not care for the Lancashire type of body that turns up sometimes even in the best strains. However, I would not discard a bird with this failing provided it possessed a good large head of the correct shape. The chief point of the Crests and Crestbreds is the head. Naturally, it follows that the body is of secondary consideration only, but a good head and a good body make a combination that the novice should strive to attain.

An Interesting Question.

We will now pass on to an interesting question. Can a working-man—a beginner with a limited purse—become a successful breeder and exhibitor of the Crestbred Canary? I say "Yes," emphatically. It has been said that the Crested Canary is a working-man's luxury. Personally I have not found it more expensive than any other variety of the Fancy. The show birds cost a lot of money, but so do show specimens of other varieties. I read in CAGE BIRDS than a fancier refused £18 for a Norwich cock, and that a pair of Scotch Fancies were priced at £100! Novices will see, therefore, that tip-top specimens of any variety have to be paid for. Good birds are scarce—hence the high price. But these large figures should not dishearten the beginner. He should plod on and he will certainly meet with success. Let your motto be that of the Caistor heroes, one of whom when asked if they had returned without effecting a rescue, replied, "Caistor life-boatmen never turn back." This is a sound motto, and should be adopted by all.

My Own Experience.

Now for my own experience. It is now nearly ten years since I started breeding the Crested Canary; the value of my stock at that time would have made most fanciers smile. However, they bred me a good number of youngsters, and, encouraged by this, I sold them out. With the proceeds I bought a couple of good stock birds. From their matings I obtained several birds quite equal to their parents; but, of course, not show birds. Having selected the best, I sold out the remainder and purchased a couple of stock birds from a well-known breeder. The following season I again bought some very nice birds.

About this time I found my stock was greatly improving, equally as regards size, quality, and feather. Among the youngsters was a very fine clear buff Crestbred hen, a great favourite of mine, which used to ride around the room on my finger, and which we named "Buffy." This hen won for me 1st and special at Exeter in the novice class.

This was a great day for me. My first success. Which of my readers who has had a like experience will ever forget it? It ranks (if you are a married man) next to your wedding day. Well, my next venture was to try her at our Barnstaple Show. Here she won the 2nd prize in the open hen class. The following season, not being in a position just then to buy a £15 show bird to pair her with I did the next best thing—I paired her to the best stock bird I had, viz., a Green Crested cock, and her own half-brother.

From this I produced some grand stock which included a couple of show birds.

THE SENSATION OF THE PALACE SHOW.

Mr. A. J. Smith's clear body dark Crest, winner of "Cage Birds" £10 10s. Championship Trophy, £10 10s. cash champion prize, the L. and P.O.S. challenge cup, and many other valuable specials. Photographed in its show-cage by the Topical Press Agency.

One, a fine Crested hen, I kept at home; the other turned out to be my champion Green Crestbred hen, 1st and special at Plymouth, 1st at Barnstaple. This hen was considered by many fanciers who saw her to be one of the most typical hens living.

I had many tempting offers for these hens which ran into many pounds, but I did not part with them. Unfortunately, I lost them both in the second breeding season of their career. I attribute this to the fact that I let them stay on the nest, with the result that during the hot weather their heavy body feather caused them to get hot and faint. I would here advise the tyro if he has a pair or more of good Crests to put their eggs under common feeders, and to let the hens have a good fly in the flight. This for about a week or ten days during the hot weather. By so doing they will be kept in better condition and there will be a larger chance of your getting fertile eggs. During the first round in April they may be left to sit on dummies, as the heat then is not intense.

But to continue my story—I felt keenly the loss of these two hens. Such a misfortune would have caused many young beginners to give in. But I was not of that mind. I decided there and then that I would do my very utmost to replace them, not by purchase, but by breeding. I had several of their brothers and sisters and cousins to go on with. By systematic breeding I have again produced several show birds which won in very good competitions during the last two seasons. This season I hope to do better still. Having introduced fresh blood from two well-known breeders I am trusting my luck to be, so to speak, "in at the kill." But remember, a high position cannot be maintained unless you go in for real hard work, i.e., systematic breeding. After you have worked your stock up sufficiently in value you may, of course, purchase a big winner from the proceeds of your sales, but bear in mind that there is more honour in winning 2nd and 3rd prizes with birds you have bred yourself than in all the "glibh and spatter" that may acclaim your acquired champion. So, having given you a brief insight into my own experiences on the working-up of stock I think I have given sufficient proof that the Crested Canary is within the reach of all, ranging as it does from 10s. to £20 the pair. I began with a 10s. pair and have never regretted it.

The Bird Room.

We will suppose (the novice having decided to enter the Fancy) that he has a suitable bird-room. I would recommend him, if he has the room entirely at his disposal, to fit it up exclusively for the breeding and exhibition of his pets. It should be light and airy, i.e., well ventilated, free from draughts, and should, if possible, have a southern aspect. This, however, is not absolutely necessary. Many fanciers prefer their rooms to face north or north-east — any direction, in short, provided it be out of the sun. For my own part I prefer the first-mentioned aspect. My own bird-room looks toward the south-west, and I find this admirable in every way. It is a great pleasure to me to see my birds sunning themselves on a bright spring day. Some will be down on one side and expand a wing, while others sit on the cross-rail near the pot-hole after having enjoyed a good ducking. By this I mean a wash in the drinker, after indulging in which they finish themselves off with a sun bath.

Now, the latter is good for them. We humans revel in the sun at the sea-side and in the country why not the birds also? I do not, of course, mean that the sun should be permitted to blaze upon them all day, but that an hour or so in the spring time on a suitable day will do them no harm. On the contrary, it will do them much good, and will "warm the cockles of their hearts."

The Rack and Cages.

Our attention next must be devoted to the rack and cages. Let us take the rack first. My own is made with four uprights 1½in. square and 6ft. high. The cross-bars to rest the cages on are composed of roof battens let into the supports at intervals of 20ins. My rack is made to hold four tiers of cages. The rack may be made any length according to the size of your room and the distance between the cross-bars to suit the height of your cages (I will give drawing). I recommend fanciers to raise their first tier of cages 1ft. or 1ft. 6ins. from the floor. By doing so floor draughts, a deadly enemy to valuable stock, are avoided. You will be surprised in all probability on putting your hand on the floor to feel a current of air coming goodness knows whence. I think it is often due to the window and door being in a direct line. To avoid this as much as possible I suggest the hanging up of a curtain either inside or outside the doorway. This simple precaution will greatly minimise the chance of your stock taking cold. In my own bird-room I have found this plan quite satisfactory. Touching the cages, I like to have them as large as possible. Some fanciers seem afraid to give their birds any head-room. It stands to reason that if we wish to keep our birds in good condition we must give them ample space for exercise.

(To be continued.)

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

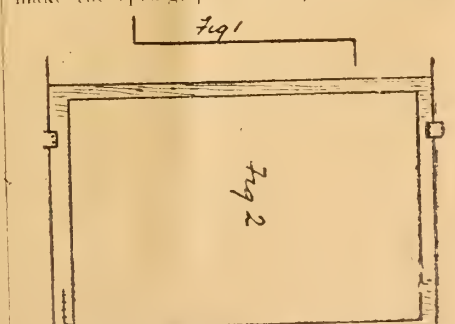
No. 635.
A Cheap and Novel Heater.
Sent by George Warrillon, 42, Furnace Road, Normacott, Stoke-on-Trent.

Herewith I send you a sketch of a cheap and novel heater for a small bird room. It consists of 6½d. paraffin lamp, and two pieces of tin: the first piece I cut out top

and bottom as shown, which allows air, and prevents smell when encircling the lamp: the other piece is simply placed on top. My outside room is 7ft. by 5, and 9ft. high, and when I have the lamp in use it keeps the room at 50 degs. in the worst of weather. I hope that this may be of some use to you.

No. 636.
A Self-closing Door.
Sent by A. W. Howarth, 57, Calvert Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield.

The sketch shows my method of preventing the flight cage door from being left open. To make the spring, procure a piece of 6-strand



twisted wire, about one foot long, and bend as in Fig. 1. Then fasten to door and upright, as in Fig. 2 at A, the small marks across spring show position of staples. The catches at B prevent door being forced inside the cage by the spring.

Why Some Norwich Plainhead Canary Breeders Fail.

A FEW "STRAIGHT TIPS" BY Mr. E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

SOMEHOW the Editor has formed the opinion that I could say a good deal more upon the ever interesting subject of Norwich Plainheads than I have hitherto accomplished, and particularly in the direction of the why and wherefore of my own successes and failings, and also perhaps where other breeders fail in their desires and results. Candidly, I cannot attribute my own fair measure of success to any specific rule, method, or procedure, for I realise that after all the happy result is merely due to a conglomeration of fortunate circumstances and perhaps accomplishments, and these when well balanced cannot but end in success.

Were it possible to hand any fortunate fancier to an analytical chemist for his close attention, he would find him as a whole a wonderful collection of many virtues. Patience, perseverance, grit, tact, generosity, and sympathy are a few readily isolated, whilst the right temperament must not be forgotten.

How the Wife Helps.

Environment and employment must also not be overlooked, as each plays a prominent part, particularly the former. I cannot imagine any common sphere in life which need prevent one enjoying the hobby to the full, but nevertheless, how can a would-be fancier do so, when it so happens that his good wife is not in harmony with his doings? Such a one may unfortunately only enjoy a lesser degree of success and happiness, because the helping hands, intelligent interest, encouragement and sympathy are absent, and his career is therefore usually short and without lasting lustre.

Employment I regard in a very large measure as only a bogie in the part it plays in the Fancy generally. Some failures say, "Oh, yes, I could do as well if I had a nice clean job, and did not go work before nine o'clock like Mr. So-and-So. Look at the spare time he has to devote to his birds, to say nothing of his screw!" Well, "Fiddlesticks!" is my reply to such critics. Allow me to tell you, as an individual who entered the Fancy with little more of this world's goods, than when I entered the world, without a shirt to my back, and moreover worked for some years from 6 a.m. till 5.30 p.m., and oftentime later, at hard, dirty, greasy employment, too, just like other fanciers are doing to-day, that there is nothing in what you say.

Employment No Excuse.

If you want a little more upon this point, well, I know a very successful fancier who is a sweep, and we have also a few in Wales who are coal miners. In the summer months you may see them having a scrub in the tub every day as you wander through the mining districts. If your employment is no worse than those, don't put employment forward as an excuse for failure, for if your hours, either by day or by night (I have worked both) are fairly regular, and you have been in a position to rely upon some little help, it is indeed a lame excuse, which won't help you over the style. Take it from me that if there was anything in it, I should know something about it, as of late years my employment has been very clean, and does not commence until the streets are aired, not to mention a more handsome screw, but in spite of having experienced both sides of the picture, I cannot admit that I am the more happy, or more successful in the Fancy now, as compared with formerly, at least in proportion, seeing that apparently I have now such extraordinary advantages at my disposal, according to these critics.

Mere success upon the show bench is no criterion that the owner is a successful fancier, for after all he may only be a successful exhibitor, happy in the possession of a grand team purchased, and I do not begrudge him any of the pleasure he may experience, but measured with the happiness of the successful fancier, who finds pleasure in all his doings in the Fancy, he is found sadly wanting. Necessary as I admit such exhibitors are in the best interests of the Fancy, how fleeting their pleasures are may be noted in their comparatively short careers.

Nor is the successful fancier indicated by the magnitude of his stud and breeding results, for presently I will endeavour to prove that such a condition of affairs may mitigate against success.

These remarks will apply to the Fancy generally, and I may now proceed to probe matters affecting my own particular branch of the Fancy, i.e., Norwich Plainheads, and endeavour to trace predisposing causes of failure generally.

In many instances, I unhesitatingly declare that failure is due solely to the fancier having "bitten off more than he can chew," to put it vulgarly, but nevertheless to the point. Somehow the beginner gains the impression that if he is going to produce Plainheads of the first water, he must have 10 or 12 or perhaps even 20 pairs of stock, his idea being, I suppose, that the more he can breed, the better his chances. Never was there a greater mistake than this. I ought to know, for I find that during any one of the 11 years I have been a breeder, eight hens upon two occasions have been the limit, and 49 and 17 youngsters my highest and lowest breeding results. Without any boasting, I think that with the exception of the first four years I can honestly claim to be a consistently successful breeder and exhibitor, so mere numbers of stock and number of youngsters bred is not the secret here. No, a comparatively small stud and annual crop is really a dominant factor to the happy result. Modest though both have been I can assure you that they have been as much as I could properly manage, but more upon this point later.

Careful Mating is the Secret.

To the careful mating of stock I attribute the greater part of my success, yet how many breeders ponder over this important matter as they ought? What it really means where 20 pairs are retained I cannot say, but it is quite a problem to tackle six cocks and eight hens, and possibly six youngsters which you have retained to succeed some of your old stock. If you have a thought that I am overdoing it, just set down on paper a phantom stock as the foregoing, some of which you have been breeding with for three, four, or possibly five years, with the consequent result that some of the stock are more or less blood relations. Try the possible number of matings that can be accomplished for a start. Do not forget you have only about 10 cocks and 10 hens from which you require say six cocks and eight hens, and all have some redeeming feature, not to be cast aside lightly.

Get a Stock Book.

If it will assist you, I suggest that you have in your mind and in stud books useful data at your service. If you can settle the matter to your entire satisfaction and confidence within a week, and the results justify your mating, then I congratulate you, for it is a matter never really settled with myself, for though I ultimately pair my stock each season, my thoughts are "What stock shall I require for the next?" In this respect the Plainhead breeder must emulate the chess, draughts, and billiards player, who is not so much concerned with the moment, as with his position a few moves or strokes ahead. Hence the pairing of my stock is a perpetual happy thought, which if definitely ended with any rule of thumb would destroy the main charm in the whole art of Plainhead breeding.

Really when you settle down to seriously turn over in your mind the comparatively inexperienced working breeder tackling 20 pairs and their progeny each season, and remembering the number and importance of the show points required in a representative specimen of the breed, all of which have to be carefully picked up, constantly tended and improved upon, can it be wondered at that no progress is made, and mainly because of what? Haphazard breeding, which I stoutly maintain must be so in a vast majority of cases. Were it not so, then how is it that with the low number of pairs managed by some breeders who consistently produce two, three, or more youngsters of exceptional merit during the season, the breeders with their twenty pairs or more, and a correspondingly larger number of youngsters, do not sweep the classes, as they evidently should do, were I not correct.

The Evils of Overcrowding

Then you want to regard the housing and management of twenty pairs and their youngsters, say 120 birds in all, at the close of the breeding season. What do we find? In the case of the average fancier, three, four, or even more birds are crowded into single breeding cages. These are the promising ones, plucked, dirty, and dishevelled in some instances. In a flight cage or two you may find a collection of youngsters which the breeder in his wisdom dubs the "wasters." Still, with hard work and spare time ungrudgingly thrown in, there appears to be no great neglect. "A bit crowded at present," he says, "but I will weed some out after the moult," and so in a majority of cases the training of the youngsters is not carried out systematically. Time will not permit. The bath cages are hung on at spasmodic intervals, if at all, and to cut an old, old story short, it means that in the end the best youngsters are to be found in the wastrels' cage, too wild to look at where they are, whilst the sight of a show cage fills them with terror. A number of deaths are sadly recorded, and attributed to the laying moult, and altogether what should have been a happy time has been a very worrying experience. A lot of youngsters if it is true may be on view, which, however, are a burden instead of a delight, and are ultimately cleared in the main to a dealer.

To those who have not more spare time than I (and if you listen to some folks I have a good deal), I earnestly say, limit your stud to about six pairs. To manage these and their youngsters, say thirty, or a total of forty-two birds, you will want something larger than the average bathroom for your bird room, and if the youngsters immediately they can peck are paired off two per cage, and the latter not less than twenty-four inches in length, you need not be apprehensive as to plucking. With the bath cages hung on daily from the start, you will be delighted to witness the daily ablutions. Don't be too hasty to sort out the wasters, but train them all from their infancy to run freely and fearlessly in and out of the show cage.

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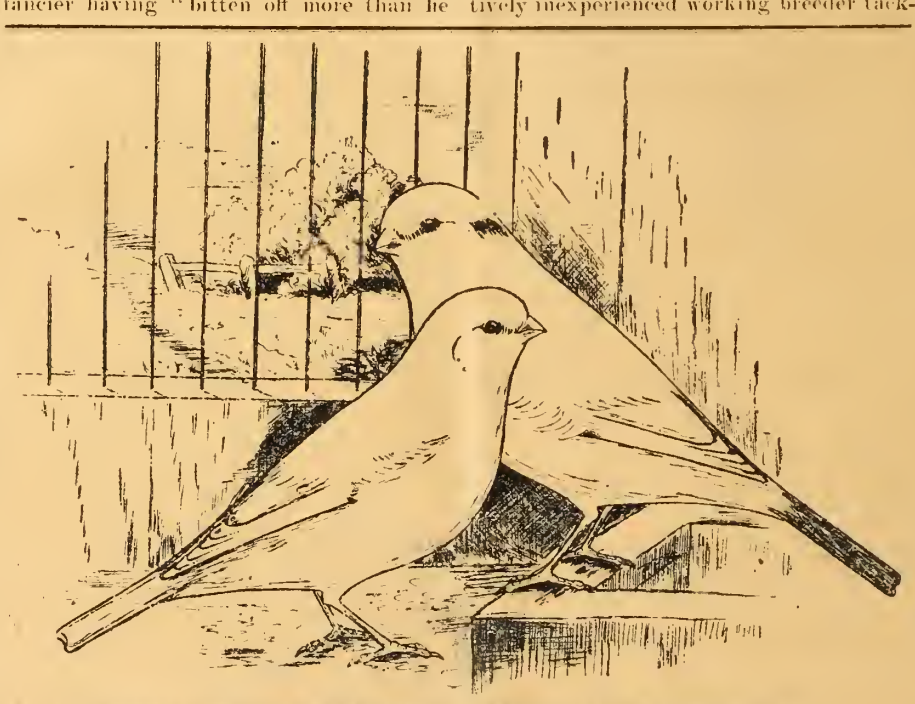

TWO WELL-KNOWN WELSH NORWICH.

(The property of Mr. P. Muscott, Llandrindod Wells). Ticked Buff Cock, 1st L. and P.O.S., etc., and Clear Buff Hen, 2nd Swansea, Llanelly, etc. Drawn by Mr. R. P. Bufton.

Some Hints for Novices in Canary Breeding.

By O. E. BROOKS.

In whatever variety you decide to have, take particular care to procure birds approaching nearest to the ideal. Good birds are no more expensive to keep than bad ones, and the progeny of the former are likely to be of far greater value, and to repay the breeder for his trouble.

It is useless to procure even first-class birds and expect them to produce good offspring unless they are correctly paired, or rather, matched. Never attempt to breed with two birds each possessing the same conspicuous fault, say, for instance, crossed wings or small in size, as they are certain to reproduce the faults in their offspring. Perfect birds need not necessarily be sought after when purchasing, but it is folly to expect to get good ones from really bad ones.

Don't suddenly start feeding on a very stimulating diet, but do so gradually, or you stand a good chance of seeing your birds drop into moult. I place great faith in gold of pleasure and maw seed for this purpose, and would caution against over-feeding on egg food.

Green food, such as young dandelion leaves and watercress, is also very useful at this period, and niger seed, especially for the hens. Don't be in a hurry, you will usually find that the cocks are slower in coming into condition than the hens, therefore it is wise to pay slightly more attention to bringing them forward.

Managed by Nature.

With birds that are in perfect health, the matter of coming into condition is very easily managed by Nature herself, and they will not as a rule require much urging from the breeder, and are all the better for not being over-fed.

When the cock is singing loudly and the hen hopping restlessly from perch to perch, calling to him, you will not go far wrong if you pair them up, this is providing, of course, that the weather is fairly mild.

The usual formula of removing the first three eggs, I do not think can be easily improved upon, and the taking away of the cock bird, after the hen has begun to sit, has always resulted satisfactorily with me.

Let the hen bath occasionally during incubation, and, whilst on the topic, I might mention that, in the case of buff hens, which soon get very dirty, I make a practice of washing them thoroughly; this, I find, is one way of keeping down and preventing their being troubled with red-mite during incubation.

Invaluable Nestpans.

I always use glazed china (not earthenware) nest pans and the felt linings, and very little nesting material. These china nest pans are invaluable, as they are so easily cleaned, and afford no harbour for insect pests. I have heard it stated that they are too cold; but I have never known this to be of any consequence and for the purpose china is certainly superior to any other material.

As regards after the young are hatched, the best advice I can offer is, do not interfere more than is absolutely necessary. Feed the hen well, and, of course, keep your eye on her in order to see that she does not neglect her maternal duties, but do not allow yourself to be tempted to linger the nest too often, or you will most likely scare the hen, and then good bye to all hopes of the young being properly reared.

As soon as the young birds have left the nest, and are looking after their own feeding arrangements, I take them right away from the old birds and put them in as big a cage as I have by me.

BIRD-ROOM APPLIANCES EXPLAINED.

By H. NORMAN (Carshalton.)

THE cult of the Canary is fortunately carried on without any extraordinary expenses in the way of appliances. Given a suitable room no one need despair of furnishing it in a manner that will enable him to compete on equal terms with the man whose pockets are well lined. Since I commenced the hobby the needs of the Fancy have been looked to by several enterprising makers from whom everything can be obtained at quite a reasonable figure. The time has long passed when one was obliged to construct his own cage and seed-hopper, or make use of one that was quite unsuitable for Canary breeding on anything but the most limited scale.

Now we can purchase cages of uniform dimensions, so that one's bird-room has an orderly appearance that was quite unusual in the old days, not that one wants to be painfully orderly and regular in the bird-room, but cages stacked with some degree of regularity give a workmanlike look to a room that appeals to the orderly instincts of the visitor. I propose in the following article to review the different appliances made use of in the breeding-room, and point out their uses, advantages, and disadvantages, so that novices and new friends in the Fancy may be able to make a choice under some degree of guidance.

Anything Will Not Do.

I once knew a fancier who considered that "Anything would do for a cage," and carried out his doctrine by breeding in sugar and soap boxes with chicken wire fronts of a style that was almost painful to look at. Fortunately for cage makers the generality of fanciers do not think or act this way, they recognise that their hobby is to be one of pleasure, and that anything will not do.

Up in the north the open wire cage is still used for breeding purposes among some of the admirers of the Scotch Fancy Canaries, but in the generality of breeding-rooms the cages with wooden top, back, bottom and sides called the box pattern, are mostly favoured.

We will first consider the single-breeder, this is a cage generally measuring eighteen inches by fourteen, by nine wide, in some cases the width is extended to ten or eleven inches, which, of course, allows more room for the birds and keeps the nest a couple of inches further from the front, thus affording a little more privacy to the sitting hen; to some shy birds this is a serious consideration and one not to be overlooked.

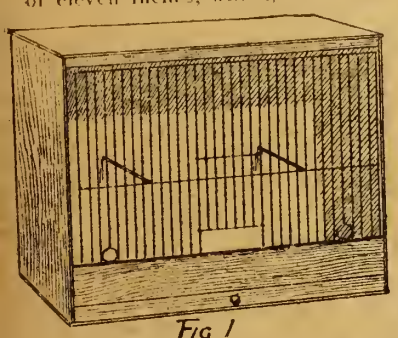

Fig 1

The fittings of the single-breeder consist of a wire front with a door in the centre, a seed box and water glass, at opposite ends, an earthenware egg-drawer, and of course a nest pan. Some cages are made with an extra piece of wood running along the top where the front bars are fixed (as illustrated in Fig. 1); others do not possess this, the bars running right to the top, and fixing to the single width of top board. Although the former has a neat and rather improved appearance, it unfortunately possesses the disadvantage of making another hiding-place for insects.

The question of draw-board (Fig. 2) or turn-rail (Fig. 3) is one that has been much discussed, and there are divided opinions about the matter. The draw-board fits into the bottom of the cage, and when cleaning out time arrives it is supposed to take out with it all the

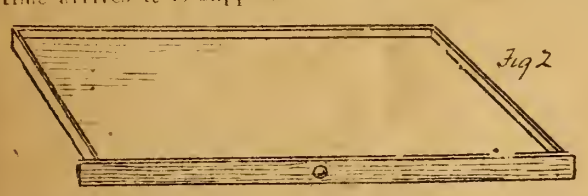

Fig 2

bird's excreta, etc., which has accumulated since the last cleaning out. If these draw-boards are made with a good rim of wood all round they leave very little behind, unless the birds have been unusually active and scattered the sawdust or sand into the corners and against the sides.

An Advantage and a Disadvantage.

The draw-board has another distinct advantage and also a disadvantage. The advantage is, and it is a rather important one, especially where many birds are kept, that it can be removed and occasionally thoroughly scrubbed, dried, and returned, sweetened and made once more as good as new. The disadvantage is that it will frequently stick; and in one's efforts to get it out, one disturbs the sitting hen or a nest of promising youngsters.

The turn-rail is simply a piece of wood (as shown in Fig. 3) that fits in, in place of the draw-board, and is retained in position by means of wire fasteners. When this is opened outwards one is able to scrape the bottom and remove all the rubbish, without disturbing the birds for if they have been used to it from babyhood they take not the slightest notice. The disadvantage is that one is unable to thoroughly clean the bottom except by scrap-

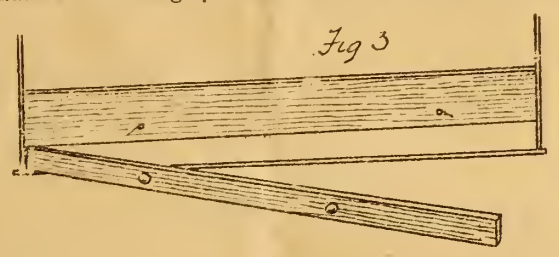

Fig 3

ing, and to replenish the floor covering one has to insert the hand into the cage, but this latter objection to the rail is not very serious, as if done gently the birds are not disturbed.

Whether one uses a draw-board or turn-rail, a thoroughly strong well-made scraper is necessary, either made entirely of iron or with an iron scraper and wooden handle (Fig. 4). As a rule the shop-made article is hardly strong enough, but a blacksmith, or

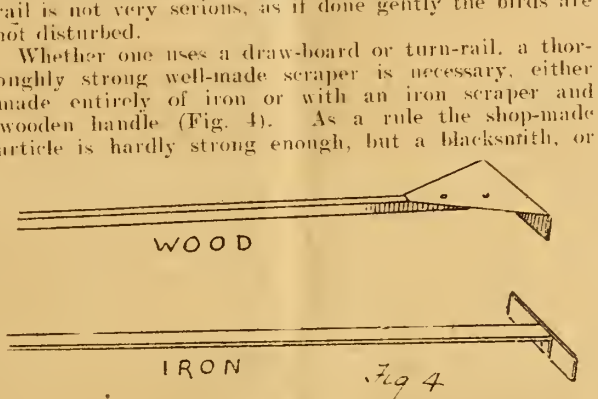

Fig 4

even a cycle-maker, would soon put one together for a few pence that would last a lifetime.

Of the double-breeder (Fig. 5) there are many patterns and sizes. It undoubtedly is one of the most useful cages that we have. It can be used either for two breeding hens or a single pair, and the extra compartment may be used to shut off the cock bird when his attentions are not required, or it can be made into a nursery for the young birds as soon as they leave the nest, the cock

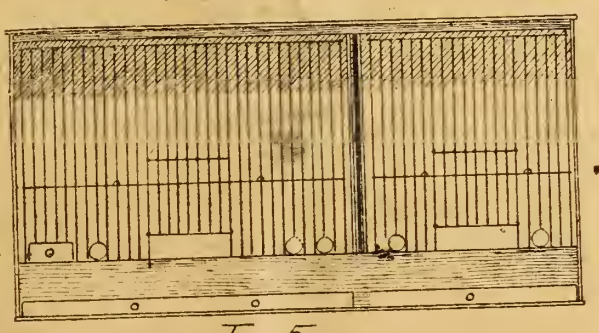

Fig 5

bird feeding them through the wire partition, while his partner is busy constructing another home.

The one we have depicted is mostly used for this purpose. It will be seen that the compartments are not of equal size. The smaller is for the young, who do nothing but sit on the perch nearest the partition, receive food from the parents, and sleep, until they are weaned, when they require more exercise, and are moved to a larger cage or flight. It will be noticed also that this cage possesses two draw-boards or turn-rails, to enable the fancier to clean out each compartment separately; although we have seen some of these double-breeders made with a single draw-board we do not think they are to be recommended.

The cages made with the compartments of equal size are frequently used as flights after the breeding season and are exceedingly useful for that purpose. Fanciers who go in for the fascinating pursuit of breeding Hybrids will find the one first described the more useful, the smaller compartment being used as a home for the Finch, either when he is quarrelsome with the hen, or when she is about to lay or is incubating.

The Larger Kinds of Cages

In addition to these, there are several other cages which are built on somewhat similar lines, such as the flight cages and the three-compartment one. This latter is generally made with the centre compartment somewhat smaller than those at the sides; it is certainly a very useful cage for running a Finch or Canary with two hens, as he can easily be shut off from either, wire or wooden partitions being run in as required. The only objection to this form of cage is that it is somewhat cumbersome, and takes up rather more room than the ordinary Fancier can spare, the smaller cages fitting into odd nooks are more freely used.

(To be continued.)

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Some Sound Advice for Keepers of Bullfinches.

By F. W. STOWE.

PERMIT me to try to give the inexperienced Bullfinch keeper a little good sound advice. The Bullfinch is my favourite. For many years I have studied the Bullfinch at large and in captivity, and I must candidly admit he is not the easiest of the Finch tribe to catch or get on seed. Now my object in writing this is to teach the novice to buy from the catcher, to get on seed, and to select specimens for exhibition, with a few notes on catching.

To buy your Bullfinches direct from the catcher is a main point to be studied. And I strongly impress on the minds of buyers never to buy Bullfinches till the end of September. You may ask why? The reason is this; In August and September the birds are feeding on the blackberry and honeysuckle; these are nature's colour agents. By the end of September the birds have nearly finished moulting, therefore right through the moult they have been colour-feeding themselves.

Compare a field-moulted specimen with a house-moulted one, which is the finest all round? The field-moulted one, of course. I am fully aware sometimes a fine house-moulted one is the best in colour, and there is a reason for this. The Bullfinch is a late breeder, and nests can be found in August and September. These late youngsters never moult so bright, for by the time they start moulting the colour agents are nearly all gone. What can Bullfinch do for good food—a food to equal the blackberry? There is none; so he feeds on docks, ash-keys, and hedgeside weeds. There is no colour agent in them, so he remains a dull bird till next moult.

How to Successfully Manage Them.

Suppose you have just bought a fine cock Bullfinch at the end of September direct from the catcher's nets. Place him in the store cage as soon as you get him, having previously well sanded the cage and fixed the seed vessels; you will require two seed-pans, one to contain soaked niger, teazle, and crushed hemp, and the other gold of pleasure and linseed, not soaked. Let the Bullfinches have seven days in the store cage. I should not omit to say, never water wild-caught Bullfinches inside the cage—water always outside. Rarely does a fresh-caught specimen recover if it gets wet; they soon puff up in a ball of feathers and fall asleep.

May I just say a word of advice to many readers of CAGE BIRDS in this district of mine—North Oxfordshire. Novices go catching; they catch a few, bring them home, treat them like birds that have been caged for years. Very few struggle through this; the getting on seed must be done in a natural way. Treat as I have mentioned with a little natural food, and wean them off at the end of seven days. I have saved many and many a bird brought to me by the catcher, by the common privet berry alone—a very valuable pick-me-up to a fresh-caught bird.

Suppose now our two cock Bullfinches are on seed, or, rather, the seven days are up with the store cage (we can hardly call it on seed). Next thing to do is, place them in a flight cage, still giving them a little soaked seed, but slowly reduce the hemp and gold of pleasure to one half the amount formerly given; also diminish the soaked seed slowly and gradually increase the supply of hard seed—this usually takes 14 to 18 days. After about a week in the flight cage, place them in the stock cages. This is the process all my birds go through, and I can say I never lose a single bird by it, and they keep in fine condition.

Catching and Selecting the Birds.

To select Bullfinches is a difficult task for the novice, but I am giving the outline of the process. Select the largest, chubby-built birds, with large well-cut caps and good bibs and thick necks; wing carriage must be close and bars well defined; the breast colour to be as rich as possible, without a smoky appearance.

I think many a novice would like to catch his own, but knows no real good way to get to work. I much prefer a large trap-cage or net trap, and a single side net where there is a little flock. Bullfinches as a rule fly in small flocks of five to ten. I have seen as many as two dozen feeding together, but it's a rarity.

Now suppose we come across a little flock feeding on ash-keys; we must set the net so as to fly from the hedge. Set in the usual manner, and, above all, try the net and see if it works properly; if so, place a cock call-bird in the net just at bottom of line pegged down, also a cock dummy is useful, and this must be placed in the net in a position amongst the bait (which must always be good docks) to look as if feeding on them.

Your Bullfinch is calling to a fine cock on the ash-keys; he takes a little persuading to come from his favourite winter food, but at last he ventures; in he goes, and starts feeding, and just perhaps as you are about to pull along comes his partner. She takes no inducing to the net. Your heart beats with delight to see a pair of Bullfinches almost yours. Pull! You get them, and what a fine pair, too. Place the birds in a store cage, and treat them as I have mentioned, and not one in a hundred will die. Keep in a quiet place, and let success be yours.

Some Gems from the Foreign Section at the Palace Show.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BY way of introduction, I may be permitted to state that the birds figured on Mr. Goodchild's drawing are not necessarily the more notable, or a tithe of those deserving a similar honour. Far from it. Our choice must perforce be regulated by what we have figured in the near past, and to make the plate as complete a representation as possible of the whole section. In this sense our plate is certainly representative.

The Pileated Jay (*Cyanocorax pileatus*).

The name Jay is synonymous with mischievousness and curiosity, whatever clime any particular species may hail from. The subject of our drawing is not one whit behind any other member of the Jay family in these attributes, and is indeed a worthy representative of his tribe.

Those who like a knowing, conning, intelligent, quaint, tricky comic feathered kleptomaniac cannot do better than procure a Pileated Jay or some similar representative of his tribe. For, given the worst of characters, he still remains an interesting and entertaining knave. He is one of those interesting individuals of the bird world who do not mind who sinks so long as they swim. He has a supreme indifference almost akin to contempt, for the joys and sorrows of other feathered creatures domesticating within an easy radius of Jay-castle. Whatever happens, the wants of Mr. and Mrs. Jay and family must be satisfied; and they eat their respective meals (eggs, callow young, etc.) without compunction or remorse. All sections of the animal world must suffer so that they go not hungry. I am afraid Mr. and Mrs. Jay come first in all things, for, in captivity, if things are not to their liking, their own tender offspring simply make a toothsome change in their menu. Can I, need I, say more to bring my readers under the thrall of these arch villains of the bird world?

If not clad in glowing colours the Pileated Jay is a handsome fellow, as a glance at our illustration will indicate. He is about the size of our Magpie. As regards diet, he is pretty well omnivorous and can have the table leavings to pick over from any meal. Bread, meat, vegetables, fruit, cake, etc. Also insectile mixture and an abundance of live insects cockroaches, beetles, worms, mealworms, spiders, earwigs, etc. (nothing comes amiss in this line), live and dead mice, and other similar vermin. A little minced raw meat may be given once a week; thus there will be no difficulty in keeping up a varied menu. The Pileated Jay should have a roomy cage, and as it soon becomes tame, it can be allowed out for exercise, both for its own and its owner's amusement.

It is distributed over South America, and is very plentiful in Argentina and Paraguay. A detailed description is not called for—the darker areas on the drawing are dark brown and black, and the light ones white and pale grey. There are patches of blue on the nape and sides of face, and the plumage of the back, wings and tail is more or less glossed with purple. Mr. Sharples' exhibit scored 2nd prize.

The Black-headed Sibia (*Malacias capistrata*).

A beautiful and striking bird, one of the most pleasing of the Babblers. It is full of character, of a restless and vivacious demeanour, and thrives best when given plenty of room. It is a very fine spectacle to watch a pair of these birds disporting in a large garden aviary. But I have found them liable to periods (not continuous) of bullying the small Finches, etc., in their enclosure, and when I put them (Sibias) among the larger birds they were equally at home, holding their own easily amid a heterogeneous collection of Conures, Parrakeets, Budgerigars, Grass Parrakeets, Starlings and Cardinals. Though not actually tame, they would come to a given whistle and catch mealworms till I tired of their company. They caught insects in the air very adroitly, but flycatcher like, waiting on a perch for meal-worms to be thrown, then returning to the same perch again to devour their captive. Amid this luxurious environment I rest quite late in the year, but did not get as far as eggs. In one or two instances young have been hatched out, but they have not as yet been fully reared in this country.

They do well as cage pets, if given a roomy cage, but under such conditions are apt to be restless if too closely observed—though not really wild. The Sibias moral is—let their cage be a roomy one. I found them easy to cater for fruit, insectile mixture (soft food) and live insects meeting their needs, and in my aviary they partook heartily of the milk sop provided for other species. I have found them quite hardy—a pair lived through a very severe winter in one of my aviaries, but with no proper shelter, only a roof to get under. There was a period of three weeks of continuous frost, assisted by terrific wind and snowstorms, yet they were apparently as cheery and fit as in the summer, taking their bath every morning as soon as the ice was broken. Owing to a change of residence, I parted with them the following spring, and the following season they were winners for their new owner at several important shows. They are birds of the Himalayas, being very plentiful about Darjeeling.

The following sketchy description must close this brief note. The principal body colouring is maroon-rufus; the top of the head, cheeks and ear-coverts glossy black, middle of back brownish-grey; tail broadly banded with black, followed by bluish-grey tips; wings black, with rufus margins and crossed by a bluish and also a white band. The total length is about 8½ inches. Miss Alfreda B. Smyth's handsome pair secured 4th prize.

The Japanese Red Thrasher (*Erithacus akahige*).

This lovely species is very similar to the English Robin, with all the charming attributes of the latter, which endear him to the whole English race. We have referred to this species in our pages several times since it first appeared in the show bench, at the L.C.B.A. Show in November, 1911, when Mrs. K. L. Miller and Mr. A. Ezra both exhibited fine specimens. The bird staged by Mr. J. Frostick is the same specimen, I think, which Mrs. Miller exhibited in 1911. It was in exquisite condition, and an easy first for its new owner.

The colour areas are about the same as in our indigenous species, but the red is not so bright (carrot-red) and the lower plumage is darker (more grey) with the middle of abdomen sooty. It has a fine song, fearless and confiding demeanour, and is in every way the most charming cage pet one could desire. Alas! pairs have not yet been imported, so one cannot yet speak of its demeanour in the aviary. A good, strong insectile mixture and live insects about meets the needs of this charming and entertaining bird. It is extremely fond of a bath.

The Festive Tanager (*Calliste festiva*).

Words fail me to eulogise suitably this gorgeous species, although it is rivalled in beauty by over forty species of the same genus. The iridescent hues of its beautifully harmonised garment, flash forth first one shades and then another, as the light strikes it from different angles. The Festive Tanager has been known to the show bench for many years, but has never been plentiful, nor is it an easy species to establish or keep for any lengthy period in really good condition. Miss Bonsfield is certainly to be congratulated on the condition of her bird (a better has certainly never been staged), which has improved greatly since we first saw it this season, on Oct. 29 at Windsor.

I cannot attempt a detailed description of its many-hued garment, in which black, rufus-red, and almost every shade of blue and green, the latter shot with golden yellow, are exquisitely harmonised, shining like silk or satin. A word picture is impossible, even the artist's brush has never yet adequately depicted it. The genus *Calliste*, to which the Festive and many other well known favourites (Superb, Tri-colour, Black throated, Spotted Emerald, etc.) belong, is not perhaps so robust as others of the Tanagridae, yet all may be kept out of doors from early spring till late October in a suitably arranged aviary. Under such conditions they are unrivalled.

(To be continued.)

Allow me to congratulate you upon the splendid Birthday Supplement. It contained a mine of useful information to every lover of cage birds; the issue itself was a "humper"; and the two plates were simply splendid, especially "A Study of Cinnamon Blood in Canaries." I think the competition "How would you mate these York shires?" surpasses anything previously. It will make fanciers put on their "thinking caps"—Jos. Wright (St. Anne's-on-Sea).

The Crystal Palace Bird Show.

How it Struck an Outsider.

By ERNEST F. ALLNUTT.

It would be very difficult to say what was the outstanding feature of this year's exhibition of Cage Birds at the Crystal Palace. Opinions would naturally differ according as to whether the person asked happened to be a fancier, or only an interested member of the public. The former would probably be loud in his praise for this or that variety, and would, as might be expected, look at the matter from a strictly professional point of view. He would have the advantage of knowing what points of excellence were possessed by the various breeds, and would be able to estimate at its proper value any new strain.

But the ordinary visitor who is not himself a breeder must, of necessity, look at the birds with a less critical eye. He would perhaps be unable to distinguish a good bird from an indifferent one as far as estimation of its points is concerned. But, if he lacks the fancier's knowledge and nice judgment, he will, at least, be able to say which variety he likes best, and why. He will view the exhibits with strict impartiality, and will be entirely uninfluenced by any of the considerations which naturally determine a breeder's choice. It is from this detached point of view that I write.

Knowing nothing of the bird-fanciers' art I was able to visit the show without any prejudices, and to examine the different breeds merely as one who admires a beautiful production. The reader is, therefore, entitled to smile should I express preferences which savour of heresy.

Let me speak first of the Canaries. I can safely assert that I have never before seen so many together. This being the case it came as a great surprise to me that so many widely differing varieties had been obtained from the original *Serinus canarius*.

The Super Canary.

I could not avoid a mental comparison between the superb specimens before me, and the miserable faded birds one sometimes sees in suburban house windows. It struck me that, whatever else it may have been, the show was a remarkable illustration of the triumph of artificial selection. Not alone the variety in plumage and tint, but the size and shape of the birds impressed me with a high regard for the skill of the breeder. He may justly pride himself on the attainment of complete success in what is not only a charming art, but a scientific achievement of no mean order. I shall in future look contemptuously on the mere Canary which the live-stock dealer invariably assures us is a Norwich bird in full song.

For who would be content with such a poor specimen of his distinguished kind, when the expenditure of a few pounds, nay, even of a few shillings, would make him the possessor of a super-Canary? I am quite sure that those who have seen such a collection of feathered "Hoits" will go away the victims of an exalted if expensive taste.

I was delighted with the appearance of the crested variety. Their little shock-heads put me in mind of the pictures of Shock-Headed Peter which adorned the literature of our young days. There was also something about them which reminded me of a Skye-terrier—perhaps it was the glimpse of a beady eye behind the carefully barbered locks.

For they were no touzled heads that I saw. On the contrary, each feather seemed to be specially trained and trimmed, so that the dainty little creatures presented the immaculate appearance of a West-End "Knut." Each feather overlapped another with a precision that was positively uncanny—tails were cut with an exactitude and balance that were almost too perfect. The Scotch and frilled fancies also pleased me immense, looking as they did as though a gale of wind had disarranged their toilet. The Lancashire Coppy, and the large Belgian birds, curiously reminiscent of vultures, were also, I thought, very pleasing.

A Solicitous Exhibitor.

I heard the exhibitor of a prize winning Belled Canary he was a voluble Frenchman—fondle by the cage of his champion, and caressingly scold it for "over-exciting itself." The candidate for prizes had to take life easily it would seem. Neither were the variegated kinds by any means wanting in attractiveness. The Lizards, with their golden crowns, the divers green, mottled and speckled varieties, were all worthy rewards for the breeders' pains.

But to express a preference for this or that variety, when every one of them—I say it frankly—has its own particular perfections, is a very difficult matter. I did not see a bird that would not have been an ornament to any room. However, I must confess to a weakness for the paler yellow varieties. I saw some of mustard colour with tail feathers of a beautiful pearly sheen, and for some of the Greens whose dark wing feathers had delicate borders of a yellowish tinge, which gave them the appearance of a lacquered fan. But had I purchased every specimen which took my fancy I should now have a well-stocked aviary, and be in a fair way to become a breeder myself.

It was no difficult matter to gather from whence came a large, if not the major portion, of the exhibits in the Canary section. The broad, pleasant speech of the Yorkshire and Lancashire man betrayed him on every hand, as he pointed out the merits and demerits of a bird to a circle of fellow enthusiasts. One heard also occasionally the excited remarks of our neighbours from across the Channel, and the sober, but trenchant criticism of the London visitor. It was clear to me that my appreciation of the exhibition was fully shared by those who, like myself, were present only as amateurs of the curious and beautiful. So much for the Canaries.

Our Native Birds.

I was particularly gratified to see a select if modest collection of our native British birds. They may not have been as brilliant as their neighbours in the matter of plumage, but it would be a bold statement to say that they were any the less attractive on that account. What sturdy little creatures are the Bullfinches! At the Crystal Palace I realised for the first time what a beautifully marked bird is the common Starling. I am afraid many of us do not appreciate our native varieties of birds. Perhaps we do not see them often enough. Certainly there are scores of Canaries in our cages to every Linnet. We should endeavour to become better acquainted with them for they are one and all as beautiful as their names. I could not, myself, record having seen a Chough before—and on this, my first acquaintance, I found the representative of his species busily engaged in reducing his "prize" label to shreds.

There has been some discussion of late relative to the cruelty of keeping birds in cages. However well-founded the objection may be as concerns some wild birds a visit to the Cage Bird show is quite sufficient to dispel any qualms one might have as regards birds bred in captivity. None could have doubted that the little prisoners were perfectly happy and contented. Nowhere did one see a bird sitting motionless on its perch, or with drooping head. All were as light-hearted as could be. It was very evident from the competition in twittering that the birds were as sound inside as out. It required nothing more than the sound of the organ to tempt every tiny songster to put on his "star" turn.

And what did this happy demeanour prove? Simply, I take it, that proper attention and kindness of treatment are their own reward. That birds, when cared for in a suitable manner show by their lively spirit that they are not repining, can be of the sole justification of keeping them in the confinement of a cage. And this applies to others besides those fortunate enough to be the pampered winners of prizes. The fanciers are to be congratulated in that the condition of their birds affords ample evidence that they devote as much attention to the comfort of their pets as skill in the production of them.

So it was that I went away with very pleasant impressions of "the working man's hobby," for I saw in it not only the evidences of his care and ingenuity, but also those of a real appreciation of the beautiful.

Our Coloured Plate.

Notes on the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid and Its Breeding.

THE fine coloured plate so skilfully painted by Mr. H. Norman for this Palace Show Number comes at a singularly opportune moment for now the thoughts of all interested in this fascinating branch of our hobby will be turning towards the mating of their birds for the production of Hybrids. There is no more beautiful Hybrid than the Goldie-Bullie, and good specimens are readily saleable at remunerative prices. The parents are the reverse of costly, and easily obtainable. All the fancier needs is sound practical advice on the management. This will be found in our splendid handbook "Cage Bird Hybrids," written by that noted judge and breeder Mr. Chas. Houlton. Every Hybrid breeder should possess a copy of this standard guide; further particulars will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Here are a few extracts from the special chapter devoted to the Goldie-Bullie in Mr. Houlton's work.

"It is now thirty or forty years ago since cage-bird keepers and breeders were first treated to the production of this gorgeous-coloured hybrid. Small and very compact, the colours very bright, the shape good, the feather and condition very fine, it became for these reasons very attractive as a show specimen. It was then considered the 'masterpiece' of productions in cage-bird breeding.

"One (or more) was known on the Show bench, but since then many more have been bred, chiefly in the 'Land o' Cakes' Scotland, to wit. Three exceptionally large and otherwise perfect specimens have graced the Show bench during the last twenty years, all the outcome of Scotch dogged perseverance. Mr. Robert Smellie, of Edinburgh, bred and exhibited one of those three champions; but I don't know the breeder of the one I secured from Mr. Dewar, of Edinburgh, in 1890. It was a real champion in its day, and I still possess it, though now only as a stuffed specimen. The third champion large specimen was first shown by Mr. Cunningham in 1906, and is like unto the other couple in all respects. The stuffed specimen of mine is to-day, as I write these lines, a perfect picture, and a standard type of hybrid beauty to gaze upon.

"Now that I have 'made your mouth water,' to be the possessor of a 'champion' like unto these three, I may say that it will be necessary—if you wish to breed one—to get cock Goldfinches and hen Bullfinches of the very largest sort that can possibly be secured, no matter where they come from. Large indoor flights, or small outdoor aviaries, are the most desirable and most successful places in which to breed these hybrids. I have already given details of such places.

"You must not disturb the birds too much. Follow my instructions as to cautiousness mentioned in detail in this book, and when eggs are secured carefully take them and give them to a reliable Canary to sit on and hatch out. It is not safe to risk leaving the hen Bullfinch to brood, hatch, and rear her own clutch. Only in very rare cases has she been known to go through the ordeal all right. If you have no hen Canary ready to take the eggs you may let the Bullfinch go on sitting for a few days (which most of them will do), but you must transfer the eggs as soon as possible; or you may take the eggs and put them into the egg-keeping box and carefully turn them every day until you have a hen Canary ready to receive them.

A FAVOURITE HYBRID: THE GOLDFINCH-BULLFINCH.

The upper panels depict the parents, the cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, with the Hybrid as it appears when in nestling plumage. In the lower panel are seen the male and female Hybrids in adult plumage after the autumn moult.

Correspondence.

Altrincham Society to be Revived.

Sir,—At the request of numerous fanciers in this district, I have been asked to call a meeting to discuss the advisability of re-forming the defunct Altrincham C.B.S. I may say that everything points to the formation of an extremely successful society, and personally I see no reason why we should not have as good, if not better, society than the previous once popular Altrincham C.B.S. Anyone desirous of joining kindly attend the preliminary meeting to be held on Feb. 16, at 8 p.m., at 4, Shaw's Road, Altrincham.

TOM HARRISON.

Two George Browns in One Town.

Sir,—I take the liberty of writing you re the above. I had intended to ignore the matter, but having received a letter from a party this morning asking me if I was a new comer to the town of Leith, I have decided to send you the following statement, and trust you will give it the same prominence that you gave the other gentleman's epistle. I am a native of Leith, and can trace my peoples' connection with it for nearly 200 years. I have been a breeder of birds for over forty years, and have kept all kinds of creatures, from Canaries to race-horses. I was in business in the city of Edinburgh for many years, having three shops at one time (not bird-shops), and have had dealings with many prominent breeders all over the country. I trust these facts will dispel the idea that I am a new-comer, and thank you in anticipation.

3, Springfield Street. GEORGE BROWN.

A Young Novice and His Yorkshire Canaries.

Sir,—At the age of 15, over a year ago, my father presented me with a pair of Norwich Plainheads, but after visiting a few of the principal shows in Scotland, including the Scottish National, my attention was gradually drawn towards the bird of position, namely, the Yorkshire Canary. At the end of the showing season I found myself the happy possessor of two pairs of Yorkies, procured from two of Scotland's most prominent breeders. With the help of some books on the Yorkshire Canary, and the valuable information gained through CAGE BIRDS, of which I am a constant reader, I launched myself out into the Yorkie. world. I was fortunate enough to rear six young ones, and had the pleasure of winning a medal for the best novice bird at the North-West Glasgow Society's first feather show. I find that the secret of success in Canary breeding lies in keeping your cages scrupulously clean, especially in the height of the breeding season. I earnestly hope to see in the near future the Yorkshire in Scotland becoming as popular as the Norwich Plainhead

JOHN HOUSTON.

Are Specialist Judges a Blessing?

Sir,—Looking over "Twitterings" in "C.B." I noticed the following announcement: Judges at our next annual show, Messrs. So-and-so, all specialists in their several varieties. That set me thinking, and I wondered if specialist judges are as attractive as they might be in drawing an entry. Many years ago now, I was talking over Fancy matters with a friend, and amongst other things this question of specialists came up. I'll tell you what it is, said my friend, I would much sooner exhibit under an all round judge than your specialist. They are faddists, the specialists, and providing you have the bird that excels in the points they are strong on, however good an all over specimen it is, you will have to go down in the list. For a long time now I have thought my late friend was quite right in his statement. You have only to be guided by your own ideas to know that it is so. Put down two or three birds in front of you, and right away you look for one that most nearly fits in with your own particular leanings. Never mind standards; you look for the birds with good head, wings, or whatever it is you prefer. This, I think, sufficiently explains why at some shows you visit some birds well up in the prize list make you wonder however they got there.

JOS. B. MOORE.

The Idle C.B.S. Trophies.

Sir, I saw in your valuable paper that the Idle Society last year had 20 members to start with, and a ten guinea cup from P. Illingworth, Esq., M.P., and a fine shield, and other prizes, which I thought was a splendid start. I have not seen the report of the annual show. I hear that two novices win the cup and shield. If so, why not give their names in CAGE BIRDS. Honour to whom honour is due.

OSCAR THE FANCY.

Roller Society for Ashton-under-Lyne.

Sir,—It has recently come to our notice that there are a number of Roller fanciers around the district anxious to form a society. We cordially invite all those interested to attend a special meeting on Feb. 17th, in the P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, Ashton-under-Lyne; chair to be taken at 8 o'clock by Wm. Foxwell, Esq. Business to form a Roller Branch of the society.

J. WHITEHEAD, SEC.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S., 69, Grangecroft Street, Stalybridge.

Who Bred It?

Sir,—In answer to the letters "Who bred it," and "Is it the same," which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS. The Greenfinch Mule Mr. Parlett has was bred by me in May, 1903, from a Lancashire—Norwich hen given to me by Mr. R. Colton. It won for me fifty first prizes before it was sold to Mr. Parlett. Why Mr. Lunn should say I claimed a bird at Sunderland for £2 2s. I fail to understand, as I have never been there, nor has any one ever claimed a bird for me from there. I should not have entered into this correspondence only that I sold the bird to Mr. Parlett on the distinct understanding that it was bred by me. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

A. SOMERFIELD.

How to Procure Winning Goldfinches.

Sir,—Fanciers will see advertised in CAGE BIRDS during the month of August Greypates at 1s. 9d. each, three for 4s. 6d., or six for 8s. Procure three from one man and three from another, and send them a 1s. extra to get them to pick you out ones with good big heads and fine size, for big heads mean big faces. Have a good flight cage ready with plenty of crushed hemp in separate vessel, as much as will last each day only, as it soon turns rancid. Also have your seed hopper well filled with equal parts canary, hemp, and teazle, and a little inga. Water inside and outside. Plenty of sand. Some wild weed seed, thistle preferred. Don't forget the crushed hemp daily, as I find it very nourishing for Greypates. When moulting give plenty of inga and cracked sunflower, also groundsel. These all help to bring out the much-desired hue on the blaze. Get them to bathe daily, which greatly assists the bloom. If any do not moult out satisfactorily keep them for another year and they will improve greatly. In this way I have staged some very fine Goldfinches.

WALTER CONNELLY.

Tips for Tyros.

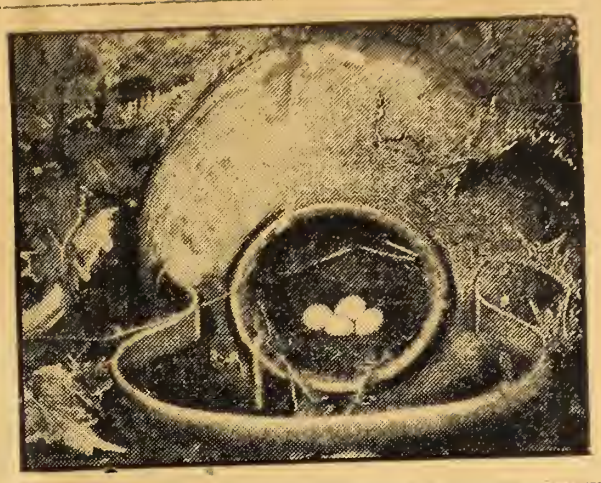
Sir,—In a few weeks the breeding season will be upon us and readers will be contemplating success. To the novice commencing, the following hints will prove useful. Fix the nests where they get most light. Many advocate between the perches, but what seems more important is, where shall I place them to get the morning sun? I have proved by experience that young birds which get this advantage always mature quicker and are generally more robust than those less fortunate. During incubation avoid disturbing the hen unnecessarily, and don't be tempted to meddle when you hear the faint "chirp"; be advised and leave well alone (except to feed) until the third day—it will pay. Then just glance when the hen is off, and if the young appear fluffy and dry, all's well. Strict attention to these points will minimise considerably your chance of having bad-feeding hens. If your occupation be such as does not necessitate early rising, give a little egg before retiring, and put a sprig of green-food in the water-glass; it will keep fresh and ensure hens feeding immediately at daybreak. Finally, always remember, fresh food, cleanliness, and, above all, quietness are essential to obtain good results.

W. HORNBY.

The Redwing as a Pet.

Sir,—The Redwing is the smallest species of Thrush and when flying is easily recognised by reddish-brown patches under the wings. They migrate from Norway each winter to the British Isles. In captivity they require a large cage, which must be kept very clean. The floor should be covered with clean moss. Give plenty of clean water for bathing and drinking. A good stock food consists of crushed puppy biscuits mixed with water or boiled potatoes. Live food and wild berries make up a nice diet for them. The cage should be hung out of doors in mild dry weather and brought in at night. The Redwing is very handy and makes a good pet, but the song is nothing to boast of.

(MISS) M. E. SWEETNAM.



A HOME IN AN OLD KETTLE.

Nest and eggs of a Hedge Sparrow found in an old iron kettle lying in the bottom of a hedge.

Photo by A. L. Bonas.

Random Reflections from a Manse

Sir,—On Feb. 7, 1913, my home and my birds' home was in the great city of Manchester, a place of fog and dull skies—more bricks than birds. For the past eleven months I have been living in the country—three miles from the nearest railway station, three miles from the nearest tramway. Also our house, The Manse stands by itself, away from the main road, fields on every side. There are plenty of birds about and round. Last summer Greenfinches, brown Linnets, Blackbirds, Thrushes and Hedge-sparrows built their nests and had eggs and young in our garden. Oh, it was simply delightful, and in the fields around the Larks nested, and the air was all alive with beautiful song morning, noon and night. "If I had the wings of a Dove" I would not fly away, Mr. Editor. I'm not a young boy, but with a boy's spirit. I've been hoping, and looking, for the white snow. Months since I purchased a sieve (about 20in. diameter) and also procured a length of cord, and I've dreamt of setting my sieve, and getting some good birds.

Do you go Tuttling; have you a good supply of Tuttle sticks? Ah! the language was as Dutch until I got to know the local terms for catching birds with birdlime. I gave a small boy one shilling for a cock "Tolay," and the next few days could have bought any number—the news had spread. The minister at the "Manse" will buy "Tulies" (cock Redpolls) at 1s. We soon undeceived the boys—so one could pick and choose at threepence per bird. Greenfinches are very plentiful. With a trap cage hung at the front of the Manse about shoulder high I have caught scores, only to liberate them, unless a really tip-top specimen was discovered. In this way I think we shall be able to stage some winners in the future.

I take CAGE BIRDS every week, and do so much look forward to Friday mornings. My newsagent lives three miles distant from our village, and now and again he has failed to bring it on Fridays, so that between Friday and Saturday there has SEEMED to be an extra week. Three young men of the village have become enthusiastic bird fanciers. One a year ago had one bird now he has seventeen, and is very keen on breeding this coming season.

In my bird-room the song increases in volume. I have studied the various pairs. I look at the Siskin and Bullfinch pair, and wonder—wonder what? Is there a potential Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid waiting for June to discover itself? Ah, think of placing a Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid on the 1914 show bench!

FREDERICK RICHARDS.

An Amalgamation of Societies at Bedford.

Sir,—The two societies in Bedford are now amalgamated and are working under the name of the Bedford and Bedfordshire United Cage Bird Society. President, G. P. Hargreaves, Esq.; vice-president, The Marquis of Tavistock; chairman, J. Beanland, Esq.; vice-chairman, A. Keech, Esq.; secretary, Arthur Simons, 96, Coventry Road, Bedford, and junior representative Mr. E. Thompson; with a committee of ten members who are elected annually. This amalgamation was by no means through any failure as both societies had a substantial balance in hand after their annual shows last year, but it was the outcome of a common feeling that much better work could be done by one large society. The bird fancy in Bedford is smiling as it looks into the future, and anticipates large shows, good balances, and its secretary intends that all prize money shall be paid out on the day of the annual show as was his method last year. Now, fanciers of Bedford, let me know where you live; let's pull together for a big society and let the United Kingdom know that the Fancy in Bedford is very much alive.

ARTHUR SIMONS, Hon. Sec.

The Need of the Novice.

Sir,—I would like to suggest a scheme for the protection and benefit of the novice when buying stock. I have often felt the loss of expert opinion when making a purchase, and I expect a great number of people are in the same fix. True we have the deposit system, but that does not help us in this matter. Now there are lots of experts in the Fancy well able to value a bird, if we could only get their services. Could not you, Mr. Editor, form some plan to help us by appointing experts in different parts of the country, who for a fee would be willing to value a bird or birds sent to them? I think some such a scheme could be worked with the deposit system, say when the novice is buying, he sends cash and particulars to you. The bird or birds are then sent direct to your expert, who values and sends on to buyer. I should like to have your opinion, and, if you think it worth it, a discussion in our paper, CAGE BIRDS. One with a readier pen than mine could offer some such plan for the benefit of the novice and the good of the Fancy in general. I know this sort of thing can't be worked for nothing, but surely no one would grumble to pay for value received.

NOVICE.

[We are afraid our correspondent does not fully realise the practical difficulties surrounding the working of such a scheme, but we print his letter to give other readers a chance of expressing their views, should they desire so to do.—EDITOR.]

Judges and the Norwich Plainhead Club Standard.

Sir,—At the Palace Show I must say I was very disappointed, after examining the winner in the champion yellow class. One expects to find a Norwich Plainhead in such classes as these (especially the winner) worthy of carrying home in one's eye, to enable one to form some idea of a champion. I think it will soon be time to discard the Norwich as a Plainhead, and enter in the Crest-bred classes, if these sort of birds are to keep on winning. We have a set Standard as to what a fancier is to work to. Does this satisfy? Yes, but only a few judges; for others you must bench a bird as large as possible (never mind if you exceed the limit) as long as there is plenty of colour, and no matter whether browed, so that the bird is almost unable to see. As I am only a novice at the game, I expect I shall get my corns cut over expressing my opinion, but I am quite prepared.

RAW NOVICE.

[In a general way we do not think letters criticising judges' awards serve any useful purpose; as "Raw Novice," however, appears to want to raise a question concerning the Standard of the N.P. Club, we print his communication, but not as any reflection on Mr. Battye's judgment at the Palace.—EDITOR.]

A Warning to the Over-Anxious.

Sir,—My Canaries have sprung into vigour flying from perch to perch, flapping their wings and calling. This state of affairs tempts us to match our birds up without a spring clean of the cages. We cannot resist and will soon have hens sitting. Red mites at once commence business; result, hens leave their nest and eggs, or young. A discouraging start indeed. To the over-anxious I say, wait a while, and give all cages an overhauling inside and out. This is the road to success. Use no paints in the bird room. Give the birds plenty of flight space. Staple food: Best Spanish Canary. Maw, rape, and a few hemp seeds as tit bits. Offer lumps of old mortar liberally. A month hence, should we be favoured with a similar spell of weather as now, match the birds up. Then they have 15 hours' daylight to feed any young instead of 11 hours as now.

J. LOCKE.

(Correspondence continued overleaf)

The Feeding of British Softbills in Captivity.

Sir,—It is certain that the British Softbill birds are becoming more popular. It is but right that this should be so, for, taking them as a whole they are far more adapted to cage life than many of our Hardbills. With a little patience and perseverance on the part of fanciers I am confident that they would become as popular for hybridising purposes as some of the latter species. But there can be little doubt that it is the feeding of these birds that has proved the chief stumbling-block. It is surprising how many letters of enquiry reach me from time to time respecting my mode of feeding Nightingales in captivity. I am always willing and delighted to supply the want.

After many years study and practical experience I have come to the conclusion that for breeding purposes the Softbills should be divided into two distinct classes, viz., the purely insectivorous and the partially insectivorous. More especially is this division important as concerns the former class if they are to be kept in good health and song. I say this advisedly, for you may rest assured that where Nature has decreed that a bird shall live on insect life no provision will be made for the digestion of more solid matter. I feel sure that it is on this account that so many fail to obtain full vigorous song from our more delicate British birds.

As regards those birds which are only partially insectivorous the thing is totally different, for there are some excellent preparations on the market that are quite suitable for such birds as the Hedge Sparrow, Robin, Skylark, Thrush, Blackbird, Wagtails, Buntings, Tits, Nuthatch, and Wood Pigeons.

All these birds devour a large proportion of sodden seed, grain, or nuts, in one form or another, consequently Nature has provided them with strong digestive organs suitable for that class of diet, and providing they are given plenty of exercise, a good bath, and kept clean they can be kept in even better conditon than you find them in their natural haunts.

But with such birds as the Nightingale, Blackcap, Redstart, Garden Warbler, Wood Wrens, Flycatchers, Grasshoppers, etc., nothing of a solid nature should ever be allowed to pass through their intestines or you are going to impair their general condition. Little or no song, poor plumage, and sore feet, can be traced to this method of feeding.

Now let us consider the class of food these birds devour, viz., insects, most of which are little more than jelly. It is true that the wings and legs of beetles, ants, moths, etc., are more solid matter, but these go to help digestion with such birds, being retained in the crop and used to masticate the other portion of food before being finally ejected in the shape of a pellet. This I take to be the strongest argument against the use of crushed biscuit, pea flour, etc., that you get in some of the foods advertised, and mixed in such a manner that the whole passes through the birds, finally injuring their general health and condition. For many years I have fed my delicate Softbills on a mixture of hard-boiled egg, ant's eggs, dried flies, and boiled potato as a staple diet; with a few mealworms and gentles added; the boiled potato taking the place of fruit of which most of these birds are fond. The result has been so satisfactory that it would take a lot of persuasion to get me to alter it after using it for close upon 20 years.

J. Jeffrey.

Cup Running at Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—If your correspondent "Hard Hit" in his complaint under the above heading alludes to the Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland as "The Irish Yorkshire Society" there is no justification for his statement that the novices are neglected. Last winter the above society arranged to have a series of meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month; the object of these meetings being to have lectures and discussions for the benefit of novices and champions alike, but particularly the former, but the attendance was so meagre that they had to be discontinued. It is the writer's experience that the champions of the above society are always willing to render any assistance in their power to any young beginner seeking it, and it is certainly untrue to state that the "long pocket" fancier enjoys a monopoly of their good advice. What does "Hard Hit" want the council to do? To refuse the patronage to societies applying for it surely does not tend to increase entries. The society can hardly compel these people to support their shows; they can only offer them the inducement of a liberal classification, and a special for every class, and careful attention to exhibits. I quite agree with "Hard Hit" that something should be done to avoid clashing of dates, but the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland's cups were competed for at shows which did not clash; this being provided for in the rules of the society regarding cups and patronage. I think "Hard Hit's" suggestion embodied in the latter portion of his hysterical effusion "that we form a working council composed of fanciers residing at distances upwards of three hundred miles apart" would not find favour even with fanciers possessed of the "long pocket" which seems to hit your correspondent so hard. Your correspondent who is so hard hit by the "long pocket" members of the Irish Yorkshire Society, might feel more at home amongst the members of the City of Dublin Cage Bird Society. This society makes (I am informed) a speciality of spoon-feeding novices on preparation of stock for exhibition and as this society is "only for working men in the City of Dublin" the "long-pocket" fanciers will be debarred, and your correspondent will be happy

A Contested Novice.

Affairs of East Ham Fanciers.

Sir, My last letter to you, no doubt, was the cause of us securing several new cage-bird members. I am glad to say that one of our members, Mr. Wadsworth, has kindly promised to give us another cup to replace the one won outright at our annual show: we have also two other cups and two silver medals also promised. We have decided to hold our young stock show Oct. 1, annual show Dec. 2 and 3, lecture and egg competition at Headquarters next meeting (Feb. 13).

E. Oakes (chairman)

DON'T MISS
NEXT WEEK'S "CAGE BIRDS."

Mr. Fred Archer, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Martin and Archer (Huddersfield), exhibitors of Mules and Hybrids.

Do Breeders Use Egg-food Too Dry?

Sir,—Now that the season for hopes of great things is on the horizon and the houses are being put in order, many will guard against the things that pulled down their "glass houses" of the previous breeding season. The many disappointments that are caused by hens refusing to feed their young can be obviated, for it is chiefly caused by dryness of the food supplied. Having witnessed many egg-food making competitions and seen the sickly mixes prepared, I am surprised that disaster has not been more prevalent. The hens must have a food that is easily regurgitated, and I have noticed in the major portion of the foods where hens have refused to continue feeding, that it has been of so dry a nature that it has been impossible for them to do so. The easiest and cleanest method to my mind is the purchase of a prepared food, obtained ready crushed, and all one has to do is to take half-a-dozen teaspoonfuls of this biscuit food, a number of spoonfuls of water and add your egg that has been pushed through a small hand press, and your food is ready in half-a-minute. It is ever of equal moisture. If it is not sticky, but always uniform, contains sugar, is easily regurgitated, and is cheaper than buying biscuits and crushing them yourself. There is no mess, the birds enjoy it, develop on it, and it is suitable for all varieties of Canaries, and only costs a fraction over 4d. a pound.

H. W. Tomsett.

A New Society for Dumbarton.

Sir, A new club has been started called the Dumbarton and District Cage Bird Club, taking in a radius of ten miles. A table show for Canary pairs will be held next meeting night, Feb. 25th, and all fanciers joining on that date will be allowed to compete.

John C. Currie (Sec.).

13 Church Street, Dumbarton

Border Fancy Canary Club.

Proposed Tribute to Messrs. Jamieson and Richardson

Sir, I am pleased to see the long and faithful services of two of the most trustworthy officers ever club possessed are not likely to go unrewarded. Mr. Martin Jamieson was certainly an ideal secretary, of an obliging nature. If ever any member or non-member happened to be in doubt on anything concerning the club or the wee gems that are sheltered under its wings, he had just to drop Martin a note and back came the reply by return. Mr. J. B. Richardson, our late president, took a very active part in the formation of the Club, and is also one of the right sort, never calling a spade a shovel. As a chairman at the annual meetings, he was one of the best, being always very particular in explaining any motion put forward before calling on the members to note, a very essential qualification. He it was who gave our wee gems their name, "Border Fancy," so you see all lovers of the variety are very much indebted to him for that, if nothing else. I would suggest, as a means of showing our appreciation of their services and of the high esteem in which they are held, that we make both of them honorary life members of our club, and in addition, each member levy himself one shilling and forward it on to Mr. Smart, our secretary, which would enable the committee to get something worthy of our club for two "more worthy" old warriors such as our two late officers, Messrs. Jamieson and Richardson.

James Johnston.

Wallsend-on-Tyne.

Sir,—It is very gratifying and encouraging to read the numerous letters in your valuable paper re the above, and I can endorse all that has been written on the way Mr. Jamieson carried out his onerous duties. It shows the esteem and regard in which he is held. I would like to point out to the members that Mr. Smart, the secretary, and myself, had a conversation on the matter, and we thought it best to wait till Mr. Jamieson had entirely relinquished office. The members can rest assured that no time will be lost in furthering the matter as soon as Mr. Smart takes over the books, and gets into working harness: when we shall welcome any suggestions how best to proceed to make the testimonial an assured success.

George W. Brown,
President.

Affairs in Abertillery.

Sir,—In answer to "One Interested" (in your issue of the 7th, re A.C.B.S.), I am not at all surprised something of this sort has arisen. In fact, to cut it short, it seems to me there is something wrong, but what it is and where it is I am at a loss to explain, as all those that are acquainted with me know how hard I worked and how interested I am in the hobby in general. As regards election of officers, etc., I may say I am no office seeker, but I must admit that I was disappointed in the way that appreciation was shown for my help. As regards being elected on the committee, well, I will leave that for some one more deserving. I hope this letter will not cause ill-feeling amongst the other members of the A.C.B.S., as I am one that always likes to see things working smoothly. I will try to do my best for them for 1914. I hope to swell their funds to double if I am spared. It won't be for the want of energy, but I maintain that the honours should be shared as well as hard work.

A. E. Moule.

Sir,—Re Abertillery Members' Show announced to be held at the Cwm Assembly Rooms on Feb. 7th. I visited the above place on Saturday and to my surprise found no show and that the members had stopped holding their meetings at that place. Now, I think it would be more business-like if when desiring to hold a show they made sure of a place before announcing the same in the "Twitterings" columns of your valuable paper, as it proved misleading. I know of one fancier (if not more) who came 12 miles.

A Fancier.

The Favourite Pet in India.

Sir, The most common pet bird of this part of the world (India) is the Bulbul. I have at the moment of writing ten Bulbuls of different kinds, some of which I have had for over a year, and I find that the following stock mixture is all that can be desired: Boil a sheep's liver until it gets as tough as a bit of leather, grate it on a nutmeg grater and let it dry, then mix it with two parts of gram flour (pea flour would probably do); then make your mixture crumbly moist with clarified butter. Bulbuls will thrive on this with the addition of fruit, such as bananas, and if you wish to give them a treat give them a few dates. Bulbuls must have a good-sized cage, as they are active, restless birds.

Sindhi

The Crystal Palace Show.

A Forty Years' Comparison.

Sir, Comparisons are said to be odious, but at times they are both interesting and instructive. A case in point is the recent great show at the Crystal Palace. Strolling round the benches on the Saturday night of that unique birdy function, my memory went back involuntarily to the late 'sixties when I visited my first show at Sydenham's great glass house. The contrast was stupendous! Then, only a few hundred birds were staged, and the spectators comprised a mere handful of dandies of the period, wearing stove pipe hats, fantastic looking frock coats, and peg top trousers; whilst their lady companions were attired in capacious dresses, the material of which would make half-a-dozen present day costumes. Now, hey presto! Some 2,500 birds were on show, and the vast arena was packed with a keenly critical crowd drawn from all parts of the country. And the birds? Those of the early days of which I speak were mere "wasters" in point of class compared with the elegant specimens of to-day; especially the Norwich and Yorkshires. The great strides made in the Fancy is without doubt directly attributable to such a fine journal as Cage Birds.

John B. Waterman.
Vice-pres. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

A Hero of Many Fights.

Sir,—I was more than delighted to see my winning yellow green Yorkshire on the front page of our friend Cage Birds. Your artist deserves every credit for depicting him so truly, especially the pencilling and jet black flights, which are about perfect. This bird is the hero of many fights. His colour is of a brilliant grass green, and he compares more than favourably with the clear Yorkshires for type. I am very proud of him, and have refused several good offers to part with him.

J. W. Metcalfe.

The Disqualified Border at Bethesda Show.

Sir,—I am very sorry Mr. A. Wellings failed to find "fair play" in his catalogue my easier than I found it at the above show. I should have thought it would have been an easy matter to him, seeing he was the judge. I have no objection to signing my name, and I hope he will have none in answering my questions.

A. W. Huxley.

A Loss to the Isle of Man.

Sir,—It is with regret that I have to announce the death of my noted winning linnet. This bird, which was caught on the island, was a good sample. It won numerous honours under such judges as Messrs. Battye, Hirst, Willings, Brotherhood, Jackson, and Gill. I am cheered in having another promising bird, one of last year's branchers. Thanks for recent colossal birthday number, a real treat.

William Foster.

Douglas, I.O.M.

Why Not Classes for Hen Mules?

Sir,—Classes for hen Mules I think would be a step towards popularising Mule breeding, and a great help to Mule breeders; especially those who have the misfortune to have the greater part of their Mules hens, probably with a good specimen or two amongst them. There are classes in the other varieties for hens; why not for Mules?

G. Wilson.

The Kingfisher and Its Fishing Exploits.

Sir,—It is a wondrous study to watch the Kingfisher. Here is a gentle bend in the river, the haunt of a pair of these birds. The stream is bubbling in the glorious June sunlight; the willows hang in exquisite and graceful lines over the margin of the water. On the old stump on the other side of the stream a Kingfisher takes up its stand. We must be very quiet and keep our eyes well open or the deed will be done before we are aware of it. Watch through your field-glasses at his every movement. Scan those microscopic eyes. He sees every fish that passes, the shoals of silvery minnows, roach, and dace, and speckled trout. Look, he is down. There is a splash, an upward movement and he is off into the bank yonder. In less time than it takes to tell the tale his fledglings are receiving their due portion of the spoils. The bird does not always watch for its prey from the favourite stump, but will flash down stream with the rapidity of thought, then hover almost motionless, and dart down upon its prey. The fish are held crossways in the beak, and the indigestible portions are cast up in the form of pellets, in the same manner as by Owls and other species. These pellets serve for a nest. They are tramped into a cup like structure. The "nest" is in some hole in a bank, but it has been found in the hole of a wall and in the holes of water voles.

Douglas Morrison

A Water Paint that Won't Wash Off.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondents re water paint that won't wash off, in my opinion some do not attach enough importance to the cleansing of the insides of cages before using "Walpamner," or any other water paint. As is well known the interior of most cages are white-washed, or coloured in the usual way, with size added for binding purposes. By putting "Walpamner" or any of the water paints on top of this, providing there should be any trace of size in the undercoat, it is absolutely a waste of time and material, for in a few weeks or less it will chip off and fall to the cage bottom. To prevent this in cases where it cannot be thoroughly washed or scraped off a thin coat of paint should first be applied and allowed to properly dry. Then use either "Walpamner" or "Duresco," which are ideal water paints for the purpose, and you will have a job that will look well and last for a considerable period. G. F. GRIFFIN.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Mason, who asks for a water paint that won't come off, I have always found the Indestructible Paint Co.'s "Wallene" very good. It washes splendidly, lasts for years, and I have never found it rub off. It can be bought in a large range of shades. The address is, King's House, Kingsway, W.C.

A. B. ELLIS.

Sir,—We have used on all our cages and the insides of the large flights and aviaries, Hall's Sanitary Distemper, and it won't rub off when it has dried. It is quite harmless to birds. Have used it for eight years almost every day. PETS SUPPLY CO.

To be a Successful Breeder.

Sir,—All breeders to be successful must see that everything is kept perfectly clean. I find when washing my bird-room floor and also my cages that a few drops of sheep dip in the water will leave your floor and cages free from all red mite or other insects, without doing any harm to the same. Then before I enamel my cages I give them a coat of very thin glue; when dry, they only require one coat of enamel. Give the best seed you can get, fresh water every morning; also plenty of good clean gritty sand and cuttlefish bone. My last appeal is to novices specially: Don't pair your birds up too soon. Have patience, and you will benefit by it. Don't try to breed with birds that are whetzy, or birds not to the full strength, which is wanted when breeding.

JOHN MASSEY, JUNR.

My Magpie.

Sir,—I thought it would probably interest some of your readers to hear about my Magpie. I brought him up from the nest when he was ten days old. He only had a few feathers, and no tail at all. I fed him on scraped raw meat, putting it in his mouth with my fingers, and he used to be so hungry he would try and swallow my fingers too. I had him for three years and could do anything with him. He spoke a few words and chattered and whistled a lot. I had to go away, and though it was a great grief to me I had to give him up, so I asked the Zoo to take care of him. Seven months afterwards I went to see him, not expecting him to know me again. I went to the aviary he was in, and though I couldn't see him I called "Billie, Billie." He at once flew up to me and clung to the wires, and went through all I had taught him, and we were both terribly sorry to part. Surely this is an extraordinary memory for a bird who had never before mixed with other birds.

CONNIE E. BRINKLEY.

The Charm of Canary Breeding.

Sir,—The charm of Canary breeding lies in its uncertainty. In most things you may reckon that one and one make two, or seven and six makes thirteen; but in this hobby you often find two and five make one only; again one and one sometimes makes four; and there you are! One needs lots of patience, and must not be knocked out by the first blow. How often you get the reply "Oh, I've thrown it up, I could do nothing with them," when asking a birdy acquaintance about his birds. Some tire very soon, others last a bit longer but finish up with "I hadn't time to look after my birds, they were too much trouble." Fancy a bird lover talking about too much trouble! Why, he actually makes work; there is always something he can find to do, and even when he is amongst them resting and smoking he is thinking out some plan of improvement. Every season brings its own particular work. Winter, cages repaired, cleaned, painted; spring, birds in condition, and pairing up; summer, helping the tired feeders, and giving the early parents a rest; autumn, moulting out future "Palace" winners, and selling surplus stock. And so the year goes round bringing pleasure, healthful occupation, and remuneration.

I. G. WESTGATE.

Congratulations to a Good Fancier in Ireland.

Sir,—In a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS a letter appeared dealing with Irish shows, from a fancier's point of view, in the Scotch Fancy sections, and counselling us all to try and remedy the errors of the past. This matter I hope to take up a little later, when pressure in your columns is not so severe as at present. The writer of the letter referred to was Mr. Wm. Dunlop, of Ballymoney, a true fancier, one of the right stamp, and before this appears in print the jovial William will have taken unto himself a wife. I got into the know a day or two ago, and am keeping the matter "very private," but think all Irish fanciers would like to join with me in wishing our friend all the pleasure, happiness, and prosperity that is possible, and in a good Irish way say to both, "May your shadows never grow less."

ROBERT TRIMBLE.

To Get Breeding Pairs into Condition.

Sir,—Seeing we are bordering on the breeding season breeders should now begin to get their stock into proper condition by giving occasional tit-bits, a little egg mixture and dandelion leaves, also a little hemp seed, and a few drops of chemical food in the drinking water twice weekly. This I have found most beneficial in bringing forward the stock into that condition every breeder is delighted to see, both cocks and hens bouncing on the perch and flapping their wings, which is a sure sign of health and vigour. Breeders then know it is time to look out their boxes, taking care they are clean before putting breeding pairs in, and seeing that plenty of grit is supplied, and twice a week a little inga seed, which is a sure and safe preventative against egg-binding. Mule and Hybrid, especially Hybrid, breeders would be well advised to put pairs together immediately, keeping them together for six weeks. Then separate them, putting them into a cage with a wire partition in the centre, thus letting them see each other. Keep them in this fashion for another three weeks and then put them back into their breeding-box. They will be surprised with the results derived from these methods.

FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY.

Why's for the Wise.

Sir, Why has the domestication of our British birds been neglected, when it is obvious that there is as much scope for experiment and scientific culture in each particular "Britisher" as there has been hitherto in the Canary? Look now at the number and variety of "Canarydom," all descended from the little "greenery-yallery" wild Canary.

Why don't some of our enthusiastic aviarists experiment with some "top-notch" British birds? Surely with judicious mating these would, in suitable quarters, breed something as good as the parents, with always the possible chance of something even better. Anyway, these aviary bred birds would probably take to studying the multiplication table in an ordinary breeding cage and so with selection and rejection, progress would begin. How much better also it would be if hybrid experiments could be made with domesticated birds, and the food difficulty be a bogie of the past.

Why do we see or hear of so few Softbill Hybrids? What a field is open here for the fortunate fancier with patience, and opportunity—in the country districts. What lovely hybrids one can imagine from some of these beautiful birds. We townsmen can only hope and wait patiently.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

Wild Caught Hybrids.

Are They Escaped Birds?

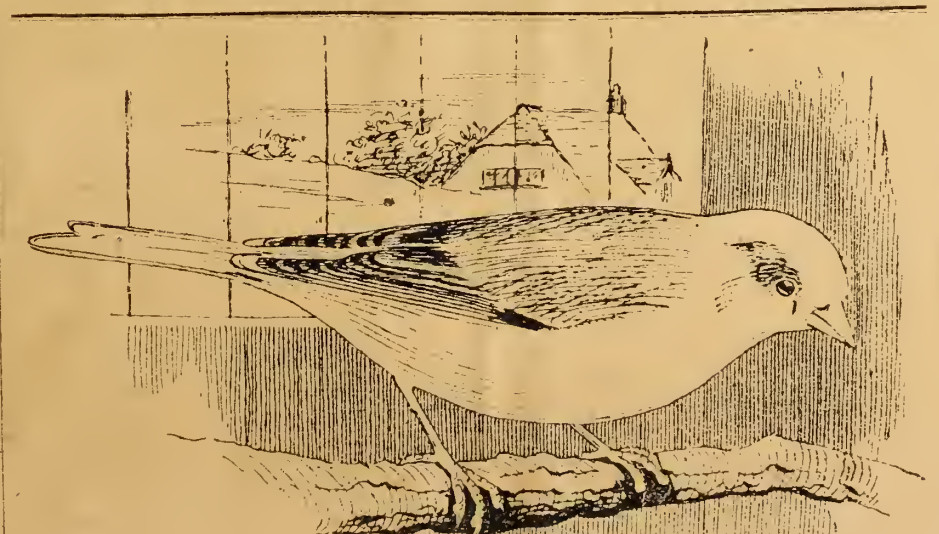
Sir,—I enclose you a few particulars of the No. 1 Hybrid, which appeared in your paper, if you care to publish same. The No. 1 bird was caught at Mossley Hill, Liverpool, by Mr. Lonsdale, of Garston, B.B., and I think it is certainly what it is represented to be, a Redpoll-Greenfinch; as I had the bird in my possession nearly a month, and had plenty of time to study its actions. I think it must have escaped from somewhere, as it was so tame, and had the bad habit of twist or twirl, so common in Mules. It calls like a Greenfinch. I have another one, which was caught at Wallasey by a Garston man, but this bird is different altogether; it is like a Green Roller hen, only for its very black legs and dark eyes, and it has a lot of light green on its breast and around the neck. It is very wild in its cage. It was a Siskin that brought it down into the nets. Mr. Cutmore has seen the bird, and says it is similar to the one he had in his possession, only a little larger, which he thinks is an Argentine Seed-eater. If this is so, it seems strange that these two birds should be caught so close to one another, one at Flint, and the other at Wallasey. Perhaps some other reader may have had one of these birds. The question crops up, where did they come from? They must have been brought over and let out, or escaped from an aviary. I do not think that Hybrids are bred wild, but that those we hear of getting caught are bred in aviaries, and either escape or get let out. I think some of the finest places that could be used for Hybrid breeding would be some of the park aviaries, as numerous birds may be seen pairing up in the breeding time. If a little discretion was used in the putting in of different birds, I think there would be quite a number of Hybrids bred, and it would cause a lot more interest to fanciers who visit these places. In Liverpool we have quite a number of members going in for Hybrid breeding. J. LLOYD.

Two Experiences of Hand-Reared Birds.

Sir,—A young hen Greenfinch which I reared from the nest was remarkably tame, and took a delight in perching on my shoulder, and pecking most savagely at my ear. It was a charming little pet and absolutely fearless. It had a great liking for house-flies and always knew when I was catching them. It would wait in its cage with a most knowing look for them, and being offered one would take it from my fingers and eat it with gusto. I believe that this insect food, although the bird was a hardbill, was a prime factor in successfully rearing it.

Two Yellowhammers left out of a nest of three, I was informed, were for disposal. I journeyed to the house of the boy who had them, but as he was out playing I had to seek him elsewhere. Across fields and meadows I went until eventually my search was rewarded. After persuasion he consented to accompany me back. I had grave misgivings when I saw those two poor birds, unable to feed themselves, panting heavily, eyes discharging, and too weak to stand, fed only on bread and hemp seed. For very pity's sake I gave the boy what he asked for them, and took the orphans home, expecting a funeral the next morning. But somehow they survived and were persuaded to take a little for their stomach's sake. From that time they never went back, and progressed until they developed into two fine birds, as perky and impudent as one could well wish.

B. SENRAB.



A handsome variegated Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 3rd prize at Bournemouth Show. The property of Mr. E. T. Haines, of Bournemouth.

How to Get Fertile Eggs from Bullfinch Hens.

Winner of our 10/6 prize.

Sir,—Those who are thinking of trying to produce a sensational exhibit for the next show season of the Canary-Bullfinch cross, would do well to adopt the following methods of pairing. Get a Bullfinch hen, one that has laid eggs in confinement preferred, and of good substance. For her mate have a Clear Yellow Norwich cock, one that you know comes from a clear strain. Have him with plenty of substance and of nice type and quality of feather, two-year-olds preferred, as a bird that age is more likely to fertilise than an unflighted one. When building operations commence, get a cock Bullfinch and place him in a position so the hen Bullfinch can see him and hear him "call," and when the hen Bullfinch calls the Norwich cock if in good condition will respond to the invitation. Place the clutch of eggs under a reliable sitting and good feeding hen and await results. You will be more likely to produce fertile eggs by adopting the above methods.

F. C. SIMS.

The Norwich at Banstead and Burgh Heath Show.

Sir,—On December 10 I had two Norwich Canaries at above show, open classes, 1st, yellow cock, cap and eye marked, 2nd, clear buff hen. I dispatched them from Thornton Heath on 9th, the birds arriving at place of show at 6 p.m. same date. I visited show two hours after it was opened, and, to my surprise, I found the yellow cock in the buff class, and the buff hen in the yellow class. No prize cards on either, although I entered them vice versa. This, I allege, was done by someone connected with the show. I called the attention of the secretary to same. I subsequently saw the treasurer, who placed the birds in their right class, and called the judge, Mr. G. Gardner, who gave 2nd prize to the yellow cock, which the treasurer could have done himself, as there were three prizes offered, and there were only two entries in that class. The hen was passed, the judge saying "No colour." What else could he do when he had awarded prizes (limited) to birds in the buff class? I have written two letters to the secretary, also treasurer, who have ignored same, only sending me second prize money five weeks after show, but schedule states prize money guaranteed to be paid within fourteen days in open classes. Is this fair play to exhibitors?

Our Busy Season is at Hand.

Sir,—The present month is the time of the year when the fancier will pay attention to every detail connected with the bird-room. Every spare moment is fully occupied. The stock has been carefully selected, each pair has been judiciously matched, and all surplus birds disposed of—if not, a small advt. in CAGE BIRDS will do the needful. Cages and perches should be thoroughly scrubbed with soap and hot water, to which a few drops of carbolic or other disinfectant has been added. When perfectly dry, distemper them inside; also do likewise to the walls and ceiling of the bird-room. The fronts of the cages and seed boxes should receive one or two coats of black lacquer. Then number each cage, the number of the cage to be the same number as the hen's; hence the hen in Cage No. 1 will be Hen No. 1, and so on. This will save an immense amount of trouble in pedigree breeding. Put each hen in her own cage at least a fortnight before running in the cock, to allow her to settle down in her new surroundings; at the same time tie a piece of string to the front of the cage. This will keep her busily employed.

From now onwards allow each bird a teaspoonful of mixed seed twice a week, and give the cocks a teaspoonful of egg-food each day per bird; also give boiled carrot or any green-food (but be careful it is free from frost). When the cages are cleaned and distempered, wash each bird, as a good "tubbing" before the breeding season puts them in good form for the trying ordeal expected of them in the months to follow. For nesting material give moss, cow-hair, or charpie. Pair up the last week in March if the birds are in condition and the weather favourable, and then give a teaspoonful of egg-food to each pair per day. Let your motto be: Patience, quietness, cleanliness.

JOS. WRIGHT.

Many letters crowded out till next week.

The prize of 10s. 6d. for the best letter goes to F. C. Sims, for letter entitled "How to get Fertile Eggs from Bullfinch Hens."

Some excellent letters had to be passed over on account of them exceeding the stipulated length of 200 words.

Ed.—C.B.

The London Cage Bird Association Annual Dinner

is very largely attended. A Presentation to Mr. Allen Silver.

The twenty-fifth annual dinner of the London Cage Birds' Association, in conjunction with the National British Bird and Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, was held, on Feb 9, in the Gordon Hall of the Restaurant Frascati. The occasion was signalised by the presentation of an illuminated address, bearing some 60 signatures, to Mr. Allen Silver, F.C.S., in recognition of his valuable services as Hon. Sec. of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

In making the presentation on behalf of the committee Mr. John Frostick dwelt upon the important part played by Mr. Silver in organising the first exhibition of foreign birds, arranged under the auspices of the League, and emphasised the esteem with which he is regarded by his colleagues. It was pointed out that the exhibition in question was the largest display of foreign birds ever got together in this country, and Mr. Silver, in his brief, but neatly-worded, response announced his intention of seeing that it should not be the last.

Mr. R. L. Crisp, the chairman, in proposing the toast of "The King and Royal Family" made a neat speech, in which he recorded the happy results of the increase in the prestige of the Crown, and further insisted upon the importance of the Royal influence in the affairs of the nation in general. In replying to the toast of "The Fancy," Mr. Robson, of the L.C.B.A., and Mr. Trower, of the N.B.B. and M.C., both expressed their gratification at seeing the organisations representing the Fancy joining forces on the occasion of the annual dinner. Both expressed their conviction that the fortunes and interests of the breeders' art could be rendered only more happy from their close co-operation.

In the course of their speeches the two gentlemen alluded to the recent uneasiness which has shown itself in some quarters with regard to the rearing of birds. They made appeal for more impartiality in the subject, and said that a closer acquaintance with the methods of bird-breeders and fanciers would remove the prejudices of those who believe them to be harsh and unfeeling. Mr. Watts, replying to the same toast on behalf of the F.B.E.L., drew attention to the long life of the other societies as compared with the brief existence of one year which was all the F.B.E.L. could claim. He hoped, however, that the League had already shown sufficient justification for its inauguration, and trusted its day would prove to be no less than those of the kindred associations.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Press," spoke of the value to the Fancy of the publications which looked after their interests, and were the organs of all who take an interest in bird-keeping. He said that, although they read "contrary to time in the Press matters which did not please them, he believed he was voicing the sentiments of the Fancy when he said that their appreciation of the Fancy journals was profound. Their relation with them were on the whole most [illegible] and he (the Chairman) was not pleased, on behalf of the company and the fancy at large, to welcome the representatives of the Press who were present. In responding to the toast Messrs. Lee and Curl alike expressed their appreciation of the Chairman's remarks, and said that the Press would endeavour to retain the goodwill of all in touch with the Fancy.

On rising to propose the toast of the "Ladies and Visitors," the Chairman said he was glad to see so many visitors present, and hoped they would again be the guests of the Fancy organisations on future occasions.

The Coming of the Lady Fancier.

Referring to the ladies he reminded them that the time may yet come when the proud possessors of the vote, they will do the exhibiting while their husbands stay at home and darn the socks! He thanked them for the pleasure of their company, and the toast was drunk most enthusiastically. Mr. Lewer replied for the ladies, and Mr. H. H. Towers for the visitors.

The serious business of the evening was most agreeably lightened by the entertainment provided by a number of talented artistes. Some excellent songs were interspersed with clever ventriloquial and conjuring turns, the company showing by hearty applause its complete satisfaction with the programme.

In the course of the evening a telegram was read from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, manager of the Cage Bird Show at the Crystal Palace, regretting his unavoidable absence. It was admitted on all hands that the evening was among the most successful ever held by the L.C.B.A., in the twenty-five years of its existence. The thanks of the company were tendered to the dinner committee for the admirable arrangements made, and to Messrs. J. Tyson, and Allen Silver, for their work as the organisers.

The following was the menu:—

Clear Diplomate.
Cream of Tomatoes.

Fillet of Turbot Florodera.
Whitebait.

Mutton Cutlets.
Chateau Potatoes.
Cauliflower au Gratin.

Braised Ham with Madeira Sauce and Spinach.

Roast Chicken with Watercress
Salad.

Souffle Pudding.

Vanilla Ice
Wafers.

Dessert.

Among those present were: Mr. G. Madewell, Mr. G. Conturier, Mrs. M. A. Feist-Madewell, Mr. C. S. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Miss V. Savage, Miss V. Jones, Miss G. Savage, Mr. A. Saunders, Miss F. R. Cooper, Miss N. Cooper, Mrs. E. Lichfield, Miss J. Berries, Mr. and Mrs. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Messrs. G. J. and A. Warley, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Englefield, Mr. G. Comyns Lewer, Mr. G. H. Lewer, Mr. A. J. Comyns Lewer, Mrs., and Miss Robson, Miss A. Purser, Mr. A. J. Slade, Miss E. Wyndle, Mrs. H. Kendel, The Misses Knight, Mr. E. Mendel, Mr. F. Knight, Mr. B. Knight Miss K. Mendel, Mrs. Trower, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. H. Thompson, Mr. C. Coulson, Mr. W. E. Vickerson, Miss J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harris, Mr. W. A. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Allwright, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. M. Lewis, Mr. F. Easterling, Mr. F. Goymer, Mr. H. Franz, Mr. B. W. Bardell, Mr. A. L. Hopkins, Mrs. J. Swann, Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Green, Mr. S. J. Redevick, Mr. L. Montgomery, Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. M. Broderick, Mr. R. J. Watts, Miss Sargent, Mr. H. M. Moore, Mr. R. E. Forster, Mr. T. Clare, Mr. Palmer, Mr. F. R. Silver, Mr. J. C. Schluter, Mr. O. J. Stone, Mr. A. Mitchener, Miss Towner, Mr. J. Frostick, Mrs. Frostick, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Bentley, Mr. F. Dihart, Mr. P. Mason, Mr. H. H. Towers Mr. and Mrs. Boxall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. A. Wallington, Mr. J. Hazell, Mr. C. R. Tyson, Mr. A. W. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Thynne, Mr. F. Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Askew, Mr. C. T. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Shipton, Mr. J. Hodder, Mr. K. S. Bowron, Mr. F. Carl.

EAST HAM F.S.

Annual meeting, Headquarters, Feb. 5, E. Oakes (chair). No less than 15 new members were elected. New rules were passed with a few alterations. The concert chairman, W. Harwood, announced that his worship the Mayor of East Ham, had kindly promised to take the chair at their annual concert, March 5th, Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove. Young stock show will be held Oct. 1, and annual show Dec. 2 and 3. The first monthly show, all sections, March 19, at Headquarters.—W. Kite.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting and distribution of trophies and specials held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram-street (no date given Ed.). Mr. R. Weggie presiding over a good turnout. Balance sheet showed a fair balance in hand. Office-bearers elected: Pres., Mr. R. Weggie; vice-pres., J. F. Park and T. Penman; sec. and treas., Wm Priest, 6, Orchard-street, Partick. Committee: Messrs. Girvan, Reid, Reilly, McKnight, Marlin, Pinnock, Sinclair, and Anderson. Auditors, Webster and Crighton. Moved that we keep classification same as last year, 9 classes. An amendment that variegy, rock and hen classes be amalgamated was carried. Proposition, that all clubs asking club patronage must appoint specialist judges, carried unanimously. Agreed that Mr. Pinnock lost all points gained at Kirkcaldy through nominating 6 birds instead of 3. Moved that 1st prize counts 7 point in all cases. Rule were then gone into. Decided that rules remain as they are with additional rule that all young birds must be ring or not be allowed to compete for club trophies. Pair show fixed for Feb 10, judge, Mr. R. Weggie; fee 6d. The following members gave notice of specials: Cochrane, Park, Pinnock, Priest, Penman, and Weggie. Proposed and seconded for membership Messrs. McCullen and McCready. Mr. Penman, vice-pres., presented medals and specials to winners: Challenge rose bowl and gold medal, R. Weggie, 105 points, 2nd, Wm. Cochran, 55, 3rd, J. Pinnock, 40; challenge rose bowl and gold medal combined to novice ring birds, 1st Wm Priest, 30 point, 2nd and 3rd equal, Park and Gunning E each, 10; most point ring bird, R. Weggie, 50 points, most points in variegated bird classes, R. Weggie 75 points, most points young cock classes, R. Weggie, 8 points, most point through out season, R. Weggie, 40 point, and most points scratched Park and Cochrane, equal, 18 each most points with 1th prize birds R. Weggie, 70 points special combination nominated bow, Wm Priest, 5 special at 6 nominated show, winners, R. Weggie, Pinnock, Cochrane, Clarton, Park, Gray, Dr. Swan special, Weggie, Jean Bordman, Park, Gunning, Cochrane, Tea. On all the business, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Weggie for presiding, and all retiring office-bearers. Wm Priest, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 7. Mr. Mennard, chair. Proposed we open a list to provide specials for runner up in each section during the ensuing year. Messrs. T. Baldwinson, W. A. Wilson, and E. Middleton kindly volunteered to collect same. Chairman asked for specials, and there was a quick response from Messrs. W. Hornby, J. W. Storey, H. Chew, J. W. Peace, E. Middleton, A. Friend per Mr. W. A. Wilson, medal value 7s. 6d. Mr. Hattersley presented three ernets valued 9s. 6d. each, to be won at table shows, held at club house throughout the year in Yorks, Norwich, and British sections, three highest birds to count. A cup value two guineas was presented by a few gentlemen per Mr. J. Chambers, for unflighted birds, wearing rings, shown at July, October, November, and December shows, three highest birds to count. Birds to be bred by exhibitor. Mr. A. Appleyard was elected a member. Table show and judging competition resulted as follows: YORKS (9): 1, 1, Rhodes; 2, Simms; 3, Baldwinson; vhc, he, e, Storey. NOR. (8): 1, vhc, Hattersley; 2, hc, Chambers; 3, 1, Mennard; e, Baldwinson. BRIT. (11): 1, 1, vhc, he, Middleton; 2, 3, e, Owen. E. Middleton took sp. for most points, J. Chambers winning judging competition.—E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual supper and concert, Tokio Cafe, Jan. 29. There was a splendid turn-up of members, and we sat down to a well-served dinner, the society paying one-third of the cost. After we had all satisfied the inner man, we adjourned to the concert room, where Mr. Tom Leeming had got a few artistes to come and give us a musical treat. H. Smith, W. Sheppard, Tom Leeming, Mr. Robinson (humorist), and Mr Lambert contributed to the entertainment. In the interval we had cups of coffee handed round, and while we sat enjoying these Mr Dent distributed the cups that had been won during the past year. Mr. W. H. Cottam was handed the Stanley Cup for best bird shown by a member at Nov. show, the Oshaldeston Cup for most point at our three shows, the Novice Cup and the Charles Blackhurst Cup, also gold medal for best bird shown by a novice at first feather show, a feat never equalled before by a society's member by a first year novice. Mr. Gillead was presented with medal for most points open bow. Mr Kendal's medal for most points in bow. Mr. Jos. Pick Preston O.S. Cup for most points at the three shows, finally Mr. Isaott was presented with silver cup, kindly given by Mr. Grant, for best bird in flight class. The concert was then resumed, and it was a most enjoyable evening, and votes of thanks to the Chairman and artistes, we all sang "Auld Lang Syne," and brought the meeting to a close.—Henry F. Marsh, Asst. Sec., P.O.S.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Doig's Rooms, Overgate, Feb. 4, A. R. Fowns presiding. There was a good turn out. Three new members proposed, viz., T. Lumsden, P. Bell, and W. Mitchell. There was an interesting discussion on the cage bird Fancy.—Andrew Law, Hon. sec.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS F. & F.S.

Very successful meeting, Pied Bull Hotel, was held on the 5th inst. During last four months we have augmented our membership by forty-two, and shall be pleased to hear of any fancier desirous of joining. H. A. Waldington, Sec, 78, Crown-street, Earlestown.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Monthly meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Perth, A. G. Ferrest (President) in the chair. Mr. W. Mitchell was proposed as a member by Mr. J. L. Smith and Mr. Brown. Moved that no open show be held this year owing to loss on last show. Further moved, that we have a Linnet judging competition at next monthly meeting. J. J. Smith, Sec.

BOWBURN C.B.S.

Meeting, held Wheat Sheaf, Bowburn, Jan. 31. Poor attendance. Sec. would like a good muster on Feb. 14, 6 p.m. Subject for discussion, "Are we to have a table show for breeding pens?" Also question of open classes for annual show. A. E. Priest, Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Meeting, held Victoria Cottage, Broughty Ferry, Feb. 5. Following office-bearers appointed for 1914: Hon. Pres., F. S. Weinberg, Grant Barclay, D. Goodfellow, R. G. Malcolm, R. J. Berg; hon. vice-pres., Ex Baillie J. Gillies, J.P., J. H. Stewart.; pres., R. Carmyllie; vice-pres., W. Keill; all members committee; sec. and treas., Jas. F. Langlands, Victoria Cottage, Broughty Ferry.

BLAYDON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Owing to the small turnout of members (due to local circumstances) the annual election of officers was left over. Following fanciers elected as members: Messrs. W. Routledge (Allendale Cottages, Mainsterley Colliery), G. Dobson (Blaydon), G. Dobson (Crookhill); H. Brewell (Blaydon), M. Foster (Pelton Fell), and R. Peart (Annfield Plain).—Geo. Hayver, Hon. Sec.

BARRINGTON & CHOPPINGTON.

Meeting held Feb. 7. Mr. Dixon presided over a fair attendance. Decided to hold Nest Feather Show July 4, Mr. Sanderson judge; and annual show Dec. 5. All correspondence relating to the society should now be sent to H. Seely, 22, Third Row, Choppington Colliery, near Morpeth.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual dinner and presentation of prizes, Railway Hotel, Jan. 31; 44 members and friends were excellently catered for by our president's wife, Mrs. Tweatyman. Several Bolton friends seemed to fully enjoy themselves. Mr. Ordish took the chair, and made the presentations. Afterwards we had several songs, and everything passed off well. Hearty thanks to the singers and the piano player concluded the evening. R. Charlton, Sec.

DEAL, WALMER & DIST. F.S.

Annual meeting, Mr. Oatridge's Restaurant, upwards of 50 members present. Balance-sheet read and passed after presenting local hospital with £7 7s. showed balance of £17 at bank, with stock of pens, staging, etc., to the value of £21 9s. Mr. W. Bent re-elected chairman, and W. H. Thompson and W. H. Lacy, Hon. Secretaries.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting was held in Drill Hall, on Feb. 4. Mr. Wm. Grewar presided. Prize-money and specials for club show, and show was voted a decided success. Prize-money average 2s. 6d. per class, and at date of writing is all paid out.—R. Muir, Sec.

REDHILL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at Watkins' Hotel, on Feb. 4. We were very pleased to welcome our worthy chairman, Mr. T. Baldock, back again. He has been laid up for the last two months, but I am very pleased to hear that he is much better. Decided to hold pair show on March 4 for Nor., Yorks, Borders, mule pairs, and Hybrid pairs; entry, 6d. per cage. Birds to be at the rooms by 7 p.m. Subs. now due.—A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting, Rose and Crown, Feb. 2, Mr. T. Down presiding. Nearly 200 birds were staged, which made a really good table show. Mr H. Batty judged. Champ. Yorks: 1, 2, Webster; 3, Spenser. Nor.: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Bagnall. Novice Yorks: 1, 2, Towe; 3, Cadman. Novice Nor.: 1, 2, 3, White. Crest and Crestbred: 1, 3, Mennouth; 3, Hodgson. Amat. For.: 1, 2, 3, Lawton. Amat. British: 1, 2, 3, Burcher. Points at all these shows count for gold medals (for novices only) for most points at end of season.—John A. T. Woodall.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Meeting Feb. 3, White Swan, Mr. Gibbins presiding, large attendance. Two new members elected. Mr. Day submitted balance-sheet, showing balance of £12 8s. 4d., was adopted. Auditors' report received with satisfaction. Schedules and tickets for the Combined Charity Show distributed. Decided to give cash specials from funds for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points in each section. Mr. Day is to have management of the supper fixed for the 20th. Usual table show was held, the principal awards went to Messrs. Holder, Sturgess, Kilsby, Freestone, Moores, Jolley, Lamndon, Start, Herbert, Pole, Henney, Barratt, Brooks, Butler, and others. W. Stevens judged, and secured usual vote of thanks.—A. Freestone, Sec.

REDCAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Crown and Anchor, Jan. 17, Mr. Metcalfe (chair). The Sec.'s report on the annual show showed a favourable balance, as did the nine months' working of the society. Following officers elected for 1914: Pres., Dr. D. Leigh; chair, R. Metcalfe; sec. and treas., C. L. Mallory; date of pairs show fixed for Feb. 11, Mr. Metcalfe to judge. Classes as follows: Yorks, yell. cock, buff hen, buff cock and yellow hen, novice, Yorks ditto and Yorks mon'fed; Norwich, same as Yorkshires; Mule or Hybrid pairs; British, Linnet, and A.O.V. Mr. Clarke's special will be awarded to champion gaining most points at this show. It was decided to hold five shows during 1914, viz., Pair show, two nest feather shows, young stock show, and annual show. Sec. moved that prize should be given for 1, 2, 3, most points in each section at these shows, but it was decided to leave this open. Mr. Dixon moved that specials be competed for by starred birds, and it was also decided to leave this over for a larger meeting. It was agreed that we join the Federation, and that Mr. Walburn become a member of this society.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S. ANNUAL DINNER

The fit bit in the budgerigar world in the Sheffield district last week was the 3rd annual dinner of the Sheffield O.S. a function which is now looked upon by local fanciers as the next of importance to the Great All-England show. The attendance was a record, there being upwards of 120 members and friends present, including a great many fanciers from a distance, amongst whom were Messrs. J. Robson (London), and H. H. Towers (Keighley). Messrs. Stephensons, Exchange Restaurant, was the rendezvous, the headquarters of the club having to be deserted on this occasion in consideration of the ladies, who were present in large numbers. The dinner was a grand one, everything being of the best, and the splendid menu did great credit to the caterers. After the toast of "The King, Queen, and Royal Family," by the chairman, Mr. T. Dawe, Mr. Robson proposed the "Sheffield O.S." He pointed out the great strides this infant had made. Not four years ago the Sheffield O.S. was non-existent, and to-day it was considered one of the premier societies of England, practically coming 5th to the Palace, Scottish National, Bradford National, and L.C.B.A.—a very great achievement for such a young society. But could it be wondered that such headway had been made when they perused the list of officials. He was quite safe in saying there was not another society in the British Isles that had such a keen enthusiastic and tried set of workers as the S.O.S. There was that old veteran, Mr. R. Celtan (who had done battle with the speaker 25 years ago), carrying out the duties of assist. sec; Mr. T. Down, their genial chairman, absolutely the best in the land, and that genial smiling Irishman, Dr. Craig (the honoured treasurer), and others equally good. With such men as the Sheffield O.S. cannot help but prosper, and he ventured to state that the time was not far distant when they would be nearer the top than 5th place. A very important item was the presentation of the silver challenge cups, which have to be won twice. The winners were: Yorks, cup Dr. W. Craig (twice), Norwich Mr. Mathews (a novice member), Crests Mr. J. Evans, British Mr. G. Fletcher, Foreign Mr. G. Fletcher. Dr. Craig responded to the toast, "S.O.S." He pointed out that it was the one aim for the society to be the premier society of the country, and what we had done in the past was nothing to what would be done in the future. We should give a greater number of classes, more valuable specials if possible and full prize money in every class, if only on entry, and he was sure that such generous treatment to exhibitors could not but be appreciated, and he was sure that exhibitors would respond at our next All-England show, Nov. 6 and 7, in far greater number than ever before. The next toast was "Visitors, and Kindred Societies," proposed by the vice-chairman, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall. He point d out what a valuable asset the visitors were to a show like the S.O.S. As a committee they could assure them of the warm welcome of visitors on all occasions. As Mr. Robson had said, at each of the three All-England shows held in the formation of the society, we had had the cream of the Fancy; only at our last mourners' show, Mr. J. H. Pew, when judging Small's of bill British, asked if he could give them all firsts. It was pleasing to them as a committee to see so many present representing other societies in Sheffield; it proved the good friendship that existed between them, and he was sure it would always exist. Mr. H. H. Towers, Keighley, responded for the visitors, pointing out what a splendid reception every one always got when coming to Sheffield. He was glad his visit was not a long one, he was returning in the morning or he was sure he would be killed with kindness. He had never seen a society that catered for and studied their visitors more than the S.O.S., and he hoped it would be his luck to be present at many more dinners, shows, and any other functions held under the auspices of the S.O.S. The concert was a most enjoyable one. It included the cream of Sheffield talent, and was enjoyed by all, and when eleven o'clock arrived it was the regret of all. J. A. T. Woodall, Press Corresp.

WOOLWICH F.S.

Annual general meeting, Mission Hall, Plumstead, Jan. 29, was well supported. Mr. A. Thornton (chair). Balance-sheet showed a successful year's work, having a cash balance in hand of £11 10s. 3d., and assets to the amount of £1 2s. 10d.—total of £24 0s. 3d. Resignation of Mr. C. Reed, hon. sec., accepted with great regret, he having steered the society successfully for past seven years. Eleven new members elected, concluding with election of officers for the ensuing year: Pres., W. Crooks, Esq., M.P.; chair, A. Thornton; treas., C. S. Hilbersay; vice, Messrs. J. Boyce and E. Plummer. Committee: Messrs. Clements, Webber, Breeze, Smith, Brebner, Peters, Hussey, Dyer, Honston, Tulley, Curtis, Mannering, Harris, and W. Hussey. Hon. show sec., G. Boyce; hon. gen. sec., G. Eves, 35, Saunders-road, Plumstead.

LAISTERDYKE.

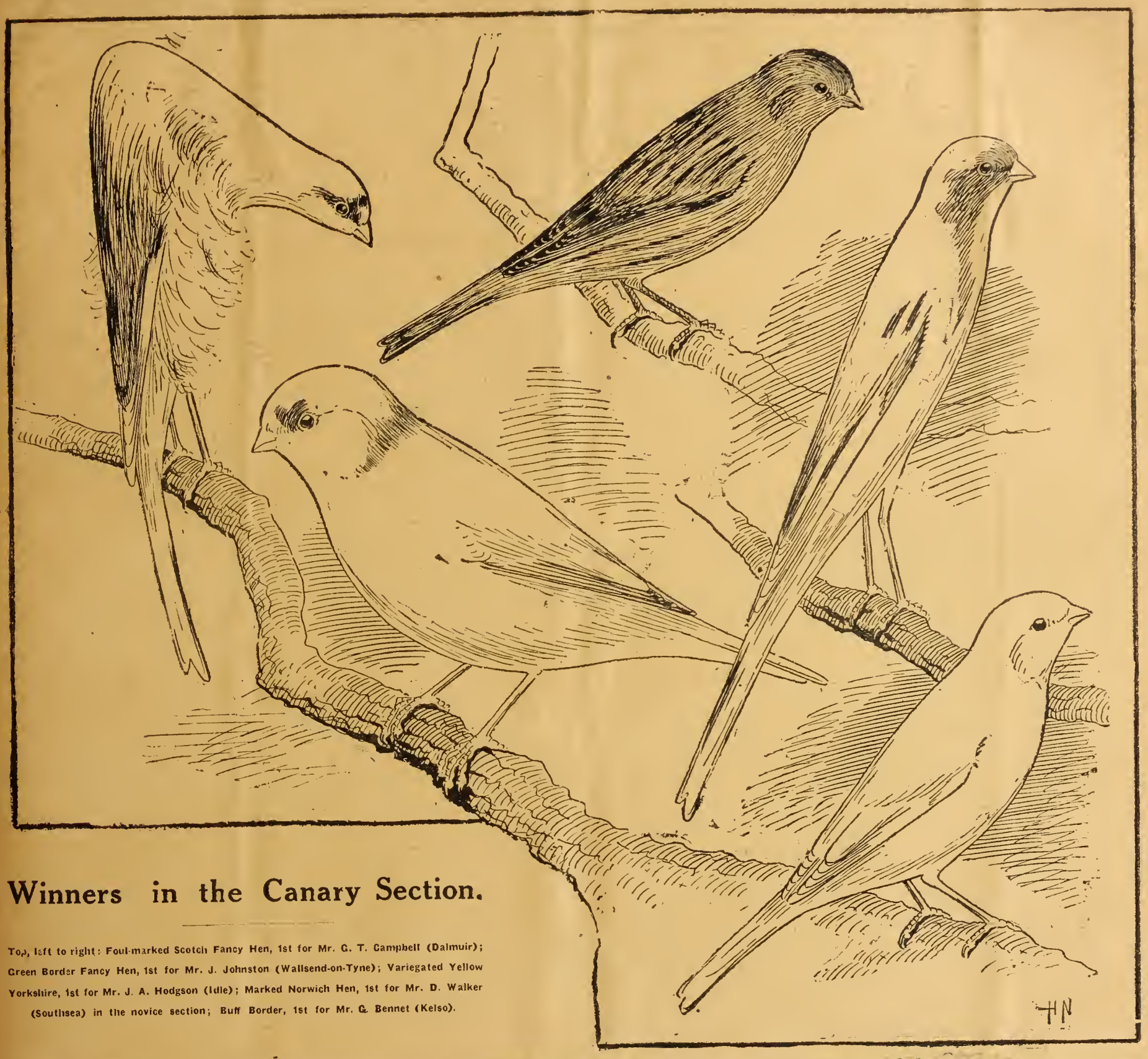
Meeting held Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, Feb. 4. Classification and judges were dealt with for members' shows for 1914. We decided to hold two first feather, and four old feather shows, as last year, on June 13, July 11, Oct. 10, Oct. 31, Nov., 14, Dec. 12. We had the pleasure of making six new members, of which there are a few Norwich exhibitors, therefore we are desirous of making the Norwich section a success this year. We are having a smoker for the presentation of prizes on the 14th March, at 7 p.m. All fanciers welcome (free).—W. H. Symes, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting Feb. 2. Statement of accounts show balance £6 2s. 6d., was considered very satisfactory. After passing a hearty vote of thanks to all retiring, the committee proceeded to elect officers for the coming season. E. Ousman appointed chairman, J. Davis vice, W. Roberts treas. (for the fourth time). The retiring secretary expressed a wish that some other member would take up the office, but the members present would not hear of it. F. W. Alcock again promising to assist. The date of annual show was fixed for Nov. 19; suggested that we have two judges. J. Pritchford.

COLINTON AND CURRIE O.S.

Monthly meeting, held Village Hall, Juniper Green, on Feb. 7, Mr Begbie presiding. New members were admitted: Jas. Downie (Juniper Green), Archibald Fleming (Currie). It was decided to elect our judges at the March meeting, instead of in April as formerly. We decided to hold a nest feather show on July 11. Mr. Steel consented to judge. At the close of the meeting Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith, gave a lecture on nestlings, their feed and feeding, dealing with all the various methods he had tried in his long experience. The lecture proved very interesting both to old and young, and at the close Mr. Steel was granted a very hearty vote of thanks.—Jas. Napier.



Winners in the Canary Section.

Top, left to right: Foul-marked Scotch Fancy Hen, 1st for Mr. G. T. Campbell (Dalmuir); Green Border Fancy Hen, 1st for Mr. J. Johnston (Wallsend-on-Tyne); Variegated Yellow Yorkshire, 1st for Mr. J. A. Hodgson (Idle); Marked Norwich Hen, 1st for Mr. D. Walker (Southsea) in the novice section; Buff Border, 1st for Mr. G. Bennet (Kelso).

CRESTED CANARY CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

THE NOVICE QUESTION DEALT WITH IN NOVEL FASHION.

The annual general meeting of the C.C.C. took place in the Board Room at the Palace on Saturday, and was somewhat protracted, lasting, in fact, from 2.30 p.m. to well past 6 o'clock. The following members were present: Mr. G. C. Ley (chair), Mrs. Robson, Miss Onslow, Messrs. Heath, Crow, Bale, Broad, Shepherd, Franz, Evins Bros., Jones, Seade, Robson, Barnett, Clarke, Horten, Wallington, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. John Tyson. Mr. Ley, after thanking the members upon his election as president, stated that while it was an office he did not in any way covet, he would do his best in the interest of the club. The minutes of the last general meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary presented his annual report and the balance sheet.

The question of the Roberts Cup was then discussed, and the Secretary stated that it had been won by Messrs. Evins Bros. (Cheers.) Subsequently a discussion arose as to whether the whole of the conditions imposed by the donor of the cup had been carried out during the last few seasons, viz., that it should be competed for at 20 shows each year. Mr. Heath was of opinion that as these terms had been altered he thought that the consent of the previous winners under the original conditions should be obtained as to Messrs. Evins Bros. taking the cup, but personally he hoped that the cup had been won, as it had been a drag upon the club for years. This met with the hearty approval of the meeting, but upon the Secretary stating that he had written to all the previous winners the correspondence was ordered to be read. Mr. Tyson mentioned that all had replied except Mr. King, and all were in favour of the cup going except Mr. Joyce. It was proposed by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Heath, and carried enthusiastically, that it be published in the Fancy Press that the Roberts cup, the conditions of which had been altered during the last few years, be handed to Messrs. Evins Bros., the winners, unless protested against within 10 days.

Following this, Mr. Franz moved the resolution standing in his name, viz., "All birds must wear the closed ring to enable them to compete for all specials and bowls, and that birds must be bred by exhibitor." Around this resolution the meeting talked for some considerable time, and at times strayed from the subject, but Mr. Ley kept the meeting well in hand, and advised the members to consider the matter very seriously, as in his opinion the compulsion of members to have their birds ring would be detrimental to the interest of the club, as if the members were hemmed in with too many restrictions it might tend to decrease rather than increase the membership. Subsequently Mr. Jones, of Jones and Crest, pointed out that as drawn the motion would bar all but young birds winning the club's specials. The matter was then put, and on a show of hands was lost by 5 to nil. The matter, however, was again taken up by Messrs. Robson and Heath, and eventually the resolution was amended and put as follows:—All current year's birds must wear the closed ring issued by the C.C.C. to enable them to compete for all specials and bowls." Upon this being put to the meeting, it was carried by 10 votes to 4.

Mr. Ley then moved the revision of counting points for the specials so as to give the novice a chance. This was thought to be drastic, and upon being put to the meeting was lost. Shortly, the scheme was to give a greater encouragement to the novices and remove the paucity of entries in the Crest classes.

Mr. Ley said: My idea is to do away with the present system of best birds specials, and to give all members a sporting chance of winning them. Those who have already one or two wins to their credit for the clubs' trophies will still, as though they had won on points, take credit for them. To my thinking this scheme is the only means left to keep specialists clubs in existence. Under present conditions exhibitors, after the first or second show of the season, have a pretty good idea who have the best exhibits, and who are going to gather in the trophies for that year, consequently this makes for scarcity of entries, and loss to shows which come later. My remedy is a startling and drastic one, but I feel confident it is a sure cure, that is, revising the points in such a way that the majority who do not own the champions, stand an even chance with those who do to carry off the club trophies. The champion exhibitors will have the consolation of taking the full points and prizes offered by the show they are exhibiting at, but for the cups, bowls, etc., offered by the club the birds standing in the cards belonging to members will take the largest number of points, namely, first prize, 1 point; 2nd prize, 2 points; 3rd prize, 3 points; 4th prize, 4 points; vhc, 5 points; hc, 6 points; c, 7 points; res., 10 points. Club shows will be assured of at least 8 entries per class from club members, because they are fighting for points, and, all members having an even chance, it will keep the fight open until the end of the season. The eighth honour card, reserve, with 10 points, equals the points taken by the four birds in the money in each class. This is the vital spark, because it will bring entries from those exhibitors who previously could not show with success or any chance of winning the cups and bowls offered by the club. It will throw out of the business those folk who show birds for profit as a business side line. It will check the career of Mr. Money-bags, and bring the best birds within the reach of the working man fancier, which will once again bring a boom into the hobby of breeding and exhibiting cage birds.

Mr. Clarke made a very excellent speech, pointing out that while he was in favour of something being done, and that at once, to benefit the novice, he did not think that the scheme of the President would do so, but he gave that gentleman every credit for his attempt. Mr. Heath, who also agreed with Mr. Clarke's remarks, proposed, and Mr. Broad seconded, that a committee be appointed to investigate the scheme, and, if necessary, to substitute and submit another; this was carried. Messrs. Heath, Clarke, Shepherd, Crisp, Franz, Robson, and Tyson, were appointed as such sub-committee.

The next item read: To discuss ways and means of raising a cup fund, one member having promised £10 if the remaining members would find £40. This, after some discussion, was also referred to the same sub-committee.

After this the discussion was as to the lack of interest by the secretary and members during the last year. Mr. Heath stated he was a little surprised to see this item upon the agenda. They all knew that the secretary had had a great deal of trouble during the last year, and he felt he was expressing the sentiments of the club in saying that they agreed he had always done his work well, and he felt sure he would always do so. A little friendly banter ensued, but this was promptly ended by the President calling the next business. This was the drawing of the £3 3s. specials. Buffs fell to the Plymouth winner, Mr. Bale, while in the yellows the winning ticket was for the L.C.B.A., so that the special fell to Evins Bros.

The last item was quite one of the best pieces of business done, and it was brought forward by Mr. Robson, who moved "That the novice rule be altered, and that the novice period be expanded to three years," pointing out that under the present system of three wins a fancier was placed in the Championship section too early, and the small chance of winning further without any period of experience was very detrimental to a young fancier.

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CREST CLUB MEETING Continued.

Mr. Jones, of Jones and Crest, moved that in future the status of members be dealt with by the annual meeting, as to whether during the following year they were in the champion or novice class. A great discussion arose. Mr. Heath supported Mr. Jones, but eventually Mr. Clarke hit upon a dividing line between the two, which was enthusiastically received, viz.:—A.—That a novice shall exhibit in this section for a period of three years. B.—That a recently-promoted novice whose birds are not of sufficient merit to compete in open competition, may apply for readmission to novice section. C.—That any novice exhibitor whose birds have not attained sufficient merit for open classes may have an extended period granted him at the discretion of the C.C.C. Committee. D.—Any novice exhibitor showing birds obviously capable of successfully competing in open classes shall be summarily promoted by the C.C.C. Committee. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The financial position of the club continues satisfactory, there being a cash balance of £11 10s. 6d. and other assets totalling £33 2s. Mr. Tyson reports that the annual election resulted in the following gentlemen serving on the committee for 1914: Messrs. Heath 43, Barnett 42, Bale 39, Ley 39, Robson 37, Evins T., 37, Tyson 36, Colledge 36, Crisp 34, Rhodes 34, Crabb 31, Dobson 28, Joyce 28, King 28, Clarke 25, Mills 25, Greenwood 25, Broad 24, Franz 24, Brotherton 19, Smith 18. The president elected is Mr. G. C. Ley. Judges: Messrs. Heath 45, Robson 42, Tyson 37, Barnett 34, Colledge 31, Rhodes 30, Ley 28, King 27, Joyce 25, Bale 22, Crisp 17, Dobson, reserve, 15. Auditors: Messrs. Heath 32, Robson 27. Hon. Sec., J. Tyson, 25; Treas., J. Tyson, 21. 54 voting papers returned; 4, unsigned and 2 part irregular.

THE JUDGES' LUNCHEON.

This function is one that is always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation from year to year as the meeting ground of many old friends, who annually renew associations and gossip of the days that are past. This year all present missed the genial presence of Mr. G. Crabb, who for many years has presided over this the one social function of the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show. In the absence of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society's popular president, Mr. T. Heath, the founder of the society, took the chair, and he was supported by a company of about sixty, amongst whom we noticed the following: Dr. and Mrs. Anningson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trower, Madame M. A. Feist Madewell, Messrs. G. A. Harris, G. Ramsden, C. W. Law, F. Carl, Geo. H. Couzens, J. S. Clarke, J. Wones, W. Mundell, H. Norman, J. Robson, F. A. Loach, R. L. Crisp, J. A. Tonks, E. J. Lamb, W. Kiesel, H. W. Battye, F. L. Marriott, Jas. F Dewar, F. Oldroyd, Joe Thomas, C. Roehl, T. Britton, A. Hutton, C. E. Silk, Walter Swaysland, H. J. Fulljames, H. T. Camps, Allen Silver, F. J. Day, F. J. Green, W. A. Lott, R. J. Pretty, H. Parkinson, Geo. E. Russell, J. Houghton, R. Bamber, Wesley T. Page, W. R. Miles, Thos. Burr, F. J. Wickham, J. A. Pughe Morgan, J. Oldaker, T. H. Milsom, Geo. Gardner, R. Newley, G. E. Weston, J. Hodder, H. W. Hobden, and C. A. House.

The speeches, usually commendably brief, were on this occasion more brief than usual. Mr. Heath, on rising, said he would not detain the company long, as he was only going to propose one toast—"The Judges"—but before doing so he wished to say how much he regretted that owing to the indisposition of Mr. Crabb, their esteemed president, he was occupying the chair that day. Mr. Crabb had been ill for about a fortnight, and particularly wished to be with them that day, but his doctor had sternly and definitely forbidden him to do so. He had, however, sent them a telegram, which he would read: "Heartiest congratulations to all; sorry I cannot join you." Another old friend, familiarly known amongst them as "Old Joe," had also sent them a nice letter conveying his heartiest congratulations and wishing them all a happy time.

Speaking to the toast of "The Judges," Mr. Heath said they had a good show again. He had nothing sensational to announce. The show was about the same in the number of its entries—a few more, he thought, than last year—whilst the quality was quite as good as usual. In some sections there might be a bit of a falling off, but it was made up in others which showed improvement. They had a good show, splendid weather, a better day they could not wish for; all that they now wanted was a good gate, and then everything would be all right. Following usual custom, he would ask the two youngest judges to reply—Messrs. E. J. Lamb and R. L. Crisp both of whom were on that occasion making their debut as judges at the Palace.

Mr. R. L. Crisp wished he had not been called upon to respond, for at the moment he felt more like a criminal than a judge. He did not suppose he had given satisfaction to everyone, but he had pleased himself. Possibly had he given all the exhibitors lists he could have satisfied them. He had made his selections, and placed his own views before them somewhat as an autocrat. He could do it there. It was some satisfaction to a married man to be able to say and do as he liked sometimes. He could not always do it at home. Those who were married would appreciate the point. He thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received. He could say that he had some good birds in the classes he had handled, and he had enjoyed judging them.

Mr. E. J. Lamb replied briefly, and to the point—so briefly that one was led to believe that Mr. Lamb had taken to heart the advice tendered of old to "stand up, speak up, and shut up."

Mr Ramsden rose and asked the favour of the gathering to make a personal explanation. He had been accused in a certain quarter of using boycotting tactics, and the impression was abroad that the L.P.O.S. was boycotting the L.C.B.A. He could assure them that such was not the case. There was no feeling of antagonism in the L.P.O.S. towards the L.C.B.A. There was room for both, and they on their part desired to work with rather than against the L.C.B.A. What had given rise to the idea was the fact that early in the year the L.P.O.S. decided to follow the custom of the Yorkshire Union regarding the rule that no judge should judge the same classes at two Union shows, and came to the decision that no judge should take the same classes at the Palace as he judged at the L.C.B.A.

Mr. W. Swaysland, in proposing "The Chairman," said they were always pleased to see Mr. Heath's smiling face, and pleased to see him in the chair to-day even though they regretted the reason of his being there.

Mr. Heath briefly thanked the company for toasting his health, and said he would convey to Mr. Crabb the meeting's regret and good wishes.

Record Sales AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE . SHOW. .

Splendid Wind-up to the 1913-14 Season.

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THE last landmark of the 1913-1914 season was left behind with the close of the Palace Show on Tuesday last. This fixture—the 55th of its kind—held Feb. 6, 7, 9, and 10, proved a worthy addition to the long list of successful exhibitions of cage birds housed in the historic "palace of glass" at Sydenham, and another feather in the cap of the London and Provincial O.S., under whose auspices it was held.

Sections that See-sawed.

The entry was once again really excellent—over 2,500 birds being on view—and the average per class in advance of that obtained last year. There were some rather curious fluctuations, however, in the various sections. Norwich Plainheads, for instance, assembled in great force, but their Crested brethren "slumped" in a manner that must have caused their admirers some concern—even one of the novice classes had to be cancelled. It was good to see the Scots Fancies and Belgians in fair numbers once again; and the Dutch Frills—curious creatures to English eyes—made quite a strong class. The insectivorous British bird section was another that "see-sawed" with a bang in the wrong direction; but the Foreign birds rose to the occasion in fine style and provided most attractive and well-filled classes, a pleasing contrast to the state of things prevailing in 1913.

The weather, that most important factor in the making or marring of the enjoyment of visitors and, to a certain extent, the comfort of the birds, was on something better than mere "best" behaviour. The height of the mercury in the thermometer would have done credit to a day in May. On the opening day the sunshine was glorious, and overcoats became a positive burden. During the Saturday afternoon heavy showers came on, but the air remained warm and the light good. Sightseeing was thus carried out under the pleasantest possible conditions and the birds looked their very best. We heard of no casualties whatever, and hardly a "sick and sorry" specimen needed attention during the live days the show lasted.

Much of the credit for the splendid condition of the exhibits is, of course, due to the excellent food provided, and to the excellent methods followed by those responsible for the feeding. Messrs. Trower and Co.'s noted insectivorous foods and yolk of egg were supplied to the softbill birds, and the seed-eaters were catered for by Messrs. Carter and Co., the renowned seedsmen. The work of feeding was in the hands of an able staff, with Messrs. Small and Grutchfield once more at the head of affairs. These veterans have grown grey in the service of the Palace Company and, incidentally of exhibitors of birds, having a record of over fifty years at C.P. shows!

Something Like a Food Bill.

The thoroughness of Small's methods is evidenced by the following list of foods which he handed to the show manager as being required:—Canary seed (sack), mixed seed (half-sack), hemp seed (do.), white millet (do.), Indian millet (do.), Parrot food, maw seed, small maize, English rape, German rape, spray millet, niger seed, wild seeds, oats, sponge cakes, bananas, oranges, grapes, apples, currants, rice, potatoes, eggs, meat, stale bread, condensed milk, mealworms, pot of honey, a few carrots,, "Cecto," "Softbilo," Lark food.

The management was again superlatively good. Exhibitors, of course, know that this goes without the saying. Their confidence in Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the genial show manager, has been proven over and over again by the splendid entry so consistently accorded him. He is out to do his best for all concerned, and fanciers always get from him a fair and square deal. Whatever promises he makes he performs, and while he keeps a cute eye on the "box office receipts," as every successful manager must, he is ever ready to listen to anything exhibitors or others may have to suggest, and to carry out their ideas if practicable. The latest instance of his consideration was seen in the permission he offered to give to owners of delicate foreign birds to remove their exhibits from the show on the Saturday night, should the weather turn out to be sufficiently severe to cause them any discomfort. So long as J. W. R. remains at the helm, it is a foregone conclusion that the Palace Show will remain a model one, and a credit to our hobby; and exhibitors will not forget the fact. Mr. Ramsden as we have many times had the pleasure of stating, is fortunate in commanding the help of two willing workers in Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. G. Ramsden, jun. The value of their assistance can be adequately appreciated only by those who know the long hours they put in for the "good of the cause," at much personal self-sacrifice.

The usual excellent paid staff of workers had great help rendered them by various members of the C. and P. O.S., prominent amongst them being Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Huggins, Madame Madewell, and Messrs. R. Bamber, G. H. Couzens, F. J. Day, F. J. Green, W. Kiesel, R. J. Pretty, J. Oldaker, R. A. Newley, and W. Salter. A pleasing feature was the manner in which several outside fanciers "took off their coats." Messrs. Parker Robinson, F. L. Marriott, Hutton, Wilcock and Brittain worked long and well. Mr. Hodder also supervised the packing of the Norwich on their return journey. The show was cleared with the utmost dispatch, and by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday every bird had left the room and was on its way home, where we hope all landed safely.

The attendance was perhaps hardly so good as on the occasion of the 1913 fixture; but it is not easy to judge, as sometimes the fact that an important football match is being held in the Palace grounds swells very considerably the crowd in the show-room. There was a fine sprinkling of provincial fanciers amongst the sightseers, and many old friendships underwent their annual renewal under the happiest of conditions. The signatures in CAGE BIRDS visitors' book, which will be published next week, will evidence the fact that there was no falling away in the attendance of the leading lights of the Fancy. There were many distinguished visitors, too, and we had the pleasure of explaining to Sir E. Ray Lankester, K.C.B., the eminent scientist, the intricacies of the various Hybrids, and the beauties of the breeds of Canaries. Sir Edwin expressed himself as charmed with all he saw.

We shall probably be able to see this show over again, for on the Friday a cinematograph operator was busy filming the scene—including many of the birds in their cages—and if successful the pictures will be shortly thrown on the screen at numerous halls and picture palaces throughout the country. We may have some further information to proffer on this point next week.

Wanderers Return to Their Homes.

No untoward incidents occurred, beyond the lodging of three or four protests against exhibitors in the novice section for alleged infringement of the novice rule. Only two birds escaped, and one—a Bearded Tit—was secured by the aid of a syringe full of water, much laughter being created owing to the dousing of Mr. Rochl's stall by the eager gentleman operating the syringe. A Hybrid got out by way of the waterhole. The owner could hardly believe this, and was inclined to the opinion that someone had negligently opened the door of the cage; the bird, however, was returned by the way in which he made his exit and—well, seeing is believing!

The great sensation of the show was undoubtedly the judging for the £10 10s. trophy, the two £10 10s. cash specials and the £78 in cash specials offered by CAGE BIRDS in the grand finale of our Championship Coupon Competition, which has been so conspicuous and successful a feature at all the leading exhibitions of the country during the past season. The board outside the manager's office, on which the special prize awards are posted, was early besieged by an eager crowd anxious to know what their birds had done, and who had secured the coveted chief prizes. Our office and stall, too, were bombarded with telegrams and letters from competitors seeking similar information. The championship £10 10s. trophy fell to Mr. A. J. Smith's magnificent Crest, which also, of course, secured the £10 10s. for best champion bird, and the £10 10s. for the best novice bird to the lovely even-marked Goldfinch Mule so well staged by Mr. W. Levick, of Tamworth. We heartily congratulate these gentlemen on their success, and feel sure that their brother fanciers will join us in so doing. The section winners are fully detailed in our critique, but, as the awards are subject to scrutiny (as stated in our last issue), we do not propose to publish a final list until our next number.

By the invitation of Mr. Carl, the judges at the show partook of lunch on the Saturday, as some slight recognition of their work on CAGE BIRDS championship scheme at the Palace. They were joined by several representatives of the journal, members of the staff, etc. A jolly hour was spent, and everyone seemed to enjoy the good things provided by the caterers, Messrs. Lyons, an excellent cigar at the finish being a pleasing finale to the other "finale," in which the judges played so well their important part.

We heard very few "grumblers" round the show, and the gentlemen who succeeded in satisfying the exhibitors by their skill in sorting the wheat from the chaff (not that there was much of the latter on the benches), were Messrs. H. W. Battye, H. T. Camps, R. L. Crisp, J. Dewar, H. J. Fulljames, G. Gardner, T. Heath, J. Hodder, C. A. House, E. J. Lamb, W. Mundell, H. Norman, F. Oldroyd, A. Silver, W. Swaysland, G. E. Weston, and J. Wones, with Mr. J. Robson (reserve).

On every hand expressions of sympathy were heard with Mr. G. Crabb, the popular president, at his enforced absence, owing to illness, and the wish of all was that he may speedily and thoroughly recover.

The Money Box.

We believe the sales were a record, over £300 being taken at the office, and, strange to relate, the closing day equalled the amount taken on the Saturday, which is always considered to be *the* day. The highest priced bird to change hands was Mr. John Broad's grand buff Crested hen, at £35, and high as the price is, we know that popular John B. will be sorry to part with her. Mrs. Gould was the fortunate purchaser. Another notable exchange was Mr. R. L. Crisp's marked yellow Yorkshire, at £16; this bird is the sensational southern exhibit that whacked the best of them up Yorkshire way. Mr. Dykes, of Bradford, took a fancy to it. Many fanciers were looking for good Norwich at low figures, but they were not to be found. Mr. McAndrews' winner was claimed at 7 guineas, and Mr. Litchfield's unflighted buff at £5. The only sale of any note in the novice Norwich section was Messrs. Handley and Sons' grand buff hen, at £3 10/-. Mrs. Litchfield was almost in tears over the loss of her buff Crested hen, which somebody ran away with, leaving a five pound note at the sales office in exchange. In the Yorkshire section we heard that Mr. Binns 'charming unflighted bird had found a new owner at 10 guineas, and Messrs. Haggis's hen for three. Somebody could not resist securing Mr. Atkinson's lovely buff hen, standing second in the novice class; the price paid was £4 10s. A few Borders changed hands, the chief of which was Messrs. Burton Bros.' four-pointed yellow at £2. One of Mons. Anbac's Dutch Frills will not cross the Channel with him; it was secured at the catalogue price of 10 guineas by Mrs. Gould. No end of birds from the Limit and pair classes were claimed at popular prices, a proof of the value of the Palace as a sales ground. Several Hybrids from the Linnet class were picked up, and Mr. Jamieson's Dark Goldie will remain in a well-known Southern room, the figure being 4 guineas; also the 2nd prize dark in the novice section, at £3. The sales in the British bird section were not up to the average, and nothing was bought up at any sensational price, the chief being Mr. May's Waxwing at £3, and Mr. Goodall's Mealy Redpoll at £2. A Chaffinch out of the novice section, exhibited by Mr. James, of Brighton, standing 2nd, was secured for £2 10s. There were a few very nice exchanges in foreign birds, among them being a pair of Rosella Parrakects at £3, a Red-faced Love Bird at £10, Combassou at 3 guineas, Rainbow Buntings at £6, and the handsome Chinese Starling, exhibited by Mrs. Sharples, at 4 guineas. The extra stock class, as usual, was nearly cleared out, birds of every variety changing hands freely.

AMONG THE STALLHOLDERS.

Messrs. Spiller and Baker, Ltd. (Cardiff).—This well-known firm had on view the whole of their various specialities, chief amongst them being the well-known packet seeds and foods so essential to all keeping birds, together with their many medicines and remedies for ailing birds. We were informed that the recent demand has been far in excess of previous seasons, while their seeds were again being selected with that care and attention that have helped to build up the reputation the firm has established, and which every effort is used to maintain.

While hardly coming within the catagory of stalls, there was a very handsome show case holding the various special prizes to be won at Ramsden's Autumn Cage Bird Show, to be held at the Crystal Palace on Oct. 27th, 28th, and 29th next. Also there was a collection of the specials given for birds colour-fed solely on Mr. Ramsden's pure pepper—and very handsome prizes they were, the silver teapots, cigar and cigarette cases, cruets, etc., etc., were well worth winning. We elicited the fact from Mr. Ramsden that thet autumn show is being held to meet the requirements of amateurs and novices (with a guarantee that full prize money of 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, for an entry of 1/6, will be paid). There will be classes for champions, amateurs, and novices, and also £5 limit classes, while a specialist judge will adjudicate in each section. This certainly seems a step in the right direction, and we commend the show to our readers. The colour foods of Mr. Ramsden, for use during the 1914 season, are exceptionally fine.

Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian-rd., London.—At the stall of this well-known firm we were pleased to see that Mr. Trower was in personal attendance, and despite the fact that he was very busy, he had time, or at least made time, for a cheery word with all. Many an old customer came to renew acquaintanceship, while Mr. Trower, with a novice, was always obliging and doing his best by a hint in the right direction as to feeding, to assist by his advice. We carefully looked over the various seeds, canary, rape, millet, hemp, linseed; in fact, seeds of all sorts; they were of the very best, and were there merely for show purposes, for many a bag during the time of the show had to be renewed. The patent foods, "Cecto," "Softbilo," and "Egbisco," Mr. Trower was able to inform us were still in great demand, and as the years roll on are sold in ever-increasing quantities. One word of advice we are asked to convey to readers, and that is, ere long canary seed will have a very sharp rise, and those who are wise will buy now, ere the price is against them. This firm again supplied the food for the insectivorous birds in the show.

J. Carter and Sons, Raynes Park.—This well-known firm ("Good Old Carters") had their usual stall arranged as a huge cage, upon which we saw some excellent food of the right quality. It is almost sufficient to recommend this firm's food anywhere simply to mention again the fact that they were responsible for the seed supplied to the exhibits during the show. It is always a pleasure to inspect the excellent quality of the foods which have made such a name for this firm. Carters stand for "the best" in seeds of all varieties. A P.C. to the above address is all that is necessary to bring their price list along per return.

W. J. Hammond, Catford, manufacturer of a medicinal preparation called "Parmassina," for Canaries and all kinds of cage birds. It is claimed that

NOTABILITIES OF THE HYBRID AND BRITISH BIRD SECTIONS.

From a drawing [*by H. Norman.*

From left to right, top: Lightly-marked Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid, 1st prize for Mr. H. P. Hart (Meldreth); White Hedge Sparrow, 2nd prize for Mr. S. H. Mays (Wansford); Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid, 1st prize for Mr. F. Collins (Camborne); Siskin, 1st prize for Mr. R. Calder (Whitburn); Yellow Wagtail, 1st prize for Mr. R. C. Tout (Portsmouth).

this preparation prevents and cures asthma, wheezing, diarrhœa, and as a tonic during the moulting season and the winter months is invaluable. It is sold dry, and mixed with the food it is stated that the birds will readily take it, and that the effect after a day or two is to give the ailing bird a new lease of life.

R. A. Newley, Stockwell Green, London.—This well-known manufacturer of cages and appliances of every description had a grand display of his specialities, and we cannot speak too highly of the workmanship—it was really excellent, while the prices charged, seeing the quality, are most reasonable. Show cages were very nicely got up and finished, while the breeding cages were built upon a plan making it very easy for attending to the inmates. Parrot cages, flight cages, stock cages, etc., all were there, and the finish showed that only expert workmanship is employed in the manufacture. "Ranio" Bird Tonic is now being used in large quantities, and Mr. Newley holds testimonials from the leading exhibitors as to its great value.

R. Hyde and Co., Camberwell, London.—This firm had on view many useful appliances, chief amongst which was their famous food hopper and holder, while their well known Iron Tonic Grit, Parrot Food, Aesthetic Seeds for Song Birds, Special Seed, Fruit and Egg Flake Mixture, were all being shown. The Hartz Mountain Bread, we are told, was at present in great demand. The firm was making many new friends; their regular customers are never afraid to recommend them, and are doing so daily. Fanciers with lung trouble amongst their birds cannot do better than give a trial to the famous Lung Drops prepared by this firm; it is in liquid form, and easily administered

W. Baron and Co., Ltd., Bacup.—Manufacturers of "The Kozy Karrier," which is worthy of the notice of all exhibitors of birds. They claim that the greatest drawback to exhibiting is the great risk of exposure to which the birds are liable to and from the shows, and that by the use of the "Karrier" this is eliminated. The boxes are made of vulcanised fibre, and while undoubtedly streets in front of the old wooden box, they cost no more. The cases are extremely light, and thus money is saved in railway charges. Many fanciers saw the wonderful test that the "Karrier" was put to, viz., an empty box was placed upon the ground, and we saw two bulky fellows stand upon it without in any way damaging or injuring it. This is a great point when we remember the liability to rough usage on the railway. A P.C. to the firm at the Yorkshire Street Mills, Bacup, will by return bring fanciers full particulars and prices, which are extremely moderate.

Joe Thomas, Ambler Thorn, Halifax.—At this stall we could not, even had we tried, have failed to be interested, for "Joe," who was in personal attendance, and, let us whisper quietly, highly elated at his success with his show birds, gave us a hearty Yorkshire welcome. The birds for sale which he had on view were really excellent and sound specimens, while the prices asked were most reasonable; the birds were being offered and sold upon his usual guarantee of good faith, viz., seven days' approval at his risk. This is dealing of the correct stamp, and one which commends itself to every fancier, for it shows that Mr. Thomas is always ready and willing to back the birds he sells, viz., that at the price the quality is correct. Under these circumstances sales were, as might be expected, very brisk. If you have not got a catalogue, take our advice and send for one to Mr. Thomas, a P.C. is sufficient, but kindly mention CAGE BIRDS when writing.

Charles Roehl, 400, Edgware Road, London.—There were some excellent Rollers on this stall, and we were very much amused by a query we heard a charming member of the fair sex address to her escort. She enquired whether they were called Rollers after Mr. Roehl! The birds and appliances on view were really splendid, and again the price asked for the exhibits appeared to us quite reasonable, while the appliances for bird-room and aviary were very excellent. Mr. Roehl caters well for Roller fanciers.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARIES.

Norwich Plainheads came together in good numbers, in considerable advance on last year's entries. There were some magnificent specimens on view in both the champion and novice classes. Mr. Victor Williams' winning yellow is a nice bird, but we greatly admired Mr. Crawshaw's 2nd prize yellow, also Mr. McAndrew's variegated buff. This bird won CAGE BIRDS £3 coupon special. It was generally admitted that there never has been seen such a grand array of novice Norwich, especially as regards quality. 117 birds were staged in the four classes allotted, and some of them could have won in the champion classes. The winning buff could have won amongst the buffs in the champion class. This bird is a true Norwich, the winning yellow is a lovely specimen, and the unflighted yellow shown by Mr. N. Leese would be hard to find fault with; this bird was shown in grand form, and does its owner great credit for the excellent way in which it was staged. On the whole the Norwich Canary is certainly advancing, and has an ever increasing number of admirers, as was proved by the large numbers gathered around the chubby ones. We had the pleasure of meeting many well-known fanciers, among whom were Mr. E. Baker, Cowes, Mr. Peter Waring, Preston, Messrs. Richardson, Matthes, Crawford, Cole, Byne, Kerr, Steed, Spillman, jun., Gill, Plymouth, Dr. Weeks, Southampton, Richards, Treorchy, and many others.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

CL. YELL. (15): 1, CAGE BIRDS £1 prize, Victor Williams, well up in size, grand silky feather, deep, rich col., not best of heads; 2, Crawshaw, grand bird all over, good full head, cobby shape, splendid front, deep and well over, as we saw it, our choice; 3, Joe Thomas, bold bird, size all there, neat wings and tail, body well clothed with good silky coat, had moulted few feathers, which probably told against it; 4, Irons, blaze of colour, true wedge shape, tight feather, very compact, carries right wing a little awkwardly at times; vhc, sp., C. W. Silk; hc, Wilson; c, Williams. BUFF (8): 1, Joe Thomas, wonderful size, sound col., nice bloom and frosting, good, well filled in back, most useful for breeding room; 2, C. W. Silk, very deep col., carries splendid texture of feather for a bird of such size, but loses to winner in shape; 3, Houghton, not so large, perhaps, but closer feather, very compact, loses little in size to leaders, but a good bird for all that; 4, Ball, very smart, well across perch, flights splendidly covered with lovely silky coat, good carriage, fails a little in head properties; vhc, Williams; hc, Taylor; c, Pippon. Taking them on the whole, we have seen better buffs at the Palace on former occasions. TED., ETC.

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YELL. (13): 1, CAGE BIRDS 10s, champion prize, McAndrew, eye, neck, and wing mkd., nice front, fair shape, blaze of col., feather of the best texture; 2, Houghton, mkd. both wings and eye, sweet bird, like a wedge, feather of the very finest qual., fitting closely, not so large perhaps, but very neat; 3, Rippon, marked head and wing, well-known winner, in good form and well shown, deserves its place; 4, Joe Thomas, nice col. and texture of feather, had apparently moulted several feathers around beak and neck, which probably put it back; vhc, Capt. Collier, very nice bird; hc, sp., Richardson; c, sp., Marsh. BUFF (15): 1, CAGE BIRDS' £3 championship prize and coloured diploma, McAndrew, variegs., grand size, sweetly moulted throughout, very bold specimen, grand idoom, shown in fine form; 2, Williams, another of the right stamp, perhaps larger head than leader, equally as good in feather, but not so massive in build, nor so hot in col., nevertheless, a good 2nd; 3, Houghton, well-known winner, saddle marked, another of those large ones, which carries type and silky texture of feather, hardly in so good form to-day as we have seen it, owing no doubt to strain of show season; 4, Hirst, one of the coobiest, deep, broad chest, grand neck, clean, cut away, teeming with quality, could have stood higher perhaps; vhc, Crawshaw, another charming birds; hc, Hathaway; c, Taylor, a very nice class. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, Joe Thomas, rich, deep colour for a hen, and certainly a large one, carries nice feather, but we preferred 2, Butler, a beautiful hen, sweetly moulded throughout, broad, deep chest, short and compact body, very close feather; 3, Crawshaw, grizzled tailed, very short and smart, lovely plumage, qual. of the finest, best of wing and tail, carriage close up; 4, Pickles, nice big hen, of true Nor. properties, hardly the quality perhaps; vhc, Richardson; hc, Marsh; c, Howard. BUFF (17): 1, Houghton, Horticultural Hall winner, really a grand hen, one of the best of heads, grand shape for such a big one, great depth, hard to find fault with, wins; 2, Baker, another of wonderful size, feathered to perfection, bold front, best of colour, good second; 3, Miles, right stamp, true to type, splendid wing and tail, carriage, loses a little in size and depth; 4, Pickles, broad, well filled back, broad chest, good size, presses hard; vhc, Marsh; hc, Paling; c, Sampson; indeed a wonderful class. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, sp., 4, Joe Thomas, cl., grand shape, stands right across, wings and tail well carried, nice even col., shown in the pink, 4th, ticked back of head, Horticultural Hall winner, one of the best in class, but had moulted several feathers on back, which no doubt told against it; 2, Houghton, better head and col., and rather deeper front as it appears to-day, but loses a little in condition to leader, make a stormer another year; 3, Victor Williams, nice round back and chest, good wings, well clothed with feather of best texture, loses a little in colour, and has moulted few feathers on head; 5, Butler, beautiful head, sweetest shape, nice qual., rather paler in col. than leaders, a nice one for all that; vhc, Foxall, Houghton; hc, Irons; c, Hirst. BUFF (22): 1, CAGE BIRDS £2 prize in champion section, 5, Joe Thomas, fine massive bird, great depth of chest, in fine form, wins, 5th, bird of great size, and subs., but not so compact; 2, Crawshaw, variegated, sweet exhibit, a Norwich all over, very neat head, short, compact body, teeming with qual. and rich in col., not quite so large, but a good second; 3, Lichfield, finely built, broad, deep chest, stands well over, wonderful qual. for bird of such great size, fails a little in head to leaders; 4, McAndrew, another of right sort, nice qual., little slack at thighs when we saw it; vhc, Hathaway, Pickles; he, Butler; c, Sampson.

Mr. J. Hodder's Classes.

NOVICE YELLOW, CL., ETC. (30): 1, CAGE BIRDS Novice Diploma, Stubbs Brothers, neat head, finest shape, nicely rounded body, very compact, finest colour and qual.; 2, Birkenshaw, variegs., another really nice bird, shows himself off to perfection, red hot col., close up; 3, Sheppard, mkd. head, neck and wings, true wedge shape, nice level col., fine bold front, hardly so broad; 4, Handley and Son, very large bird, good head and neck, feather of finest texture, hardly so good in wings and tail as leaders, useful stock bird; ex. 4, Bielby, wing tkd., grandest of heads, lovely shape, quality of feather all to wish for, seems to have moulted several feathers on head, or might easily have been higher up; 5, Burgess, sweet bird, Norwich all over, fails to leaders in col; vhc, Gough and Loach, Sears; hc, Cunduff, Gill; c, sp., Phillips, Brown. BUFF (25): 1, Stubbs Bros., cl., grand bird, wonderful skull, hard to find fault with, an eye opener for a novice, could have won in open; 2, James, shape of the best, close fitting jacket of finest texture, very sound col., very compact, but hardly the subs. of leader; 3, Richards, smooth as glass, beautiful col. and frosting, very neat all through, fails only in subs.; 4, Sheppard, eye mkd., good chubby bird, full broad skull, clean cut, splendid wings and tail, loses little in qual.; 5, Raver, nice shape and qual.; vhc, Brown, Olle; hc, Cunduff, Gough and Loach; c, Phillips, Allen, two very strong classes. HENS A.V. (25): 1, Walker, variegs. yell., broad, full chested hen, good Norwich properties all through, a big one, well shown, wins; 2, Handley and Son, cl. yell., very neat head, fine body shape, stands right across perch, clean cut away behind, useful hen, loses only in size; 3, J. Davies, another of right stamp, charming lady, in grand form, close up; 4, 5, Gough and Loach, mkd. buff leading, sweetly moulded all over close and compact, splendid car., a good fourth, 5th, charming hen, for shape, hardly subs. perhaps; vhc, Scholes, Graham; hc, Allen, Sheppard; c, Phillips, Brown. UNFLIG. (36): 1, Fretz, cl. yell., little gem, a true Norwich it would be hard to find, short, compact bird, lovely front, glorious qual., grand, even col. with just a little more size would hold his own anywhere; 2, Gough and Loach, mkd. buff, grand, thick-set birds, finest feather, richest quality, lovely col. and bloom, loses a little in wing car.; 3, Sears, cl., yell., another of right stamp, sweet bird, light as a Java, well shown, hardly size of leader, still a nice one; 4, Pyman, nice and compact all through, very sweet bird; ex. 4, J. Davies, very nice buff, well modelled, not quite the finish, but a useful bird; 5, Sheppard, another very good buff, splendid even col., just a little slack at thighs, which no doubt told against it; vhc, King, Birkenshaw, Handley and Son; hc, Pyman, Wilford, Paver; c, Scholes, Lacombe. COCK, LIMIT., 30s. (51): 1, Thomas, yell., very nice bird, Norwich all over, quickly claimed; 2, sp., Law, yell., mkd., very cobby, rich qual., and red hot col., won Ramsden's spl.; 3, Bennett, buff, nice bold specimen; 4, Phillips; 5, Martin; vhc, Myles, Parr, Martin, Richardson; hc, Jones Wilson; Axe; c, Johnson, Marsh, A. E. Silk. HEN, 20s. (21): 1, G. Thomas, sweet yell., very short, deep chest, really smart hen, cheap; 2, E. J. Richardson, buff, large hen, correct shape, very nice feather; 3, Battersley, another very sweet hen, hardly size of leaders; 4, Wickham; vhc, Phillips, Miles; hc, Wilson, Silk; c, Parr, Silk. Some very useful birds were staged in these classes.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.

The Yorkshires were a grand lot, the two unflighted classes taking the cream. The unflighted yellow of Messrs. Amblers' is a real gem, the very best youngster we have seen out. It won special for best Yorks in the show, also Mr. White's 10s. 6d. and Ramsden's colour spl. What a pity such a grand specimen of the Yorkshire variety was not entered in the CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition. It would indeed have made a worthy champion of champions. The unflighted buff was soon claimed at catalogue price, £10 10s. Mr. Binns' old-buff won again for the third time in succession in four seasons; this bird has won one second and three firsts at the Palace, a performance which will make its name long to be remembered in the history of the Yorkshire Fancy.

The two classes of young birds were indeed something wonderful. For general Yorkshire properties we donbt if two classes of higher merit have ever been seen at the Crystal Palace. Good as were the representatives of Messrs. Ambler and Binns, those of Messrs. Ogden Bros., Bennett, Dykes, Kearns, and Smith Bros. ran them hard, so hard in fact that it was quite a toss up as to the relative positions which any of the first half-dozen held. Mr. R. L. Crisp's green-marked young yellow is just a beauty. Proud, indeed, must its genial owner be at having bred such a remarkably fine specimen of the breed, one that did, and could, keep the best of the County of Broad Acres at bay. Beautiful, indeed, were the hens. Merit was to be seen on every hand, and the leaders of Messrs. Ogden Bros., Smith Bros., and Snead had nothing to spare against the lovely and graceful beauties staged by Messrs. Stewart, Sutcliffe and Son, Ambler, Shackleton, Thornton and Bower, and Radley. Very little, indeed, would have turned the tables in several instances. Cinnamon marks, although not what they were, made a good show, and the quality was generally better than expected.

CL. YELL. (16): 1, Snead, rare length, teeming with qual., rich level col., well on leg, long flights, well placed, piped tail, stands like a Guardsman; 2, Bailey, not so long as winner, full of qual., neat round head, clean on breast, grand pos., well placed wings, piped tail, put down in the pink of condition; 3, Crawhall, blaze of col., boxy feather, grand wings and piped tail, pos. A1, neat head; 4, Hartley, rich level col., true to type, grand wings and tail, neat round head, pos.; vhc, Thomas, rare length and pos., rich col., grand flights and tail; vhc, Dykes, blaze of col., full of qual, very stylish; hc, Pyman; c, Ogden Bros. CL. BUFF (16): In this class some good birds were benched, and the competition was very keen. CAGE BIRDS £3 champion prize winner was Mr. Binns' buff, a bird full of quality, grand type, beautiful wings and tail; 2, also Binns, close up to winner, but not so long, full of qual., grand wings and piped tail, good head; 3, Chippendale, true to type, well placed wings, piped tail, good head, full of qual., rich level col.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, good length, full of qual., well placed wings, neat tail, bit soiled; vhc, Ogden Bros., full of qual., very stylish, rich col., good head; vhc, Matthews, rare length, boxy feather, rich col.; hc, Heggie; c, Hirst. TKD. YELL. (16): 1, Snead, mkd. on wing and thigh, rich col., well on leg, grand wings, well placed, piped tail, full of qual., neat head; 2, 3, Dykes, 2nd, Scottish National, Bradford National, and Sheffield winner, a bird of rare length and teeming with qual., grand wings and tail, pos. A1, a close race; 3rd, cap mkd., pale col., full of qual., long flights and tail, well on leg, grand pos., very steady; 4, Towers, thigh tkd., rich col., boxy feather, very typical, grand wings and tail; vhc, Bailey, very stylish, lovely qual. of feather, rich level col.; vhc, Helliwell, slim and typical, boxy feather, not so long as winners; hc, Clarke; c, Binns. TKD. BUFF (18): 1, and CAGE BIRDS 20s. special, Mason, thigh tkd., very typical, full of qual., well up on leg, neat head, pair of grand wings, and piped tail; 2, hc, Crawhall, cap mkd., rich salmon col., boxy feather, well up on leg, neat round head, very stylish; 3, Dykes, thigh tkd., lovely qual., well braced wings, piped tail, pos. A1, neat head, rich col.; 4, Bennett, thigh tick, rich col., good head and wings, piped tail, full of qual., well up on leg, well put down; vhc, Kearns, true to type, lovely qual. of feather, well on leg, pair of grand wings; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, full of qual., well-placed wings, piped tail, pos. A1; hc, Dyson; hc, Crawhall; c, Heggie. UNFLIG. YELL. (29): 1, sp. best Yorks., 10s. 6d. sp., also Ramsden sp., Amblers, a gem, feathered like wax, wings perfect, well up on leg, pos. A1, rich deep col., grand tail; 2, Bennett, grand type, rich level col. throughout, well on leg, good head, grand wings and tail, boxy feather; 3, 4, Kearns, 3rd, very slim and stylish, level col., boxy feather, grand wings, and piped tail; 4th, rare length, grand back, good wing carr., piped tail, rich level col., fails a little on head; 5, Dykes, slim, pos. A1, feather like wax, well on leg, good wing carr., piped tail; vhc, Bailey, nice type, lovely feather, wing, and tail, good head; vhc, Dugmore, rich col., well on leg, piped tail, very typical; hc, Crisp; hc, Hirst; c, Thomson; c, Stewart. UNFLIG. BUFF (23): 1, Binns, lovely qual., well on leg, good head, boxy feather, grand wings, well braced to side, piped tail, pos. A1, a gem, soon claimed at £10 10s.; 2, Ogden Bros., rare length, long flights, and piped tail, full of qual., boxy feather, very typical; 3, Dykes, good head and neck, well braced wings, pos., piped tail, rich col., boxy feather; 4, Amblers, rare length, neat head, good wings, piped tail, rich col., very stylish; 5, Smith Bros., lovely feather, grand wings and tail, neat head, rich level col., very erect and steady; vhc, Thomas; vhc, Bonnett; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Halliday; c, Stewart; c, Shackleton. YELL. HEN (25): 1, Smith Bros., rich col., lovely qual. of feather, well up on leg, good head, grand wings and piped tail, pos. A1, very steady; 2, Stewart, feathered to perfection, neat round head, level col., grand wings, piped tail, very typical; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, pale col., lovely feather, well on leg, neat head, grand wings and piped tail, well benched; 4, Amblers, feathered like wax, rare length, long flights, lacks a little in pos., and not steady when handled; 5, Radley, rich col., boxy feather, neat head, grand wings and tail; vhc, Darlington Bros.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, c, Kearns; hc, Shackleton; c, Lane. BUFF HENS (20): 1, Ogden Bros., cheek tick, lovely qual. of feather, pos. A1, neat head, grand wings and tail, rare length, wins sp. best hen in classes 41 and 42; 2, Shackleton, rich level col., good head, nice pair of wings, well braced to side, piped tail, lovely qual., rare length, pos. A1, well put down; 3, 4, Thornton and Bower, 3rd, rich level col., feathered like wax, well on leg, good wings and piped tail, very typical, well put down, very steady; 4th, nice type and qual., pos. A1, neat head, piped tail; vhc, Thomas, rare length, full of qual., nice pos.; vhc, c, Ogden Bros.; hc, Warlington Bros.; hc, Helliwell; c, Heggie. GREEN MARKED CK. (20): 1, sp. best Gr. mkd., also £2 special, CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition, Crisp, eye and wings mkd., unflig. yell., well on leg, grand wings and tail, pos. A1, rich col.; 2, Bailey, eyes and cheek mkd. buff, lovely qual., rich level col., pos. A1, grand wings and piped tail, beautifully put down; 3, hc, hc, Morrison, mkd. eye and wings, yell., rich hot col., lovely feather, grand type, good head, nice wings and tail; 4, c, Hall, cap and eyes, buff, nice qual., rich col., good head, piped tail, good long flights; vhc, Dykes; vhc, Towers; c, Dugmore. HEN (9): 1, Snead, eye and wings, yell., rich col., long flights and piped tail, pos. A1, feathered like wax, well put down; 2, Mason, wing mkd. buff, very breedy, lovely wings and tail, boxy feather; 3, Thomas, wings and eyes, yell., rich level col., nice wings and piped tail, pos. A1, good head; 4, Casey, cap, eye, and wings, buff, rich level col., good head, piped tail, boxy feather, very stylish; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Morrison; c, Clarke. CINN. MKD. CK. (17): 1, sp. best cinn. mkd., Ogden Bros., cheek tick buff, rich salmon col., feathered like wax, pos. A1, grand wings and piped tail; 2, Phillips, eye and wings, yell., very slim and leggy, grand wings, piped tail, full of qual., A1 pos.; 3, vhc, Morrison, eye and wings mkd., buff, rich col., pos. A1, well placed wings, piped tail, on the stout side; 4, Towers, wings, neck, and eyes, very typical, rich col., full of qual.; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Cooper; c, Thomas. HEN (14): 1, Bennett, wing, cheek, and eyes, yell., lovely qual., well on leg, pos. A1, wins; 2, Ogden Bros., eye and wings, buff, grand qual., neat head, rare length, pos.; 3, Morrison, wing, eyes, and cheek, yell., lovely type and qual., long flights and tail; 4, Casey, eye and neck and wings, very stylish buff, piped tail, lovely qual.; vhc, hc, Pyman; c, Ramsden.

Mr. R. L. Crisp's Classes.

The Novice Yorkshire classes were handled by that enthusiastic fancier, Mr. R. L. Crisp, who made his debut as a Palace judge, and acquitted himself well. He had about 130 to sort over in seven classes, not at all a bad average, and the quality was so level that considerable discretion was needed in selection. If the novice continues on the same road as the quality of the birds indicated he is travelling at present, he will, in numerous instances soon have to don the champion's robe. Yellows were very good—there might have been a little too much "size" for some, but the quality was there; so it was in the buffs; and as for the hens—they were A1 at Lloyd's in many cases. In the unflighted classes there were many birds of great promise.

NOV. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (20): 1, silver medal for best nov. Yorks., Fisher and Dyson, full size, plenty of length, gets up well on its legs, good feather, a nice one; 2, Chew, tkd., all of a dance, good length, nice behind leg, good tone of feather; 3, Croft, a sweet bird, not quite so rich in col. perhaps, or so long, but a smart Yorkie; 4, Atkinson, grand length behind the leg, tail just a trifle wide, but a bird of rare position, feather and nerve; 5, Ramsden's sp. for best fed nov. Yorks., Wood, rare col., nice mover, good feather; vhc, Taylor and Wright, very pretty, stands well; Chew, scarcely so long as some, but quick in action, and typical; hc, Midgeley, smart, hardly so long behind the leg; Russell, similar; c, Naylor, very neat and good; Armstrong, good length, but not quite so fine in quality. BUFF (17): 1, sp. bronze medal, 2nd best novice Yorks., and CAGE BIRDS diploma best novice coupon bird, Marshall Bros., grand type, well positioned bird, nice top end, beautiful feather, very nervy; 2, Sheard, lovely qual., tkd., full of fire, well on the leg, neat head; 3, Jones, plenty of qual., good length, well tapered, nice ramp and tail; 3, Midgeley, very sweet bird, trille flat in col., but very bloomy, good length, travels well, and nicely proportioned; vhc, Knowles, possibly a bit stronger in build, but a grand mover; J. W. Jones, full of qual. and style, gets its wings across, which probably told against it; hc, Knowles, another sweet bird, plenty of life and qual.; c, Wood, lovely feather, stands well, just a wee bit strong in build. MKD. or VARIEG. (14): 1, Hodgson, slashing variegs. yell., grand length and taper, goes up like a rocket, neat head, and well proportioned; 2, Hamlyn, variegs. buff, fine length, plenty of swagger, nicely cut away, gets well on leg; 3, Kirkbright, variegs. yell, stylish, full of go, good quality, rare hind parts, very pretty and typey; 4, H. Jones, variegs. buff, we liked much, moves splendidly, silky feather, nicely cut away, but inclined to spread its tail a trille, yet a smart bird; vhc, Hodgson, wing variegs. of grand length, a racy lengthy bird, well on the leg; hc, sp., Chew, rattling variegs. buff, nice length, feather and pose; c, Butterfield, not the bulk of some, yet very sweet. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Chew, variegs., beautiful pos., grand length, travels well, nice head and neck, well up on the leg; 2, Rothwell, lovely qual. for the length, darts along its perch in grand style, and goes up like a soldier; 3, Swaine, very nicely moulded, sweet feather, quite an elegant bird, stands well away from its perch; 4, Spencer and Maiden, good length, nice head and neck, well on the leg, might be a trifle cleaner at chest and carry flights a bit more evenly, but a good one; vhc, Messrs. Haggis, capped, good proportions and action; J. W. Jones, a racer, well moulded, nice feather; hc, Wilkinson, beautiful model, hardly the length of some; c, sp., grand qual., nice length, quick action. BUFF (15): 1, Atkinson, grand Yorkie, travels splendidly, full of qual. and breed points; 2, Midgeley, tkd. bird, stands up proudly, swagger sancily, and displays his points to the full; 3, Kirkbright, we liked very much, nice pos., head, feather, and rump, well on the leg and nicely finished; 4, Huggins, tkd., full of qual., very typey, tank up boldly; vhc (3), sp., Sayles, both smart; hc, Hodgson, very neat and stylish, plenty of qual.; c, Watkins, neat shape, nice feather. HENS, YELL. (18): 1, Hamlyn, good length and taper, elegant pos., rare feather, sweet head, a very stylish lady; 2, Luther, almost, if not quite, the equal of first in all the necessary points; 3, Haggis, very shapely, lovely jacket, correct pose, a grand hen; 4, Sanders, another stylish lady, not afraid to deport herself as becomes a York hire damsel, very fine in feather; vhc, Naylor, Hirst, both sweet hens, both typical; hc, Atkinson, nice length, racy, but just a trifle spare in neck; c, Sheard, very pretty lady, that would top the tree in many show. BUFF (20): 1, Fisher and Dyson, such lovely feather—nothing can equal a buff in that respect—lands in stately fashion, full of swagger, very sweet; 2, Atkinson, another topping hen, very stylish, nice length and quick action; 3, Butterfield, very stylish, grand feather, proportionate and good; 4, vhc, Hodgson, junr., both very pretty, nice qual., plenty of breed points, little to choose; vhc, Bamber, rattling good Yorkie that cannot fail to breed good young if properly mated; hc, Hirst, Wood, latter full of qual., cl., well cut away; former very neat and sweet; c, Sanders, neat as needs be; Kirkbright, nice taper, good feather.

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THE CRESTS & CREST-BREDS.

Judge, Mr. T. Heath.

Last year it was our pleasure to congratulate the Crest Fancy upon having reached a degree of excellence both in numbers and quality such as the Crystal Palace had not seen for many years. That spurt, for it was nothing more, raised the hopes of many, and it was hoped that the Crest Fancy would take heart from the success and go on to greater and higher things. The hope, however, has proved to be elusive, a mere will o' the wisp. To-day we have to record the fact that Crests at the Palace were a disappointment. There was a drop of about forty per cent. in the entry, and the quality was far from being equal to that of twelve months since. It is not our wish to imply that the Crests and Crest-breds staged this week were a poor lot. They were not, but as a whole they did not fill the eye like the wonderful collection of last year. Crest men will remember how that last year Messrs. Greenwood and Bunson, of Swindon, created a great sensation by capturing all the leading specials with a most wonderful variegated buff hen. On this occasion the crack bird of the section was Mr. A. J. Smith's clear body dark Crest. If we mistake not, this bird was second last year to Mr. F. G. Ball's wonderful dark-tailed bird. This time it turned the tables on its erstwhile conqueror, and then went on from one achievement to another, gathering in all the spoil that crossed its path. Its achievements in the way of special winning were great. It secured the L.P.O.S. challenge cup, a feat it accomplished last year, and as Mr. Smith has now won it three times the cup becomes his own property, and he is to be most heartily congratulated. It then went on to annex the championship diploma for the best Crest, the Victorian Canary Society's special for the best Crest or Crest-bred, and finished by annexing CAGE BIRDS' £3 for the best Crest or Crest-bred, and the Hand-coloured Diploma for the best Champion Coupon Bird, also the £10 10s. CAGE BIRDS cash prize, and the £10 10s. CAGE BIRDS challenge trophy, as the champion of champions amongst the diploma winners. It did more than any Crest had previously done at a Palace show. One most peculiar thing in connection with its winning was the way in which it was talked about on the Friday afternoon. Not once did we hear anyone speak of "Smith's magnificent Crest," or similar remark, but what we did hear over and over again, until in sheer desperation we had to go and see this wonder, was—"Have you seen 244?" "What a wonderful bird that 244 is": and so on. Evidently the bird was so good that it became a popular idol, and all thought of its owner was merged and lost in its own great charm. It is good to see the old names keeping to the front, and a good old one was it that came out on top in the Buff Crested hens—Mr. J. Broad. J. B. has bred many a good one in his time, and he is particularly fond of hens, so his win in this class would be particularly pleasing to him, and it was a good win, too. Mr. Heath placed her second to "the wonderful 244" in CAGE BIRDS' Championship competition. If they had a knock back in the first two classes, those for Buff Crests, the West of England breeders made no mistake in those for Crest-breds. They rattled up 1, 2, 3, in the cocks, and led the way in hens. Messrs. Evins Bros. won in each class with a gem, but evidently their opinion as to the relative merits of their pair did not agree with that of Mr. Heath. We take it, from the fact that the hen was the owner's selection in the CAGE BIRDS' Competition, that they considered her the best, but Mr. Heath preferred the cock, to which he gave the championship for the best C.B. The Buff Crest-bred hen class was one of the strongest last year; on this occasion it was the weakest. It is strange how sections vary from year to year. Amongst the yellows last year's quality was not upheld. We missed the splendid green shown by Mr. Ley, Mrs. Taylor's lovely grey, and that wonderful old champion of Mr. Brotherton's, now, alas! gone the way of all flesh. Twelve months since Mr. Bale was beaten by Mr. Colledge in the class for Crests of the current year, but on this occasion he turned the tables on his then conqueror, whilst in the Crest-breds he further improved on his 1913 performance by taking 1st and 2nd. This trio of youngsters will uphold the reputation of the Devonshire breeders, especially so as Messrs. Evins Bros. slipped in 3rd and 4th in the Crests. Although not reaching the high water mark of 1913, the Crest section contained many most excellent exhibits, and was well up to the average of recent years. It will be memorable for the success of Mr. Smith's Crest, and the fact that the two Devonshire studs put up the following score—3 specials, 5 firsts, 4 seconds, 3 thirds, and 1 fourth in the 8 classes. Evidently there are other good things in "glorious Devon" than cream and cider.

BUFF CRESTED CK. (8): 1, CAGE BIRDS £3 championship prize, £10 10s. cash special, and £10 10s. shield, and coloured diploma, L.P.O.S., silver challenge cup, Victorian C.S. spl. Palace championship diploma, Smith, wonderful cl. body, dark, great spread, beautifully even in radiation, most charming dress, very heavy front, excels in length, width, density and qual. of crest feather, gaudily finished all round, chubby, shapely body, clothed in beautifully silky, but strong feather, staged with the finish that we used years ago to associate with the famous stud of that good fancier G. E. R., of Brierley Hill,

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AMONG THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

Some Gems of the Section portrayed by our artist Mr. H. Goodchild.

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From left to right, top : Mr. John Frostick's Japanese Robin ; Mr. B. J. Moore's Sallé's Amazon ; Miss A. B. Smyth's Black-headed Sibia ; Miss M. Bousfield's Festive Tanager, winner of "Cage Birds" £3 cash special ; Mr. R. Sharples' Pileated Jay ; Mr. E. Fordred's Pileated Finch.

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looked like last year's second; 2, Bale, cl. body, with dark tail and crest, tremendously dense and heavy in crest feather, rare width of frontal, great spread and radiation, lovely droop, grandly finished back, rare qual. of body feather, the centre was spoilt by a few feathers which rose and twisted, but even with this failing it must have run the winner hard; 3, Memmott, wing and tail mkd., beautifully rounded crest, very neatly and clearly defined in centre, better in this respect than either of the leaders, and from this centre the crest feather radiates beautifully all round, but it just lacked the density and spread seen in them; 4, McLay, green, with pied tail, rare stout body, grand in shape and beautifully feathered, good large crest, but more hairy in texture, and is inclined to lift on the right side; vhc, Woollard, saddle mkd., grand width and spread of crest, capital centre and radiation, not so heavily feathered in headgear, and not so good in body feather; hc, Bewick, wing mkd., very neat, shapely crest, grandly centred and radiated, beautiful qual., birt needs more width and spread, nicely drooped, a graudly modelled headpiece, but not enough of it; c, Todd. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Broad, takes CAGE BIRDS championship £2 prize, heavily mkd., hardly so distinct and clear in centre as we like them, but the feather is very dense and heavy in character, it radiates evenly all round, is beautifully dropped, well finished in front, and at sides and back, a really typical, high-class exhibit, and worthy of her position; 2, Woollard, an almost green hen, very distiuct centre, grand radiation, very dense and heavy in feather, which is of lovely quality, nicely drooped in front and sides, but is a trifle coppy finished, is also long in body and erect in carriage, looks like last year's fourth; 3, Radley and Son, wing mkd., beautifully centred and drooped, very heavy frontal and sides, but is somewhat thin and unfurnished in back, a magnificent bird, but it bore the impression of having done a good season's work; 4, Colledge, heavily mkd., nicely radiated, well drooped, beaten in width of frontal, good qual. and substance of feather, general effect spoilt by a few refractory feathers that would persist in sticking up in the centre; vhc, McLay, might possible have gone a notch higher, not so heavily built in headgear as some of the others, splendid front and droop, not over clear in centre; hc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Mrs. Gould. C.-B. BUFF CK. (14): 1, and championship, Evins Bros., variegd., great width and subs. of frontal, grand rise of skull, which is of the correct thumb shape and not pinched in front or back, heavily lashed brows, tremendous turn-back both for length and density, capital body shape, a well-finished, graudly shown exhibit, a great credit to its youthful breeders; 2, Bale, green, with pied tail, grand dome-shaped skud, very heavily lashed brows, great width of front, neat beak, skull furnished with a dense mass of broad long feather of rare qual., 3rd heavily variegd., not quite so much width of frontal, but head is covered with a profusion of heavy feather, long, thick, and wide, but yet of nice quality, plenty of browing, tremendous substance and length of body feather, these two birds gave evidence of the judge and exhibitor differing in opinion, as 3rd was Mr. Bale's nomination for CAGE BIRDS championship; 3, Memmott, heavily feathered clr., nice qual. of feather, good shaped skull, hardly so wide in frontal, and not so much substauce of body, shown in nice form; vhc, Broad, variegd., great width of frontal, good dome-shaped skull, heavily feathered on body and back skull, but just a little deficient in front and lash; hc, McLay, lovely qual., rare shaped body, beautifully feathered, not so massive in head, but well modelled; c, Linder. BUFF C.-B. HEN (5): 1, and £1 CAGE BIRDS special, Evins Bros., green, with pied tail, graudly shaped skull of nice width, beautifully lashed, well covered with dense broad long feather of lovely texture, capital body shape and feather, in the pink of condition; 2, 4, Bewick, heavily mkd., grand shaped skull, densely feathered and well lashed, nice width of frontal, very nice body shape and closely and compactly covered with heavy feather, 4th similar shape and markings, not quite so much subs. of skull and hardly so heavily feathered; last year Mr. Bewick undoubtedly lost the chief position owing to the handsome green hen which he exhibited not being well staged, and the same fault was noticeable in these two hens; good birds merit good staging, and should have it; 3, McLay, magnificently bodied gr., wonderful shape and carriage, and well covered with dense, broad, long feather of nice texture, not so wide or stout in skull, nicely lashed; vhc, Holmes, green, with pied wings and tail, very neat and shapely in body, not so wide in skull YELL. CREST (8): 1, Bewick, green, with pied wings and tail, very heavy densely-feathered crest, beautifully radiated and drooped, nice width of frontal, and well finished sides and back, just a wee bit irregular in centre, a really good bird and in grand fettle; 2, Smith, wing and tail mkd., large, well spread crest, great length of feather, but not quite so heavy and dense, more distinct in centre, and nicely finished, wants just a bit more droop; 3, Evins Bros., even mkd., centre rather far back, which makes frontal appear better than it really is, centre is well defined and crest neat in arrangement and droop, lovely col. and qual. of feather, a more than useful sort; 4, Holmes, saddle mkd., lovely qual. crest, beautifully dropped, and neat in front, sides, and back, not quite so neat in centre, and is rather coppy shaped in body; vhc, Taylor, pied tailed gr., very neat and pretty in crest, but not the length, density, or substance, also a bit coppy shaped in body. YELL. C.-B. (8): 1, Evins Bros., green, with pied wings and tail, lovely shape and substance of skull, wide front, very densely feathered, capital turn-back, heavily lashed, very shapely body covered with dense feather of high qual.; 2, Mrs. Litchfield, very massive, grand headed clr, splendid body shape, head and body both profusely covered with broad heavy feather, but not so tight and compact as that of the winner, and a bit slack in wing and tail; 3, Smith, lovely green, pied tail and neck, wonderful qual. of feather, grand shaped skull, not quite so massive or heavily feathered, very grandly shown; 4, Lindner, good useful variegd., rather longer in body, carries a lot of feather, but not quite so nicely put on as others; vhc, Colledge, not quite the sort we associate with this stud, lacking the stout heavy heads that they usually bear, lovely qual. and plenty of feather, but not the frame to carry it; hc, Brothertou, variegd., nice shape and style, good heavy feather, but needs more substance of skull and heavier lashing. 1913 BUFF CREST (5): 1, and 10s. prize in CAGE BIRDS championship competition, Bale, "Empress," heavily mkd., neat centre, grand width of front, nicely finished sides and back, splendid radiation and droop, crest feather very long, broad and dense, splendid body, well covered with grand qual. of feather, a lovely exhibit, and a most promising one to boot; 2, Colledge, even mkd. cock, great spread, very neat centre, almost perfect radiation, nice droop, very large circular headgear of nice qual, beautiful body covered with dense heavy feather; 3, 4, Evins Bros., rare shaped green, immense length of crest feather, but it lacks the width and strength of fibre of the others, very neatly centred, grandly radiated, very neatly finished all round, if with age it strengthens the fibre of its feather it should be a stormer next year, 4th very nice shapely clr. body dark, of lovely qual., very evenly radiated and nice droop, a qual. bird., but lacking substance; vhc, Todd, almost a self green, beautiful qual., neat centre, nice radiation and droop, not the width of frontal. BUFF C.B., 1913 (8): 1, 2, Bale, 2nd nominated for CAGE BIRDS championship competition, 1st magnificent clr., real gem of a bird, wonderful shape, plenty of subs., both of body and skull, grandly lashed brows, splendid turn-back, very heavily feathered right through, 2nd variegd., lovely dome-shaped skull, neat beak, grandly feathered skull, plenty of lashing, capital body, but feather is not quite so long and dense as that of the winner, two lovely birds; 3, Radley and Son, gr., pied tail, very handsome dome-shaped skull, nice width of frontal, well lashed brows, plenty of feather, but it is hardly so heavy and dense as that of the leaders; 4, McLay, variegd., capital body subs. and shape, well clothed with good heavy feather of nice qual., carries a good crop of head feather, but lacks the width of frontal; vhc, Colledge, nice rise of skull, plenty of feather, but not so wide or massive; hc, Smith, rather narrow in frontal, carries plenty of feather; c, Barker. NOV. CREST (6): 1, 4, spl, and CAGE BIRDS novice diploma, Hawkes, gr., with one light feather in crest, very neatly centred, beautifully radiated, nice droop and finish, carries a profusion of body feather, 4th variegd., nice shaped crest, neat clr. centre, not so densely feathered, loses in shape of body, being long and coppy shaped; 2, Bowen, very heavily feathered griz., great length and density of feather, very nicely radiated and drooped, grand shaped body, had it been turned out of hand a little better it would possibly have won; 3, Linden, wing mkd., nice shape and radiation, good centre and droop, but not so heavily feathered; vhc, spl, Lighthourn, even mkd., neat, well defined centre, not so dense in feather, and hardly so wide in frontal. CREST-BREDS Cancelled. Where, oh where are the novices?

THE GREEN CANARY SECTION

The Greens were truly a grand collection, quite a feast for those fanciers who are interested in the birds of colour. As usual the Norwich were not particularly numerous, the classes only filling fairly well. We thought the yell. cocks superior to the buffs both in type and quality, the colour was quite dazzling and carried well through. It was in this class that the winner of CAGE BIRDS £3 special for best Green was found. Mr. Harding's bird is a real good one, nicely proportioned all through and of excellent colour. Yell. hens were a charming lot, not as a rule over large, but full of quality. Yorkshires made a brave show, the two cock classes being well filled, the yellows were difficult to separate some of the leaders being as near perfection as one could wish, a rich tone of colour prevailed all through, and many of them were marked and pencilled to an extraordinary degree.

As far as colour is concerned the Green Border is ahead of his larger rivals. The colour is not only of a dazzling pureness, but carried right through to perfection. In these classes Messrs. Middleton and Johnston were mostly at the top, the noted Wallsend-on-Tyne fancier having winners in both Hen classes. His buffs were particularly admired. Mr. Middleton led in buff cocks, his Scottish National winner taking third in the yellow class.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, CAGE BIRDS £2 special in Coupon Competition, 4, Harding, magnificent exhibit, grand size, very thick set, chubby build, with a lovely well filled head, good bold wide front, grand tone of col. and nicely mkd., in the pink of condition; 2, Handley, bonny self, scarcely so thick set, but grandly cut away, nice bold head, good deep rich col., a wee shade dark, but grandly pencilled, put down in fine fettle; 3, hc, Lawson, bonny bird, similar build, lovely type, very cleanly cut away, nice width of shoulders, grand rich col. perfection in back work, fails in body, put down in A1 cond.; 4, Harding, very fine self, hardly so chubby as winners, but with a grand head, and nice full neck, nice tone of col., beaten in pencilling; vhc, Walker; c, Godfrey. BUFF (12): 1, 2, hc, c, Harding, very fine team, leader not particularly large, but of real rich col. and grandly pencilled, shade long in body, good broad skull, we rather preferred the 2nd, shade larger and thicker, little better head, equally as good in col. and beautifully pencilled, both put down in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Handley, leader rather better type than winner, very compact and neat, though hardly so tight in feather, good sound col., and full of work, 4th shade longer, but a Green all over, very sound in col. and grandly pencilled; vhc, Lawson. YELL. HENS (8): 1, hc, Harding, leader a grand self, very typical and cleanly cut, full head and neck, just inclined to cross wings at times, very richly coloured and in fine fettle; 2, Handley, foul wing and tail, nice style of Nor., compact, with good width of shoulder, clean head, good wing carr., and sound in col. throughout, beautifully pencilled; 3, c, Godfrey, grandly coloured, beautifully typical, wee shade on the small side, but makes up in qual. of feather, pencilling and cond.; 4, Walker, foul tail, lovely tone of col., shade long in barrel, but grandly ligured, neat full head, fine condition. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Winter, cobby, real Nor. type, full head, just a wee shade weak at back, but grand entrance, good col. and pencilling; 2, McLay, shade small, nice carriage, grandly pencilled, nice depth of col., even richer than first bit clean at thighs, little better in head properties, we liked equally as well; 3, 4, vhc, Harding, very cobby, foul chin and flight, not over large, but neat, with nice carr., hardly the richness of col. of 2nd, but still good, fine cond., 4th very neat self, hardly so cobby as winners, but wonderful col., nearly as rich as a yell., grandly pencilled, in the pink; hc, McAndrews; c, Baker.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, Robinson, grand length and style, with good head, inclined to cross wings at times, wonderful richness of col., well carried through, nice distinct pencilling, in fine cond.; 2, Heatley, beautifully drawn, fine length, neat style, grandly braced, very well up on leg, deep rich col., shade on the dark side, full of polish; 3, Metcalfe, CAGE BIRDS £3 spl. winner, beauty, perhaps scarcely so nicely drawn, but rather better tone of col., and grandly pencilled, distinct and clear, put down in the best possible; 4, Handley, lovely foul, beautifully cut away, grand pos. and style, nicely pencilled, fine tone of col.; vhc, Jones; hc, Elkins; c, Benson and Young. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Skilling, upstanding, sleek as a bottle, lovely head, shoulders and back, grand wing carr., beautifully coloured and pencilled, A1 cond., 3rd hardly so cleanly cut nor so rich in col., still a real good one, very fine order; 2, vhc, Benson and Young, grand bird, fine tone of rich grassy green, excelling in pencilling, tight as wax, must have pressed winner for premier place, although scarcely so tight in wings; 4, Robinson, rare size and type, fine col. and style, hardly so densely pencilled as winners, but still a good Yorkie, and in fine cond.; hc, Simpson; c, Handley. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 4, Robinson, very smart and racy, foul wing and tail, full of nerve, beautifully drawn, neat head, wonderful depth of col. and beautifully pencilled, in the pink; 2, C.B. 10s. spl. in Coupon Competition, Benson and Young, lovely self gr., nicely balanced, clean cut, good wings and tail, sound rich col. throughout, distinct in pencillings, lovely qual.; 3, vhc, c, Metcalfe, nearly a self, shade dark in col., but lovely type and style, neat head and wing, stands well on on legs, grandly marked, a bonny bird; 4, Robinson, lovely self, shade tone of col., wee shade small, but all good what there is of it, a real Yorkie, very clean cut and smart; hc, Elkins. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Simpson, beautifully drawn, wonderful length, rather broken in pencilling both on body and back, sound in col., inclined to cross wings, good pos.; 2, Cooper, very smart stylish bird, wee shade smaller, but nicely drawn and finished, good head, back and wings, bit more distinct in pencilling than winner and grand tone of col.; 3, c, Metcalfe, beautifully drawn, fine length and style, well up on leg, grand length of wing, sound rich col. and nicely marked, in good order; 4, hc, Benson and Young, nicely drawn bird, of fine type and style, good head, back and wings, capital col. heaten pencilling, neat and well put down; vhc, Heatley.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

BORD. GR. YELL. (20): 1, Parker, real topper, magnificent tone of col., rich and full of polish, lovely type, well balanced, best of heads, fine wing carr., full of work; 2, vhc, Johnston, excels in richness of ground col., quite a blaze, as near perfection in type as possible, free mover, full of qual., a very taking exhibit; 3, hc, c, Middleton, stylish, inclined to be a wee bit leggy, but really typical, nicely balanced, handles well, rich grassy green, splendidly pencilled throughout, fantless cond.; 4, CAGE BIRDS £1 spl. in Coupon Competition, Campbell, beauty, lovely type and grand rich col., hardly so distinct in pencilling as winners, still a grand exhibit; hc, c, Little. BUFF (11): 1, c Middleton, real gem for col. and qual. of feather, neat head, nicely rounded front, cleanly cut and grandly mkd., a real swell and well placed; 2, H. Bennet, smart exhibit, beautifully balanced, clean cut and jaunty, capital head and wings, sound rich col. and well mkd.; 3 Campbell, bigger bird, hardly so sweet in type as winners, handles well, grandly pencilled all through, capital tone of col., rare fettle; 4, Allen, typical, grand head, back and wings, neatly cut away, sound and rich in body col., hardly on bright in back as winner, but grandly pencilled; vhc, hc, Johnston. YELL. HEN (8): 1, c, Johnston, very fascinating exhibit, as near perfection as possible, hard to find fault with, grand mover when handled, sound rich col., carried right through, full of work; 2, Campbell, hardly so rich in col. as winner, shade brassy on flanks, but rare type and style, beautifully rounded, grand wing carr., full of polish, staged to the minute; 3, Whitelaw, neater type, equally good in style, richly coloured, scarcely so nicely pencilled, fine drawn, tightly packed wings, in the pink; 4, c, Middleton, nice stylish bird, scarcely so pure in col. as winner, but capital stamp, neat head and wings; vhc, Steel. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Johnston, bonny exhibit, grand type and style, wonderful mover, sound rich col., full of work, in very fine fettle, 4th another charmer, much admired, grand pos. and type, lovely head, beautifully modelled throughout, A1 tone of col., excels in pencilling, we liked better than 2, Lambie, nice style of bird, but hardly so pure in col. or distinct in pencilling, capital head and wings; 3, c, Middleton, smart and stylish, shade thick at waist, grandly pencilled throughout, sound col.; vhc, Little; hc, Philpot.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

The Borders once more made a bold bid for recognition, and there is no doubt as to the increasing popularity of the breed down south. The entry was rather below last year, and in conversation with southern breeders we found that fear of the northern birds kept many away, not that the southerners consider their birds in any way inferior, but not having exhibited under Mr. Dewar they hardly knew the birds he would go for, and were somewhat diffident about sending. Still, a southern judge does not get the entire northern support, and so it cuts both ways. But anyway Mr. Dewar did not chop and change about, he knew what he was looking for, and when found, followed his ideas out as well as the exhibits would let him. As was expected the northern birds caught his eye most, some of them were beautiful, dainty little specimens, with all the swagger imaginable, clean cut and smart, just a shade thin in neck, according to our southern ideas, but Borders all over. The winning buff hen staged to the minnte by that noted breeder, Mr. Bennet, of Kelso, came in for a lot of attention, but perhaps the bird that took the eye most, and was mostly admired was Mr. Nicholson's 2nd prize 4-ptd. Cinnamon mkd. Being a yellow, its grand colour, marking, and general poise appealed to the majority of fanciers, and envious eyes were frequently on it. The buff cock class was a stormer, twenty-seven real gems, and the judge had to make the most rigid selection to get the leaders. Yellow cocks headed the list in number, thirty-three being staged, and of these a few were as near perfection as possible, but as a class we hardly thought them equal to the buffs. In the Evens, type and quality justly stood before markings, although due consideration was given to the latter point. Some thought the leader a bit heavy, but his superiority in type, put him well on top. While carefully going through the section we thought the chief failings were a certain flatness in back, high shoulders, and fish-like appearance of tail. Breeders should look to these points as they insidiously creep into a strain and are difficult to eradicate.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (33): 1, CAGE BIRDS 10s. spl., G. Bennet, magnificent qual. and cond., a severe critic might say he was a shade thick at waist, but otherwise so beautifully moulded, impossible to pass, staged to the minute; 2, Craig, bit better balance, grand type, with a lovely curve from chin to tail, moves beautifully when handled, shows to perfection, a real topper, but scarcely so full of polish; 3, H. Bennet, lovely head tkd., hard to find fault with, sweet head, good back, wings tightly braced and packed, neat whip tail, handles beautifully, in the pink, greatly admired; 4, Wilson, as good as any for type and style, capital head and wings, nicely modelled, scarcely so rich in col., which undoubtedly told against him; ex. 4, Madagan, grandly typical, free mover and full of swagger, capital wings and tail, hardly so good in head as winner, still a nice one; 5, Pratt, hardly so sound in col. as leaders, otherwise hard to find fault with, put down in grand order; vhc, Jenkins, Welsh, Purves; hc, Sampson, Wilson; c, Haddon, Burton Bros. HEN (19): 1, G. Bennet, staged to perfection, inclined to a little weakness at throat, but a sweet head and the best of wings; 2, CAGE BIRDS £1 spl., Bates, beautifully moulded, good sound col., nice head, face, neck, handles beautifully, fine cond., wings scarcely so tightly packed as some; 3, H. Bennet, beautifully moulded, in best of cond., shade thin in neck, capital head, back and wings, lovely quality; 4, Craig, best of cond., grandly modelled, good head and wings, handles beautifully, well put down; vhc, Jenkins, Wilson; hc, Clark, Purves; c, Sampson. BUFF CK. (27): 1, CAGE BIRDS £2 spl., Craig, tight as wax, handles beautifully, free mover, nice bit of style, lovely head, back and wings, tightly packed, neat tail, not a feather out of place a real gem; 2, Hay, shade smaller, but a lovely model, grand head, back and wings, nicely moulded throughout, with good style, in the pink of cond.; 3, Madagan, difficult to find fault with, lovely head and neck, nicely modelled throughout, capital wings, put down in the pink; 4, Pratt, lovely stylish bird, slim type, nicely moulded, good wings and tail, very fine cond.; 5, H. Bennet, another beauty, lovely type and style; vhc, Purves, G. Bennet; hc, Aitken, Green; c, Beard, Simpson. BUFF HEN (28): 1, 2, G. Bennet, charmers, gems of the first water, as near faultless as possible, staged to the minute, leader takes special for best Border, CAGE BIRDS £3 champ. prize, and coloured diploma, handles and moves well, not a feather out of place, greatly admired; 3, Purves, not a long way behind, sweetly moulded, grand head, back, beautifully packed wings, neat whip tail, scarcely in the faultless condition of winner, still real good one; 4, Arnott, real topper for type and style, hardly the polish of leaders, lovely head and neck, handles beautifully, nicely cut away to a good tail; 5, Simpson, good one for type, but inclined to cross wings when judged, beautifully moulded, grand order; vhc, Bennet, Madagan; hc, Pratt, Jenkins; c, Dansmore, junr., Philpot. EVEN MKD. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Haddow, perfect type, good head and wings, nice pos. and style, beautifully modelled, rather heavy eye marks, capital wings, full of polish; 3rd, lovely Cinn. mkd., very charming, lovely order, scarcely so sweetly typical as leaders, good eyes and wings, lovely qual.; 2, Burton Bros., capital type, sweet head and neck, moves well when handled, nicely balanced eyes and wings, in the pink; 4, Nicholson, grand one for markings, very even on both eyes and wings, but scarcely the type of wings, nor so compact in wing carr., still in lovely order; hc, Hamilton; c, Pearson. UNEVEN (20): 1, Jenkins, lovely Cinn. mkd., well-known winner, grandly modelled, good head, back and wings, neatest of tails, in lovely order, staged as usual; 2, Nicholson, real gem, Cinn. mkd., capital reach, col., lovely type, style and pos., beautifully rounded, staged to perfection, tight as wax; 3, G. Bennet, wee shade on the small side, but a gem for type, beautifully balanced and moulded, lovely neat head, good wings, in the pink; 4, Beard, neat wing and eye mkd., nicely moulded, clean cut, full of curves, capital head and good tight wings, lovely qual.; vhc, Pearson, Arnott, Wilson; hc, Haddow; c, McFarlane, Unwin. CINN. (20): 1, 3, C. Wilson, beauties, leader a real topper for col., sound and rich and carried right through, shade light in build, but still of good type and in the pink of conditiou; 3rd, we liked a shade better, rather nicer moulded, equally good in col., capital head and wings, handles well, in sound cond.; 2, H. Bennet, good one, neat type and style, sound rich col. throughout, good head and wings, nicely packed, lovely condition; 4, Hamilton, beautifully rounded, handles well, good head, nicely filled front, lovely tone of colour, in fine order; vhc (2), Middleton; hc, Short, Haddow; c, Wilson, Johnston.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

NOVICE YELL (23): 1, hc, Tallantyre, grand cl., good type, handles and moves well, good head and wings sound rich col., very fine cond.; 2, Simmonds, very typical Cinn., hardly so nicely put down, good style and pos., sound col., wing and eye mkd.; 3, Eston, wing and eye marked, nice type, beautifully moulded, capital head and wings, nice cond.; 4, Preece, good cl., nicely drawn and moulded, good head and back, sound col., frayed wings kept him back; 5, Croft, good 4-ptd., rather light in build, but nicely packed, well braced wings, sound cond.; vhc, Jones, Brunton; hc, Blackhall; c, Hewett, Martin. BUFF (26): 1, Kroczen, sweet type, nicely rounded throughout, neat head and neck, well braced wings, lovely cond.; 2, Wilson, cl., hardly so perfect in type, still a good bird, capital head and back, sound cond.; 3, Gamble, capital type and style, handles well, good wings, hardly so nicely put down as winner; 4, Snook, rather big bird, but good type and nicely moulded, handles well, fine cond.; 5, Warner, good typical gr., capital head and neck, good wings, hardly the finish of winners; vhc, Simmonds, Weir; hc, Preece; c, Bobbett, Hobden.

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THE SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

A wonderful increase was seen in the Scots Fancy and Belgian sections, and they made the best display seen at Sydenham for some years. Scots had twenty-six entries against seventeen in 1913, and Belgians twenty-five as against fifteen on the last occasion, whilst the quality was also considerably above the average. The beautiful hen shown by Mr. G. S. Baker, and which headed CAGE BIRDS competition between the two varieties, was a marvel, and quite one of the best we have ever handled. Mr. G. T. Campbell, who won so well in Scots Fancies, fell head over ears in love with this fair maid of Devon, and was making eager inquiries for Mr. Baker. Mr. Campbell's team of Scottics were splendid, one and all being birds of great merit. His yellow pied cock, which won the championship, is quite one of the best ever seen at Sydenham—length, shape, style, action, it had them all, and well balanced too. In the hens the Dalmuir representatives had not such an easy task, the best bird being a wonderful buff shown by that stalwart veteran of the breed, Mr. R. Willson. Had this hen been in better feather condition she must have won.

Belgians were noticeable for three things—improvement in quality, increased entry (the young class on this occasion containing as many birds as all three classes last year), and the presence of some birds from Antwerp. It was with regret mingled with pride that we noticed how far behind our own home-bred birds were the Belgian representatives. They were beaten in shoulder, in length of side, and also in position. Mr. G. S. Baker staged half-a-dozen magnificent birds, and proud he should be of owning such a team. Mr. A. Baker's winning youngster is a bird that should go far. Although the entry was so much improved, and the quality of such a high standard we missed the grand team which Mr. F. Reddihough staged last year. Had these been on view there would have been a battle royal between the representatives of Devon and Yorkshire. The result on this occasion almost makes one wonder if specialist clubs are of the value to the Fancy they are supposed to be. Last year the show was under the patronage and support of the United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association. This year, entirely on its own, it came near to doubling the entry.

SCOTS FANCY CK. (14): 1, 2, championship, and £2 and £1 prizes in CAGE BIRDS championship, Campbell, very fine headed yell., pied, wonderful length and fineness of neck, grand substance and height of shoulder, splendid back, rare wings and tail, good depth through, full of nerve and action, handles splendidly, grips perch firmly, and drives grandly, a model but for its wealth of feather on chest, 2, slashing colour, yell., wonderful neck and shoulders, plenty of nerve, knows what to do with its tail and does it, hardly so quick as its stable companion, but in all other respects a marvellous bird, and fought hard for premier position, 3, Keill, grand bodied buff, plenty of substance everywhere, grips perch well, and brings tail down in the approved style, nicely cleaned out in front, splendid top end, but is not quite so long in neck, and thus lost in drive; 4, vhc, Thompson Bros., very long sided cl. yell., capital shoulders, back, wings and tail, very nervy, and handles nicely, very quick and smart, but does not get head down so well as the leaders; vhc, lovely shaped buff, rare shoulders, very deep through, grand body properties, but also holds his head a bit too high; vhc, spl. best, vhc, Livingstone, very lengthy, grand shaped pied bull, takes perch well, and shows plenty of action, but lost in condition, in good feather this bird would have made the pace warm for the leaders; hc, Todd; c, March. HEN (12): 1, 3, Campbell, leader most handsome pied yell., fine head and neck, great rise and width of shoulders, well made back, grandly carried wings and tail, gets well hold of the perch, and shows splendidly, a really smart hen, full of qual., nerve, and action, 3, very stout buff, great depth through, massive top end, grand head, not so fine and long in neck, but very quick and stylish in action, a rare stock hen; 2, Willison, magnificent shape, length, size and action, fine, sleek head, long racy neck, very massive shoulders, rare shaped back, grand wing and tail carriage, and all the nerve and style that the most fastidious could desire, but she was not in the best of condition, one eye looking a little sore, and her neck being a bit ragged; she had the credit of being the only English representative to touch the money in the two classes; 4, Thompson Bros., very pretty yell., grand shape, nice length and subs. of body, good top end, but needs a trifle more length of neck, very quick and nervy, and handles well; vhc, Keill, long, stylish, quiet handling green, very clever and smart, and given a trifle more substance would be in the first flight; vhc, March, very stout, shapely buff, capital shoulders and back, brings tail well down, needs a bit more length of neck; hc, Smith, grand bodied buff green, nice style and action, good wings and tail, but holds head high, wins the novice diploma in CAGE BIRDS competition.

BELG. CK. (5): 1, 2, G. S. Baker, wonderfully quick actioned yell., jumps into position quickly, great length of leg and side, rare neck, which he gets well down, very high shoulders, but might be better filled, capital back, wings, and tail, very deep through chest, full of nerve and brings tail down like a plummet line, 2, topping yell., not quite the length and reach of his mate, lovely head, grand shaped and well filled shoulders, takes firm hold of his perch and the more he is worked, the better he shows, rare legs and pos.; 3, Horrill, very quick and free in action, fine head and neck, full of nerve, grand pos., rare shower, but not quite the length and subs. of leaders, and not quite so full in shoulders; 4, Butts, shorter and stouter, but handles well, and gets into position very nicely, stands well up on a good pair of legs, and brings tail well down by side of perch; vhc, Madame Verhees, very quiet and nervy, grand head and neck, but not the length of side and subs. of body of the leaders, and does not pull so low. HEN (5): 1, championship, and £3 prize over the Scots Fancy in CAGE BIRDS. championship competition, G.S Baker, one of the most wonderful yell. hens we have ever seen, very fine head, tremendous length and reach of neck, very high, well filled shoulders, splendid back, great length of side, well braced wings and tail, great length of legs, they were well put on, enabling her to grasp the perch firmly, and show for all she was worth, plenty of nerve, a quick actioned bird, but as steady as a Crow, a real gem; 2, Horrill, slashing yellow, rather stouter in build of chest and shoulder, but not quite so long in neck and side, grand wings and tail, and she knows how to use them, full of nerve, and one of the best positioned birds one could wish for, given a wee bit more length of neck and side, and she would be as sensational as the winner; 3, Madame Verhees, tkd. headed buff, beautifully proportioned, fine head and neck, splendid shoulders, back and wings, not quite so long in side, and, although she grasps the perch well, and gets her head nicely down, she does not bring shoulders, side and tail into the approved and much desired straight line, very nervy and quick; 4, G.S. Baker, very long, raking yell., tremendous side, wings and tail, great length and reach of neck, high shoulders, splendid feet and legs, plenty of nerve, but she does not bring her tail down in the same fashion as her stable companion; vhc, Mrs. Holliday, nice shapely tkd. headed buff, good head and neck, stout shoulders, but a bit of a sluggard, and would not show. BRED 1913, a magnificent class of 15: 1, "C.B." 10s. special, vhc, A. Baker, buff, beautifully modelled and grandly proportioned all through, most beautiful feather and style, sweet head and neck, stout, well filled shoulders, good level back, tightly braced wings and tail, smart and quick in action, takes well hold of perch, and brings tail, side and shoulders into a beautiful line, a rare handler, vhc, and sp. best vhc, a long raking yell. of wonderful shape and style, great reach and length of neck, high shoulders, but not so well filled, a bit slack in one wing, full of nerve, and shows well; 2, vhc, G. S. Baker, slashing yell., rare head and neck, grand shoulders, nicely filled back, well braced wings and tail, great length of side, splendid feet and legs, a good shower when worked up, but takes a lot of handling to bring out his good points, possibly due to the fact that he did not seem to be quite so fit as the winner, vhc, rattling good body and position, plenty of nerve, pulls well, but was inclined to get over excited when worked, and spread his tail instead of bracing it; 3, hc, Horrill, very stout yell., grand shoulders and great depth through chest, lovely head, not quite so long, and fine in neck, capital back, wings and tail, plenty of nerve, and handles in rare form; hc, long sided, good legged yell., good top and back, but is inclined to be slow in movement, and does not bring head down low enough; 4, Todd, very long sided yell., tremendous reach of neck, capital wings and tail, very quick and nervy in action, good shoulders and back, but does not get head down so well as it should; vhc, Madame Verhees, a sweet yellow hen, beautifully proportioned, very graceful in action, falling into position quickly, and holding her perch well, a most taking bird, and quite the best of the three Antwerp exhibits, but like them all, compared badly with the home bred birds in length and substance; hc, Butts, nice shapely, nervy tkd. yell.

THE LANCS. AND LIZARDS.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

The Lancashires and Lizards had a slightly increased entry, thirty-five, as against thirty in 1913, and quality was well maintained. Although not meeting with the sweeping success he did in the Coppies last year, Mr. F. J. Green had a good day out, as he won first in both the Lancashire classes, and was first and fourth in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition, took the Palace championship, and also secured the Victorian C.S. special. Although fewer in number, the Coppies were distinctly superior to the Plainheads, as in addition to the leading position in "C.B." championship, Mr. Fittou's second coppy took the third position, whilst the winning Plainhead could only come fourth. Mr. Beattie staged a couple of good lengthy, stylish Plainheads, but they had not the substance of Mr. Green's leader. It was, however, a very close thing, and a little more condition in the Rochdale representatives would, no doubt, have turned the scale. It is difficult to understand why more of the Lancashire men do not support the Palace Show. The number of shows giving them classes are getting less and less, and they have no one else than themselves to blame. What can he done to rouse them from their apathy and lethargy? Is it not possible for the L.L.F.A. and the L.C.A. to put a little more life into the Lancashire and Lizard Fancy?

The "dark 'uns," as our Lancashire friends style the Lizards, were a great improvement on last year, both in numbers and quality, and the competition was exceedingly close. Mr. Bradley put down a capital team, and his representatives won in each class, but they were very closely pressed in each by Mr. Rukin's little lot. Especially was this the case in the Golds, where it was quite a toss up to which won, and it was only that little bit of mooning that made the Rawtenstall beauty play second fiddle. As an example of spangling, we do not remember ever seeing a better than Mr. Rukin's second silver. Its body was practically enveloped in spangle, and had it not been so pale in colour, it would have scored easily. In shape, style, and feather it was all there, but it wanted a little of that which friend Ramsden supplies, and which, according to one of the London dailies, has given us a new breed—"R.P. Canaries." In this section we missed several names, which have in recent years taken high honours in the Lizard classes, and we wondered why. Mr. A. Bradley's winning gold secured the championship was second to the Lancashire in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition, and also secured Ramsden's silver medal for the best fed Lizard, whilst the vhc gold, also from the same stable, captured the Victorian C.S. special. This, we believe, was Mr. Bradley's first appearance as an exhibitor at the Crystal Palace, and we should say he will not soon forget it. Such an auspicious debut at Sydenham is achieved by few.

LANCASHIRE COPPY (6): 1, 3, vhc, championship, £3 prize in CAGE BIRDS championship competition, and Victorian C.B. spl, Green, very massive buff, grand head, rare spread and finish of coppy, very stout neck and shoulders, grand back, great length of flights and tail, gets well up on perch and shows well; 3, another very heavy-bodied buff, neat, well centred, nicely fronted coppy, but not the width of first, rare style and length; vhc, clinking good tkd. yell., good headpiece, splendid body and style, easily second best if in condition, but it was out of form, and had to pay the penalty; 2, 4, and £1 in CAGE BIRDS championship, Fitton, slashing yell., great length and subs., capital style, neat centre, capital spread and front, gone in neck as the result of the season's work, a grand bird, full of good properties; 4, tkd. buff, plenty of subs., rare neck and shoulders, capital wings and tail, nicely shaped and spread coppy, needs more length of body; hc, Beattie. PLAINHEAD (9): 1, vhc, c, and 10s. prize in CAGE BIRDS championship, Green, immense yell., a regular giant, possesses the substance and massiveness of many a good buff, lengthy body, wings, and tail, very wide and stout in skull, grandly lashed, body covered with a wealth of long, broad feathers, if he would only show himself better could a bird be sound he; vhc very long yell. grand shape, wings and tail, not so massive in body or skull; 2, 3, Beattie, yell., splendid length and style, rare wings and tail, very shapely, well lashed skull, not so massive in body, but a good typical Lancashire; 3, one of the finest qual. buffs one could wish to see, splendid width, shape, and subs. of skull, grandly lashed, shows well, plenty of substance, but needs a bit more length, superbly feathered; 4, hc, Fitton, very long, stylish buff, rare wings and tail, fairly stout in body, well lashed skull, but lacks the width and substance; hc, very stout, good headed buff, but too short in body.

LIZARDS, GOLD (10), a good class, just double last year's figure: 1, 4, vhc, championship, £2 prize in CAGE BIRDS championship competition, Ramsden's spl, and the Victorian C.S. spl, Bradley, very handsome clr. cap, fine, bold, distinct spangle, plenty of it, and well placed, capital shoulders, nicely crecled on sides, good sound wings and tail, fails just a wee bit in feather on cheeks, where it lacks finish; 4, another good clr. cap, grand back, well rowed with bold black spangle, grand shape and size, hardly so well finished on shoulders and sides; vhc, spl, a real gem of a broken cap, but, unfortunately, was a bit soft, and did not show to advantage, had it been thoroughly fit it would have run the winner close; 2, Rukin, really tip-top broken cap, lovely tone of col., plenty of spangle of grand shape and distinctness, well finished shoulders and sides, nice body properties, good style and finish, but slightly mooned; 3, hc, c, Barnes, almost a no-cap, wonderful profusion of spangle, rare shape, size, and style, very close feather, but seems to lack brilliancy, although it had depth of colour. SILVER (10): 1, hc, Bradley, very handsome broken cap, lovely rich clr silvery tone on top of deep sound under col., grandly finished spangling, rare shape and size, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, vhc, Rukin, one of the bonniest broken caps we have ever seen so far as spangle was concerned, its chest and sides were almost as good as its back, in shape, style, and feather it was perfect, somewhat pale in ground col.; 3, very shapely, rich coloured clear cap, capital spangle and col., lovely qual. and style, good wings and tail, shows a slight vacancy over beak, and but for this might have won; vhc, grand bodied broken cap, not so sound in col. of wings and tail, nicely spangled; 4, c, Barnes, broken, capital body, grand qual., sound rich col., not quite so regular in rowing as the leaders.

THE CINNAMON CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. J. Wones.

With two entries in excess of last year's total one is able to say the Cinnamons were in advance of last year, but that is nothing to enthuse over. An average of just over eight per class is not what one should see at the Palace, and it is not what one used to see in the long ago. It is strange that this once popular breed should for so long be in the shades of neglect. As one glanced through the prize list one looked in vain for the names of good old breeders whom we used to see playing so prominent a part in the variety. It is saddening to see the continual dropping out of successful fanciers in such a handsome and pleasing breed. Mr. Proctor held a very strong hand, winning in three out of the four classes with a grand team of rare shaped birds of most excellent colour and feather properties. The winning yellow won the championship for the section, and in addition secured the £3 award in CAGE BIRDS championship competition against the Frills, Whites, and A.O.V. Mr. Proctor's winning buff took our fancy greatly. It is a bird of true Norwich type and full to the brim of sound Cinnamon colour; in this respect the Blackburn team were superexcellent. Mrs. Tweddle staged a grand pair of yellows in the Unflighted class, and they cleverly kept all the others at bay. They excelled in that rich brilliant chocolate hue of which our old friend, the late Joe Bexson, was so fond. This lady ran Mr. Proctor very close in the Hen class, and had her birds possessed the lovely polish of the Blackburn contingent, there is not much doubt further honours would have gone their way. Fanciers are too apt to forget how much depends on careful toileting. Cinnamous were good so far as they went, but they did not go far enough. Canuot the Cinnamon Club rally its forces and put a little more life into this particular Fancy. When one thinks of those days when Northampton, Coventry, Kettering and Leicester were so strong in the variety, and compares them with to-day, one is apt to be despondent, and ask in doubtful tones: Will the cinnamon ever be popular again?

YELL. CK. (6): 1, championship, CAGE BIRDS £3 champion prize, Victoria C.S. spl.; 2, Proctor, nicely shaped skull, good level back, very neat wings and tail, lovely sound col., tight, compact, silky body feather, neat body, very stylish and smart throughout; 2, CAGE BIRDS 10s. championship prize, fine, big, bold, shapely bird, splendid col., good type and style, nice body feather, hardly so compact in wings; 3, Roberts, very high qual., deep rich col., not quite so chubby in shape, and just a trifle horned; 4, Wilson, rare shape and feather, not quite so stout in head, and hardly so rich and deep in col.; vhc, he, Andrews Bros., good in col. and feather, but a shade narrow in skull. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, Proctor, the leader takes the Victoria C.S. spl. for best buff, lovely close silky feathered bird, very sound and rich in col., grand shaped head and body, grand wings and tail, in rare form, 2nd slashing big bird of rare shape and style, splendid col., grand head, not quite so silky and compact in feather; 3, Bentley, a gem for shape, style and silkiness of feather, good top col. but runs a bit light at thighs; 4, vhc, Andrews Bros., good deep coloured birds of nice shape and size, hardly so silky and bright; he, Collins, all there in col. and qual., but needs more substance. UNFLI. (9): 1, 2, hc, Mrs. Tweddle, a gem of a yellow, wonderfully sound, rich, deep and bright in col., clothed in a tight close-fitting jacket of the finest silk, rare shape and style, 2nd another topper, grand in all points, and possibly when in tip-top show form a better bird than the winner, but it unfortunately was lame and did not grasp the perch properly, this naturally detracted from its chances; 3, Bentley, not so massive in head or body, but wonderful col. and qual., a little more substance and then ——; 4, Wilson, nice col. and shape, also fails in head, and is not quite so tight in feather; vhc, Proctor, good coloured yell., not so smooth and tight in feather; c, Wagstaff. HENS (11): 1, 4, c, Proctor, rattling good yell., rare shape, nice size, well formed head, capital feather, sound rich col., 4th very shapely and stylish, grand feather, hardly so bright in col., also yell.; 2, 3, Mrs. Tweddle, two very charming hens, full of qual., lovely silky feather, which fits both of them like a glove, very sound, rich, deep col., grand heads and most typical col. bodies, yell. and buff; vhc, Roberts, good shaped, well feathered buff, a shade pale in col.; hc, Bentley, very useful sort so far as feather and col. are concerned, nice body, but not so good in head properties.

THE DUTCH FRILLS, WHITE, AND A.O.V. CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

Wonderful indeed were the Dutch Frills, quite eclipsing anything we have ever seen at any show in this country, no less than twenty-one birds being staged. In length, shape, size, profusion of feather, they were indeed wonderful. Some confusion was caused in the minds of visitors on the first day by the fact that Mons. J. Couturier's birds were not in the catalogue. The explanation is this: Previous to the entries closing Mons. Couturier wrote to Mr. Ramsden intimating that he intended entering some birds at the show, but not making an entry in the form that "English exhibitors are in that habit of doing. Mr. Ramsden therefore did not catalogue them. On Friday morning Mons. Couturier turned up with his birds, and, as Mr. Ramsden said to the writer: "What could I do? I could not speak French, and he could not speak English. It was not an occasion when one could stick out for strict adherence to rules and regulations, and so I let him stage the birds. They are not in to-day's catalogue, but will be to-morrow. It may not be quite the thing, but one must not treat a foreign visitor as one would an Englishman. There is such a thing as international courtesy." We can only say that we quite endorse Mr. Ramsden's action, and we feed sure all good fanciers and sportsmen will agree that J. R. could not have acted differently under the peculiar circumstances. Mons. Couturier's birds were shown all in one cage, and, owing to this, lost the premier position. His yellow was quite the best in the class, but it had a broken tail. Mons. T. Aubrac had two birds in each of his cages, but only one of each pair was judged.

Although not so numerous as last year, the White Canaries were far superior in tone of colour and silkiness of feather to those seen in previous years. Nothing in the whole show could surpass Mr. McPhail's winner for beauty of plumage; it was spotlessly white, and as tight as a Java. The A.O.V. was one of the poorest classes we ever remember seeing at Sydenham.

DUTCH FRILLS (17): 1, championship, and £2 prize in CAGE BIRDS championship competition, vhc, Brooks, magnificent Buff, plenty of length and substance, very profusely feathered, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 4, c, Couturier, very long Buff, wonderfully frilled on chest, rare flow of mantle, great length of body, wings and tail, but not shown in the same spotless condition as the winner; 4, yell., even better in feather properties than the buff, and had it been shown in a single cage and in the same lovely clean state as the winner, would have simply walked in; 3, vhc, Aubae, varieg. buff, wonderfully feathered, and frilled from the head downwards, great length and style, rare wings and tail, would have looked better if shown singly, and in a cleaner condition; vhc, varieg. yell., again a marvel for feather, but being in a cage with another it could not show properly, and was wild; vhc, hc, Fifield, beautifully shown buff, nicely feathered, but lacks the profusion of frill and mantle shown by the others.

WHITE CANARIES (6): 1, 3, £1 in CAGE BIRDS championship competition, McPhail, real gem, Border type, wonderfully fine and silky in feather, looked almost like a piece of moulded and polished white marble, snowy-white in its purity of colour, beats anything we have previously seen; 3, another beautifully feathered bird of great purity of col., shows traces of darkness in legs; 2, 4, Mrs. Gould, larger and longer, more of the Yorkshire type, very nice colour, not quite so fine and silky in feather; 4, tkd. in neck, grand colour and qual., very showy and stylish; vhc, Goldsmith; absent, 1146, Kiesel.

A.O.V. (5): 1, Ramsden, grandly shaped yell. cinn. with pied tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Wilson, smart, stylish yell. Border, lovely col. and qual., nice shape, good wings and tail; 3, Cooper, lovely feathered yell. Border, nice style, not quite so thin; wrong class, 1149, Payne and Son, self-coloured cinnamon; absent, 1150, Millington.

THE ROLLER CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. F. Oldroyd.

In the Rollers a fair number of entries again prevailed, and that popular judge, Mr. F. Oldroyd, once more officiated. His criticism extended over Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, so exhibitors are assured that each bird had a reasonable amount of time devoted to it. Questioned as to the merits of the birds, Mr. Oldroyd said, excepting the winner in the novice young bird class, the remainder were of moderate quality, and gave him a deal of trouble. They were reluctant to sing, and this, in addition to the disconnected style of some singing, caused judging to be a tedious process. The competition was very keen between the first and second in the champion young bird and champion old bird classes. So marked was this in champion old birds, that a re-sing had to he resorted to, before the first prize could be awarded. The decision went for that good old cock of Mr. Hockings, the late property of Mr. Randall, and Dr. Read. We hear that its show career is now over, to be free from the rough passages, which have sometimes been its lot, at the hands of a not over careful member of the railway company's staff. It may be of interest to know that the second prize-winner is the same bird that stood third in this class last year; also that it is now entering upon its third year. The winner in the novice young bird class is a promising youngster, and should be heard of again in the future. The same may be said of the winner in the champion young bird class, as we believe it has only been out twice previously, then winning first and second prizes.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (11): 1, Tomlinson, H.R. 6, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Glucke 3, Flutes 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 4, D.B.W.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 31; 2, Hocking, H.R. 6, Bass 3, Sch. 5, Flutes 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 30; 3, Hepworth, H.R. 6, Bass 3, Sch. 4, Flutes 4, W.G. 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, 1 deducted for sharp Bell, total 27; 4, Roehl, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 3, Sch. 3, Flutes 2, W.G. 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, 1, deducted for hard Aufzug, total 25; vhc, Roehl, 24 points; hc, Hepworth, 24; c, Roehl, 21. NOV. YOUNG (12): 1, King, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, Sch. 4, Flutes 3, W.R. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27 points; 2, Watson, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 3, Sch. 3, W.G. 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 23 points; 3, Clouting, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Sch. 4, Flutes 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, 1 deducted for sharp Bell, total 23; 4, Mrs. Firth, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 2, Sch. 3, Flutes 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 22; vhc, Williams, 22 points; hc, c, Mrs. Firth, 22, 21; c, Santer, 21. CHAMP. OLD BIRDS (23): 1, Hocking, H.R. 6, Bass 4, Sch. 3, G. 3, Flutes 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 4, B.R. 2, G.E. 5, total 31; 2, Tomlinson, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Flutes 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 4, B.R. 2, G.E. 5, 1 deducted for sharp Flutes, total 30; 3, Roehl, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Flutes 2, W.R. 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; 4, Williams, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 2,

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Sch. 3, W.G. 3, Gheke 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 26: 5, Breeze, H.R. 7, Bass 3, Sch. 4, Flutes 2, W.R. 2, W. G. 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, 1 deducted for hard Antzug, total 26; vhc, Roehl, 25 points; vhc, Turner, 25; hc, King, 25; hc, Heatherley, 24; c, Hepworth 24; c, Roehl, 24.

Mr. Geo. Gardner's Classes.

CREST, LIMIT, £3 (10): 1, spl, best in Limit classes, Muscott, nearly gr., large body, good head and frontal crest; 2, Bewick, another green, not quite so well formed crest, good body; 3, Bennett, mixed crest, very thick, fails a trifle back crest; 4, Harrison, clear body, rather thin crest, neat frontal, vhc, Meyhew; hc, Jacklin; c, Calver and Sons, C.B., 30s. (14): 1, spl, 2nd best, hc, Memmott, leader romping hen, good skull, dense and long feather; 2, Taylor, lightly variegd., well lashed, nice entrance; 3, Jacklin, very cheap green hen, rare length of head feather; 4, Evins Bros., heavily variegd., rare back skull, long head feather, trifle pinched at entrance; vhc, Bewick; c, Jacklin. YORKS., 20/- (27): 1, Fawcett, sweet variegd. buff, nice length, taper and action; 2, Hodgson, very smart and racy yell.; 3, Dykes, yell., nice length, good mould; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, good length, hardly enough filling in neck; 5, Hartley, smart yell., stands well up; vhc, Cooper, Spencer, and Marden; hc, Atkinson and Firth, Wilson; c, Snead, Bullen. CAN. OR MULE. 20/- (22): 1, Law, dark buff Goldie-Can., rare shape, nice size, grand face; 2, Adams, fairly good Lancashire Plainhead; 3, Richards, dark Greenie-Goldie, rich col., trifle small; 4, Mrs. Tweddle, foul-tailed buff Cinn., rare qual., rich mealing; 5, Richardson, yell. Nor., grand qual. and shape, a bit small; vhc, Fitton, Edwards; hc, Beard, Smith; c, Mrs. Scholes, Jacklin. PAIR FOR P.H. BREEDING, 35/- (32): 1, Richardson, bonny Nor.; 2, Silk, ditto, the cock fine head and body; 3, Law, ditto, variegd. yell. ck. and rattling buff hen; 4, Atkinson and Firth, good pair of Yorkies; 5, Pitchforth, another cheap pair of Norwich; vhc, Frost and Rogers, Thomas, Midgeley; hc, Follwell, Jones, Hodgson; c, Cooper.

THE HYBRID SECTION.

The Hybrids were an exceptionally fine lot, both in number and quality. Pride of place must be given to Mr. Middleton's Greenfinch-Chaffinch, which was the runner-up for CAGE BIRDS £10 10s. championship—in fact, a great number of fanciers were rather disappointed at it not carrying off this much-coveted award. It was again in splendid fettle, and made a worthy winner in an extra large class. Messrs. Martin and Archer's cl. Linnet Mule Perfection was again at the head of affairs in the class for cl. tkd., and looked in better fettle than we have seen him for some time. The lightly-marked class contained some real gems, Mr. Hart's grand Greenfinch-Canary carrying off the premier honours. Darks were a fine collection, and must have given the judge some difficulty to separate; indeed, the first four birds in each of the classes were of exceptional merit, condition alone separating them. The Canary-Bullies were very fine, Mr. Howick's winner being a bird of exceptional size, and showing very distinct ticking, though rather dark in breast colour, many preferring Mr. Crove's well-known exhibit, a grand bird of equal size, and carrying marvellous colour. Mr. Higham's cinn. Can. Bullie took third place, and came in for a deal of admiration. Mr. Collins's Redpoll was another grand exhibit, showing the parentage well, and was still ahead of the other exhibits of the same variety staged. Mr. Middleton's grand Jonque Sis.-Canary completed the winners in a section that will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to have seen it.

Mr. E. J. Lamb's Classes.

CL. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, £2 prize in "C.B." championship competition, vhc, Martin and Archer, two beautiful exhibits, leader well known cl. Linnet, "Perfection," looking as well as ever, grand exhibit, vhc, equally well known, grizzle mkd. Greenie, very shapely, lovely qual., hardly size or col of 2, Heggie, cl. Greenie, wonderful size, shape and col., slightly frilled in neck, not looking quite as well as we have seen him; 3, Lawrance, cl. Goldie, capital size and shape, good touch of blaze, exquisite col. and qual., as fit as a fiddle; 4, Heron, tkd. Goldfinch, shade pale in col., beautifully modelled, very fine condition; hc, Butler, cl. Goldie, very neat exhibit, capital shape, pale in col., grand condition; c, Collins, four-point yell. Goldie, wonderful depth of col., very shapely, faultless condition. UNEVEN MKD. (15): 1, Hart, lightly var. Greenie, wonderful size and shape, well proportioned, good, even col. throughout, staged in perfect order; 2, 3, Martin and Archer, leader var. Goldie, capital size and shape, grand body col., beautifully modelled, feathered to perfection, a real gem, latter var. Greenie, good size, seemed rather show worn, and listless, looked as if he badly needed a rest; 4, Middleton, Linnet, fair size, nice type and qual., very pale in col.; vhc, c, Collins, well-known Goldie, perfect in feather and condition, beautifully proportioned, gem for qual., latter var. Linnet, again pale in col., seemingly the great failing with the majority of this cross; hc, Gunnell, neat Goldie, nicely proportioned, hardly the subs. of leaders. DK. GOLDF. (16): 1, Crone, grand jonque, very shapely body, good expansive blaze, lovely rich col. and condition, trifle pinched in head, his only fault; 2, Mrs. Middleton, jonque, grand size, exquisite shape and qual., good blaze, hardly the richness of col. of leader; 3, Gilchrist, beautifully coloured jonque, lovely shape, rich blaze, perfect feather and condition; 4, Miss Bousfield, buff shade, smaller than leaders, grand type and qual., mealed to perfection; vhc, Jamieson, good jonque, in lovely order, beaten subs. by leaders; hc, Heron and Nairn, very shapely, grand size and type, loses col.; wrong class, No. 1733, foul-marked tail. GREENF. (10): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, two gems, leader real storming jonque, wonderful size and col., good bold front, beautifully proportioned, not a feather out of place, romps home, latter bth, excellent col. and qual., wonderful subs. and shape; 3, Lawrance, another grand jonque, just a wee bit slimm r than leaders, looked a youngster, should make a real champion with another moult; 4, Parlett, another topper, well known, paid the penalty of arriving late, had not properly settled down when judged, and lost on condition only; vhc, Boy, jonque, neat exhibit, hardly subs. of leader, still a beauty for qual. and condition; hc, Ford, buff, another grand qual. bird, beautiful level tone of col., a trifle too small in such hot company; c, Webster, yell., fair size, hardly col. of leaders, very shapely, and in nice order. DK. LINNET (30): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, good size and col., well proportioned, nicely pencilled throughout, lovely qual. and condition; 2, Mrs. Middleton, very shapely, full of qual., hardly the col. of leader, good size; 3, Crone, a real champion, grand size and shape, beautiful head, good depth of col, may thought an easy winner, 4, c, W. Middleton, two neat exhibits, 4, good size, well proportioned and very shapely, hardly as bright in col. as leader, c, shade smaller, grand polish, lovely shape and qual.; vhc, Dr. Wilson, again rather smaller than leaders, but full of col. and qual.; hc, Bell, shade dark in col., grand con. and qual. DK. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, W. Middleton, jonque, Siskin-Can., grand size and shape, beautifully moulded, nicely mkd., a real little swell; 2, Goodall, Redpoll-Can., a wonder for col., size and shape, exquisite polish, grand carriage; 3, Collins, Twite-Can., rich col, laced to perfection, grand size and shape, shining like satin; 4, Johnston, Sis.-Can., last year's Palace winner, good size, col. and qual., seemed over fat, which spoiled his shape; vhc, Buckingham, Redpoll-Can., very pretty little fellow, but not the size or exquisite col. of leader; hc, D. Webster, Twite-Can., excellent size and shape, laced to perfection, duller in col. than leader, as was he, Dr. Wilson, Redpoll-Can.; c, Metcalfe, fine size Sis. Mule, neat flank and eye markings, rather pale in col. A.O.V. CAN HYB. (7): 1, and £1 "C.B." Championship prize, Howick, Can.-Bullie, wonderful size and shape, excellent cap and markings, not quite bright enough in col., his only fault; 2, Crone, Can.-Bullie, equal size and shape, a marvel for col., not the density of cap or markings of leader, must have given the judge some difficulty to separate, both being such grand specimens; 3, Higham, Cinn. Canary-Bullie, nice condition, lovely qual. of feather, not the size of leaders, being only a baby many thought the Cinn. col. gave him a washed-out appearance, it certainly looked very tame compared to the beautiful colouring of leaders; 4, Dr. Wilson, Can.-Bullie, another gem for col., true to type, a shade on the small side, his only fault, as were vhc, Lavery; hc, c, Askham. BULLF. HYB. (except Can.-Bullf.) (12): 1, 10s. prize in "C.B." Competition, Collins, Redpoll-Bullf., real gem for col. and qual., magnificent size, beautifully proportioned, wonderful shape, feathered to perfection; 2, Walsh, Greenf.-Bullf., lovely shape, good cap and wings, in splendid con.; 3, Inman, Goldf.-Bullf., grand blaze, nice size, lovely qual. of feather, wonderful col. throughout; 4, Walsh, Redpoll-Bullie, excellent size and shape, not the richness of col., carried by winner; vhc, Alexander, Linnet-Bullie, grand size and shape, put down in beautiful order; hc, Dr. Wilson, Greenf.-Bullie, good size and shape, loses condition; c, McLean, Goldie-Bullie, good size, rare shape, hardly the depth of col of leader. A.O.V. (28): 1, Mrs. Middleton, Greenf.-Chaff., wins "C.B." £3 prize in Championship Competition, grand exhibit, nice size and shape, beautifully coloured showing, good depth of yellow in wing butts and eye markings, a real gem all round, much admired, runner up for "C.B." £10 10s. Championship; 2, Martin and Archer, well-known Greenf.-Chaffinch, if anything, a shade larger, more of the Chaffinch type than leader, has had a wonderful innings, and looks as well, if not better, than ever; 3, F. Collins, Goldie-Redpoll, good full head and neck, grand blaze, and wing bars, beautifully feathered; 4, Ramsden, Redpoll-Greenie, neat exhibit, grand tone of col. throughout, staged in lovely order; 5, E. Collins, Goldie-Redpoll, shade larger than leader, but has not richness of col.; vhc, McGavin, Mealy Redpoll, Goldf., very shapely and good size, rather sombre hued, lacks the richness of col. of Lesser 'Poll; vhc, Lafbury, Sis.-Redpoll, very sprightly, nice tone of col. throughout, as was he, Muscott, Sis.-Can.; c, Dicks, Goldf.-Greenf. grand blaze, nice col. and qual., rather on the small size for this cross.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

There was undoubtedly a very distinct advance in the quality of the Novice Hybrids. The lights were truly a light class, not simply variegated birds, several of them being really good examples of these fascinating birds. It was in this class that the winner of CAGE BIRDS' novice competition was found, and the ten guinea special, secured by Mr. Levick's bird must enhance his value considerably; he is undoubtedly a good specimen, although his slight weakness in head would keep him back in champion company. Many of the other birds were very fine examples, well staged, and fit to compete anywhere, but all beaten in size by the winner. Darks were a very fine class, nearly all the Canary crosses being represented, without any undue proportion of one kind, Captain Evans staged two good ones, the leader a capital Greenie, and a fine bold Linnet. The Captain was rather unfortunate in holding the second bird in the light class, and being the runner up for CAGE BIRDS' Diploma, but we wish him better luck next time. In this class also there was undoubtedly a general tone of better quality than last year, and we would mention the staging was quite in order. In this department the novices are improving immensely.

NOV. LIGHT CAN. HYB.: (8): 1, Levick, CAGE BIRDS nov. ten guinea cash prize, winner, big 4-ptd. Coldie-Can., shapely, put down in best possible cond., bit weak in head, but still a good bird; 2, 4, Evans, lightly mkd. Greenf.-Can., very smart, nicely proportioned, not over large, but good shape, capital qual. of feather, and beautiful tone of col., lovely cond., a good 2nd; 4, nice 4-ptd. Goldie, neither the size nor qual. of winner, but a good one of the cross, very nicely balanced, good col., and in capital order, well put down; 3, Richards, almost equal to winner, but unfortunately with similar head fault, and hardly his size, lovely shape, and staged to perfection; vhc, Carter; hc, Olle; c, Davies. DARK (20): 1, c, Evans, splendid Greenf.-Can., not the largest in the show, but beautifully proportioned, nice full neat head, tightly braced all through, lovely tone of col., and put down in first-class style, a good win; 2, James, nice Yell. Goldie, shade small, capital shape and style, good touch of blaze, densely mkd., full of qual., staged to perfection; 3, Smith, capital Siskin, good size, clean cut proportionate bird, with nice style, well mkd., good tone of col., fine cond.; 4, Shipton, Buff Redpoll-Can., grand size, very stylish and showy, good full head and body, capitally laced, nice rich col.; vhc, c, Haslam; vhc, Mrs. Hartley; hc, Bielby.

THE BRITISH BIRDS

The British birds once again provided one of the most successful sections in the show, and, needless to say, were a centre of interest to the majority of the visitors. The Insectivorous classes held less birds than usual, it is true, but they lacked nothing from the point of view of quality, many uncommon and beautiful species being staged therein. What may be referred to as the "commoner" Finches mustered in great force, the entry in Mr. Weston's classes being a marked increase over that obtained last year, while Mr. Silver's classes were on the whole well patronised. Bramble-finches were scarce (only nine), but the winner of our championship diploma and £3 cash was amongst them, the wonder owned by Mr. A. C. Brotherhood Dr. Wilson's winning Bullie pressed him hard and secured the £2 special. What a fight it would have been had Mr. Hurst composed his Goldfinch! That bird lost a sure £2, and probably £3! The £1 coupon spl. fell to Mr. Crone's excellent Hawfinch, and the 10/- spl. to Mr. Price's Goldfinch.

The Greenlinches were probably the hottest class in the section, and took some sorting out, many good ones having to stand cardless, so level was the quality. The fed birds came off best this year; last show it was the reverse. Colour-fed birds also won in the Siskin, Yellowhammer, Hawfinch, Twite, Linnet and Bullfinch classes! The Goldfinches were a real treat, some of the leaders being grand specimens in fascinating condition. The Linnets did not impress us after, say, the leading half-dozen. English exhibitors, by-the-way, did shockingly badly in these two classes—1st, 4th and 5th out of 11 money prizes! Scotsmen were triumphant in the majority of the Hardbill classes. Wake up, England!

A Change This Year.

The Hawfinch class was a strong one, with 14 entries, and must have given the judge some work. Last year's Palace winner was this time left out of the cards. In some instances the birds were very forward, showing the blue colour on the beak. Yellowhammers, although fairly strong in numbers, did not appear to be up to the quality we have seen in years gone by. Mr. Lloyd James appears to still find the same type of head marks with the clear yellow running well down the back of the head, and the heavy "V" shaped head marks. We remember seeing a remarkably well marked "Hammer" shown by him at the Palace some 10 years ago. The mixed Bunting class contained 7 varieties, including the Meadow Bunting, and the Continental Black-headed Bunting—a bird about the size of a Yellow Bunting, with a black head and cheeks, and a deep yellow breast and under parts. Like the Meadow Bunting, it can scarcely claim eligibility in British classes. A very nice Cirl appeared rather hardly treated by the judge, while the winning Snow Bunting struck many as being a long way off a "flier." The hens (Finch or Bunting) were a really good lot, several good Hawfinches and Bullies being cardless. Several of the Corn Buntings were exceptionally tame and perfection in every way. The Song Thrush and Blackbird class only attracted nine entries, many thinking it uneven competition to mix these species, but quality made up for lack of number, and Mr. Marley's well-known winners had to play 3rd and 4th fiddle to a real topper put down by Mr. Adams. In the Starling class were several beautifully spangled and spotted "Jacobs," headed by a rare sized bird, full of purple and green sheen, and spots. In Mr. Swaysland's classes, one of the finest collections of Chough's that have been seen for a long time on view, not less than half the class being of this species—overgrown beaks were the principal faults. The Magpies, too, were very good, and attracted a good deal of notice. The Nightingale and Blackcap class was not up to the usual mark, either in number or quality. The winning 'Gale drops its wings badly, and is too tame to show itself. Some of the Blackcaps were in song, one singing the greater part of the Saturday afternoon. On the other hand, the Skylark class contained several birds of more than ordinary merit. The well-known exhibitor, Mr. W. A. Lott, secured premier honours (his first, we believe, at the Palace) with a real good bird.

Tits from the Continent.

Five species of Tits pretty well accounted for the mixed class of Pipits, Tits, etc., a nice pair of Continental Long-tailed Tits were left cardless, the judge evidently noticing the larger amount of white on the heads, which is one of the distinctive marks between the Continental and British species. The class also contained a number of Bearded Reedlings and a pretty Crested Tit. The Wagtails, of which three only of the five species were represented, were, after Mr. Teut's very fine yellow, a somewhat moderate lot, although 4th, a yellow, is the winner of 57 first prizes. Mr. Marley's Great Grey Shrike had again to give way to a Waxwing, as was its luck at the recent L.C.B.A. show. The Small Insectivorous class was, as usual, the most interesting in the section, but the awards did not altogether meet with satisfaction. Mr. May's lovely Grasshopper Warbler was lucky to win here over the noted Dartford Warbler, as the Grasshopper has a slightly "hippeil" wing, which is quite noticeable. These two exhibits received respectively 1st and 2nd prizes in the "C.B." championship competition, the Grasshopper Warbler getting sp. for best bird in section, while the Dartford got Mr. Trower's gold medal. The Treecreepers and Redstarts were in very fine order, also the Golderest. Another interesting feature was the Albino class, with the light yellow Yellow Bunting leading. There was also included a curiously Pied Robin, White Blackbirds, Cinnamon Redpoll, Creamy White Goldfinch, and White Hedge Sparrow. A Landrail also put in an appearance, but was "wrong-classed," although coming in for a fair share of curiosity.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

BULLF. (28): 1, and CAGE BIRDS £2 cash spl., Dr. Wilson, h.m., grand, thick-set, beautifully rounded bird, very perky carriage, wonderfully bold head and neck, ideal cap, breast colour very vivid and sound, condition and polish A1, a charming exhibit; 2, S. Jones, junr., h.m., little larger, very cobby and stylish, beautiful quality plumage, tight as wax, rare good colour all over, hardly so bold as winner in head and neck, and inclined to be fat; 3, Prior, h.m., more the stamp of winner, medium size, lovely cobby type, grand cap, back and wings, very fine breast colour, carries a fascinating sheen, many liked for 2nd place, but a trifle guttered in neck feather; 4, vhc, Woods, two typical, bonny birds, leader h.m. and red bot in col., line, broad, clean-cut cap, rich back, good wings, very neat; 5, G. G. Henderson, magnificent stamp, lovely thick-set body, grand head, loses only in colour; vhc, Palmer, splendid style and colour; vhc, c, Burr, very good all round, not over tight when judged; vhc, Roy, wonderful col. and polish, shade small; hc, Lloyd James, nice hen, lovely condition; hc, Rae; c, Pringle: an exceptionally good class; 1571, Cheney, looked a bonny one except for being rough at waist. GOLDF. (46): 1, spl. for best bird classes 102 to 166, Hurst, the noted winner, in exceptionally fine form, plumage tight and satin-like, colour magnificent, especially the grand expanse of crimson blaze, splendid wings and tanning, pity he is not more cobby in shape, show cage much too narrow, bird unable to show himself properly, we heard many comments on this; 2, Pringle, not so large, but a delightful specimen, marvellous colour and bloom, well staged, extra big wide blaze, clean cut and pure in crimson, lovely buttons and mooning, close on leader's heels; 3, ex 4, vhc, c, Richards, really fine team, a credit to this enthusiast, 3rd rare size and shape, beautiful style, very expansive blaze, failing a trifle in cut underneath, colour and condition absolutely A1, ex 4th very close up, good big face, loses only a shade in polish, vhc very square cut, but smaller; 4, hc, Burr, gem for purity of colour, lovely plumage, tight and well polished, fine expanse of blaze top and bottom, square cut and rich in colour, "gone" a wee bit round eyes; 5, Jeffreys, huge blaze, but dark and somewhat "dirty" in colour, might moult a deeper next year, good shapely body, nicely marked; hc, Portman, very cobby, fine blaze, good colour, vhc, Jones, junr., lovely tan and polish, excellent blaze, "gone" at eye somewhat; vhc, Mr. Blanchon, lovely col. and cond., fine face, not quite so expansive; hc, Prior, wonderful condition, let down by smaller blaze; hc, Brooks, grand face, not quite bold in col.; c, Crompton; c, Long; No. 1612, Pitchford, the celebrated winner (28 firsts), looking right out of condition. LINNET (28): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, a triumph for Scotland, leader the Hortcultural Hall and Scottish National winner, a remarkable bird in some respects, large size, well proportioned, the thick-set Norwich type, very sound and nutty in colour, nicely ticked all over, 2nd carries much heavier pencilling, and is good in colour and style, but lacks the bonny shape of the winner, 3, Richards, good size, nice comes-shaped body, sound, rich colour, very well pencilled, grand wings, shows to best possible advantage; 4, Nicholas, very close up, similar type, equal in colour and polish, full of work all over, put down in splendid trim; 5, vhc, hc, Parlett, leader nice cobby type, good size, fine chest, heavily pencilled, excellent condition; the hc bird a lovely fan. specimen, but inclined to sit "humpy"; vhc, c, Prior, two gems for condition and markings, wee bit slim; vhc, Lloyd James, bonny big bird, grandly marked, trifle out in throat feather; hc, Oldham; c, Park and Son; wrong class, Tampkins, a pied Linnet, claimed at 21s. CHAFF. (25): 1, 2, c, Sykes, leader wins hands down, an all-round gem, splendid size, shape and style, faultless plumage, full colour, in very forward condition, grandly staged, 2nd lacks the finish and colour of winner, but a beauty for size and markings, very taking style; 3, Adams, somewhat slimmer in build, lovely colour, full of bloom, good whites and wing markings, stylish carriage, well shown; 4, Nicholson and Son, grand bold stylish bird, lovely head and chest, nice bright colour, finely mkd., but looking dull and down in condition, which kept him back; 5, Prior, wee bit small, but equal to any except 3rd in colour and bloom, grandly mkd., a possible coming champion; vhc, Lloyd James, grandly set-up specimen, rare style and colour, little out in neck feather; vhc, hc, G. G. Henderson, two good big ones, just lose in quality; hc, Francis; c, Tonks; 1656, Jeffreys, very soft when judged. GREENF. (38): 1, Stuart and Dalling, an old warrior, now getting past his prime, perhaps, wonderful size, extra bold in head and neck, wide, well-rounded chest, tight and polished in plumage, lovely tone of colour, not overdone with pepper, splendid wings, well staged; 2, and Ramsden's spl. hottest fed Hardbill, Lawrance, a wonder for colour and sheen, not quite so huge as the winner, but big and finely proportioned, grand head, best of flights and tail, wax-like in plumage; 3, Lloyd James, non-fed, in shape and build almost equal to the winner, magnificently proportioned and stylish as possible, plenty of gold in wings and tail, would have split the leaders, but was inclined to be down in condition when judged, looked bonny later on; 4, H. James, non-fed, trifle smaller, wonderfully wide head, good shoulders and chest, nice clean grassy colour, excellent wings, lovely tight silky plumage; ex 4, McLean, very big, shapely bull, well fed, rich colour, prettily mealed, fine head and chest, put down in fine form; 5, Portman, very pretty non-fed, the correct tone of col., well built and neat; vhc, spl. best vhc bird, McGregor and Boyd, grand one, bold and stylish, beautiful depth of colour; vhc, Nicholson and Son, non-fed, taking bird, shade smaller; vhc, Sykes, lovely head and col.; hc, Metcalfe, Fairhurst, G. G. Henderson, a fine trio, latter had damaged wing coverts or might have been higher; c, Hart, Robinson, Laurence; Nos. 1687 and 1684, gone at eyes; 1673, Cuss, unsteady, and "twirls" badly.

Mr. A. Silver's Classes.

LESSER REDPOLL (20): 1, Stuart and Dalling, gem for col., rich and even all over, grand head and chest, flanks splendidly pencilled, large, clean-cut bib, excellent size and shape, well staged; 2, Lloyd James, wonderful head and chest, well laced flanks, very big bib, good col. A1, a grand 'Poll, very close up, loses a little in col. across breast; 3, Marlin, another handsome h.m. example, not quite so large, very fine shape and carr., real good bib, fair good lacing, in captivating cond.; 4, Miss Bousfield, again beautifully mkd. and rich in col., but a trifle down in size, staged in very perfect form, grand bib and flank mkgs.; vhc, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known Scottish winner, fine bird, rightly placed here; vhc, Lyall, smart at all points; hc, Ford; hc, Jeffreys, both good ones, little between them; c, Marley, the Horticultural Hall winner; c, Offord, all in the cards were grand 'Polls. TWITE OR MEALY REDPOLL (15): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, the noted Twite, at the top this year (unnoticed last), and in great form, very sleek and tight, wonderful col. and pencilling, bold head, rare width of chest, grand size, wins worthily; 2, Francis, a Mealy, we thought lucky, a very big, thickset bird, truly, with a bold head and splendid bib, but very plain on flanks and back, we like to see some "work"; 3, Heal, another slashing Twite, very little behind the leader, grand size and style, chockful of col. and markings, carries a satin-like gloss; 4, Johnstone, huge Mealy, again a topper for size, wonderful chest and head, nice clean col., but also, like the 2nd, indistinctly mkd.; vhc, Nicholson and Son, charming Twite, for cond. and col., nice size, splendid mkgs.; hc, Goodall, f.m. Mealy, one mass of "work," and carrying a huge bib, grand size, soon claimed at £2; c, Ford, No. 1733, McGavin, we thought another topping f.m. Mealy, 1st at the Scottish National show, while 1724, Campbell, we thought a grand h.m. example, which could have been 2nd, a great winner in Scotland, we understand. SISKIN (24): 1, Calder, bonny, shapely little fellow, grand head and chest, good, sharply defined bib, nice, rich col., judiciously fed, cond. simply lovely, rightly heads a good class; 2, Portman, non-fed, also bold in build, and exceptionally shapely and stylish, splendid bib, dense and clean cut, nice cap and wings, flank lacing somewhat weak, put down in fine trim; 3, Hodgson, beats 2nd in lacing, which is profuse and distinct, but loses in bib, which is faint, grand bird for size, splendid head and col., wings A1, in nice form; 4, Stuart and Dalling, rare cobby little chap, extra good in head, fine col. and polish, let down by a somewhat broken bib; 5, Hope, great size, huge head, rich and well contrasted colours, trifle "gone" in neck feather; vhc, Nicholson and Son, very pretty non-fed, pressed hard on 5th; vhc, McGillivray, grand one, but few quill feathers at throat; hc (2), Prior, two beautiful f.m. birds, should moult good; c, Long. Austen. BRAMBLE. (9): 1, "C.B." champion diploma and £3 cash sp., Brotherhood, an ideal specimen, good at all show points, adds to-day a notable perform-

ance to an already remarkable list of wins, put down in perfect cond., a bold, stylish, grandly spangled bird, of wunderful col., and carrying flank facing such as is seldom seen; 2, 3, hc, Sykes, a noted trio, leader quite tip-top, big, thickset, beautifully spangled grand clean-cut hood, rich, solid col., loses to leader in lacing, and a trifle in breast col., 3 also close up at all points, hardly equal in build; 4, Marley, very fine stamp of bird, grand build and markings, loses in intensity of col.; vhc, Francis, another whopper, could win at lots of shows; c, Lawrance.

HAWFINCH (14): 1, and "C.B." £1 sp., Crone, not a feather out of place, massive head, and fine bold chest, rich col. throughout, good cullar, clean cut bib, full of bloom, very shapely, difficult to find a fault; 2, Sykes, another good one, close up, good bib and splendid shaped head, fine texture of feather, carries plenty of bloom on its plumage, very steady; 3, Axe, hot col., capital shaped head, good wing bars, perfect bib, shows well, we liked this bird very much for a higher place; 4, Davis, smaller, and behind the leaders in all points, pale in col., small in head, but good feather and cond.; vhc, Bull, good size and col., perfect feather; hc, Francis, a very nice Finch, good chest, well put down, stands well, not so shapely; c, Marley, very forward in cond., and hut in cul., several good ones cardless, including last year's winner, No. 1780, No. 1785 another real beauty. YELLOW BUNTING (16): 1, Crompton, col.-fed, heavily marked "V" on head, good check marks, nut a great deal of yellow on breast, fine size, very ucarly a champion; 2, hc, Lloyd James, better cap and throat, and richer plumage, guod body pencilling, fine size and in high cund., little or no harm would have been done had it won, hc natural coloured Hammer, very clear yellow cap and throat, the yellow in both goes well over the back of the head; 3, Jones, col.-fed, very steady, but shows sings of age about the legs, good rich col., dense head and check marks, in A1 order; 4, Livingstone, heavily col.-fed, good size and shape, capital check markings, yellow goes well duwn from the throat, in high cond.; vhc, Marley, Cheney, former much the better bird, richer yellow; c, Jeffreys, on the small side. A.O. BRIT. BUNTING (14): 1, Macpherson, very steady Snow, nice size, but not the best of col., shows rather much brown in the plumage, perfect feather and high cund.; 2, Gostling, Cirn Bunting, rare size and capital markings, very steady, rich coloured breast, shapely, high cond.; 3, Marley, Corn, very similar, little to chuose, beaten in markings; 4, Rowe and Richards, real nice Cirl, beautifully mkd. head and thruat, colours well defined, nice size and perfect feather, full of bloom, might have gone up, some thought; vhc, Lloyd James, hen Lapland, small and none too steady; hc, Pearce, Cirl, very nice Cirl, in grand fettle; c, Robinson, Reed, capital Reed Bunting, good Black head and thruat, nice collar, rather unsteady; Meadow Bunting, and Black-headed Bunting, very nice specimens, and quite tame, were also in the class, but these are not in the five species of British Buntings eligible to compete in the class. HEN, FINCH OR BUNTING (19): Good class of well mixed species: 1, Jones, jun., tupping Corn Bunting, rare col. and markings for a lady, big body, and full of bloom, very tame, deserves its place; 2, Mays, clinking Bramble, rare breast col., very shapely, nice pencillings, grand specimen, almost as good as a cock; 3, Jeffreys, bonny Yellow Bunting, splendid shape, fine silky plumage, well polished, very steady; 4, Heal, another Corn, not so large as 1st, and paler, the tamest we ever remember seeing, probably hand-reared, uot such good markings as some; vhc, Burr, Hawfinch, very nice, medium size, but bib not clean cut, Macpherson, shapely Bullic, in nice order; hc, Sykes, Whitney and Son, big Greenie and Reed, both in good order; c, Rowe and Richards, Bramble, Mascall, Bullie; 1825, capital Hawfinch, very hard luck; 1823, fine Bullie. SONG THRUSH OR BLACKBIRD (9): 1, hc, Adams, topping Blackbird leading, very shapely, lustrous plumage, full of sheen, fine crown, bill, and eye cere, shows well, he a rare big Blackie, but not so good a colour, a paler bill and eye cere, scales on its legs want a little attention; 2, Bruce, Song Thrush, the spots run well down, and are very dense, good col. on back, but shade pale on breast; 3, 4, Marley, both bonny Blackies, former a rare size, beautifully polished; vhc, Abbott; c, Ward, well marked Thrush. STARLING (7): 1, Trower's bronze medal, Dell, densely spotted and shining from head downwards, rare size, full of the lovely purple and green sheen; 2, Axe, simply a mass of large spots, rather more "snakey" than former, lovely polish; 3, Oliver, very slim compared with winner, good purple sheen on breast, stands well; 4, hc, Lean and Son, well spotted one, but not such a sheen as leaders; vhc, Lister, good spangling and shows well; c, Robinson, perfect feather, and tame.

Mr. W. Swaysland's Classes.

CHOUGH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Victor-Williams, capital pair, 1 splendid Chough, rich red beak and legs, plumage full of lustre, perfect feather, slightly overgrown beak, but undoubtedly the best of a good class, 2 bonny Magpie, fine head, well polished and clean cut bib, pure in Whites, lovely green sheen on flights and tail; 3, Sykes, Chough, again in first-class order, very little between this and 1st, very red beak and legs, well polished; 4, Saywards and Monk, another good Magpie, not the subs. of 2, nice white underparts, good shaped head, tight as wax, and every feather of its long tail perfect; vhc, Hingley, Chough, good size and condition; hc, S. Jones, Chough, good col., legs, and bill, latter overgrown at end; c, Baily and Son, Chough. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (7): 1, Lomer, large 'Gale, perfect in feather, but drops both wings; 2, Collins, Blackcap, bonny little bird, tight as wax, good cap, well polished plumage, very pretty exhibit; 3, Lean and Son, 'Gale, good size and shape, perfect feather, very tame, well staged; 4, J. and R. Lewis, large Blackcap, damaged its tail, the largest in the class; vhc, Lafbury, nice Blackcap, sang very sweetly whilst we were taking our notes; hc, Miss Bousfield, Blackcap. SKYLARK (9): 1, 3, vhc, Lott, all goed ones, winner a rare bold chested one, with good pencillings, fine texture of feather, 3rd another equally as good, vhc is smaller one, and paler; 2, McSalby, large upstanding bird, rare cond., beautifully mkd., fine bold carr.; 4, Scott, small again, good tone of plumage, nice pencillings, good carr.; hc, Baseley; c, Potts. PIPITS, TITS, WOODLARKS, ETC. (11): 1, and "C.B." novice dipluma, Orauge, good pair of Bearded Reedlings, cock has a lovely coloured head, plumage of both a little pale, cage too small to show them to the best advantage; 2, Erskine, sweet little Crested Tit, beautifully staged, a mixture of grey with black markings, lovely crest; 3, Tout, good Rock Pipit, very steady, splendid cond.; 4, Wade, Crossbill, fine col., pink breast, good size and steady; vhc, Hattersley, cock Bearded Reedling, in nice order; hc, Andrew Bros., Bearded Reedlings; c, Willis, Cole Tit. WAGTAILS (7): Three species out of the five represented: 1, "C.B." £1 championship prize, Tout, topping yellow, led to perfection, perfect feather, splendid shape, takes the perches beautifully,; 2, Drabble, very steady Grey, good white throat and eye marks, rich yellow rump, perfect feather, well staged; 3, vhc, Mays, yellow, pale in col., particularly compared with 1, vhc yellow, small; 4, Collins, col.-fed yellow, catalogued as winner of 57 first prizes, but it too "slim," could never beat the winner here; hc, Clarke, yellow; c, Curtis and Son. WAXWINGS, SHRIKES, ETC. (9): 1, Mays, real guod Waxwing, grand head and very bright wing tips, of red, yellow, and white, rather pater in body col. than some we have seen, beautifully staged, wins 4th "C.B." championship sp.; 2, Marley, noted Great Grey Shrike, very steady, and in fine feather, hardly so well shown as usual for contrast of col.; 3, Levick, Missel Thrush, rare size, beautifully-spotted breast, good rich tint of plumage, shows well; 4, Miss Bousfield, Waxwing, rich body col. and wing tips, splendid head and crest, rather a tight thing for 1st, full of cond.; vhc, Taylor, another Waxwing, smaller, and uot so good in col.; hc, Rowe and Richards, good col. and mkd. Redwing, wants "scales" attended to; c, Austin, Missel Thrush, unsteady; 1904, nice steady Fieldfare, good col. SMALL INSECTIV. (9): Small in entries, but very fine quality, containing Dartford and Grasshopper Warblers, Redstart, and Black Redstart, Whitethroats, Gold Crest, and Treecreeper: 1, "C.B." £3 champion prize, and coloured diploma, 3, Mays, charming Grasshopper Warbler, a gem, with but one noticeable blemish, and that a slightly dropped left wing, faultlessly shown, but lucky to win the "C.B." championship coupon prize in the British section over the Dartford Warbler, in every other respect it is the toss of a coin for the winner, 3 pretty Treecreeper, shown in Mr. May's usual A1 style, red baize lined cage, silvery white underparts, and well marked back; 2, "C.B." £2 champion prize, Frostick, the well-known Dartford Warbler, "Perfection" (and rightly named), perfect feather and condition, very hard luck in the circumstances, wins "C.B." coupon sp. for 2nd best in section, and Trower gold medal; 4, hc, Taylor, very fine Redstart, splendid black cheeks and throat, nice white crescent, grand breast col., one of the best out, wins Trower's silver medal, hc Black Redstart, not in the best cond.; vhc, c, Tout, pretty Gold Crest, faultlessly shown, and a fine Lesser Whitethroat, tight as wax. ALBINO (13): 1, Martin and Archer, charming light yellow Yellowhammer, not a dark feather on it; 2, Mays, White Hedge Sparrow (or rather a "creamy" white), perfect feather, very steady and beautifully staged; 3, Bakes, topping White Blackbird, pink eyes, perfect except frayed tips of flights, well shown, nice shape; 4, Jenner, pretty Pied Rubin, small portion of orange-red on forehead and throat, and remainder of body well pied, tail natural col.; vhc, hc, Wade, almost White Linnet, spotless plumage, creamy white Goldie, mkd. on flights, and trace of col. in blaze; c, Madell, Pied Starling; 1927, ordiuary Landrail; 1206, Creamy Thrush, damaged tail.

FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar) (11): 1, J. Henderson, very fine Goldie, in lovely cond., extra large blaze, rich and clean in col. and well cut, grand body, chest broad and heavily tanned, neat buttons, splendid flights, wins well; 2, "C.B." 10s. cash sp., Price, another exceptionally good Goldie, magnificent expanse of blaze, pure and deep in col., excellent wings, plenty of tau, in fine order, somewhat slimmer than leader; 3, Bauer, spanking big Bullie, with a glurious head and cap, wide, clean-cut, and jet-black, very bold front of solid crimson, shining like plush, well worth its place; 4, Pringle, Goldf., practically equal to 2nd, hardly so square cut in under blaze, all there for col. and cond., very stylish and taking; vhc, Walsh, another tip-tup Bullie, great size, fine head and breast; hc, Cowan, handsome Goldie, just beaten in size and blaze; c, Madame Madewell, sweetly pretty hen Bullie.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

In Novice British Birds the L. and P.O.S. this year made a slight alteration in the classification, to give the novice birds an opportunity of competing against their own species. Instead of the Bullfinch and Goldfinch class, one for each was put on, the result being an increase of seven in the number sent in. A class was provided for Linnets, but the response was not very encouraging compared with other classes, although an entry of 17 is not bad. As regards quality this class was equal to any, some really high class birds facing the judge. Bullfinches also were a very level lot, and of capital qual., one or two were apparently left out for being of foreign extraction, and some left in that were just a wee bit doubtful, but the dividing line is rather faint, and the judge gave the exhibits the benefit. There was a certain levelness in the Goldfinch class, that made it a difficult one to adjudicate upon; the winner turned up in Mr. Hobden's bird, which also won CAGE BIRDS diploma for best in section, he is really a nice, beautifully tanned Finch, but just a shade on the small side, he was grandly staged, and we congratulate his popular owner. The Any Other Species class held some good birds, most varieties being well represented, but in this and the Siskin and Redpoll class the chief failing was want of steadiness, which seriously handicapped otherwise promising exhibits. Our commonest Finch, the Greenbird, was only fairly represented, the two best being Messrs. Beard's and Bond and Son's birds, these were nice examples, and could hold their own in any class for the species. The staging all through was excellent, many of the exhibits helng put down in first-class style, a bad example scarcely showing among the many good exhibits.

NOV., BRIT. BULLF. (23): 1, James, bonny bird, nicely moulded, and filled in, grand cap of good width and size, well filled neck, nice bars, sound rich col., in the pink; 2, Hardie, hot col., shade smaller, but close up, lovely cap, although scarcely so wide as winner, grand wing bars, lovely cond.; 3, Lovell, very cobby, good full head and neck, bold front, sound col., capital wings, hardly the bloom of winner, nice cap; 4, Tapper, all there for type, a real Bullie, rare neck and front, good broad cap, beaten col.; 5, vhc, Fowler, typical, good head, nicely filled back and front, sound rich col., hardly the polish; vhc, Holliday; hc, Dawson, Howe; c, Alexander, Walker. GOLDF. (27): 1, Hobden, little gentleman, neat all over, full of col. and tanning, good expansive blaze, hardly so cleanly cut as some, but fine qual., staged to the minute; 2, Parker, rather small, nice square cut blaze, shapely, good wings, inclined to be a bit light down centre of breast, still a good Finch; 3, Walker, rather bigger, good square cut blaze, hardly so rich in col. as winner, nor so nicely tanned, nice shape and style; 4, Dawson, richly tanned, nice blaze, scarcely so rich as some, good wings, capital cond.; 5, James, good bird, capital blaze, nicely tanned, good wings, hardly put down at his best; vhc, Lovell, Miller; hc, Hartley, Elston; c, Hardie, Owen. LINNET (17): 1, Mrs. Edwards, bonny, capital size and shape, not the richest col. in the class, but put down in faultless cond., nice full head, bold front and back, full of work; 2, Fowler, lovely col., very shapely, but not over big, nicely proportioned, splendidly laced, hardly so nicely put down as winner; 3, James, rare bold big bird, shows himself well, full head and neck, not very heavily mkd., but in grand order; 4, vhc, Lockett, shapely, good rich col., sound wings, good style, when handled, fails a bit in lacing, still a good bird; vhc, Walker; hc, Street; c, Lewis. SISKIN, ETC. (24): 1, Lovell, lovely Siskin, capital size and type, good wide densely black cap, grand wings, beautifully laced, sound rich col., in the pink; 2, c, James, very fine Lesser Redpoll, cobby shape, full of col. throughout, good bold bib, nicely laced, in fine order; 3, Walker, lovely Twite, good size and shape, nice full head and front, full of work throughout, fine cond.; 4, Sadler, good Siskin, little gentleman for shape and style, neat cap, nicely laced, tight as wax, sound col.; 5, Theobald, good Lesser, but hardly the finish of winner, capital size; vhc, Mrs. Edwards, Cooper; hc, Hartley, Dawson; c, Lewis. A.O.S. (24): 1, Lovell, grand Hawfinch, capital size, good bold head, sound rich col. throughout, nicely packed and filled in, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Orange, very fine Yell. Bunting, grand size, and shape, beautifully mkd., nicely spangled, sound rich col., in very fine order; 3, James, not the biggest Chaffinch in the show, but a gem for col., grand cap, nice bold front, good wings; 4, c, Cooper, very fine house-moulted Crossbill, capital size, guod col., and well put down; 5, hc, Walker, lovely rich col. Bramble, capital size and style, good cap, nicely spangled, full of poise, c, Bond.

LIMIT (25): 1, Jenner, fine bold Siberian Bullie, grand depth of col. and good wide cap, well polished; 2, Rowe and Richards, nice English Goldie, well up in col.; 3, Lawrence, bold Hawfinch, grand size, wide skull; 4, Parker, another good Bullie; 5, vhc, Wren, a capital Goldie; vhc, hc, Hawkes; hc, Goodall; c, Francis.

THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

The foreign section showed considerable improvement on recent years, containing, as it did, 116 exhibits, of which 43 were in the Parrot section, and 73 in the remaining standing classes, one class, that for Sunbirds, etc., failing to fill—a great disappointment, considering the large number of eligible birds now in the hands of foreign bird lovers. The length of time covered by the show had probably something to do with this, together with the prospect of wintry weather. But one would have thought that the clause especially providing that the more delicate birds could be removed before the close of the show if inclement weather prevailed, would have dispelled any fears of untoward happenings. Three of the classes each had an entry of 20 birds, and the task of the judges in sorting these was not at all an easy one. Messrs. Camps and Fulljames seem, however, to have acquitted themselves with discretion, for we heard no adverse comments on the awards in either section.

In the class for Parrots, Mr. Camps was faced with two new introductions, a pair of Ruppell's Parrots and a Salle's Amazon, and also an Aubrey's Parrot, which, although we have seen it before, remains, we believe, the only one of its kind yet exhibited. Neither of the three exhibits was quite in show cond., and first prize consequently went to our old friend, Bessie, the Rev. Raynur's well-kuowu hen Meyer's Parrot.

The 20 exhibits in the class for common species and Waxbills, etc., presented a teaser for the judge, practically every exhibit being in perfect condition. It was generally conceded, however, that Mrs. Lougden's lovely pair of tiny African Fire Finches were rightly placed at the top. The class as a whole attracted the attention of the visitors as much as auy in the show, and expressions of admiration and surprise at the fascinating beauty of these exquisite miniatures of bird life were continuous.

Another lot of 20 appeared in the class for the less common Waxbills, sundry Finches, Whydahs, etc., but here the fight for premier position was quickly narrowed to a contest between a Crimson-throated Whydah (Mr. Chadwick), and a beautiful Ruddy Waxbill (Mr. Frostick). The Whydah got the best of the struggle, and the result met with general approval. A number of Melba Finches appeared in the class, and 3rd prize went to Mr. Beaty with certainly the best of the lot. Miss Bousfield's pair of Black-headed Gouldian Finches meritoriously won the 5th prize, which fell to their lot—a perfect pair indeed, and more admired by the general public than anything in the class.

True Finches, etc., numbered 17, and were a nice lot. The judge could not go beyoud the Sepoy Finch for 1st, as it was not only the rarest bird in the class, but was absolutely perfect in plumage and steadiness. The Olive Finches (2nd) were a very perfect pair of these uucommon birds, and the 3rd prize, Rainbow Bunting, was about the best of its kind we remember seeing. Mr. J. A. E. Smyth's Mexican Hawfinches were a taking pair, but a bit too nervous to show themselves to advantage. Of the remaining four classes, one had to be cancelled, and the other three produced only 16 in all, there being nothing very wonderful in either class. Six birds were entered in the class for Tanagers, four of them by Miss Bousfield, and one of these, a White-capped, arrived ill, and was not benched. Miss Bousfield won 1st, 3rd, and vhc, and took with the winner a beautiful Festive, 1st in C.B. competition, and the L. and P.O.S. challenge cup, which now becomes the exhibitor's own property. The winner for best in foreign classes, however, was in the next class, Mr. Frostiek's lovely Japanese Robin, one of the only two in Europe, we believe. A pair of hybrids appeared for competition, but were of course wrong classed. The section as a whole presented most attraction of any to the general public, and among the interested visitors was the distinguished scientist, Sir Ray Lankester, K.C.B., who was shown round the section by Mr. Fulljames.

Mr. H. T. T. Camps' Classes.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (12): 1, 3, c, Silver, leaders beautifully plumaged pair Green Budgerigars, the hen one of the best we have seen for a long time, just a wee bit wild, or would be a perfect pair of show birds, 3 nice pair of Madagascar Love Birds, will improve with keeping, not yet quite at home in England; 2, vhc, Shipton, 2 lovely pair of yellow Budgerigars, feather perfect, and very tame, we certainly liked these for 1st, not only because a good Yellow generally beats a good Green, hut because they were ever so much steadier, the very nice Green Budgerigars; 4, Fletcher, nice Green Budgerigars, not showing sex distinction so clearly as the others; hc, Mrs. Frostick. OTHER PARRAKEETS, ETC. (20): A fine class, which must have taken a bit of sorting out: 1, Mrs. Longden, takes trophy for best Australasian bird, and 3rd in "C.B." competition, Red-naped Lory, shown in absolute perfection of plumage, beautifully steady; 2, hc, Miss Clare, pair of Queen Alexandra Parrakeets. The hen bird could possibly have won by herself, but the cock was decidedly down in plumage, a bit of bad ... meant missing the valuable Pair trophy, ... the L. and P.O.S. championship diploma ... foreign (were in the running also for the Abraham memorial for rarest foreign), 3, 5, vhc, hc, ..., five out of a grand team of eight shown by Miss A. B. Smyth, 3 Purple-capped Lories, marvellously deep alizarine crimsun plumage, tail feathers just a bit frayed at ends, otherwise without a fault, 5 very nice Forsten's Lorikeet, shining better than satin; 4, Jamesun and Johnson, beautiful Ceram Lory, superb polish; ex. 5, Young; vhc, Wilson, Frostick; hc, Wade; c, Harrison, Hawkins; 211, Smith, Ceram Lory, we thought might have been well up in the cards, just showing a few pen feathers here and there, but a lovely bird of its kind. A.O.S. PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Rev. Raynor, winner hen Meyer's Parrot, the old favourite, "Bessie," has now had twenty years at least of cage bird life, and looks good for another twenty, certainly looking better than ever before, and wins meritoriously, the vhc Red-vented Parrot, the hc an Aubrey's, both a bit down in condition; 2, Miss A. B. Smyth, catalogued as Ruppell's Parrots, looked rather like two cock Meyer's Parrots, but the two species are so closely alike to render identification difficult without comparing them together; 3, Leavers, good Senegal Parrot, won on condition of plumage over 4, Moore, Salle's Amazon, a first appearance of the species on the show bench, not yet in exhibition conditiun, or would have gone higher up in the prize list; ex. 4, Miss Gollan, very fine Leadbeater's Cockatoo, in perfect plumage; vhc, Ditchfield, Blue-fronted Amazon; c, Muscott.

Mr. H. J. Fulljames's Classes.

AVADAVATS AND OTHER NAMED COMMON SPECIES (20): A very nice class: 1, Mrs. Longden, pair of African Fire Finches, differing materially from the well-known type of the same name, considerably smaller, not larger, indeed, than the familiar Golden-breasted Waxbill, a lovely little pair, shown in exquisite condition; 2, vhc, hc, Silver, leaders an absolutely perfect pair of Lavender Finches, lovely condition and beautifully staged in a double cage, the partition ingeniously masked with sprays of millet, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 3, Mrs. Thynne, the most perfect pair of St. Helena Waxbills that it has ever been our pleasure to see, nothing could exceed them in beauty of plumage and markings; 4, vhc, Watts, lovely pair of White-headed Mannikins, and a very nice couple of Green Avadavats, in perfect condition; hc, c, Beaty, beautiful Combassou, in shining plumage, and a nice African Fire Finch; c, Miss Bousfield. A good pair of White Javas, Madam Madewell, would have been in the cards, but for imperfect washing. OTHER WAXBILLS, ETC. (20): A most interesting class of the less common among the small foreign seedeaters: 1, Chadwick, very nice Crimson-throated Whydah, not Red-collared, as catalogued, winner of 2nd cash prize in "C.B." competition, in full breeding plumage, with nice tail feathers, dense black body col., and well mkd. wings, crimson throat band might be deeper in col., just breaking into the out of season plumage, a week later would have been too late; 2, Frestick, very fine Ruddy Waxbill, a rare bird, in perfect plumage, and beautifully steady, close run for 1st prize; 3, Beaty, Melba Finch, in utmost perfection of col. and plumage, beautifully spangled underneath; and lovely col. of face crimson; 4, hc, Hawkins, nice pair Melba Finches, cock considerably behind 3 in colouration, and heu just a bit soft; 5, vhc, Miss Bousfield, very perfect pair of Black-headed Gouldians, in shining condition, a living picture of loveliness, impossible to imagine a better pair of these charming birds; vhc, Mrs. Longden; hc, Miss J. A. E. Smyth; c, Miss Thynne, Pin-tailed Whydah, would have been higher but rather wild. TRUE FINCHES, ETC. (17): 1, Hathaway, fine specimen of the rare Sepoy Finch, in lovely cond., steady, and shows well; 2, Beaty, lovely pair of Olive Finches, perfect feather, and well shown; 3, Almond, Rainbow Bunting, in unsurpassable plumage, a lovely exhibit, wins 4th in "C.B." cash prizes; 4, Miss J. A. E. Smyth, very nice pair of Mexican Hawfinches, just a bit unsteady, nice condition, and markings well defined; vhc (2), Fordred, Pileated Finch and Virginian Cardinal, both in perfect plumage, and well shown; hc, Gunnell, American Pine Siskin, an interesting exhibit; c, Oliver. TANAGERS (6): A small class, but it held the winner of 1st in "C.B." cash competition among couponed foreign birds, this being Miss Bousfield's lovely Festive Tanager, which won also the L. and P.O.S. silver challenge cup, the cup now becoming the property of Miss Bousfield, it being her third win, the bird is not quite perfect in the claws of its left foot, and this very slight defect told against it in the ultimate competition for the ten-guinea "C.B." special for the best bird in the show; 3, vhc, also Miss Bonsfield, good pair of Necklace Tanagers, just a bit off in cond., and a nice superb; 2, Arnott, lovely Tri-coloured, in nice plumage; 4, Miss A. B. Smyth, good Palm Tanager. A.O.S. SMALL (7): 1, Frostick, beautiful Japanese Robin, one of the rarities of the show, lovely plumage, and very tame, wins L. and P.O.S. championship diploma for best foreign bird, and Crystal Palace Co.'s silver medal, bad luck it was not "couponed," or it must have won the £3 first prize in foreign birds, and would have had a better chance than the Festive Tanager in the ultimate competition for the ten-guinea champion prize, and the ten-guinea challenge shield; 2, Sharples, Chinese Starling, wins Abraham's trophy for rarest foreign bird, a most difficult prize to award, for there were other foreign birds shown for the first time, notably the Salle's Amazon, and the Ruppell's Parrots, but only one could have it, and the Starling won on condition; 3, 4, Miss A. B. Smyth, 3 Shamah, in perfection of plumage, tame and beautifully shown, 4 pair of Black-headed Sibias, in lovely condition, but very unsteady, might have been 2nd if they had shown themselves properly; vhc, hc, Fordred, both Pekin Robins, singing merrily throughout the show; wrong class, Miss A. B. Smyth, nice pair of hybrids. A.O.S. LARGE (3): A disappointing class: 1, A. B. Smyth, nice Yellow-headed Troupial; 2, Sharples, Pileated Jay, in lovely plumage; 3, Andrews Bros., very perfect Glossy Starling.

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Yorkshires.

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YORKSHIRES, few birds left, cocks 5/6, hens 3/6, pairs 8/-; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1248)

UNFLIGHTED prize-bred Yorkshire hens from 5/6, cocks from 7/6: Goodwin, 136, Warham-st., Kennington, London, S.E. (1274)

GRAND Yorkshires pairs, from 15/- pair: also a few odd hens, yellow or buff, 7/6 each: Risebrough, Amberley-st., Sunderland. (1313)

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TWO good pairs Yorkshires, 12/6 pair; four odd hens, 5/- each; approval; stamp reply: Bennett, 84, Bersham-rd., Wrexham. (1280)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some 7in., from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Fletcher, Holme House, Whitby, Yorks. (1306)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale; cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens from 2/6: J. Lamb, 1, Tasker's Villas, Church-lane, Carcroft, nr. Doncaster. (1308)

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SEVERAL long slim buff 1913 Yorkshire hens, 3/- each, clear yellow 3/6, ready to nest; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (1322)

EIGHT 1913 buff Yorks. cocks, good big birds, in full song, 5/6, 6/6; several hens, 3/6 each; approval, deposit: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley. (1316)

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FIVE exceptionally good Yorkshire hens, yellows and buffs, bred from first-class stock, 5/- and 7/6 each, to clear; approval: Williams, Plascelyn, Trefriw. (1313)

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HIGH-class Yorkshires: Ticked yellow cock, 20/-; clear yellow, 8/6; four yellow hens, one ticked buff, 8/- each; colour fed; approval: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester.

HANDSOME, deep, clear yellow Yorkshire cock, full song, 10/6; two first-class buff hens, 5/- each, 17/6 three; not half their value: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (1308)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, have a few yellow and buff cocks, clear, and Cinn. marked, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens from 5/6; room wanted: R. Baxter, 98, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex. (1322)

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CAN spare two unflighted buff cocks, 10/- each; one unflighted yellow cock, winner, 15/-; also one yellow and one buff hen, 10/- each: birds sent on approval: Alexander Wilkinson, Hazelwood House, Keith. (1299)

SONGSTERS: grand Yorks, cocks in full song, specially selected for singing, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; grand hens at 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each: 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1326)

OBSERVE, grand upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6: hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly matched, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cold-room kept: 4 days' approval: Particulars: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

SEVEN yellow cocks, three yellow marked ones, 6/- each; seven hens, clear and marked, 3/- each; or 8/6 pair; or best offers for lot; approval, deposit: Coulson, Fish Restaurant, 761, Huddersfield-rd., Ravensthorpe. (1314)

HAVING finished exhibiting, can spare few Yorkshires, pairs from 12/6, cash or deposit; approval; winner of gold medal, see Dewsbury show, this week's issue: Fisher, 759, Huddersfield-rd., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury. (1316)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, from finest strains obtainable, cocks only, all unflighted, cheap to clear; approval: inspection cordially invited: Wilson, 66, Holme Lane, Hillsboro, Sheffield. (1322)

ARE you wanting Yorkshires? I will do my best to suit you; cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; state wants; approval, deposit: seen any time: guaranteed healthy: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1326)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from cup and medal winners, splendid stock cocks, standard length, 10/6, 15/-, £1; hens to match, teeming with quality, from 5/-; approval: carriage paid: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (1310)

H. C. HEDWORTH, Dudley-rd., Grantham, has for disposal one clear yellow, one variegated yellow, one variegated, and one heavily marked buff cocks, from 10/6; hens, one ticked yellow, a stormer, 21/-, one clear 10/6; from my winners, Stamford, Leicester, West Stanley, Nottingham, Luton, etc.: approval.

Quality the Best
Price Most Reasonable
Value Greatest

It is not what bought up birds at absurdly high prices have done that matters to you, even if led to believe that they are not so procured. What you want to know is where you can get the greatest value for money. I **sell the Winners,** and can easily save you money, and at the same time give you birds that others would reserve. I have for those wanting to improve length of body and leg, the right thing.

The present stock comprises **winners** that will be sold at stock bird prices. This is a fact that will take some beating. Have on approval, and be convinced. Don't take my **word** without you like. **Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. Pairs, matcher for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.** Cages 3d.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, grand typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, grand matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval anywhere, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (1303)

TWO grand unflighted yellow hens, lovely type and quality, the sort that breed winners every nest, price 6/6 each, 11/6 the two; 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1326)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, exceptionally cheap to clear; three yellow cocks, three buff, three heavily marked, grand quality stock birds, 7/6 each; hens, 5/-; approval willingly: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (1314)

PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires; 50 pairs, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, pairs 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; dealers supplied with large or small quantities; satisfaction guaranteed; terms cash or deposit; travelling cages 3d.: 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford. (1309)

SPECIAL notice; yellow cock, first prizewinner, clear buff hen, magnificent pair, 25/-; clear buff cock, second prizewinner, with clinking yellow hen, 30/-; genuine bargains; full particulars; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

WINNING Yorkshires, 16 firsts, 8 seconds, 9 thirds, 9 specials, 4 silver medals; I have 30 grand birds to dispose of, all bred from or related to the above winners: cocks from 10/- to 40/-; hens from 7/6 to 30/-: L. Yates, 74, Rushes-rd., Petersfield. (1262)

GRAND buff Yorkshire cock, with grand yellow hen, sell £1; also yellow cock, with buff hen, sell £1, bred from my winners, and can win anywhere; also few feeding hens, 2/6 each; on approval, on receipt of P.O.: Fred Radley, Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (1306)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, from the best blood in England, long, slim and full of swank, yellows and buffs, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens to match, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; pairs 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all on song and ready for breeding: John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1320)

F. COULSON, 163, Albert-st., Millom, Cumberland, breeder and exhibitor, has some high-class Yorkshire hens for sale, all related to my winners; championship of C.W.Y.C.C., and diploma and first and specials in all the leading shows; state wants; approval with pleasure. (1284)

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, winning typical deep colour-fed unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock; latest win Stratford, Enfield; bred by same parents as my challenge cup winner; accept 15/-; cheap at £3 3/- for stock, faultless condition, approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1325)

UNFLIGHTED, neck ticked yellow cock, over 7in., well up on leg, 7/6; 1912 yellow cock, rare length, position, 7/6; grand unflighted buff hen, 7/6; two long, slim yellow hens, 5/- each; offers for lot; or exchange in good Norwich entertained: Arthur Hill, Halebank, near Widnes. (1312)

CHEAP Yorkshires: W. Farmer, winner of the Yorkshire Cup, Leyton, and Amateur Cup, East Ham, has a few decent pairs at 12/6 pair; also some smart unflighted cocks, at 10/- and 15/- each; a limited number only; approval; visitors welcome: 13, Thornhill-rd., High-rd., Leyton. (1305)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, big winner this season, over 7 inches, and as straight as a rusb, a bargain, only 15/-, worth double for stock alone, with lovely buff hen, unflighted, also winner, 8/6 pair, to clear, 21/6: 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1326)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, from my prize strain; cocks, 7/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; all colour fed, and in the pink of condition; cash or deposit; inspection invited: G. A. Parker, 17, Litchfield-aven., Romford-rd., Stratford. (1170)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, some good birds still left; typical cocks, in full song, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; good hens, 3/6, 5/-, 6/6; correctly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; genuine bargains; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Mordenrd., Mitcham, Surrey. (1206)

MR. A. L. HAWKES must sacrifice few more of his noted deep colour-fed yellow and buff Yorkshires, mostly unflighted, not having sufficient room to mate up all which he has selected for own use: must sacrifice few typical cocks at 12/6 and 15/-; hens 7/6 and 10/- each; above are in faultless condition, and of exceptional merit; approval anywhere: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1325)

STEWART'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Same strain as my winners at Newcastle, Blaydon, Whitehaven, Workington, and Palace; few good ones, seasonable; approval: 11, Woodville-ter., Whitehaven. (1314)

WINNERS ALL

1st and 2nd Palace, and look at report of Harrogate members' show this issue: cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-: Hamlyn, Leeds-rd., Harrogate. (1320)

PURE TYPICAL YORKSHIRES.—High-class Yorkshires, grand length, correct type, cold-room bred. Yellow or Buff Cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Yellow or Buff Hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval.—**Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.** (1323)

THE CHAMPION STRAIN!

Read following from 216, Wellingboro'-rd., Northampton. Feb. 8, 1914. You will be pleased to hear that I have won five firsts, four seconds, four thirds this season, and several specials, all with birds bred from your strain.—A. E. Dunkley. My winnings for the past five seasons cannot be approached by any other exhibitor, again winning the Green Marked Yorkshire ten guinea trophy, and gold medal for 1913-1914; also the Yorkshire Canary Club Challenge Cup, 1913-14; 2nd in Yorkshire Union Competition, etc., etc., and diplomas for best Yorkshire at Sunderland, Scottish National, etc., etc., and over 70 firsts, and numerous spls. this season at all the leading shows. In addition to above, I have bred and sold over 100 winners to my customers, so if you want the best blood in the Fancy, place your orders with the old reliable breeder, who breeds his own winners, and can therefore give you the best satisfaction. I still have a fine collection of high-class Yorkshires for sale, including several recent winners, that for length, type and quality cannot be beaten, and at prices to suit all. Pairs, carefully selected to breed the best, not haphazard. This is where pedigree tells its own tale afterwards, as blood is bound to tell, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- per pair; Yorkshire cocks, any colour, at 6/- 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each upwards; hens, feathered like wax, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each upwards. Travelling cages, 3d. extra; all cocks on full song, and cold room bred and kept, and in the pink of condition; inspection invited at any time, or I will send any bird on seven days' approval at my risk; cash or deposit, with Editor; easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers. Please state wants. Price list post free: L. Dykes, Reliable Aviaries, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (1322)

THIRTY PAIRS
high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding, from 12/6 pair upwards, cash or deposit; approval: E. Kennerson, 46, Queen-st., West Sunderland. (1361)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES
Typical cocks, fit for exhibition, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; all ten days' on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewshury, Yorkshire. (1160)

CHAS. MORRISON
has got some grand pairs Yorkshires and Norwich for sale, winner of Yorkshire Champion Cinnamon-marked Competition, and second in Yorkshire Champion Green-marked Competition; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse. (1256)

T. J. CLARK'S YORKSHIRES
Having selected my breeding stock, have the following for sale: buff cock, yellow hen, 30/-; ticked buff cock, cinn.-marked yellow hen, 27/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 25/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 21/-; all best quality; approval willingly: 29, Ashby-rd., Watford, Herts. (1320)

WILKINSON BROS.
Try one of our matched pairs, sure to give satisfaction, at reasonable prices, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, upwards; odd birds proportionately; all bred from or related to our winners at all the leading shows; cash or deposit; approval; state wants to 123, Parkside-rd., Bradford. (1213)

BEARDALL'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES
30 pairs of high-class Yorkshires for sale, most of them winners at leading shows this season, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/- upwards, pairs from 10/-; all colour-fed and cold-room bred, clears, ticked, greens, cinnamons; will exchange for Norwich, good birds only; 7 days' approval: George Beardall, The Aviaries, Main-rd., Shirland, nr. Alfreton. (1313)

MIDGLEY'S WINNING YORKSHIRES
Few choice Yorkshires to spare, all own breeding, and related to winners at Crystal Palace, L.C.B.A., Sunderland, Blaydon; every bird staged, own breeding, not bought winners; state requirements; correspondence a pleasure: 10, Victoria-st., Clayton, Bradford. (1308)

HONEST DEALINGS
Fair value, is what I give with my Yorkshires. I have twice won the N.Y.C.C. points competition, the Newcastle Nest Feather Cup, and have got a 2nd, 3rd, and hc, at Palace. I have a few really good birds left, and for quick sale offer at following low prices: Yellow cocks 10/-, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; buff cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 30/-; hens 5/- to 30/-; a few of my show birds for sale also: Crawhall, Chemist, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1310)

SEE PALACE REPORT.
Having selected my pair for breeding, I find I have no room for the following first-class birds: Three clear yellow cocks, stylish and well up on leg, at 10/-, 12/-, and 15/- each; two clear buff cocks (brothers to my bronze medal winner at the Crystal Palace Show last week), winners of several 1sts, 25/- each; one variegated buff cock (2nd Holborn Hall, 1913), over seven inches long, magnificent stock bird, 21/-, honestly worth treble. All in full song and pink of condition. My birds have won this season, silver challenge cup, three medals, "Cage Birds" Diploma, and three other 10/- cash specials: H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton-rd., Bowes Park, London. (1307)

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES
Important to novices, amatcurs, and Yorkshire breeders generally. Age and present health condition decides me in offering for immediate sale the whole contents of two of my bird rooms, including over 100 birds, with cages and fittings. My past 35 years' experience in the breeding and keeping of Yorkshire varieties only is proof sufficient, without further comment, that purchasing clients for future stock are assured of securing style and quality in progeny, also at prices probably half that usually charged by professional exhibitors and dealers for class birds. Unrelated pairs, selected and suitably matched as for own breeding, from 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; single specimens proportionately; also few exhibition specimens, equally cheap; all approval, cash or deposit; for detailed particulars, etc., address: Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. (1190)

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKS.
Hens, feathered like wax, from 5/6; cocks, real gems, from 7/6, all colours, no purer strain in the Fancy, cash or deposit: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks. (1320)

R. HANFORD, DERBY
has exceptionally fine collection Yorkshires for sale; state requirements; send for list; see Norwich advertisement. (1215)

C. FRENCH
has some splendid birds, mostly yellows, to dispose of cheap, room required for breeding; cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/-, 15/-; approval: Churchgate-st., Harlow, Essex. (1309)

YORKSHIRES—RARE BARGAINS
One ticked yellow, cock and clear buff hen, both winners, 15/-; two buff cocks, 8/- each; two buff hens, 6/- each; two yellows, 6/- each; also three green mark yellow Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; everyone worth double; approval: Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Bolton, Lancs. (1306)

IRISH FANCIERS
C. A. O'Reilly must reduce stock for breeding season, giving away prices: Lengthy cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; hens, 5/- upwards; pairs, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; at home Saturdays, Sundays: 10, Dolphin-ave., Dublin. (1203)

J. BROOKS
has some champion Yorkshires for sale, grand length, type, and quality; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6; pairs from 10/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; inspection invited: 320, Ainsworth-lane, Bolton. (1282)

J. C. BARNES
can spare few very choice Yorkshires, pairs 30/- upwards; odd birds from 10/- each; well-known winning strain; Sheffield challenge cup winner, 3 years in succession; inspection cordially invited; approval with pleasure; stamp for particulars; satisfaction guaranteed: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

H. H. TOWERS
For business reasons must reduce stock at once; cocks, 6/6 to 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, and upwards; hens, similar prices; good matched pairs, from 12/6 upwards; birds suitable for exhibition or stock to suit all; this strain is one of the best in the Fancy, as proved at Manchester, Cardiff, Sheffield, Bradford National, etc.; write at once to: Glusburn, nr. Keighley.

COOPER & SON
25 years' experience. Now is the time to look out for stock birds. We have some good stuff for sale. Prices to suit all customers. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned. Write now for price list; stamped reply: 69, West Park-rd., Girlington, Bradford. (1289)

L. C. CASEY
Breeder and Exhibitor of high class Yorkshires; a few for sale at 12/- per pair and upwards; all from my own strain that has won cups and numerous prizes and medals; and I have won at all the leading shows during 1913, so I think I have one of the finest strains in the world; satisfaction guaranteed: 7, Plimsoll-st., East Bowling, Bradford.

NOT BOUGHT WINNERS
Every bird my own breeding, from the purest, finest, and oldest strain in the Fancy. Winner Yorkshire challenge and other cups, diplomas, etc., Bradford, National, Crystal Palace, etc. Matched pairs from 15/-; approval: T. Bennett, 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget-Green, Bradford. (1308)

25s. WORTH FOR 12s. 6d.
I offer 6 pairs of Yorkshires, 3 yellow cocks, 3 buff cocks, grand position and over 7in. long and in full song; 3 buff hens and 3 yellow hens, correct type and feathered like silk; unrelated and properly mated to breed winners, cold room bred; these birds if purchased elsewhere would cost 25/- pair; my price, to clear, 12/6 pair; have them on 6 days' approval, and be convinced that I give the best value in the world in Yorkshires: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1326)

PURE YORKSHIRES
1913 Crystal Palace first prize strain, guaranteed; I don't exhibit, so you get all the choice; those that show their stocks want all the good ones themselves. Some lovely specimens, clean moulted cocks, yellows or buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; any on approval. Scores of winners supplied. Editor has seen scores of original testimonials, where I have supplied winners. I guarantee to please you, as soon as you see them; Cages, 2/- each. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

YORKSHIRE BREEDERS' SOCIETY
Buy from the breeders whose birds are bred from the best strains; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; cash or deposit, seven days' approval; easy terms: Secretary, 15, Dalton-terr., Manningham, Bradford. (1312)

OGDEN BROS.
There is no doubt we have them, again hang at the top, winning the Yorkshire Union Competition, also winning outright the Yorks. challenge trophy, 1913, also winning Carl's competition at Union shows; see Palace reports, 2 1sts, 2 2nds, and championship diploma for best C.M. Yorkshire in show, also winning the Crystal Palace silver cup for best Yorkshire, and other trophies too numerous to mention; our winnings during the past ten years have never been accomplished by any other exhibitor. Note.—The above competitions have been won with birds of our own breeding, so write direct to the most reliable strain in the world for producing winners; for proof read the following, just one out of thousands filed for inspection.—"Feb. 3rd, 1914, Cleveland-ave., Draycott, Derby.—Dear Sirs,—Bird arrived as usual in splendid condition, and as regards value, I would like to say that I have not purchased for myself, or ever seen any that has been purchased from any other breeder, to touch yours for value. Again thanking you for kindness.—Yours, G. T. Wall." We guarantee same strain as our winners, at 10/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. Odd cocks or hens proportionately; inspection invited, or birds sent seven days' approval at our risk: Dudley-hill, Bradford.

Now is Your Chance!
Owing to Health, I have decided to sell out all my birds. Will also sell my Palace winners to best offer. I have also about 40 Pairs for sale. Appliances and everything for sale.—W. BINNS, Galbert-terr., Blackpool, N. (1327)

YORKSHIRES.

Cup Winning Strain. Many of these are winners. Yellow and Buff Cocks, exceptional length and quality, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6; pairs to breed winners, 10/6; cash or deposit. Large stock of big Norwich Cocks, 7/6; Hens, buff 3/-, yellows 5/-; Muling Siberian Cock Goldfinches, 4/6, full song; cock Linnets, 1/-; full price list and system of deferred payments, for stamp.—EDGAR BROADBENT, Decorator, Lowfield, Sheffield. (1322)

Various Canaries.

FOUR hen Canaries, 10/-, garden aviary: J. W. Flanders, Holme. (1306)
GOOD song birds, 5/-; hens, 2/- each; yellow, buff, ticked: Marshall, Welbourne, Lincoln. (1305)
ONE clear buff cock, and one variegated cock, 4/3 each, 8/- the two: Allen, 28, Knox-rd., Wellingboro'. (1306)
NOTICE, 1913 Canaries, only 4/- pair; singing cock Linnet, 1/-: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (1264)
CANARIES, 7 hens, 5 cocks, 1/6, 3/6 each; good songsters; yellow and splashed: Miss Self, Fairseat, Wrotham, Kent. (1307)
THREE good green crested hens, plenty feather, healthy, good feeders, 1912, bargain 6/6 lot: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Wallasey. (1311)
CANARIES for sale, yellows, buffs and greens, chiefly cocks: Apply, Shoolbraid, 12, North-st., Inverurie, Aberdeenshire. (1303)
UNFLIGHTED buff cock, large bird, winner, 13/-; also pair, 11/-, from winners; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terrace, Plymouth. (1306)
FOUR strong aviary-bred cocks, good singers, 6/6 each, and some hens 4/- each; or lot, 30/-: E. M. Foster, 35, High-st., Huntingdon. (1266)
FEW grand unflighted typical yellow cocks, Norwich and Yorkshires, 7/6 each; approval: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley. (1310)
SPLENDID quality Crestbred cock, 10/6; approval, deposit; two common hens, 2/- each: Rogers, 18, Elmsthorpe-avenue, Fenton, Nottingham. (1316)
MR. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants, has some very fine Norwich, Yorkshires and Cinnamons, prices to suit all, from his champion birds. (1326)
FOURTEEN Canaries, Yorkshires, Norwich, cocks singing, breeding, and show cages cheap to clear: 119, Parrin-lane, Montou, Manchester. (1320)
NORWICH, Yorkshires, Crests, cheap to clear; aviary, 3ft. long, 3ft. high, 20in. wide, exchange birds, sell 15/-: Duke, 336, St. Frederick-st., South Shields. (1209)
ONE clear yellow, 1 marked buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each, extra good stock; 1 Roller, sings day and gaslight, £1; exchange for good Crests: 145, Clifton-rd., Rugby. (1313)
ONE pair Norwich, 10/6; two good buff hens, 5/- and 3/6; three buff Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each (all clears); write particulars; wanted, yellow Cinnamon hen: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset. (1312)
FOR sale, Canaries, hens, 3 Yorkshire (1 buff, 1 yellow, 1 variegated), 4 Norwich, buff and yellows, all 1912 hatched, 20/- the lot, or near offer; all bred from prizewinning strain: 7, Genotin-terr., Enfield Town. (1312)
BARGAINS, strong, healthy, 1913 birds, from outdoor aviary, two buff Crested hens, 3/6 each; four Norwich Roller cocks, beautiful songsters, 5/- each, hens 2/-: A. Beer, 6, Freemantle-rd., Eastville, Bristol. (1321)
CLEARING out my entire bird room, 14 cocks, Norwich and Yorkshires, 3 hen ditto, loose fronts, joiner made cages for 21 birds, also 2 large drawing-room aviaries; sacrifice £3 15/-, or exchange: Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (1325)

YES! BIRDS' SUPPLIES FROM 1/- PER WEEK. on Neame's easy payment system: no such terms elsewhere; birds sent on receipt of first payment: no rubbish kept; all high-class birds; immense collections of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crest and Cresthreds: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-rd., Stonehouse, Devon. State requirements, stamp reply.

CANARIES

WANTED, any quantity of cocks, also pairs, any variety: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham (1325)

MULES—HYBRIDS.

BREED Goldfinch, hen Canary, bred variegated Mules, 12/6; approval: Brent, Fore-st., Launceston. (1309)
WARRANTED Sib.-bred hen Canaries, light muling strain, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1154)
SIX cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, full song 6/6 each, 35/- lot; exchange: N. Bourne, 85, Hotlanc, Burslem, Staffs. (1292)
GOLDFINCH-BULLFINCH hybrid, winner first and special best bird in show, £3: Geo. Rogers, Main-st., Caersws, Mout. (1302)
UNFLIGHTED Sib.-bred hen Canaries, cold-room, 2/6, 3/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1317)
LIGHT Goldfinch Mule, 30/-; Sib cocks and hens, 7/6 each; house moulted cock Goldfinch, 3/6: Sims, Signalman, Warminster. (1326)
GOLDFINCH Mules, cocks, 1913, full song, very tame, perfect pets, own breeding, not rubbish, 7/6: Woodhouse, Denmark, Diss. (1319)
HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, with clear hen Canary, bred Mules, 20/-; cock Mule from above, 10/-: S. Burch, Woodbridge. (1313)
MULE Breeders: Few fine big Linnets, right sort for muling, 2/-; P.O. after you see them: Ashton, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (1306)
TWO Goldfinch Mules, one dark, one variegated, also two Lizard Canaries, all 1913 birds, 4/6 each: Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale, Cheshire. (1305)
GENUINE bargain, two years muling cock Goldfinch, safe with eggs and young, 7/6; approval: Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants. (1307)
LARGE Lancashire-Norwich cross clear buff hens, right sort for muling, 5/- each; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1013)
LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, 5/6; cocks, on full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1160)
PINK-EYED hen Canaries, sure light mule breeders, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; yellows or buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1154)
FOR sale, a brown Linnet Mule, in full song, day and gaslight, 12/6; or exchange for a German Roller cock to value: Mr. George Simpson, 31, Oxford-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1319)

Read Through!

Best and cheapest muling hens procurable, either in this paper or anywhere else, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6. Pink-eyed muling hens, 5/6, 6/6. Travelling cages, 3d.; good light and dark Mules, winners, also songsters; British and Siberian Goldfinches and Bullfinches; grand lot tame Hen Bullfinches, for hybrid breeding, 3/6 and 4/6 each. Approval.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

GOLDIE-BULLIE, winner, Siskin-Greenfinch, 3rd Bradford National, the Palace, Siberian Goldfinch, bred Mules, cheap: Muscott, Mount Pleasant, Llandrindod Wells. (1310)
REDPOLL-Goldfinch, 7/6, Greenfinch-Bullfinch 10/-, Siskin-Greenfinch 10/-; all fertile eggs last season; approval; deposit: Hurst, Great Bounds, Southborough, Kent. (1272)
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EXCHANGE, box breeding cage, new, also show cage Norwich pattern, for large muling hen. Mains, 3, Walneuck, Paisley. (1318)

EXCHANGE, three buff, unflighted Yorkshire cocks, two hens, also three pairs Selfert Rollers, for Norwich: 6, Tauered-rd., Wallasey. (1321)

WANTED, Crest or Crestbred cock or Yorkshire hen, exchange pair pedigree racing homers, value 25/-: Leigh, 44, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1320)

EXCHANGE 1913 buff Yorkshire cock, yellow hen, for lengthy buff Yorkshire hens, offers; approval: Cross, Woodside-rd., Tonbridge. (1311)

YELLOW Norwich cock, good stock bird; exchange for two large cock Goldies; yours first; sell 8/6. Gardener, Vicarage, Llandovery. (1303)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers for scrap brass, copper, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottages, Thackley, Yorks. (1325)

EXCHANGE, clear buff Yorkshire cock for good lengthy leggy yellow hen; yours first: W. Dickens, 22, Elnor-st., Langley Mill, Notts. (1314)

WHAT offers for 12 common hens, in cash; or exchange; also once house-moulted Goldfinch: Broadhurst, 59, James-st., Macclesfield. (1318)

NOTICE: Pair fine Modern Game Bantams, Palace strain, 30/-; exchange Borders or Norwich; yours first: Johnston, Charles-st., Forfar. (1311)

GRAND Yorkshires; Cocks, full song, from 5/6; hens from 2/6; exchange talking Parrot and cage: H. Hunt, 25, Swinegate, Grantham. (1312)

TWO pairs of large, first-class Canaries, Norwich, suitable for breeding, 10/6 pair; three cocks, cheap: Pavier, 51, Hempshill-lane, Bulwell. (1305)

LARGE exhibition cock Greenfinch, exchange Buff Norwich hen Canary, sell 5/-; no rubbish: Bugby, Thorpe-st., Raunds, Wellingborough. (1317)

WANTED, big unflighted Lancashire coppy hen; exchange Yorkshire cocks, Ogden's strain: R. Barber, Darby-rd., Draycott, nr. Derby. (1305)

EXCHANGE lovely red-breasted A.M. cock Redpoll, Muler, for large yellow Norwich hen, or sell 2/6: Carter, Ironmonger, Southwold. (1311)

MONSTER exhibition Norwich yellow cock, rare type and quality, 21/-; or exchange Border Fancy: Sheppard, Stort-rd., Bishop's Stortford. (1307)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 3 Lancashire show cages and case; exchange 2 large Yorkshire hens; approval: Hulton, 11, Grey-st., Middleton. (1325)

LARGE green Crest-bred cock, 1913, sell 15/-; exchange large yellow Norwich cock; offers invited. Riddington, Mafeking-terrace, Newmarket. (1309)

EXHIBITION buff Scotch Fancy cock, £1; 2 typical Yorkshires, yellow hens, 10/-; exchange Norwich: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1326)

EXCHANGE 1913 Norwich cock for two clear yellow 1913 Norwich hens or two Yorkshire hens: Greenwood, 8, Back Millwood, Todmorden. (1317)

EGGCHANGE bricklayer's, carpenter's, slater's, and plasterer's tools for high-class Roller cock Canaries: Knapp, Priory-rd., Carisbrooke, Wight.

COCK Siskin Mule, 5/6; Variegated Green Norwich cock, 6/6; both full song; approval, cash or "C.B." deposit: Wilson, 68, Allen-st., Maidstone.

NORWICH, pair prize-bred, sell or exchange; two cock Rollers, trio Border Fancy 30/-; exchange Yorkshire or Pom.: 55, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh.

WANTED, for cash, Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, fowl, tame mice, puppies, rabbits, bantams: Foster, 187, Richmond Row, Liverpool. (1316)

EXCHANGE black jacket, suit elderly man, 40in. chest, cost £2, for pair Yorkshires; jacket as good as new; approval: Hart, Penfold, Measham, after stone. (1315)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, three hens, 3/6 each; or exchange for good singing yellow Norwich 1913 cock: Saunders, Gardens, Little Bassettwood, Southampton. (1319)

EXCHANGE, two 1913 yellow Scotch Fancy cocks for yellow Plainhead Norwich hen to the value 20/-; approval; or sell: A. Bishop, Castle-ter., Winchburgh. (1312)

EXCHANGE two yellow Yorkshire cocks and eight hens, colour-fed, for two pairs wool blankets; yours first: Wm. Todd, Oddfellows-st., Egremont, Cumberland. (1320)

EXCHANGE, grand Hawfinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch cocks, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch hens, aviary moulted, for Norwich, 1913: Dodd, Victoria, Southwold. (1311)

SELL, Yorkshire hen, 5/-; large Crest-bred hen, 6/6; yellow cock Greenfinches, 9d. and 1/-. Mule breeders: Lewis, 30, Hamilton-st., Pentrebach, nr. Merthyr Tydfil. (1300)

EXCHANGE for Lancashire hens or clear Crestbreds, for Ripingdale paniper stove, new condition, cost 15/-, sell 10/-; yours first: R. Aitken, Long Eaton. (1317)

ALMOST clear buff Norwich cock, grand head, unflighted; exchange variegated yellow, same properties, no rubbish; mutual: Vaughan, Wainfelin, Pontypool, Mon. (1319)

UNFLIGHTED Green Crestbred hen, Barnett strain, 7/6; exchange anything, Lizard or Yellow Norwich cock wanted; offers: H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham. (1310)

EXCHANGE two pairs Plainheads, natural colour, Crest-bred cock, and cash for a good Crest-bred hen, 1913, on approval, or sell 22/-: W. Wood, 6a, King-st., Alloa. (1301)

EXCHANGE high class Yorkshires, Norwich, or British for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see other adverts.): Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford (1326)

EXCHANGE grand singing Roller for F.M. exhibition British, any variety Hardbills, would give a little cash for toppers: J. Wright, Ashgrove Avenue, West Hartlepool. (1315)

EXCHANGE Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, for a good Norwich cock, must have plenty of substance; or sell, 20/-: McKenne, Lanctta Cottage, Carfin-rd., Craynuck, Wishaw. (1318)

WANTED, typical Yellow Norwich hen in exchange 1912 buff cock, 1st and special only time shown; or sell 15/6: Robertson, Margaret Cottage, Currie, Midlothian. (1316)

WHAT offers for dozen new Yorkshires and dozen new Norwich show cages; hen Canaries wanted, Norwich or Yorkshires: R. Savory, Great Hamptonrow, Birmingham. (1324)

THREE pair prize-bred Norwich, 15/- pair; exchange good set Scottish bag-pipes, exhibition Hawfinches, offers; approval: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (1322)

FIVE buff hens, Norwich, fed; Greenfinch cock, house moulted; exchange for clear yellow hen or yellow green Norwich hen, sell 17/6: Dyson, 25 Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1306)

BUFF cock, two yellow hens, yellow cock, buff hen (Yorkshires); exchange four good big yellow Norwich hens, and buff cock, 1913 birds: J. Huntington, Grocer, 19, Nelson-st., Maryport. (1320)

GRAND dark yellow Linnet Mule, 1912 bred, singing proud, Linnet's song, sell 12/6; exchange small foreign or buff Norwich hens: J. Stables, 12, South Market-st., Hetton-le-Hole, Durham. (1303)

TWO Yorkshire cocks, two hens, four feeding hens, £3; exchange for even-marked light Goldfinch Mule, winner, or good working spunic; approval: Andrew, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (1291)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or Foreign birds; give good value in new single and double breeding cages: all with movable fronts: McKeand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (1272)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport. (1146)

EXCHANGE exceptionally coloured Redpoll and Reed Bunting, also Yellow Border hen, for Cinnoman Border cock, also large Yellow Norwich hen 5/6: Wallace, Mungalend, Falkirk. (1311)

WANTED good clear or wing-marked dark Crest hen, 1912, 1913 bred, in exchange for a good heavily variegated Crest hen, 1912 bred; approval both way: Rae, 110, Nethertown, Dunfermline. (1310)

THREE 1913 Yorkshire cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 9/-; one large 1913 Cinnamon variegated Norwich cock, 9/-; all outhouse bred, in full song; exchange pullets; household: E. Smith, Chapel-lane, Cronton, Prescot.

NORWICH foul green, one cock and three hens, also Scimian hen, unflighted; exchange buff Lancashire cock or stock pair Norwich; approval; sell 24/-: Cocking, 104, Duncan-st., Cankiow, Rotherham.

WHAT offers for ¼-plate magazine camera, with stand, for Norwich breeding cages, or Norwich Canaries, or sell 15/-: approval, yours first: John Johnston, Coronation-pl., Tranent, Haddingtonshire.

SELL or exchange buff marked and clear yellow cocks on small side, but well bred, 7/6 each; or exchange for buff marked hen or buff cinnamon hen (Norwich type); yours first: J. H. Cass, 10, May-st., Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.

FINE unflighted Yorkshire, ticked buff cock, from winning strain L. Dykes, medium size, splendid type; exchange for good yellow Norwich hen, broad head, deep broad and full chest: approval each way: Jones, Crown, Clwt-y-Bont, Cwm-y-Glo, Carnarvonshire. (1303)

TWO large yellow variegated Norwich muling hens, guaranteed reliable feeders, 4/6 each; or exchange for typical yellow or buff Border Fancy cock; mutual approval: Waddell, Kimberley-bldgs., Bathgate, N.B. (1325)

EXHIBITION cocks, Goldfinch 6/-, Bullfinch 3/6, Linnets 2/-, Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Chaffinches, Redpolls 1/-: four Redpolls, 4 Song Thrushes, 2 pair Chaffinches, ditto Greenfinches; offers. Canaries, 1913; approval: Charles Lewis, Highbridge, Somerset. (1325)

SURPLUS Yorkshire Unflighted cocks, 7/6 each, 98/- lot; clear yellow, clear buff, variegated yellow, ticked buff, from my winners; exchange Clear Yellow Unflighted Norwich hen or Dark Mule to value; no rubbish offered, none wanted: Hill, Castle-rd., Newport, Wight. (1310)

CHAMPION strain, 1913, Rollers, two 15/-, two 20/-, two 25/- each, fit for contest or tutors, glucke and water glucke strain, bred from winners of numerous prizes, including cups and medals; all B.R.C.C. rung; two hens, sisters to prize winners, 1911, 1912 rung, 5/- each: exchange anything: A. Harper, 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs (1307)

CLASSY wire Terrier bitch, five months, white body, small black ears, topping pedigree, winning sire, grandsire Champion Guycroft Salex, good head, bone, and coat, sell £2; or exchange two Nonflight Yellow Yorks hens; no rubbish wanted, none given; approval both ways: R. Gardner, 5, Priors Wood-ter., Taunton. (1316)

ONE Dark Crested cock, winner 2nd prize, one Crestbred hen, winner 1st prize, £5 the pair; one Light Crested cock and Buff Crestbred hen, £3 10/- the pair; one Dark Crested cock and Buff Crestbred hen, 25/- the pair; exchange for raincoats, boots, anything useful; must be new; on approval, deposit: Herbert Schofield, 56, West End Avenue, Doncaster. (1309)

Mainly Foreign.

COCKATIELS: Exchange 2 aviary-bred hens for 2 aviary-bred young cocks: E. Kemp, The Avenue, Ycovil. (1312)

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage (talker) for Canaries or other birds, sell 25/; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1307)

EXCHANGE, pair Green Budgerigars for self cinnamon buff Border cock; approval: Thompson, Ava Lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1316)

INDIAN Green Parrot, chatters and dances, grand plumage, sell £1; exchange anything useful: Ross, 164, Gowan-st., Arbroath. (1314)

WHAT offers, Budgerigars, Cockatiels, or Canaries for acclimatised Double-fronted Amazon and cage: sell 35/-: Curtis, Islington, Trowbridge.

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AMAZON Parrot, chattering all day, will come real good, 50/-, or exchange singing Canaries or pair: approval: Jones, 18, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare.

SURPLUS from garden aviary: pair Green Budgerigars, 2 Pekin Robins, 2 Whydahs, 2 cock Greenfinches, Java Sparrow, Spice Finch, 14/- lot, or separate, or exchange. 96, Windsor-rd., Southport.

Miscellaneous.

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3 h.p. PETROL engine, 20/-, or exchange: Malley, 50, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (1318)

EXCHANGE, champion Yorkshires for gold jewellery: Mr Cheshire, 31 Greatfield-st., Bradford. (1295)

WHAT offers in birds for 70-record gramophone cylinder records: F. Cousins, 51, Abbey-st., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE, fitting O.E. Game eggs, for rock Canary, offers: C. Richards, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED, Norwich cock, Crested or plain; exchange set three gold lustre jugs, blue band: Covel, Chard. (1312)

NEW, unused, cowhide fitted attaché writing-case, sell 30/6; exchange Rollers, Borders, good hen British: Ellis, Meath Cottage, Ottershaw, Chertsey. (1314)

WILL exchange outdoor aviary, 4ft. by 2ft., 7ft. high, for B.S.A. air rifle: P. Smith, Upper Wanboro, Swindon. (1315)

EXCHANGE 15 prize-bred Dutch rabbits for a few good hen Canaries, any variety: Gracie, 5, Queen's-ter., Ayr. (1296)

RIDING boots, splendid condition, size 9, with trees, £1; exchange Rollers: Spriggs, Nassington, Wansford. (1323)

THREE good Crestbred cocks, 10/- each; exchange anything useful: W. Baxby, 20, Ridge, Woodlands, Doncaster. (1317)

PAIR of ice skates; exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock, full song: Owens, Celyn, Clwt-y-Bont, Cwm-y-Glo. (1302)

EXCHANGE a fawn mackintosh for Goldfinches, sell 10/-: 61, Nelson-st., Peter's-st., Hackney-rd., London, N.E. (1325)

PEN of Silkies, white, one cock, two hens, 7/6, or exchange British, Mules, Canaries: Button, Hythe-st., Dartford. (1318)

EXCHANGE three Jacobin Pigeons for Roller Canaries, or sell 15/-: Harold Noble, Green-lane, Linton, Cambs. (1307)

GOOD salmon spinning fishing rod, 12/6, or exchange Canaries, anything useful: Rogers, 9, North-st., Bridgwater.

WHAT offers for Crystal Palace aviary, 36 x 18 x 36; exchange anything: Woods, 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester. (1323)

EXCHANGE leather wallet pocket book, value 4/6, for Norwich hen of Belgian doc: Roberts, 34, Leasowes-rd., Leyton. (1318)

GOOD show Homer cock, and ¼-plate hand camera; exchange birds: Jack Muggeridge, 26, Albion-ter., Horsham, Sussex. (1304)

WILL exchange two Border show cages and case for some muling hens or Goldfinches: Paton, Portland-row, Hurlford. (1316)

EXCHANGE, 13 young rats for British birds or Canaries, or sell: H. Cripps, 14, Coulter-rd., Hammersmith, London. (1307)

EXCHANGE two young Buff Border hens for Border or Norwich cock, or sell 5/-: Carter, Ironmonger, Southwold. (1311)

WANTED, Canaries, Belgians or Scotch Fancy preferred, in exchange for grandfather clock movements: Holliday, Driffield. (1286)

WILL exchange pair real Ayrshire blankets for 4 singing Canaries, or sell 25/-: T. McGaugan, 30, Duke-st., Kilmarnock. (1326)

EXCHANGE books on birds or cash for box or singing cage, 12 x 10 x 8; yours first: F. Morris, Recreation, Chertsey. (1304)

EXCHANGE case, with two Yorkshire show cages, and one Yorkshire cock, for pair of Norwich: Hill, Breeder,, Wivelscombe. (1308)

THREE Green Norwich songsters, 3 buff cocks, 6/6 each; wanted gent's bike: Fenton, Barton-st., Clown, near Chesterfield. (1319)

WILL exchange banjo case and tutor for Norwich Canaries, or sell £1: what offers: Fisher, 1, Paynes-st., Belgrave, Leicester. (1305)

EXCHANGE two good Norwich cocks, 1 good Goldfinch, bred mules; exchange Rollers, or offers: West, Britannia-st., Aylesbury. (1321)

WANTED, good pair Norwich, 1913, also hens; exchange Bovril coupons: A. Thorpe, 24, Vivian-st., Mansfield-rd., Derby. (1317)

EXCHANGE, ½-inch wire netting, new, yard wide, for Goldfinch or Norwich hen, birds first: 117, Harrington-rd., Workington. (1320)

THREE D.D. slides, ½-plate, 1 single ditto and 6 ¼-plate film slides; what offers birds: Boutch, 53, Summerley-st., Earlsfield. (1318)

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for exhibition rose-boxes, 9/6 each; fretwork machine, 6/-: Bee, 25, Harcourt-st., Newark. (1305)

EDISON Gem phonograph, perfect condition; offer big stout yellow Norwich hens, unflighted; sell 16/-: 36, Clifton-rd., Southport. (1306)

TWO double breeders, new, cost 15/6 each; what offer; exchange Pom or two Glucke Rollers: Heine, 87, Landor-rd., Stockwell. (1307)

EXCHANGE fine-toned melodeon for pair breeding Canaries, young birds, or sell 10/-: Mitchell, 34, Victoria-rd., Bournemouth. (1323)

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LARGE wire breeding cages, 2/- each; exchange muling hens, Hawfinch, or Bearded Tits: Hay, Mainrd., Tweedmouth, Berwick. (1302)

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EXCHANGE ten parts "Strand Music," two portfolios, new, for Norwich or British; offers: Ritchie, 36c, Bute-st., Whifflet, N.B. (1302)

WILL exchange exhibition Airedales, also Irish, for exhibition Scotch, Belgians, Norwich: M. Creesh, Thomas-st., Armagh, Ireland. (1251)

PAIR Red Magpie Pigeons, 1913, sell 10/-; or exchange pair Yorkshires, Goldfinch; or offers: Gibson, 50, Main-rd., Windermere. (1310)

WHAT offers? One pair 1913 Yorkshires, 7/6; 1 20-egg incubator, 5/-; single breeding cages, 1/-: Walker, 11, Bridge Lane, Ilkley. (1321)

EXCHANGE new mackintosh, value 15/-, cost 25/-, for Canaries or common poultry: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1307)

GEM phonograph, 12/6; 100 double-sided records 8d. each; Yorkshire cock, 10/-; exchange German cocks: 27, Tatton-st., Salford. (1308)

EXCHANGE two hen Canaries, cinnamon and variegated, for Yorkshire cock; approval both ways: Watson, York-st., Ince, Wigan. (1310)

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SMART Irish bitch, 3 months, good colour, game, 7/6; Airedale bitch, 3 months, rough, 6/6; offers birds, useful: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (1325)

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WANTED, talking Parrot, in exchange for Standard Phonograph, 60 records, or half-plate camera and accessories: 24, Bond-st., Blackburn, Lancs.

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WANTED, good pair yellow Norwich Canaries; exchange new flannel shirt, 15 collar, value 8/6; mutual approval, yours first: Tibbits, Callington, Cornwall.

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NEW goat harness, 9/6; new coh driving reins, headstall, leather collar, 12/6; 8 dog collars, 8/6; exchange Canaries: Ryder, 2, Chaston-st., Kentish Town. (1322)

EXCHANGE, 5 stones mixed wild seeds, and 11 mismarked Dutch rabbits, 5 weeks, for cock Goldfinches: Longbottom, Ledsham, South Milford, Yorks. (1324)

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EXCHANGE for poultry, or good bred dog, or sell, 21/-; gent's good overcoat, latest, nearly new, fit gent 6ft. 6ins.: George Eves, 42, Casterton-st., Hackney, N.E. (1322)

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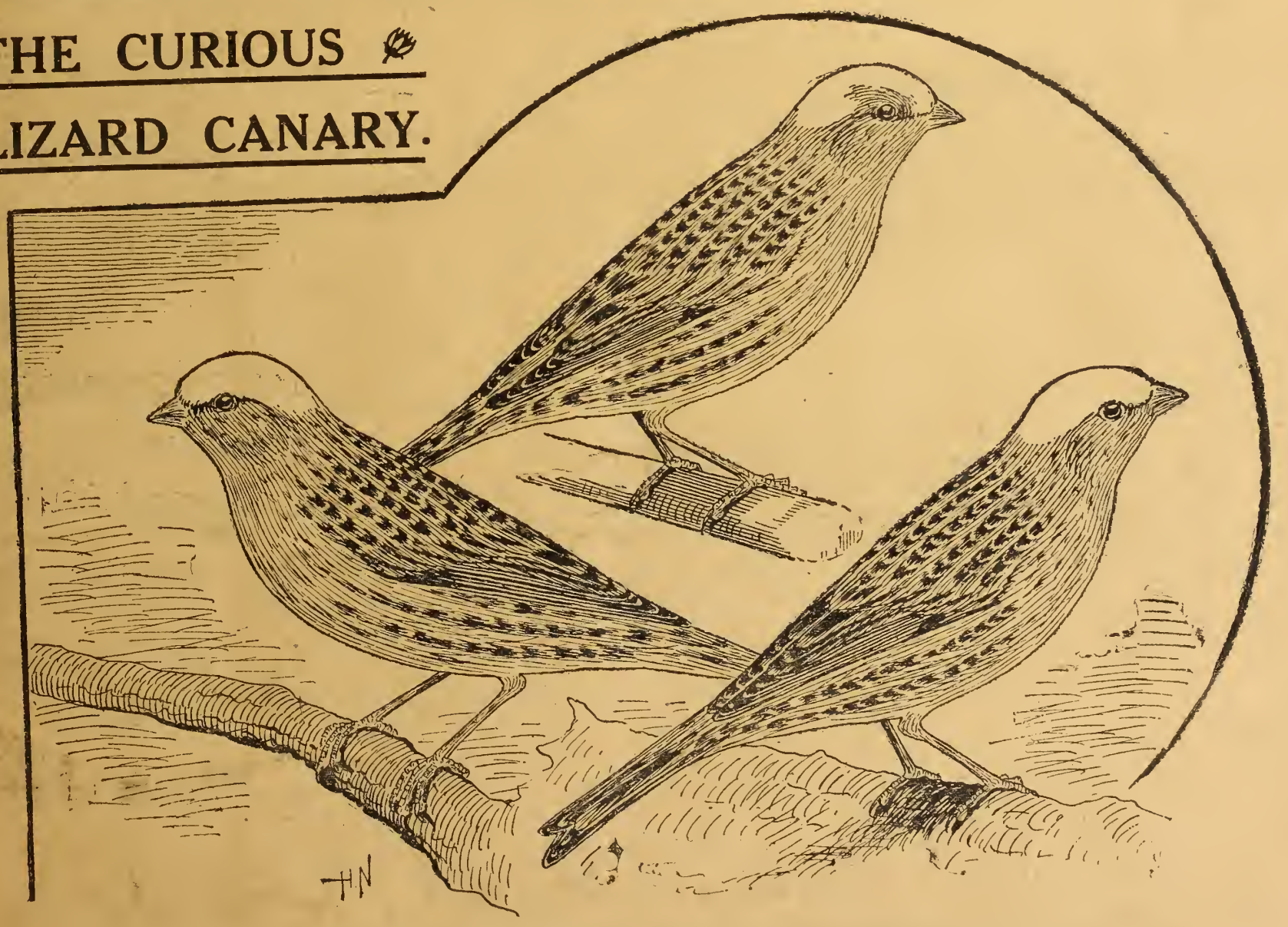

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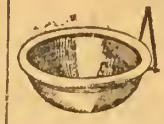

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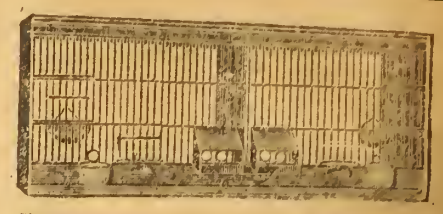

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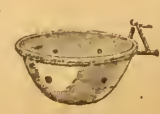

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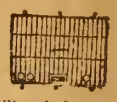

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COCK Goldfinch, selected for muling, splendid songster, accept 4/6; approval if desired, return carriage paid: Elvin, East Dereham. (1345)

COCK Goldfinch, full song, and 2 Canary hens, one bred Mules last year, and new breeding cage, 16/-: Thomas, Green-lane, Llangollen. (1347)

GOLDFINCHES.—Two grand Siberians, huge square blazes; moult fine show birds; 15/- each: G. E. Weston, Specialist, 42, Lewisham-rd., London, N.W.

SISKINS, 3/6 pair; Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, 1/6 pair; Greenfinches, 1/- pair; full price list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (1345)

LARGE healthy cock Bramblefinches, 3/- dozen; yellow cock Greenfinches 1/6 dozen, any quantity: John Bowers, Southery, Downham, Norfolk. (1343)

BUGG, Bird-catcher, Holbeach.—Red-breasted Linnets, pick of the season's catching, three 2/-, six 4/6; picked cock Greenfinches, like paiut, four 2/-. (1346)

WELSH Goldfinches, two warranted cocks, 2/6 each; two hens, 1/- each; true pair, 3/-; remarkably fine cock Bullfinch, 2/6: Rowson, Swerford, Oxford. (1347)

FIVE cock Redpolls in aviary since August, one caged with small hen Canary since October; offers wanted: Heath, 273, Stretford-rd., Hulme, Manchester. (1341)

FREE breeder, H.M. cock Greenfinch, bred Hybrids two seasons, in rattling form, 7/-; two 1913 birds, 1/6; cash after approval: Newman, Riverside, Earby. (1333)

TWO selected cock Linnets, caged September, 1/- each; three good cock Mealy Redpolls, 1/8 each; yellow cock Greenfinches, 1/6: Rowson, Swerford, Oxford. (1347)

CATCH thousands and make money; new double trap cages, including call birds, only 1/9 complete; purchasers delighted: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford. (1357)

COCK Goldfinches 2/6, 3/6; cock Bullfinches 1/9, 3/-; 1913 cock Siberian Goldfinch Mule, 10/6; exchange for two singing cock Canaries: Charles Lewis, Highbridge. (1353)

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TWELVE fierce singing cock brown Linnets, make excellent contest, muling, or exhibition birds, steady as rocks, 2/6 each; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1340)

WINNERS, Bullfinch, Siskin, 7/6 each; Mealy, Lesser Redpoll, 5/- each (see report Plumstead, Nov. 9th), Stratford, Jan. 1st: Lafbury, 24, Station-rd., Manor Park, E. (1347)

EXHIBITORS, lovely pear-tree Goldfinch cock, clean-cut square blazes, dazzling mooning and tanning; 7/6 secures it: Copp, British and Foreign Bird Expert, Dartford. (1357)

MIXED wild seeds, charlock, rape, plantain, etc., for Linnets and Finches, 5/- cwt., 2/9 half-cwt., on rail, exchange; house moulted Linuet, free songster, 2/-: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford. (1344)

MR. NORMAN'S advice (see his book): Select young Bramblefinches to moult absolute winners; sterling 1913 cock Brambles, picked, size, colour, spangling, 2/9: Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (1344)

LINNETS: Warranted cock brown Linnets, well on hard seed, 3/6 and 4/- dozen; no waiting; 30 dozen in stock; postcard before birds: Thurman, 19, Richmond-st., Colwick-st., Nottingham (1231)

IRISH breeder: 500 selected cock Goldfinches, full song, 3/- each; Mulers, 4/-; 80 Bullfinches, 2/6; pair Linnets, 1/6; exchange for Rollers or Mules, Yorkshire cocks: P. Madden, Fethard, Co. Tipperary. (1350)

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WARRANTED cock Bullfinch, cock Linnet, cock Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, white-legged, 10/- lot, or exchange good muling hen Canaries; cock Blackbird, 1/6: Masters, 162, Howard-st., Cowley-rd., Oxford. (1346)

HAWFINCH hen, large bird, good size, of exceptional colour, bib and marking, 3rd Clapham, vhc Palace last week, accept 12/6, including show cage; worth treble: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1357)

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EXHIBITION white-legged Siberian cock Goldfinch, 9/6, with his Canary hen, 12/6; also a white-legged cock Linnet, keen muler, 7/6, mating with Norwich hen, 3/6; also new double-breeder, green and black enamel, complete fittings: Amon, 5, Sewardstone-rd., Victoria Park, London. (1347)

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GIANT Scotch cock Linnet, exceptional size, colour and pencilling, 3/6; cock Twite, a marvel for size, colour and markings, 3/6; large yellow cock Greenfinch, massive head, win anywhere, 3/6; Lesser Redpoll, big as a Mealy, grand hib, colour and thigh lacing, 2/6; cock Yellowhammer, tip-top size, rich colour, perfectly marked head, 3/6; note, all the above picked from large catches for exceptional size, etc, approval; cages 3d.: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (1357)

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I have in stock 300 cock Linnets, all Scotch birds; these are very big, and are hardier than South Country birds, and therefore give better satisfaction; giant cock Linnets, in full song, 1/- each, 4 for 3/6; a few extra specials for muling, 1/6 each, 4 for 5/-; cocks that will moult out certain winners next season, 2/6 each, 4 for 9/-; piping cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; specials, for showing, 3/6 each; very large hens, for muling, 1/6 each; giant cock Greenfinches, yellows, 1/- each; cock Skylarks, in full free song, 1/6, 2/6 each; muling pairs, Goldfinch and hen Canary, 5/6; cock Linnet and hen Canary, 4/-; Greenfinch and hen Canary, 3/-; these are certain Mule breeders, all on 6 days' approval, or can be seen any time: Edwin North, Bird Specialist, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1355)

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First-class stock. Fanciers requiring strong, healthy birds, for Mule or Hybrid breeding, should write me at once; must sell; approval, deposit; 22 grand cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 each. Few grand Greenfinches, Challinches, Lesser and Mealy Redpolls, Bramblefinches, cocks 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; grand cock Yellow Bunlings, 1/-, 1/6 each; 2 grand cock Reed Buntings, 1/-, 1/6; 2 large Mealy Redpoll hens, 1/6 each; few grand hen Bramblefinches, 1/- each; hen Bullies, 2/- each; few good hen Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Lesser Redpolls, Yellow Buntings, 6d. each; hen Goldfinches, 1/- 1/6 each; grand pairs breeding Green Budgerigars, 6/- pair, ditto Yellows, 7/6 pair; odd Green cocks, 2/6 each, Yellows, 3/- each: A. J. Underwood, Corn Merchant, Wellingtonst., Kettering. (1344)

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Larks, Redpolls, etc., large English cock Goldfinches, 2-, 2/6, three 5/6; special selected cock Goldfinches, 3/-, 4/-, three 6/6; hens, 1/-, 1/3; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/3, 1/6, three 3/3; cock Linnets, 9d., three 2/-, six 3/-, 5/6 doz.; large selected, 1/-, 1/6; large cock Larks, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- doz.; singing, 1/-; Redpolls, 1/-, three 1/3; Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cagemaker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. Est. 1895. (1340)

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We don't send out birds straight from the field; all are well on seed, guaranteed. Real English 1913 cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; extra picked for muling, 2/6, 3/- each, 3 5/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/- and 1/6; Lancashire cock Linnets, 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/6; Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/3; cages, for any of above, from 6d., 9d., 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, and 2/-. Seed grinding mills, 1/6. Send for catalogue of everything. Established 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.; also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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Finest selected show specimen Siskins, good deep yellows, good bibs, 3/6 each, others 2/6 each: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (1357)

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These are the proper ones, not the Russian, as offered by many as Siberians. I import direct from Siberia to London, and no one gets to pick at these same as many others offered. First come first served. Have some real monsters, beauties, full scarlet blazes, in the pink of health. Have sold scores of 1st prize-winners this last 10 years. Price, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; sensational winners, 8/6, 10/-; approval; Large Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; large Siberian hen Bullfinches for muling, as big as Thrushes, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; any on approval. Hundreds of testimonials, where I have supplied scores of winners, including Scottish National, Crystal Palace, etc. For proof, write Editor of this journal, who has seen the originals. "Mr. J. Ovenstone, Grangemouth. Sir,—You will be pleased to hear Siberian you sent me won two firsts and second Scottish National, last New Year's day." Show cages, 2/-. Send for catalogue. Estab. 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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Am picking specimens for moulting out winners. Have picked thousands of winners this last 30 years. Goldfinches or Bullfinches, and grand Siskins, for moulting out winners, 4/-, 5/-, and 6/- each, no fancy prices, on approval; also cock Linnets, Greenlinches, Chalfinches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-; any on approval; sure to please you. Show cages, 2/-, three 5/6; order at once. Editor of this journal has seen scores of original testimonials, where I have supplied scores of winners, including Crystal Palace, Scottish National. Mr. Addison, High Shields, "Sir,—Please send Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, for 16/- enclosed. Hoping they are as good as last year. Bullfinch won open and members' show. Linnet won twice, S. Shields and Jarrow. Patronised by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judge Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Wellings, Vardy, Robson, etc. Established 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lanes.

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CAGE-moulted cock Lark, full song, 1/6: Holland, St. Phillip's-st., Cheltenham. (1346)

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SIX loud singing cock Skylarks, singing day and gaslight, 3/- each, with cage: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1340)

SELECTED cock Thrushes, 1/- each; Redwings, 9d. each; well on food: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport. (1342)

HAND reared cock Skylarks, one 4/6, one 10/6, with cages, loud songsters, genuine: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st., Lightbowne, Manchester. (1347)

JENNY Wrens, Blue-Tits, 3/6 pair; Skylarks, 1/6 pair; Jackdaws, Seagulls, 2/6 each: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (1345)

PALACE Show; what offers cock Thrush, commended, grand class; see report; very fine, free singer: Ward, New-rd., Spalding. (1350)

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BLUE TITS, Greater Tits, 1/6 each; Marsh Tits, 2/6; cage-moulted cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 3/6 pair; large mealy Redpolls, 1/6; Lesser Redpolls, 1/-: Mrs. Kemp, 31, Tovey-pl., Kentish Town. (1355)

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EXHIBITORS.—Dark yellow Linnet Mule, winner 1st and special, 25/-; dark buff Goldfinch Mule, 2nd, 20/-; Bramblefinch, 10/-; Redpoll, 5/-; yellow Siskin, 10/-; Bearded Tit, winner, 25/-; show cage with each: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne. (1345)

WARRANTED cock Blackbirds and Thrushes, 8/- dozen; picked cocks, 1/- each; bright mixed birds, 1/- dozen; pairs, Linnet, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Yellowbunting, 1/- pair; picked cocks, 1/- each: R. Fenn The Pitt Isleham Cambs. (1355)

RED-breasted cock Linnets, 3 for 1/6, 5/- dozen; warranted cock Larks, 4/6 dozen, half 2/6; Goldfinches, cocks 3/-, hens 1/- each; cock Twites, 6d. each; Greenfinches, either sex; hen Linnets, 1/6 doz.; beautiful amber-beaked, large cock Blackbird, three for 2/6; only healthy, clean birds, all on seed, sent out: Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach.

PICK of my catching for show; cocks, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Lark, Yellowbunting, Reedbunting, 1/- each; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed seedeaters, 1/6; 12 brighter mixed, 1/-; cock Greenfinch-Linnet Hybrid, 6/6; Blackbird-Thrush, coming in song, 2/- each; steady muling cock Linnet, 2/-: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist and Judge, Westcliff Villas, Isleham, Cambs. (1355)

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Cocks: Goldfinches 2/6; Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/-, three 2/6; Goldfinches, singing, 3/6: Brain, 285, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (1338)

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Bullfinches, Goldies, Siskins & Waxwings

I bring these birds to England myself, and for the past three years have always disposed of them to the leading local dealers. I now offer them to you direct. They are all in perfect health and feather, and have been in the aviaries for one month and upwards. By dealing with me you save a middleman's profit, therefore get much better value for your money. I only stock the very best birds to be obtained. A trial order will convince. Satisfaction guaranteed. Bullfinches, cocks or hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 and 10/6 each; Goldfinches, fine broad skulls, deep, well-cut blazes, and well-buttoned, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 each; Siskins, finest to be seen, grand yellow colour, dense cap and bib, and well laced at thighs, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; also some equally fine, but cage moulted, 5/6 and 6/6 each. Waxwiugs, grand condition, 15/-, 18/-, 25/- each. Seven days' approval; cash or deposit: R. Dalby, 43, Jarland-st., Hull. (1336)

HULL'S LEADING SPECIALIST AND JUDGE

Gentlemen, if you want good honest value, place your orders with the right man. I delivered a large consignment of birds to East Park on Monday last, this being my second order there. I supply numerous parks and aviaries. I guarantee all birds as described, and, moreover, send them all out on seven days' approval for cash or deposit. I have been advertising many years now, so there is a reputation behind everything I sell, and I mean to keep that reputation. Look! Giant Waxwings! I can sell cheaper than other dealers because I get them direct. Price 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each. Grossbeaks, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Siberian Goldfinches, gems, 4/6, 5/6, winners 7/6; Yellow cock Siskins, with good cap and bibs, 2/6, 3/6; winners, cannot be beaten, 5/6; Siberian Greenfinches, real giants, the real kind for colour and size, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; Peartree cock Goldfinches, in full song, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; not little smoky rubbish: Mealy Redpolls, 2/-; giant cock Bramblefinches, exact in colour and markings, 1/-, 1/6, 2/6 each; hens, 6d., 9d., 1/-; giant muling Linnets, sing anywhere, 2/-, 3/-; muling hen Canaries 2/-, 3/- each. I have bought Mr. Wheldrake's stock of birds, and can offer them at: Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6. Now these are class, and are the best in the Fancy. They have won all over, some being claimed at £7. 200 German Rollers, no harsh notes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and the best in England 20/-. Pay me a visit. I stock everything in the bird trade, also dog harness, collars, etc. I have the best and oldest establishment in Hull. A visit will prove my honest statement. No waiting. Please state wants. Correspondence a pleasure: Fred. Allen, Direct Importer, Porter-st. Aviaries, Hull. (1355)

Hull's Leading Naturalist

For good birds and satisfaction, read what others say. Just received: 52, Monks-rd., Lincoln, Sir,—All the birds arrived safe, they are beauties; have you any Siberians better than these as they are the best I have ever seen? I thank you very much.—R. Richardson. Dear Sir, All the Bullfinches arrived safe, they are a good lot.—R. H. Hunt, Scotswood-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. 34, Littlemoor-st., Doncaster, Dear, sir,- Birds arrived safe, I must say I am very pleased with them; thanks very much.—J. Cooke. Dear sir,—The contest Linnet arrived quite safe, am very well pleased with him.—Mr. F. Guthrie, Whitburn-st., West Hartlepool; Now gentlemen I am bound to please you if you send your order to me, plenty in stock, no waiting, Siberian Bullfinches, very large, fine birds, been in my aviary two months, cocks or hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6 each, some grand fresh imported birds, 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6 each; Siberian cock Goldfinches, in grand health and feather, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, and a few extra good ones 7/6 and 10/6 each; Fine gross beaks, 4/6 and 5/6 each, in grand feather; also a few, not hundreds, grand Siberian yellow cock Siskins, with grand caps and bibs, grandly laced, large birds, will moult, sure winners, 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each, one bred mules last year, a beauty, 5/6; large yellow cock Greenfinches, 1/- and 1/6; Yellow Buntings, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, all picked specimens, 1/- and 1/6 each; very large cock Linnets, on full song, for show or muling, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/- each; other good cocks 6/- dozen, plenty in stock. I also have the finest Chiveral cock Goldfinch seen for years, a real gem, 12/6, cheap at double; British cock Goldfinches, on full song, 3/6, 4/6 each; cage moulted cocks, white legs and clear beaks, sure mule breeders, 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each; muling hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; Roller hens, 2/- each; Mealy Redpolls, grand bibs, nicely laced, 1/- and 1/6 each; Lesser Redpoll, a winner, only time shown, 2/6; cage-moulted Linnets, on full song, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; contest singers, 10/6 each; Border fancy, 6/6, 7/6 pair; monster Crests, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; Crested-bred cocks, very large, with plenty of feather, 10/6, 12/6 each, cheap at 20/-; Norwich Plainheads from the best strains in England, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- pair; Yorkshires, guaranteed 7-inches long, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, upwards a pair; Norwich or Yorkshire songsters, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; cock Goldfinch Mules, on full song, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; Linnet Mules, same price; hen Mules, 1/- each; parks and ponds stocked with birds and waterfowl of every description. Birds, cages, seeds, and all appliances, can be had on my easy terms. Join my bird club; distance no object. Full particulars, stamped addressed envelope; all on approval; cash or deposit: John Day, Importer and Exporter, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1380)

HAVING SOLD

surplus stock to dealers, I have selected few good specimens in Greenies, Linnets, Larks, Yellowhammers, Goldfinches, etc.; all kept in outdoor, unheated aviaries; particulars, price, free; approbation: Bannister, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley. (D.B.)

HARRY ALLEN, THE ORIGINAL LINNET KING MY BOOK OF SECRETS 1s.

It tells you how to make Linnets sing at one another with their wings down; how to train them for contest singing; how to moult them; how to make Larks, Thrushes, and Blackbirds sing with full loud voice on fine days, also Nightingales, and how to save Goldfinches from dying and make them sing, and the rules under which the champion Linnet of the world won all his contests. I have just got another 4 000 books printed. Muling pairs, birds I have put together are true pairs; beautiful Siberian cock Goldfinch, with a large Russian hen Bullfinch, 10/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch, with a beautiful yellow hen Canary, 8/6 and 10/6; beautiful cock Siskin, with hen Canary, 7/6; large yellow cock Greenfinch and large German hen Bullie, 5/-; large muling Linnets and hen Canary, 5/-; beautiful cock Chaffinch, and hen Bramblefinch, 3/6; large Mealy Redpoll and English hen Bullie, 4/-; yellow cock Greenfinch, with hen Canary, 5/-; the above are properly paired, and in the pink of condition. Winners for the show bench, that can win, Siberian Goldfinch, 7/6, with all the show points, 7/6 and 10/-; English Goldfinches, 5/- and 7/6; Show Linnets, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-; large muling Goldfinches, singing hard, 4/- each. I hold the world's record for mulers; extra large muling Linnets, 2/6, 3/6 and 5/-; I have the finest stock of singing Larks in the world. Larks, singing, daylight and gaslight, with full loud voice, as steady as rocks, and perfect in feather, a treat to hear them sing, 1/6 and 2/-; a few hand-reared ones, will sing indoors or out, singing with full loud voice, daylight and gaslight, right for contest singing, 3/6 and 4/6; one a real champion, cannot be beaten, 6/-, with cage 7/6, he is a topper. Thrushes and Blackbirds, singing hard, 3/- and 3/6; hand-reared ones, 5/- each, can be heard singing 100 yards away. Linnets, taught by the champion Linnet of the world, will sing anywhere, with new cage and my book of secrets, 3/6 and 4/6. I challenge the world with this class of bird. Linnets from the same place as the champion Linnet of the world, singing a treat, can run as long as German Canaries, they will sing anywhere, only 2/6 each; guaranteed to mule pure Seifert Roller hen Canaries, 3/6 and 5/-; German hen Canaries, 2/6; German hen Bullfinches, 3/-; Russian hen Bullfinches, 4/- and 5/-; English Bullfinches, 2/- and 3/-, all grand birds, all sent out in wicker cages; for aviaries and parks, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Redpolls, 2/- a pair; Linnet Mules and Goldfinch Mules, will sing anywhere, 10/-; talking Amazon Parrot; 2 guineas; a pure white cock Lark, singing, with full, loud voice, will sing anywhere, a picture, 7 guineas. Everybody welcome to come and see and hear what they are buying; best meeting place for trippers is Harry Allen's. Bird Stall, Bird Market. I have more Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, and Larks than any man in the trade; 2,000 birds in stock; no waiting; postcard before birds. Thanking you all for your kind patronage. Send to Harry Allen, The British Bird Champion, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1356)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

GRAND sound yellow Border hen, can win, 5/-; exchange songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (1353)

WANTED, Border Canaries for cash: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. Same address 18 years. (1282)

ONLY a few left now, at most reasonable prices to clear: Crabb and Finlayson, 120, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1350)

BORDERS: Cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, matched pairs 7/6; all colours; Scotch cock Linnets 1/-: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (1344)

WHAT offers in unflighted Borders or Norwich for 15 2s. parts of the "People's Physician"? Shiers, Swanley, Kent. (1305)

GOOD Border hens, clears, marks, 5/- each; exchange two for good cock, no rubbish: Pope, Clogger, Haltwhistle. (1347)

EXCHANGE two Border show cages and case, new, for young buff Border cock: Liusey, 211, Cherry-hinton-rd., Camb. (1336)

BORDERS, clear yellows, buffs and variegated; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-: Lyall, Society Buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1318)

PRIZE Borders, buff cock 6/6, buff hen 4/-, or exchange for clear yellow hen; yours first: McKenzie, 4, Murray-place, Forres. (1352)

PRIZE strain clears, variegated, greens, yellows, buffs, cocks, hens; cheap to clear: William Dods, 79, Restabug-rd., Edinburgh. (1343)

SOME good hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6; yellow cock, buff hen, 12/6; approval, deposit: Robert Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (1308)

I HAVE still a few of my well-known Borders to part with, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, or 8/6 a pair: Moscrop, Longtown, Cumberland. (1346)

CLASS Borders, yellows, buffs, greens; see L.C.B.A. report; cocks 5/-, hens 3/6 upwards; stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1338)

D. WHITELAW has some good Greens and Cinnamons for sale reasonable; stamp reply; see Palace report: 95, Elderpark-st., Govan. (1309)

I HAVE some good prize-bred Borders to dispose of; cocks 7/6; hens, 3/-; pairs from 8/6; approval: Wood, 72, Southgate, Gloucester. (1354)

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, has still a few pairs of his champion Borders for sale; approval, stamp. (1322)

EXCHANGE three unflighted variegated hens for clear yellow cock, sell 7/6: Jackson, 16, Victoria Cottages, Southampton-st., Reading. (1338)

NOTICE; grand lot Border Fancy, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

A FEW nice buff variegated hens, same strain as winners, from 4/- upwards; two clear buff hens, 10/- each: James Auld, New Road, Bannockburn.

BUFF cock, 5/-; yellow variegated hen, 4/-; yellow variegated cock, 7/6; buff hen, 3/-; yellow cinnamon hen, 5/-; stamp: Orton, 17, Burnblea-st., Hamilton. (1343)

BORDERS, Bennett's strain; hens from 4/6, cocks 7/6; exchange pair for unflighted Norwich hen, must be good: Gamble, Clydesdale House, South Wigston. (1343)

VARIEGATED and ticked buff hens from 3/-; clear buff cocks from 7/6; or exchange musical instruments: Sutton, 1, Windmill-row, Kennington, London. (1338)

BORDERS, young birds, even marks, cinnamons, greens, clears, also Norwich; all prize bred; all prices: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Scotland. (1294)

NOTICE.—Having a few cocks to spare, Greens, Marks, Clears, will dispose cheap to clear: from 7/6 (see Palace report); approval: Simmonds, 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (1357)

GIVING up: All my well-known Borders for sale, clears, greens, marks, show and stock, also cages; approval; inspection invited: Matthew Peel, Coxlodge, Newcastle. (1313)

MUST clear; over 40 prize-bred Borders, clears, marks, Cinnamons; some choice hens in this lot; cocks 7/6, hens from 4/-: Johnstone, Wellwood Villa, Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (1309)

BORDER Fancies, few good buff and yellow cocks left, also yellow and buff hens, from 10/- each, same strain as my winners; see reports: J. Hadaga, 4, Queen's-parade, Cheltenham. (1341)

PRIZE Borders, clear buff cock, 4th Perth, 10/-; yellow variegated hen, 2nd Broughty Ferry, 7/6, 15/- pair; clear and marked cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-: Robertson, 7, Albert-pl., Brechin. (1350)

S. WILSON, championship diploma winner, has good typical Borders to spare, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; approval; cold room: Woodside Station-rd., Cramlington, Northumberland. (1342)

BORDERS, Buff hen, 4th Kelty, 7/6; Buff cock, vhc Brechin, 9/-; Yellow Green cock, 6/-; Yellow cock, 4/6; Yellow, Buff, Yellow, Var., hens, 3/- each; approval: Irons, Park-pl., Brechin. (1355)

MY Borders can win at Palace shows, under English judge, as well as Scotch; have proved that, therefore apply to me for birds to breed winners for either; reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin. (1339)

CHAMPION Borders, clears, greens, and cinnamons, for sale cheap, including winner 1st Bristol, 9th Plymouth, he Palace, 1st, 2nd, 4th and vhc Cheltenham; will clear at half their value: Short, 328, High-st., Cheltenham. (1348)

WINNERS: Ilkeston, Warrington, Liverpool, Preston, Birmingham, Sale; cocks, three yellows £1 each; even buff, 15/-; clear hens, yellow 15/-, buff 10/-; others from 10/6 pair; approval: Thos. Hancocks, Stewart-st, Crewe. (1237)

CHOICE four-pointed yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, clear and variegated cocks, yellows 8/6, 10/6, buffs 7/6, hens 5/6, 7/6; pink of condition, related to my prize winners; no better blood obtainable; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth. (1312)

G. H. PRATT has some choice buff cocks for sale, real winning strain, grand stock birds, also yellow and buff hens, all related to my winners. See wins this season, Southern Border cup, and many other specials, diplomas, etc.: Strand, Dairy, Exmouth. (1338)

BORDER Fancies.—I have purchased the stocks of best breeders in South of Scotland (many winners); can offer matched pairs from 12/-; cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/6; also Norwich Plainheads, cocks from 8/6, hens 1/6; approval, stamp: James Ward, 178, Main-st., Shettleston. (1231)

CLEARING out through pressure of business; entire stock prize Borders (bar few pairs); 25 to go at sweeping low prices; many local champions offered; all colours, condition perfect, approval, known fanciers; hens, 2/6 to 6/6; cocks, 5/- to 8/6: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso. (1355)

CHAMPION Borders; a few for sale, clears, marks, greens, and cinnamons, all my own breeding, therefore fanciers may rely on the best blood; cocks from 10/- to 20/-; hens from 5/- to 30/-; matched pairs a speciality; cheap to clear; approval: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire. (1338)

MR. R. H. SAMPSON, Pontardulais, has for disposal the whole of his Borders, including yellow cock, 1st diploma L.C.B.A., 1st Wimbledon, Swansea, etc. (illustrated in "C.B."); another, 1st special Pontardulais, 5th Palace; buff cock, 1st L.P.O., and several promising youngsters; prices nominal to clear. (1353)

CINNAMONS—WINNERS

Extra special value offered this week in reliable cinnamons for breeding winners. During four successive years at Palace, with cinnamons, have taken forty per cent. more points than any other exhibitor in Britain. Two yellow green cocks, 10/-, 15/-; clear yellow, buff, and marked cocks, 7/6, 10/6, beauties. Approval. Money returned if not satisfied. Stamp for particulars: Walter S. Wilson, "Glendyne," Southpark-rd., Hamilton. (1343)

PALACE WINNERS

Greens, buff cock, 3rd Palace, 2nd Scotch National, 1st Biggar, 25/-; yell. cock, 4th Palace, 3rd Sunderland, 1st Biggar, 30/-; others, 6/6 upwards; all bred same as winners, Manchester, Glasgow City, L.C.B.A., etc.; approval: Campbell, Ardmore, Biggar. (1341)

Crests and Crestbreds.

LARGE green Crest-bred 1913 cock, Barnett strain, 12/6: Rev. G. Mullens, Chedzoy, Bridgwater. (1339)

GOOD unflighted Crested hen, 25/6; approval, deposit: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent. (1352)

TWO Crests, and 2 Crestbred cocks, from good stock, sell £1: R. Ash, 2s, Manor Row, Dawlish. (1342)

GRAND clear Crestbred cock, 25/-; dark Crested hen, 20/-, ditto 10/-: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich. (1344)

EXCHANGE two 1913 Crestbred cocks for large 1913 Crestbred hen; no rubbish: J. Cockram, Secretary, Dawlish. (1342)

LARGE clear body, wing marked Dark Crested cock, bred from winners, 25/-: Miss F. Brown, Harold-rd., Sittingbourne. (1343)

CAN still spare few large, heavily feathered Crestbred cocks from winners, cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dunblane. (1340)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, four pairs, 30/- pair to clear; approval; stamp: Onion, Sir Rowland Hill Inn, Nottingham. (1343)

CRESTS and Crest-bred pairs, from 20/-, good stock birds; cold room: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (1344)

LARGE dark crested hen, 25/-; clear body do., 20/-; green do., 15/6; approval: Hayling, 5, Moorend-terr., Cheltenham. (1352)

J. HAYWARD can spare grand variegated dark Crested cock, winner, 20/-: approval, deposit: 49, Tunnel-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (1302)

WRIGHT Tunns-st. Fakenham, Norfolk, can spare three crested cocks, 10/6 each; three crestbred hens, 8/6; approval, deposit. (1357)

1913 GREEN Crest cock, winner Dumfries, Castle Douglas, 22/- with show cage; giving up Crests: Devoy, George-st., Stranraer. (1340)

BARNETT'S direct; Crest and Crestbreds, good reliable stock birds, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich. (1304)

EXCELLENT crested and crestbred pairs from 20/- upwards; won 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th at Paalce Show: Todd, Drummond-st., Inverness. (1356)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds from 10/; grand selection from my well-known winning strain, approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1336)

OWING to removal, must reduce stock pairs, Crests, 1912, 15/-; Rollers, 1913; breeding cages, aviary: Miss Thomas, Boscombe. Deposit. (1345)

1912 heavy dark Crested cock, fine feather, splendid bird, 15/-; also pair Yorkshires, Jonas Knight strain, 12/6: Freeman, 34, Station-rd., Forest Gate. (1347)

GIVING up Crest and Crestbreds; only six left of my noted winners, the lot for £5; also cages; approval, deposit: W. F. Rabey, St. Issey, Cornwall. (1352)

MASSIVE feathery Crests and Crestbreds from one of the best studs living, from 15/6 upwards; state wants: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1355)

FEW large clears and heavy variegated Crestbred cocks, also few heavy variegated Crested cocks, £1 each; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green. (1348)

CREST and Crestbreds from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth. (1305)

CHOICE lot of Crests and Crest-bred, both in cocks and hens, from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; week's approval: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1320)

H. HORTON, 21 years breeder and exhibitor of high-class Crests, good birds from 10/-; approval; or exchange: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, S.E. (1352)

GRAND variegated Crestbred cock, tremendous feather, 20/-; yellow Crested cock, 20/-; few Crest and Crestbred hens, 6/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1377)

BARGAINS to clear, grand light Crest, 1912, 20/-; good dark, 20/-; pink of condition, well lashed; 1912 even-marked dark capped Crest-bred cock, 10/6: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby. (1349)

WILLIAM TATMAN, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, has only few Crests and Crestbreds left for disposal; will sell cheap, or useful exchange considered; lady's cycle wanted.

HAVING too many birds for breeding, I will sell cheap about 40 Crests, Crest-breds, good bleed, cold-room; pairs, or single, from 7/6; deposit: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex. (1190)

GRAND young variegated Crest-bred cock, thick, stout bird, well browed, 50/-, same as our winners; approval: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1333)

CRESTS.—J. Richardson has for disposal variegated Crest cock, yellow green Crestbred hen, 17/6; also one green Crest cock, grand crest, well drooped, £1; bargain: No. 3, York-st., Church. (1332)

GRAND young Crested and Crest-bred Canaries, 10/- to 18/-; hens, 7/6 to 14/-; large clear Crest-bred cock, 14/-; ditto hens, 7/6, 10/6; approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terr., Hampstead. (1346)

FOR sale, two pairs 1913 good yellows, also a few Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hen, cheap; all healthy, out-door aviary-bred; stamp reply: "Birds," Ordnance Police Quarters, Weedon, Northants. (1348)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood in the world, sound, well-matched pairs from 60/-, singles from 20/-, many winners bred from this strain, show birds at reasonable prices: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (1253)

GRAND dark-crested hen 20/-; unflighted buff crest cock, topped 30/-; monster green Crestbred cock 30/-, winner; also few yellow Crest and Crest-bred at 20/-; deposit: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hueknall, Torkard. (1306)

GENUINE high-class Crests, Crestbreds, cocks or hens, massive birds, best blood in the Fancy, many winners sold, 12 years president Preston Cage Bird Society, 35 years breeder of the best; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 65, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1307)

SAME blood as my firsts and special; variegated Crested hen, 12/6; Crestbred cock, 10/; two green hens, 6/6; 1913, Joyce and Tyson's; exchange old gold or silver or lady's good furs: Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds. Half price to clear. (1330)

BARNETT'S direct; unique opportunity; Crests and C.B.'s, all my expensive birds and their young for sale, £1 to £5; great reductions for two or more; discount 10 per cent. to 25 per cent.; giving up letters only; approval, deposit. Rev. Moss, Ladswood Vicarage, Birmingham. (1285)

LATEST success with six entries at the Palace, 1st, two 2nds, one 4th, two vhc's; two yellow Plainhead cocks, took 3rd and 4th, uncle and brother to 1st Palace, 50/- each; several others to part with: Bewick, 7, Newfield (S.O.), Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1350)

FOUR Crestbred hens, 4/- each; Norwich hen, 5/-, dark Crestbred cock and wing-marked buff dark Crested hen, 12/6; head and wing-marked Crestbred cock, large bird, 8/6; well made aviary, cheap, for approval, deposit: Digby, 38, Chatterton-rd., Highbury. (1336)

HARRY COATH offers from his cup winning strain, the following: Grey Crested cock, green Crestbred hen, 25/-; green Crested cock, variegated Crestbred hen, 20/-; green Crestbred cock, 20/-, worth 30/-; variegated Crested cock, 10/-: 24, Wolsdon-st., Plymouth. (1317)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give; on approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1348)

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Palace winning strain, only 15/-; honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1357)

OWING to the death of Mr. C. J. Willes (who was well-known in the Fancy) the remainder of his birds, birdroom fittings, fixtures, etc., are to be disposed of at knock-down prices; green Crested cock, 10/-; variegated cock, green crest, 12/6; grey Crested hen, 12/-; green Crestbred hen, 6/-; four Crestbred hens, 10/- the lot; green Yorkshire cock and yellow hen, 10/- the pair; seven Border hens, buffs and yellows, 2/6 each; quantity of Crest show cages, 1/6 each; cases for above at half-price; ten double breeding cages, drying cage, 3/6; also feeding cages, etc. etc.: Willis, 42, Beaural-rd., E. Dulwich. (1305)

NOTICE; monster exhibition Crestbred cock, 1913 bred, immense head and neck, nicely browed, smothered in feather, can win keenest competition, only 50/-; also champion 1913 exhibition dark Crested hen, immense, perfectly formed drooping crest, nicely centred, rare type and quality of feather, win anywhere, only 55/-, or 90/- the pair; honestly worth £10 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner; also many other massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, to £3 each; all strong and healthy, cold-room bred, Palace winning strain, satisfaction guaranteed, approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1357)

SPECIAL, Special, Special!—Massive feathery 1913 Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; also 1913 Yell. Crestbred cock, only 10/6; also massive feathery 1913 variegated Buff Crestbred cock, only 9/-; also 1913 variegated Yellow dark crested cock, only 11/6; also 1913 variegated Buff dark crested cock, only 10/6; also clear Grey crested cock, only 10/6; also 1913 dark crested hen, only 10/6; also 1913 clear Grey crested hen, only 10/6; also several other real good massive feathery crested and crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 21/- each; all strong and healthy; cold room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1357)

FOR SALE

One buff variegated Crest-bred cock, one buff variegated Crest-bred hen, one buff hen (clear), one green Crested hen, one Siberian Goldfinch: Breeder and Winner, Alex. Gray, Garden-side, Wysaw. (1348)

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards, stock or show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; cock or hen; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1345)

LIZARDS. Best blood in the world; pairs 10/-; hens 4/-, 5/-, 1913 bred; approval: Whipp, 483, Rochdale-rd., High Crompton, Shaw. (1313)

HIGH-CLASS gold and silver Lizards; cocks, 7/6 and 10/6 each; pairs from 10/6; on approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1326)

FEW quarter bred Belgian Yorkshires, cocks and hens, for sale, or exchange other birds; stamp reply: Fletcher, 63, High-st., Lotus, Cleveland. (1342)

THE Lizard Prince offers 1913 broken silver cock, 1st, special, best silver Oldham, 25/-; 50 others, including Palace winners, from 15/- pair; single birds from 6/-; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall. (1341)

W. P. BARNES, breeder champion Lizards, winner of Lancashire and Lizard Club Championship, 1913-14, championship diploma best Lizard Bradford National, diploma Sunderland best Lizard; properly matched pairs, 17/6; cocks from 10/6; hens from 6/6; approval: London-rd., Grantham. (1345)

Lancashires.

MASSIVE Lancashire Plainheads, 10/6 each, cock or hen, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1310)

YELLOW coppy cock, 1st Newquay, 2nd St. Austell, 30/-; seen any time; bargain: Unwin, 25, Queen's Gate-place Mews, Kensington. (1341)

BUFF Plainhead cock, 10/-; clear yellow ditto, 12/6, 1913, or exchange good Crestbred or Lizards, to value: deposit; approval; stamp: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale. (1337)

Cinnamons.

FOR Cinnamons, send for full list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

HEALTHY Cinnamon non-flight cock, half-brother to cup winner: approval; stamp: Brown, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1336)

NORWICH Cinnamons, unflighted, buffs and yellows; cocks and hens from 10/6; approval, deposit: Taylor, County Bank, Clitheroe. (1260)

LARGE Norwich Cinnamons from 20/-; matched pairs Norwich from 10/-; winning strains: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich (1356)

CINNAMON and Plainhead Norwich, single cocks or hens, from 10/-; pairs from 20/-; inspection invited: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn. Approval, stamp. (1310)

TWENTY prize-bred Cinnamon cocks, 10/-, hens 7/6 upwards; approval: Hall Bros., 107, Rosalind-st., Hurst, Morpeth, Northumberland. (1340)

MRS. DEACON'S champion Cinnamons. Having purchased this famous stock entire, offer buff cocks, 12/6; worth double; approval: Rev. Nunne, Harrington, Cumberland. (1334)

ROOM wanted; for sale, few pairs of Cinnamons, also Norwich and Yorkshires, from 20/- pair, only want seeing; also 20 working homers, own breeding, all rung, giving up homing, 50/-; or exchange good pair of Crests, Norwich only, good stock birds wanted: Howarth, Grocer, 3, Rydal-rd., Blackburn. (1337)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has to clear 1911 yellow Cinnamon cock, 25/-; 1913 foul yellow Cinnamon cock, 21/-; 1912 buff cock and yellow 1913 hen, 27/6 pair; also Norwich 1912 buff cock with 1913 yellow hen, 25/-; 1913 var. buff cock with 1913 yellow hen, 30/-; 1913 buff cock, 1913 yellow hen, 25/-; 1913 yellow cock, 1913 buff hen, 25/-; approval for cash. (1338)

Belgians.

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

J. D. HORRILL, King Edward-st., Barnstaple, has several good birds for sale, from my winners; cheap, approval. (1338)

EXCELLENT Yellow Belgian cock, 4th prize Palace, 30/-, bred 1913; warranted sound and health: Todd, Drummond-st., Inverness. (1356)

TYPICAL winning Belgians; several matched pairs for disposal from 30/-; odd cocks cheap (approval): C. F. Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (1323)

BARGAINS in Belgians; giving up through ill-health; 20 grand birds must be sold cheap; approval: G. Baker, 24, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1357)

BELGIANS, buff cocks, yellow and buff hens; fanciers wanting some good cheap birds, write to me; "must sell," room wanted: approval: Butts, 12, Lower Maudlin-st., Barnstaple. (1352)

G. S. BAKER, George's-rd., Barnstaple. Few grand birds bred from noted buff cock, winner Championship, Palace, 1913, 1914; see Palace report for wins; reasonable prices; approval. (1310)

Greens.

A FEW good Greens for disposal from this famous stud: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO smart pairs Border Greens, 17/6 per pair; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (1355)

L. F. HARDING can spare a few Norwich greens; see Palace, Scottish National, etc.; stamp reply: 29a, Market-st., Wellingborough. (1342)

YORKSHIRE Greens, type, quality and colour; see Palace reports; reasonable; approval: Benson and Young, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard. (1313)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin Street, Carlisle, Norwich Specialist. Unflighted buff cocks, size, type, quality, good heads, perfect wings, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; three unflighted yellows, 15/- each; unflighted buff hens, typical, grand quality, perfect wings, 7/6 each to clear. (1235)

J. TAYLOR, 37, Stirling Buildings, York-st., Aldwych, W.C. Canaries, breeding and singing, cheap. After 6 p.m.; all day Sunday. (1275)

WE buy or exchange Norwich: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. (1292)

TWO pairs good stock birds, 20/-, 30/-: Chesmire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1352)

GOOD 1913 colour-fed yellow cock, 10/-; approval: Wm. Butler, Rhosymedre, Ruabon. (1347)

THREE Norwich cocks, 5/- each; five hens, 2/6: Mrs. Vores, 6, Doria-rd., Parsons Green. (1346)

A FEW good Norwich cocks, only want seeing: 22, Heath-st., Cheetham-hill, Manchester. (1341)

NORWICH, buff, variegated 1913 cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6: Miss F. Bird, Farcet, Peterborough. (1307)

NORWICH, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- the pair; exchange for surplus stock: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (1340)

EXCHANGE a first-class Crest-bred cock for a yellow Norwich Plainhead: Clyne, Moray-st., Wick. (1334)

NORWICH hens, 2/- each; Parrakeet and cage, 5/-; or exchange: 84, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich. (1339)

NORWICH 1913 cocks, 5/-; few hens, 2/6, 3/-; two matched pairs, 8/6: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs. (1343)

NORWICH and Crests, cocks and hens cheap, also cages: Smith, 41, Outram-st., King's Cross, London. (1343)

GOOD Norwich, few pairs left, from 8/- a pair; cash or deposit: William McKinney, Main-st., Maghera, Derry. (1340)

PRIZE BRED Norwich cocks, from 6/-; hens from 3/6: Hyde, 4, Raydon-st., Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N. (1332)

SIX pairs Norwich, Mackley's strain, male birds, 7/6 each, hens 3/6: Miss E. Fox, 63, Benford-st., Leicester. (1302)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries for cash: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. Same address 18 years. (1282)

NORWICH, 10/6 pair, and upwards, only few pair left; approval, stamp: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (1212)

CAN spare few cocks and hens; prices reasonable to clear; also Crestbred hen, 10/6: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1319)

NORWICH for sale; 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff cocks, 2 yellow hens, 7/6 upwards: Wm. Clubb, 10, Bayne-st., Stirling. (1353)

PALACE aviary, nearly new, 15 by 33, 6/-; few young Norwich hens, 2/-: Carlton, 83, Edmund-st., Camberwell. (1343)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, has a few very superior Norwich for disposal, bargains; all have won. (1332)

NORWICH, two colour fed clear yellow cocks, bred from winners, 10/6, 12/6: Gardner, 52, Maxted-rd., East Dulwich. (1344)

SEVERAL good yellow or buff cocks, from 7/6 each, yellow or buff hens from 4/-: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich. (1344)

HY. HUGGINS 40, Tabor-st., Burnley, can spare large unflighted yellow and buff cocks at 10/- each; approval, stamp. (1344)

EXCHANGE six Yorks, show cages, new condition, and case, for 3 Norwich hens (1913): Brady, Johnst., Workington. (1354)

FIVE typical Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 1913, C.F., 7/6; 3 feeding hens, 6/-: 252, Ashby-rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset. (1338)

PRIZE and prize bred yellow and buff Norwich Canaries, cocks and hens; stamp reply: McLennan, Market-st., Forres. (1352)

PATTERSON, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow. Clear yellow cock, grand quality, bred from winners; also one buff, 10/6 each. (1312)

LARGE Norwich cock Canary, full song, exchange Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, sell 7/6: Garratt, Lorryburn, Fife, Scotland. (1356)

BIG buff Norwich non-flighted cock, strong, healthy, also greens; approval; stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1336)

BUFF Norwich cocks, big full-fronted stock birds, 15/- each to clear: Norman, Bird Artist, "Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey. (1357)

YELLOW green cock, massive bird, full song, young, 10/6; another smaller, 7/6; stamp: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Wallasey. (1338)

ONLY two unflighted buff cocks for sale, extra nice birds, on the small side: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1338)

MARKED buff Norwich cock, vhc Palace show last week, 15/-, or exchange for yellow: Martin, 13, Shelley-st., Northampton. (1337)

LARGE typical buff hen, grand stock bird, 10/-; large yellow cock, winner, 35/-; approval: Devoy, George-st., Stranraer. (1340)

THREE grand Norwich unflighted buff cocks, one 1st prize winner, 20/- for the three: Miss Dark, Chipstead, Sevenoaks (1349)

GOOD typical Norwich cock, 7/6, clear, also hens 2/6, splendid feeders; deposit: A. Humphries, 20, Nelson-av., Tonbridge. (1336)

LARGE Norwich, two unflighted buff cocks, 15/- each, one 1912 buff cock, 25/-, winner: Lingard, 35, Marlboro'-st., Burnley. (1346)

HODDER'S 1913 yellow ticked cock, 1912 buff hen, and double breeding cage, 15/-: Haytock, Florence-st., Rochdale. Offers. (1333)

THREE pairs of Norwich, £1 per pair, all unflighted; approval: Wickham, Boatswain and Call, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (1344)

HEALTHY Norwich; yellow cocks, 6/-; buff, 5/-; hens, 2/-; cold-room bred: H. Greenham, 98, Ashburnham-rd., Northampton. (1342)

WANTED large massive cobby buff cock, must be healthy, cheap for cash; approval; will deposit: Eccles, Rhosymedre, Ruabon. (1347)

WANTED yellow Norwich cock for stock; give four show cages and joiner-made case for same: Daniell, 45, Ennersdale-rd., Lewisham. (1242)

THREE unflighted yellow Norwich cocks, sell or exchange for two good buffs Norwich hens: Jeffrey and Stevenson, Bannockburn. (1347)

NORWICH from winners; unflighted variegated buff hen, 6/-, clear buff 4/-, marked yellow, 4/-: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (1336)

CHAMPION Palace strains; Crests, pairs, 14/-; Norwich Plainheads, pairs 7/-; large birds, approval; stamp for reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (1302)

NORWICH-PLAINHEAD from winner, fed, perfection, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon rd., Hinckley. (1339)

ALFRED BREWSTER, Monumental Works, Magdalen-rd., Norwich (Breeder and Exhibitor). Selling his high-class Norwich; approval by arrangement. (1348)

A FEW 1913 typical Norwich yellow and buff cocks, strong, healthy, finely feathered birds, all non-fed: Mrs. James Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth, Scotland. (1337)

SEVERAL well-bred pairs, 15/- odd cocks 10/-, 12/6; hens 4/-, 5/-; all colour fed; grand healthy condition: Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex. (1336)

LARGE unflighted yellow and buff young Norwich hens, 10/6 to 50/-, pairs from 15/6 up; state wants.—C. Roberts, Breeder, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1355)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers grand Norwich Plainhead cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; fine breeding condition; grand value; approval. (1342)

NORWICH.—Have a few more unflighted left; cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6; splendid birds; inspection invited: Charles Harbour, Grocer, 2333, Glynn-rd, Clapton. (1349)

NORWICH; just three left, buff cock, yellow hen, buff hen, all bred from my winning strain; price reasonable; approval: Braidwood, Shawburn-st., Barnbank, Hamilton. (1346)

PURE Norwich, healthy, typical stock, short cobby birds, in fine condition, will breed winners, some have won; cocks from 10/- to 30/-: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N.-avenue, Ramsgate. (1346)

SPLENDID buff 1913 cock, also yellow cock, bred from my best winners, price 10/- each; or exchange either for large yellow hen, good head: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1338)

NORWICH, large variegated buff cock, brother to Coventry winners; unflighted clear yellow hen, 30/-; bargain; few grand buff hens, from 4/-: Blower, 35, Manor-st., Hinckley. (1338)

GRAND yellow and variegated Norwich hens, Baker's, Hodder's, and Vardy's strains, from 4/6 to 7/6 each; cocks, 10/- upwards: Blows and Son, 8, The Clyde, Ilford, Essex. (1344)

FOUR large buff Norwich cocks, 7/1 each; two extra large buff cocks, 10/- each, all full song, every bird worth double; few good hens, 3/6, 4/- each: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (1348)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers his entire stock, 60 pairs Norwich, Plainheads, all round, 7/6 pair, splendid value, exceptionally well bred, fine breeding condition; cold-room bred 1912 and 1913 birds; approval; various cages cheap. (1307)

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REALLY good typical birds, unflighted yellow cock, two buff cocks, 12/6 each; three buff hens, 8/6 each: Thomas, 387, High-rd., Leyton. (1334)

SELL few unflighted buff Norwich cocks, clear and variegated, 7/6 and 10/6 each; approval: Norman Couper, Bervie, Kincardineshire. (1346)

CHAMPION Norwich, unflighted, cold-room, cocks full song, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1317)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich hens, 3/- each; also clear yellow Norwich cock, prize winner, 15/-: E. Hewitt, Pick-st., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (1349)

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 to 10/- each; hens from 3/- to 6/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (1311)

FOUR yellow Norwich variegated hens, colour-fed, unflighted, 6/- each; cash or deposit; approval: Palmer, 3, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts. (1350)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries; exchange high-class Dutch docs in young, also youngsters: York, 150, Cottingham-st., Attercliffe, Sheffield. (1340)

SEVERAL pairs 1913 Norwich, nat. colour, 6/6, 7/6 pair, approx., deposit; outdoor aviary bred: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Newbuildings, Hinckley. (1353)

HANDSOME rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 3/6, two 6/6; hens, 2/3: Franklin, Briden Villas, Feltham. (1345)

WHAT offers in good large buff Norwich, 1913, for two cocks, three hens, variegated, yellow, medium size: Hallows, 33, Willow-st., Romford. (1346)

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare good yellow, buff hens, from 10/- pair; winners, 30/-; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight. (1337)

FIFTY fine young Norwich hens in large aviary, splendid condition, satisfaction guaranteed, 2/6 each; four 9/-: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1346)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold-room bred, cocks, in full song, 6/6; unflighted hens, 3/6; approval; cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1341)

STANDARD type champion strains (Howes, Vurdys, Seeds), breeding buff hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (Note address.) (1276)

THREE hens, 2 buff, 2/6 each; one marked yellow 3/-, or exchange Norwich cock on song: Mr. A. Wright, 13, Palmerston-st., Hanley, Staffs. (1354)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N., has several good pairs for disposal, from 10/6; large buff cocks from 8/- (1310)

PRIZE-BRED, typical Norwich hens, own breeding, quality unrivalled, Silk's strain, for sale cheap; stamp reply: Stott, 6, Albert-st., Whitstable. (1345)

NORWICH buff cock, yellow hen, 27/6; yellow cock, buff hen, £1; others cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. See wins Glasgow, Paisley. (1338)

H. W. TOMSETT, S.N.P.C., 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley, has grand breeding pairs for sale from 10/-; winner 140 prizes, see South London report. (1349)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

MASSIVE framed deep-fed Yellow Norwich cock, 12 months, won twice in unflighted classes; also special best Yellow; accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1357)

MUST clear; grand pair of unflighted Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, ditto buff cock, yellow hen, 15/- pair; also cocks from 10/-; hens, 6/-; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton. (1346)

ABOUT 20 large Norwich to clear; hens, 4/-; cocks, 5/6; pairs, 9/-; or lot, £3 17s. 6d.; few buff hens, 10/- to 15/-; (Goldfinch (beauty) cock, Greenfinch hen, 6/6: Bielby, Holbeach, Lincs. (1349)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has ticked buff cock, 2nd Boscombe,, 25/-; variegated do., winner, 25/-; unflighted buff cock, 2nd S.W. London, 25/-; several others from 10/-; approval. (1351)

ARTHUR WAKE, 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough, 25 years breeder and exhibitor; large clear 1913 buff cock, 25/-; large buff green 1913 cock, 25/-; buff hens, 20/-; all my own breeding; approval. (1356)

NORWICH buff cock, 10/6, yellow-capped cock, 10/6, 1911; buff cock, 8/-; two marked yellows, 7/6 each; buff hen, 3/6; ticked yellow, 4/6, 1913: Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (1347)

BARGAINS in Norwich, giving up the fancy on account of illness; 15 pairs of good stock birds, some winners, 7/6 to 30/-; approval, deposit: John Baker, Victoria-st., Melbourne, Derbyshire. (1349)

CLEAR unflighted buff cock, good head, nice colour, 10/-; ticked ditto, brother to Bedford winner, nice quality, 10/-; six unflighted buff hens, extra well bred, 5/- each: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1348)

SEVERAL pairs Norwich, mostly rung, 10/6, 15/6 pair; good condition, see report Leicester Cage Birds Soc., firsts, best unflighted, also best bird in show: Brooks, 44, Wilmington-rd., Leicester. (1357)

GIVING up, 12 yellow, 5 buff Norwich cocks, 10/- to 30/- each; 8 yellow hens, 5 buff, 7/6 to 10/-; 36 breeding cages, 20 show cages, cash or deposit; stamp, reply: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (1338)

HIGH-CLASS, large typical Norwich, correct type, cold-room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; grand lot of young hens, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1357)

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards; cold-room; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester (close to Midland Station). (1348)

A FEW really good Norwich to spare, yellow and buff cocks, 5/- and 7/6 each; hens, yellow and buff, 3/- and 5/- each; Vardy's strain; approval; cash or deposit: Bircumshaw, Breach-rd., Marlpool, Derbyshire. (1339)

GRAND yellow and buff Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; yellow ticked, 15/-; yellow and buff hens, 7/6, 10/6; 1913 birds, all colour-fed, cold-room bred; the above are bred from the late J. Harper's winners, cash or deposit; birds can be seen any time by appointment: Miss Harper, 14, Napier-terrace, Walsoken, Wisbech. (1338)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **Norwich.**

WANTED unflighted Norwich, one yellow or yellow variegated hen, and one buff hen, will give in exchange four good well-bred unflighted buff cocks, mutual approval: H. Brash, 65, Causwayside, Edinburgh. (1340)

PRIZE Norwich.—Having selected my stock, have few splendid stock birds for disposal; Yellow and Buff cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval; inspection; cold room: Phipps, 16, Millplatt, Isleworth. (1354)

NORWICH, 1912, tick yellow cock and buff hen, 35/-; unflighted variegated yellow cock, 20/-; unflighted clear tick variegated buff cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-road, Northampton. (1317)

CAN spare buff ticked cock, grand head and neck, short and cobby, 15/-; clear yellow hen, grand type, 10/-; variegated yellow cock, big bird, 10/6; clear buff hen, 7/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1355)

NORWICH Canaries, unflighted, outdoor-bred, several good pairs, or single birds, for sale, pairs 10/6, single birds from 6/6; approval, deposit system, inspection invited: W. Hardman, 12, Chandos-st., Hereford. (1334)

NORWICH, last lot to clear, 40/-; 7 cocks and 3 hens, first p.o. gets them; also two buff Border cocks, 15/-; or exchange two yellow Border hens, must be good; birds first: J. W. Christon, New Kyo, Annfield Plain. (1355)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, one yellow, two buff cocks; two yellow, four buff hens; Cinnamon, one yellow, one buff, cocks, in breeding condition; cold-room bred; approval: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Docks, Durham. (1347)

HIGH-class Norwich, best blood in the Fancy, Bullfinch type, good heads, cocks or hens, 35 years breeder of the best, judge at 100 shows, many winners sold, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Mottingham. (1307)

J. D. LEIGH, many years breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, has now left five big buff cocks, two medium sized yellow cocks, two medium sized yellow hens, half value to clear, 15/- each: 7, Horsemarket-st., Warrington. (1339)

THE following for sale, set Norwich, cost £2, accept 25/-; pair cost £2, accept 30/-; 4 useful yellow cocks, 1913, 8/6 to 10/6; buff and yellow hens, 5/6 to 8/6, colour-fed, must reduce stock; bargains; approval: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1338)

OWING to my having such a magnificent lot of young buff hens, I can spare a few such as very few fanciers would be able to let go at this time of the year; prices 20/-, 25/-, 40/-, 50/-: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1350)

J. BODDER has amongst his well-known Norwich several very typical buff and yellow cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each; grand value; my birds win amongst the best. See reports best shows; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Lukes, London, E.C.

CLEAR yellow cock, breeder, 7/6; clear buff cock, breeder, 6/-; unflighted buff, ticked head, 8/-; clear buff, unflighted, 5/6; all fed; six 1913 cocks, natural colour, 4/6 each; mostly clears, full song, best condition; seen any time; approval: Wright, 187, Mill-rd., Wellingboro. (1321)

EXHIBITION Norwich (Hull champion cup winner); can spare variegated unflighted yellow, 25/-; unflighted clear buff, 25/-; red-hot colour, good heads, short wings, tail, can win small shows; also unflighted buff hens from 10/-; stamp; approval: Potter, Thoresby-st., Hull. (1349)

TICKED buff, clear yellow hens, clear buff cock, all rare type and quality, from same nests as my winners, all unflighted, real bargains, 7/6 each to clear: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers. (1341)

CHAMPION Norwich; T. H. Masou having selected own breeding pairs, can spare one or two nice pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; also one or two nice buff cocks from 10/- each; guaranteed same strain as my winners at Leeds, Sheffield, Scottish National, etc., etc.; approval; stamp: 11, Victoria-sq., Ella-st., Hull. (1342)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, offers grand yellow cock, a gem, 22/6; buff cock, variegated, monster size, 20/-; clear buff cock, a beauty, 22/6; buff cock, splendid stock bird, 17/6; variegated buff hen, typical, lovely quality, 15/-; clear buff hen, deep chest, good head, 12/6; ticked buff hen, a nice one, 10/-; approval. (1340)

A. L. HAWKES is offering at great sacrifice few cobby, thick-set deep-fed Buff Norwich hens at 7/6 each; one exceptionally chubby, large framed specimen, with grand large bold head, chest, and plenty of substance; won first and two seconds recently; accept 12/6; approval: Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

EXCEPTIONAL opportunity.—Owing to wife's illness, am compelled to dispose of following high-class Norwich, mostly winners; cocks, ticked yellow, 12/6; clear, 12/6; unflighted yellows, 7/6 and 10/6; yellow green, 8/6; clear buff, 10/6; hens, clear buffs, 12/6, 10/6; six buff and yellows, 5/6 each; two racks, each containing three double breeders, 15/- each: Lill, Osborne-terr., Matlock. (1342)

SPECIAL, special, special!—Few real good large typical stock Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 21/- each; rare size, type, colour and quality, including many future winners, all strong and healthy, and in perfect breeding condition; Palace winning strain, cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1357)

A. L. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice following specimens on account of being unable to mate them for want of rooms:—Typical colour-fed rich Yellow unflighted cock, large framed, with extra stout head, short thick-set body and neck, 15/-; also Buff cock, unflighted, thick-set, round as an apple, a gem, with plenty of substance 15/-; both are clears, full of quality; approval; worth treble for stock: 20, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1357)

CHAMPION Norwich.—Few real good stock and exhibition Norwich Plainheads now ready for immediate showing, plenty of size, good colour, large head and full necks, rare type and quality, of feather; yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £3 each; yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £5 pair; all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous, and in tip-top show condition; for size, type, and quality, I defy competition; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1357)

CHAMPION high-class Norwich for disposal; Hodder and Tristram's strains; colour-fed; large, typical clear yellow unflighted cock, £1; large clear yellow stock cocks, £1 each; variegated yellow unflighted cock, 15/-; clear yellow unflighted cock, 10/-; large ticked yellow stock cock, £1; cinnamon variegated yellow unflighted cock, splendid type, £1; massive bold large clear buff cocks, 15/- each; buff large variegated stock cock, 10/-; large clear buff unflighted cocks, 10/-; typical large variegated unflighted buff cock, 10/-; yellow green hen, 10/-; another yellow green hen, 7/6; buff, clear or variegated hen, 7/6, 5/- each; clear yellow hens, 10/- each; two handsome Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrids cocks, winners, £1 10s. each; hen Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrid, 5/-; Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrid cock, £1, winner; large handsome Siberian cock Goldfinches, aviary moulted, sure mulers, 12/6 each; buff variegated cinnamon hens, for Mule breeding, 3/6, 4/- each; clear yellow muling hens, cinnamon blood, 5/- each. The above Canaries are Bullfinch type good heads, full necks, bold chests, etc.; satisfaction guaranteed: Apply, T. Ross, 222, Argyle-st., Belgrave-rd., Leicester. (1345)

STEPHEN TWEEDLE

Wimberley-st., Blackburn, breeder of high-class Norwich. I have a few good birds for sale, all my own breeding; stamp reply. (1323)

A. FIDDAMENT, POST-MAN

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Norwich winners and stock birds, also cages, prices cheap to clear; inspection invited: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1197)

NORWICH CANARIES

Cock, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

LARGE typical cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sire winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

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Extra big birds, correct type, good heads, real Bullfinch type, ticked buff, ticked yellow, green marked buffs and yellows, all in full song, bred from some of the biggest winners on the show bench to-day; my price 12/6 each; could not be bought elsewhere under 25/-; a few real good buff and yellow hens to match above cocks, 5/- each; 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1326)

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Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare following at half value: Large buff variegated, unflighted cock 20/-; large yellow ditto 25/-; 3 clear yellow unflighted cocks 15/- each; 2 buff ditto 15/- each; several good young cocks 10/-; yellow and buff hens 7/-, 10/-, and 15/-; 2 extra good yellow hens 25/- each; all are bred from one of the oldest and most reliable strain in fancy; approval. (1318)

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Having more hens than I require, can spare the following, all 1913 bred, regular slashers, and can breed great winners: Massive clear yellow hen, good head, and stout, price 20/-, worth double; another bonny clear yellow hen, good big one, price 11/6; very large stout variegated yellow hen, topper all over, only 15/6; monster clear buff hen, the sort to breed a winner, 12/6; marked buff hen, extra good and large, only 10/6; also marked yellow cock, beauty, 15/-; send your orders and secure above at once: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1354)

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After a very successful breeding season I have a number of good birds for disposal, related to my winners. See show reports: Capt Collier, Barracks, Brecon, South Wales. (1284)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, cold room; rocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; also several Yorkshire and Belgian crossed: Sub-postmaster, Painswick, Glos. (1342)

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NOTICE; grand lot high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries for sale, cocks, full song, 6/-; hens, in breeding condition, unflighted, 3/-; cold-room bred; pairs, 8/6: Adey, 56, St. Mary-st., Weymouth. (1334)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, few grand slim racy yellow and buff hens for sale, 4/-, 5/- each; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: William Clough, Lee Green, Mirfield, Yorkshire. (1338)

W. E. KING, winner challenge cup, gold medal 1911 and 1912. Typical stock cocks, standard length, from 10/-; hens, good quality, from 4/-; approval: Oak-st., Hebden Bridge. (1345)

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YORKSHIRES, even-marked yellow cock, clear buff hen, matched for even marks; well made 26in. double breeder, equal new, bargain; 20/- lot: Goldsmith, Queen-st., Maidenhead. (1341)

YORKSHIRES, same strain winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, Bradford; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1337)

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FORTY grand Yorkshire yellow and buffs; cocks from 6/6; hens, 3/-; can be seen at any time; not less than two hens sent by rail: W. Stiles, 52, Ashbrook-rd., Upper Holloway, London. (1336)

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JUDSON has for disposal the following Yorkshires: 5 buff cocks, 10/6, 7/-, 6/- each; two yellow cocks, 6/- each; seven buff hens, 3/- each; approval, carriage paid: Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

TWO good buff Yorkshire cock Canaries, in full song, 6/- each; or will exchange for good buff Yorkshire hen and Siberian cock Goldfinch; no rubbish wanted: Warwick, Chambers-st., Workington. (1349)

GRAND unflighted Yorkshires, Bennett's strain, colour-fed; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/-; don't be bogged, 4/-; three-compartment, 5/-; approval; great sacrifice; removing: Thomas, 15, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1335)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, grand type and quality, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 10/6 12/6; approval carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1355)

HIGH-CLASS, typical Yorkshires, grand length, correct type, cold-room bred; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; grand lot of young hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1357)

GIVING up the Fancy; have several pairs of tip-top class birds from 10/6 pair upwards; two grand pairs at 25/- pair, worth double; must sell; approval pleasure: Ellis, 8, Rectory-rd., Caversham, Reading. (1337)

RELIEVING Officer, Driffield, can still supply Yorkshires related to my winners; long, slim, leggy cocks, 7/6 to 30/-; hens, full of style and quality, 4/- to 20/-; three buff cocks, 7ins. long, 12/- each; approval. (1339)

OBSERVE, grand upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly matched, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cold-room kept: 4 days' approval: Particulars: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

HAVING selected my birds for breeding, I have 20 cocks, few hens, all feathered like wax, no wheezy specimens; guarantee own breeding, full song and healthy; approval anywhere: Olive, Sittingbourne. (1336)

ARE you wanting Yorkshires? I will do my best to suit you; cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; state wants; approval, deposit; seen any time; guaranteed healthy: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1326)

GIVING up Yorkshires. Several good stock pairs from 15/-; also several good yellow Yorkshire hens from 5/-; also several extra good buff Norwich hens from 5/- each: Teasdale, 15, Valmar-rd., Camberwell, London, S.E. (1352)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, grand typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, grand matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval anywhere, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (1303)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from cup and medal winners, splendid stock cocks, standard length, 10/6, 15/-, £1; hens to match, teeming with quality, from 5/-; approval; carriage paid: Sydney R. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (1341)

SELL following high-class Yorkshires: 9 cocks, buffs and yellows, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; few smart hens, 5/6, 6/6 each; 2 proved mating hens, 3/6 each; no better strain obtainable: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-terr., Bradford, Yorkshire. (1345)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, exceptionally cheap to clear; three yellow cocks, three buff, three heavily marked, grand quality stock birds, 7/6 each; hens, 5/-; approval willingly: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (1340)

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SPECIAL notice; yellow cock, first prizewinner, clear buff hen, magnificent pair, 25/-; clear buff cock, second prizewinner, with clinking yellow hen, 20/-; genuine bargains; full particulars; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

WINNER Cumberland, Westmorland, York cup; two buff cocks, 1913, 12/6 each; one clear yellow, 10/-, 1913 bred; one Cinnamon mark, 1912, 12/6; one Cinnamon, 7/6; all dirt cheap; all related to cup winner: Geo. Tweedie, 30, High-st., Maryport. (1333)

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H. C. HEDWORTH, Dudley-rd., Grantham, has for disposal one clear yellow, one variegated, and one heavily marked buff, cocks, from 12/6; hens, one ticked yellow, a gem, 20/-; one clear, 10/6, from my winners Stamford, Leicester, West Stanley, Nottingham, Luton, etc. Approval. (1343)

WINNING Yorkshire buff cock, 1913 bred, 1st Oxford, Coventry, Aylesbury, Sevenoaks, High Wycombe, 30/-; grand yellow cock, smaller, bargain, 15/-; Canary-reared cock Linnet, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, Hybrid breeder, 2/6; approval, deposit: Dinmock, Market Square, Leighton Buzzard. (1353)

CAN spare few good birds, viz., clear buff cock, with plenty length and leg, nice feather and stands up well, £1; clear yellow hen, nice feather, plenty of length and leg, stands well up, 15/-; variegated yellow cock, big strong upstanding bird, plenty reach, with length and leg, £1; clear buff hen, feathered like wax, plenty reach and stands up, 15/-; all the above are winners and can win; approval, deposit: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire. (1356)

MR. A. L. HAWKES must sacrifice immediately, owing to want of room, rich deep-fed yellow unflighted upstanding leggy Yorkshire cock, gem for length, type, and style, winner of several honours, accept 15/-; also typical deep-fed buff cock of equal merits, real gem, 15/-; teeming with quality, worth treble for either showing or stock; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1357)

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1st and 2nd Palace, and look at report of Harrogate members' show this issue; cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-: Hamlyn, Leeds-rd., Harrogate. (1320)

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can spare few very choice Yorkshires, pairs 30/- upwards; odd birds from 10/- each; well-known winning strain; Sheffield challenge cup winner, 3 years in succession; inspection cordially invited; approval with pleasure; stamp for particulars; satisfaction guaranteed: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

PURE YORKSHIRES

1913 Crystal Palace first prize strain, guaranteed; I don't exhibit, so you get all the choice; those that show their stocks want all the good ones themselves. Some lovely specimens, clean moulted cocks, yellows or buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; any on approval. Scores of winners supplied Editor has seen scores of original testimonials. where I have supplied winners, I guarantee to please you, as soon as you see them; Cages, 2/- each. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, also 89, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

The club held its second International show, Feb. 6, 7, at Church Institute, Paddington-st., W. No entries were received from Germany this year, as might be expected from the fact that they commence breeding operations earlier than English fanciers, and their birds will now either be in the breeding cage, or in a too forward condition for exhibition. The birds were staged in the same room as last year, as it is an excellent one for the purpose, being warm, and well lighted. The same manner of staging was also again employed, viz., in tiers of three. The class indicators were prominent, pointing out where the different classes could be found. The prize money was very generous for 1/6 fee, being 12/6, 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/6, in addition to a splendid array of 100 special prizes, including a fine specimen of the confectioner's art, a marzipan cake, covered with various kinds of fruit, the whole surmounted by a life-like specimen of a Roller Canary. It would require a special issue to detail the winners of so many special prizes, and great credit is due to the hard-worked secretary and committee. A reminder to the secretaries of the various Roller societies, previous to the next show being held, would probably augment the number of specials. A special staff would no doubt be forthcoming to deal with them, for it was pleasing to note the goodwill and friendly spirit which predominated throughout the whole of the proceedings. One of the features of this show was prominent at the last one, that beaming smile of "Reggie." He is now about 5ft. 9ins., with every promise of making a splendid specimen of manhood; we wish him the best of good luck. He is a terror to work, nothing is too heavy for him to move, and as a judge's steward he is excellent; he kept the four judges well supplied with birds, and at the close of the show he still bore his cheery smile. A warm and well-lighted room was allocated to each of the judges. No easy task was theirs, for many of the birds were reluctant to sing their full song. In addition, the best Koller-like tours had to be found in Classes 3 and 5, as specials were awarded for them, also to best Glucke-roll in the same classes. Fanciers attended from all parts of the country—Yorkshire, Staffordshire, North, and South Wales, being well represented. We only recollect seeing Mr. Kremner and Mr. Pericles, as representatives of Lancashire, and many familar faces at the first International show were absent this time. Our congratulations go out to Mr. Neugebauer as winner of the cup with four first prizes, Mr. Ives being a close runner-up with three firsts. Mr. Shepley is also to be congratulated on again winning the novice team class. Will exhibitors having catalogues, and especially those competing in novice young bird class, please note that No. 20, through an oversight, was only competing in the novice team, so the extra 4th will now come to the 5th bird, No. 27, the best vhc taking 5th prize, and so on?

In the champion team class Mr. Pericles owns a fine team of birds. Mr. Bird has a very nice singer in his winner of Class 3. Another good bird is Mr. Glockner's Class 2 winner. Mr. Neugebauer's winners in Class 4 are well known. Special mention should be made of Mr. T. G. Thompson's Class 5 winner, and Mr. G. Carruther's winner in Class 8. Mr. Ives' Class 7 winner is too well known to need any comment. A good bird was Mr. Lester's Class 9 winner, and at the price catalogued for this, and the remainder of his entries in Class 9, all of them should have found new homes. The annual meeting took place on Feb. 7; about 70 members attended. Many interesting and not a few humorous discussions took place. The patentee's rights over the present show cage were discussed at some length, and it is likely that a scheme will be commenced enabling fanciers, who so desire, to make their own show cages. It was thought advisable that Bell-Glucke, and Glucke-roll be added to the standard; none of the other tours came up for discussion. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lester for the able manner he had presided, brought the meeting to a close.

CHAMP. TEAM (4 Birds): Judge, Mr. Jacquemin: 1, Pericles, 126 points; 2, Cadman, 104; 3, Imbery, 98; 4, Neugebauer, 88; 5, Lester, 87; No. 10, abs.; 25 and 26, no song; 13 and 14 described as singing Driller Glucke. INTERNAT. SINGLE BIRD: Judge, Mr. Fisher: 1, Glockner, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 5, Sch. 3, Flutes 2, W.G. 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 30; 2, Barnett, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, B. 5, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, W.G. 4, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 30; 3, Willows, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 6, Sch. 4, Flutes 3, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 29; 4, Cadman, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 5, Sch. 3, Glucke 2, Flutes 2, W.G. 4, G.E. 4, total 29; 5, A. W. Cadman, 28; best vhc, Pericles, 27; vhc, Powell, 26; hc, Derbyshire, 26; hc, Willows, 26; c, Buffin, 25; c, Harrison, 25; 12, 13, and 14, abs.; 24 was a little hoarse. CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD: Judge, Mr. Lester: 1, Bird, H.R. 6, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Glucke 5, Flutes 3, W.R. 3, G.E. 4, total 28; extra 1, Ives, H.R. 6, H.B. 4, Sch. 2, Glucke 5, Flutes 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 2, B. T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, 1 off sharp flutes; total 28; 2, Cadman, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, Sch. 2, Glucke 4, Flutes 2, W.R. 9, D.B.W.T. 2, G.E. 3, total 27, extra 2, Rawcliffe, H.R. 6, B. 2, Sch. 3, Glucke 2, Flutes 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 1, D.B.W.T 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27, 1 off sharp flutes, 1 for sharp bell; 3, Humphries, H.R. 6, H.B. 4, B. 4, Glucke 5, Flutes 2, W.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 26; extra 3, Willows, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 5, Sch. 3, Glucke 4, F. 3, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 26; 4, Wirth, H.R. 7, Bass 1, Sch. 3, F. 2, W.R. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 25, extra 4, Percival, H.R. 6, Bass 3, Sch. 4, Gluck 3, Flutes 3, D.B.W.T. 1, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 25; 5, Neugebauer, H.R. 5, Bass 3, Sch. 2, Glucke 4, Flutes 3, W.R. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, 1 off sharp bell, total 24; best vhc, Johnson, 23, vhc, Hocking, 23; hc, Fisher, 23; 2nd hc, Cole, 23; 3rd hc, Hanbury, 23; c, Peel, 22; c, Haywood, 21; c, Harrison, 21, number 21 about. The Glucke tours credited under the heading of Glucke were composed of Bell-Glucke, Hard, and Hollow Glucke, and Glucke-Roll. CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD TEAM (3 birds): Judge, Mr. Lester: 1, Neugebauer; 2, Ives; 3, Best; 4, Cole; 5, Wirth; 40, 41, 42, abs. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS: Judge, Mr. Netherwood: 1, Thompson, H.R. 5, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Glucke 1, Flutes 2, W.G. 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 28; extra 1, Broadbent, we regret that Mr. Broadbent's points have been mislaid; 2, Whiteley, H.R. 7, H.B. 3, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; extra 2, Shepley, H.R. 7, H.B. 3, Bass 1, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; 3, Carruthers, H.R. 6, Bass 5, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, W.G. 3, W.R. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, 1 off hard Schwirre, total 27, extra 3, Wantling, H.R. 5, B. 5, Sch. 3, Glucke 2, Flutes 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 26; 4, Yardley, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 26; extra 4, Mead, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 3, Sch. 3, Glucke 2, Flutes 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 26; 5, Bew, 26 points; best vhc, Heaton, 26; two hc's, Rhodes; hc, Kramer, 25; hc, Crouch; hc, Mrs. Atherton, 25; c, 24, Yardley, Aspinall, Kramer, Lockwood, Broadbent. NOV. YOUNG BIRD TEAM (3 birds): Judge, Mr. Netherwood: 1, Shepley; 2, Yardley, 3, Lockwood; 4, Aspinall; 5, Kramer. CHAMP. ANY AGE: Judge, Mr. Fisher: 1, Ives, H.R. 7, H.B. 4, Bass 5, Sch. 4, Flutes 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 31; 2, Cole, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 4, Sch. 2, Glucke 5, Flutes 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 30; 3, Twigg, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 30; 4, Bird, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, B. 6, Sch. 3, Glucke 4, Flutes 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, total 30; 5, Hocking, 28 points; 6, Granger, 28; vhc, c, Haywood 27, and 26; hc, Rawcliffe 26. NOV. ANY AGE: Judge, Mr. Jacquemin: 1, Carruthers, H.R. 6, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Glucke 4, Flutes 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 28; 2, Whiteley, H.R. 6, Bass 3, Sch. 3, Glucke 3, Flutes 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 3, G.E. 3, total 27; 3, Portlock, H.R. 6, Bass 4, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, W.G. 4, D.B.W.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; 4, Powell, H.R. 6, Bass 4, Sch. 2, Flutes 4, W.G. 3, D.B.W.T. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 26; vhc, Powell, Sauter, Mawhood, 26 points; hc, Rothwell, Thompson, Harvey 25; c, Shepley, Mawhood, 24. £2 LIMIT: Judge, Mr. Jacquemin: 1, Lester, H.R. 6, Bass 3, Sch. 3, Glucke 2, Flutes 4, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, G.E. 3, total 26; 2, Fisher, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 4, Sch. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 25; 3, Hocking, H.R. 6, Bass 3, Sch. 3, Flutes 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 24; 4, Sauter, H.R. 6, bass 3, Sch. 3, Glucke 3, Flutes 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 24; vhc, Hocking, Hanbury, 23 points; hc, c, Lester, 23 and 22.

EDINBURGH & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Cairns Memorial Hall, Jan. 20. A good turnout present. Pres., A. W. Watson, in the chair. Letter from Mr. Bishop as to his showing old birds in young bird classes was discussed. It was ultimately agreed, on the motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Staines, that we take no action, and at the same time that Mr. Bishop be expelled from the Society. Five new members were admitted into the Society, namely: Messrs. A. Hunter, M. McCowan, D. McPhail, Mr. Bell and Mr. Bowman. With reference to syllabus for 1914 the Sec. then submitted same for approval of members. After a few alterations it was decided as follows: Feb. 17, Election of judges and classification for annual Show. March 21st, Table show, British Bird (open). April and May meeting, lectures, if possible. June and July, no meeting. August 1st, First Feather show. September 15th, lecture. Oct. 20th, late show of Canaries and Mules (open). Nov. 17th, annual show business. Nov. 28, annual show; and Dec. 15th, financial meeting and annual report, etc. Classification for first Table Show was then gone into, and it was agreed to provide for the following classes: Goldfinch (British and Foreign), Linnet, Bunting, Softbill, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, any variety Finch, any variety hen suitable for hybrid breeding, breeding pairs for Mules and breeding pairs for hybrids, and Mules; 10 classes in all. The Sec. was asked to find judge for Table Show.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

Under the anspices of the above Society a very successful smoking concert was held in the Union Hotel, Lothian Road, on Saturday, Jan. 24, when between 60 and 70 members and friends were present. The Pres., Mr. A. W. Watson, occupying the chair. Among those present were Mr. Jas. Winter, Pres. of Scottish National; Mr. J. Meikle, Sec. of Scottish National; Mr. G. Brown, Sec. of Leith O.S.; Mr. A. Hoyle, Sec. of Musselburgh O.S.; Mr. S. Hewitt, Sec. of Edinburgh Southern; Mr. J. Stormont, Sec. of Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society; Mr. W. B. Smart, Sec. of B.F.C.C; Mr. C. Sykes, of British Bird fame; also Mr. D. Kinlayside, of Scottish National repute; and Mr. A. Cochrane, of Edinburgh; and a whole host of others too numerous to mention. Mr. A. McPherson officiated at the piano. After a few remarks by the chairman, Mr. Watson then gave the toast of the King, which was heartily responded to. The following gentlemen contributed songs throughout the evening: Messrs. Cunningham, Munroe, Brown, Stormont, Stærmer, Merry, McLaren, Wightman, Harkness, Murray, Lowe and Charlton. Mr. A. Cochrane gave a very fine violin selection, which was followed by a "lament," which was played admirably. The Ragtime songs of Mr. Lowe were very well received, also the comic songs by Mr. Wightman. During the evening Mr. Winter proposed the toast of "The Edinburgh and District C.B.S.," which was heartily responded to, the Sec. replying on behalf of the Society. As time was now drawing to a close the President took occasion to move a hearty vote of thanks to the pianist, also all artistes who had kindly given their services throughout the evening. The company then joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," which brought a very good night to a close at 10.30.

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Offord (London, W.), Standage and Son (Penge, S.E.), Charles Irisher (Penge, S.E.), John Frostick (Balham), F. W. Barton, T. L. Sayer (London, W.C.), V. Wynne (London, W.), F. J. Russell (Bath), J. Hyde (South Highgate), G. W. Saunders (Sutton), — Hemshilwood, W. Smith (Chatham), Miss A. T. Kelly (West Malling), Janette Reeves (Wateringbury), David Bentley (Great Harwood), Lady Muriel Digby (Dorchester), H. W. Cascmore, H. E. Taylor, A. Cant (Canterbury), — Adams (New Cross), T. W. Brown, W. E. Mills, E. G. Kew, W. Tolhurst (Margate), John Kay (Charlton), H. J. Wilson (East Dulwich), Charles Sales (Canterbury), R. J. Watts (Watford), R. Finlay (Bushey, Herts), C. Lockett (Dover), W. Jeremy (Merthyr), James Hunt (Dover), W. Austen (Dover), J. Hibbitt, jun., H. Sharpe (Oakham), E. Baker (Mount Sorrel), Lean and Son (Portsmouth), W. J. Hunt (Eastleigh), T. Harris, A. W. Foster (Richmond, Surrey), A. Cooke (Guildford), R. Davies (Craven Arms), J. S. Burgess, D. M. Burgess (Ramsgate), Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Fry, F. Whiting (Mitcham), Mrs. C. Lockett (Dover), H. A. Olive, G. Watford (Sittingbourne), C. Hallewell (Minster), Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams (Regent's Park N.W.), W. Buckingham (Watford), J. Weir (New Milton), E. J. Banks (Cardiff), R. Chisholm (Stratford-on-Avon), H. T. Gibb (Brighton), James A. Kersey (Norwood), F. Williams (Fulham), Frost and Rogers (Brighton), E. W. Goffe (Streatham), W. Powley (W. Norwood), William Watts (Woking), C. Merrington (New Cross), A. Clemence (E. Dulwich), M. J. Upton (Herne Hill), F. Stadie (Kennington Park, S.E.), H. A. Poland (Sevenoaks), A. W. Grindley (Wood Green), F. E. Cox (Streatham, S.W.), A. Plumb (Bow), F. H. Marhoff (Bow, E.), P. Winger, C. Potton (Anerley), F. C. Lynch (Stepney), G. W. Miles (Stepney), W. L. Garrod (Fulham), W. Nichols (Wandsworth, S.W.), A. G. Farrall, H. Farrall (Frodsham), W. Ellwood (W. Dulwich), W. Byard (Gloucester), F. J. Weaire (Snodland), W. Harvey (Newtown), D. Niven (Greenhill, N.B.), H. Thornton (Paddington), G. Wise (Paddington), S. Bliss (Blackheath), Mrs. M. H. Askham (Torquay).

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Last members' show of the season held Jan. 31. 60 birds were staged. Mr. W. H. Hamlyn put down a strong team which accounted for a good share of the prizes, and won challenge cup, presented by the Bird Shop, scoring 166 points at four shows, the runner up being Mr. G. Cottam 52, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Shipley, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Hamlyn; 2, 4, Gill; 3, Cottam; hc, Head; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Cottam; 2, Head; 3, hc, Hamlyn; 4, Lealman; vhc, Gill. MKD. OR VAR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hamlyn; vhc, Cottam. UNFLIG.: 1, Lealman; 2, 3, 4, hc, Hamlyn; vhc, Walker; c, Cottam. YELL. REN: 1, 2, Hamlyn; 3, Lealman; 4, hc, Cottam; vhc, Walker; c, Head. BUFF: 1, vhc, Gill; 2, Walker; 3, Hamlyn; 4, Lealman; hc, Brown; c, Head. PAIRS: 1, 4, vhc, Hamlyn; 2, hc, Gill; 3, Lealman; c, Walker.—G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS. ROLLER C.C.

In consequence of the January meeting being unavoidably abandoned, the first meeting of the year was held Feb. 13, at Evans' Cafe. In spite of the wretched weather, Mr. Leese presided over a fair attendance, including members from Bignall End and Longton. Messrs. Durkin and Cross were elected auditors. After losing 10s. on the members' young bird class, we have a balance in hand of £1 9s.—a creditable performance for the first six months of the club's existence. Decided no change of sec. take place for the current year. Mr. Leese was elected pres.; Messrs. Hickman, Cross and Pettit vice-presidents. For convenience of a portion of the members, decided to hold alternate Thurs. and Sat. evening monthly meetings. Next meeting on a Thurs., date as yet uncertain; please watch for announcement in Club Notices column. Birds promised for this meeting; song tours will be explained. Will members not having already done so kindly send in at once their requirements for the B.R.C.C. rings, as I wish to order same as early as possible. We are agreeably surprised to learn that fanciers in the Bignall End and Audley districts are desirous of forming a society, with headquarters at Audley or Bignall End. We wish them the best of all good wishes in their enterprise, and promise our support. It has been advocated that we have one society with central headquarters for the whole of North Staffs. While personally in favour of this, we must not lose sight of the fact that these smaller societies will get members where a large one would fail. We are so accustomed to having everything on our doorsteps, so to speak, that some are adverse to travelling, while others, for business reasons, cannot make it convenient. We trust that we shall not lose our Bignall End members-friends with the advent of this new society.—J. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

Use our Notepaper

Why Some Norwich Plainhead Canary Breeders Fail.

A FEW "STRAIGHT TIPS" BY Mr. E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

Continued from page 134.

DON'T put off till to-morrow what should be done at once; make time and do it, for this rule, followed out with proper attention, will maintain your stock in perfect condition and gay demeanour, in spite of the trying moult, from which they will emerge with tight and clean plumage. Who then will dispute that the small breeder with the small stud beats the larger breeder in nearly every instance? Why the former's insignificant surplus stock brings in more hard cash than the whole of the latter's, not to mention the real good stock and show birds remaining, only because he has not undertaken more than can be properly managed. Though I realise that some of the larger breeders do devote some considerable time and attention to pedigree and mating, with pleasing results as regards the proportion of good birds bred, I nevertheless say that the full worth of their time and labour is never realised, because their energy and time have not been sufficient to cope with the undertaking, and partial success must be the verdict here.

Strange as it may seem, I can put up some substantial facts to prove that even the slovenly breeder who has some good stock, but sadly neglects them, except in feeding and watering, simply beats us hollow on the show bench sometimes, and their management (or mismanagement) is the predisposing cause. How many keen old hands, and novices, too, have been "sold a pup" thereby? I do not say for one moment that the breeder knew he was selling one. Oh no! He will tell you (and quite believes it): "He is a good bird, that," and oftentimes a first prize in a keen class is in evidence to back his statement.

Here is the secret. Usually his stock is bred in a room suitable but for its lack of daylight and sunlight. The breeding stock are situated as near the only available little window as possible, and the youngsters are caged off almost in darkness. "Keeps them quiet," he says, and in truth it does. There they remain throughout the moult, generally overfed, just sleeping and eating. No baths, just a little disturbance about once a month or so to clean the cage out, and under such treatment they grow large, and fat, and nice chesty Plainheads.

"Plenty of substance there, sir," the breeder says, and he puts the bird in a show cage for you. It is perhaps the first time the bird has seen a show cage, though you do not think so, and you say in all innocence: "Nice and steady. You devote a lot of your time to training, don't you?" "No," is the truthful reply, "my birds never seem to want a lot of show cage work; always nice and steady." And it is as the breeder says, excepting the "nice," for they are steady only because of an apathetic, fat and flabby condition of health, brought about solely by mismanagement. Birds of this stamp, nicely washed and exhibited, have won first prizes under some judges, and no doubt will continue to do so. Purchase one of these birds, and introduce it to a 6ft. flight, in a bright, cheerful atmosphere; spray him daily, should he not bathe (which you will find he won't), and, with rational treatment, in a month you will wonder how it is you bought a winning Norwich, and now find 'tis a Yorkie after all.

Do not imagine I am having a grumble, for I am not built that way. I have been beaten on the show bench many times with birds of this order, and doubtless shall be again, both of which circumstances I accept in a philosophic spirit, which does not detract a little bit from my pleasure. I have only dealt with this condition of affairs, which I know freely exists to-day, as a prelude to the statement which I now make, that the subtle evil influence of mismanaged stock upon the success of Plainhead breeding is hardly ever fully realised. Much water flowed under the bridges, much tobacco was consumed, and possibly a little grey matter developed, ere I successfully isolated this pernicious microbe, and in my next article we will have him under the microscope and endeavour to measure his evil possibilities.

(To be Continued.)

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BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Members' pair show held Y.M.C.A. Hall Feb. 14. Mr. W. Messenger judged, and his awards were well received. NOR. (15): 1, Wilson; 2, Elliott; 3, vhc, hc, Burns and Collingwood; 4, Brownson; c, Hornsby. YORKS (12): 1, 2, Nathan; 3, Elliott; 4, Brownson; vhc, Button; hc, c, Crowther. MULING: 1, W. Crowther; 2, T. Howe. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Swinburn and Crawford.—R. Elliott, Sec.

PAISLEY NOR., M., B., & F.B.C.

Annual pair show, Painters' Hall, Causeyside Street, Feb. 14. Excepting Borders, entries in all classes in advance of previous years. Mr. J. Sinclair judged, and gave satisfaction. CREST: 1, Gemmell; 2, 3, McLarie; 4, 5, Potts. NOR.: 1, Gemmell; 2, 4, Laidlow; 3, 5, Potts. BORD.: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, O'Hare; 4, 5, Bonnar. MULING: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, 4, 5, Graham. HYB.: 1, 3, 5, Cunningham; 2, Graham; 4, Potts.—J. Gemmell, Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE & PENGE C.B.S.

First pair and Finch show held Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Feb. 11, and was a decided success, 41 pairs and 40 British being staged. The judge, Mr. Robson, remarked on the quality of the exhibits, and congratulated the society on such a creditable first effort. The Yorks. novice class provided keen competition, having 17 entries.

From catalogue received, it appears that the principal winners were: CHAMP. NOR., Britten; YORKS., Hutton, Britten; BORD., Rev. Soames; A.O.V., Britten; NOV. NOR., Whiffin, Haldhead; YORKS., Baker, Last; BORD., Last, Avery; HYB., Britten, Whillin; BRIT., Stone, Britten, Legg, Pobgee, Humphries, Whiffin, Gulless, Fry.—(Ed.)

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Feb. 14, at headquarters, Bennett's Tea-rooms, Moore Lane. After the show, tea was served in an excellent manner by Mrs. Bennett, and a social evening followed, songs being sung by Messrs. Cook, James, Speak, Batts, Birch, Hall, Hindle, and Coperwaite. Mr. R. Colverley was the accompanist. Mr. J. Barnes judged, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 4, Cook and Son; 2, Sharples; 3, Batts; vhc, Speak Bros.; hc, Cook; c, Southworth. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, c, Metcalf; 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Cook and Son; 4, Southworth; hc, Batts. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, A. Garnett; 3, Cook and Son. PAIRS FOR MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Sharples; 3, Speak. Mr. J. Sharples won sp. prize most points with two pairs.

HIRST UNIVERSAL C.B.S.

First annual show held Jan. 31, at Luton and Woodhorn Club, Hirst, a most suitable place, well lighted and comfortable. Mr. Rowell, Bebside, judged, and his awards gave complete satisfaction. Entries totalled over 80, and quality was all that could be desired.

NOR: 1, 2, Armstrong; 3, vhc, King; hc, Middleton; c, Armstrong. YORKS.: 1, Furance; 2, Potts; 3, Stott; vhc, Woodrow; hc, Groocock; c, Furance. BORD.: 1, Charlton; 2, Armstrong; 3, vhc, Middlemiss; vhc, Kipot. BRIT.: 1, Hancock; 2, Jackson; 3, King; vhc, c, Woodrow; vhc, Middleton. LINNET: 1, Armstrong; 2, Middleton; 3, vhc, King. A.O.V. CAN: 1, Armstrong; 2, Furance; 3, King; vhc, Middlemiss; vhc, Potts; c, Charlton. HEN: 1, hc, Armstrong; 2, Charlton; 3, Middleton; vhc, Jackson; c, Morton. MEMB.: 1, vhc, Hancock; 2, vhc, Morton; 3, Middlemiss.—J. Smith, 41, 6 Row, Ashington, Northumberland.

YORKS C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting and breeding pair show held Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Feb. 10, 27 pairs being staged in the three classes. Mr. Cochrane won sp. most points, with 27 points; Mr. Pinnock runner-up, 23. During judging we held a meeting, Mr. Park presiding in place of Mr. Heggie, who was judging. Alterations in rule book were carried out. Specials were allocated as follows: Most points, best 1st pair, best 2nd pair, best 3rd pair, best 4th pair, best 5th pair. Decided to hold F.F. show June 27, at 3, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, same classification as last year. Judges, Dr. J. C. Syson, J. R. Reid, C. Martin, and G. Crighton get 2s. 6d. worth of hooks each, being equal in points at same show. Mr. Heggie's awards were well received:—YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Cochrane; 2, sp. 6, Pinnock; 3, 4, sp, Martin; 5, 7, Priest. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Cochrane; 2, 3, Pinnock; 4, 7, Park; 5, 6, Martin. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, 2, Cochrane; 3, sp, Gibb; 4, Pinnock; 5, 7, sp, Park; 6, Priest. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Heggie. Agreed that secretary get 500 rings. Member wishing same might kindly let sec. know as soon as possible. All members that have won book specials might send sec. list of books that they want. Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to chair.—Wm. Priest, Hon. Sec.

ALNWICK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Temperance Hotel, Feb. 12; Mr. Straughan, chair. Open show on Nov. 4. Balance sheet was read and commented upon, passed and considered very satisfactory. Appointments for the new season were as follows:—Pres., J. W. Allan; chairman, Wm. Straughan; vice-chairman, D. Scott; committee, Messrs. Nesbit, Dixon, Wake, Miller, Davison, and Swan; treas., J. Rogerson; assist. sec., H. Johnston; hon. sec., W. A. Broadley.—W. A. Broadley, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH O.S.

Monthly meeting held Buchanan's Hotel, High-st., Feb. 13. Mr. William Allan presided over a good attendance. The principal business was the fixing of hall and date of annual show. It was agreed to again have show last Saturday in October, in Grindlay-st. Hall. A good number of new members were proposed. Fanciers wishing to join this old society are requested to attend next meeting, same place, Mar. 7, or write to sec. for information.—A. Weston, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, W. BROMWICH, AND WOLVERHAMPTON.

The results of the inter-club cup competition, 1913, for most points gained with 20 highest awards at each show by each society:—WOLVERHAMPTON: Wolverhampton Show 94, W. Bromwich Show 91¼, Birmingham Show 85, total 271¼; BIRMINGHAM: Wolverhampton 61, W. Bromwich 95, Birmingham 106, total 262; WEST BROMWICH: Wolverhampton 43½, W. Bromwich 62, Birmingham 29, total 134½.—J. H. de Maillet.

LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 13 at El Vino, Piccadilly Place. Representatives from the Hackney, Stoke Newington and Dist. F.A. attended to ascertain the advantages that might accrue by affiliation; six affiliated societies were also represented. Resolved to hold next meeting Mar. 27, and invite visitors, at which a discussion will take place as to the keeping of the register of closed rings, the question being, "Should the Fancy Press keep the register?"—J. C. Birch, Hon. Sec.

COCKERMOUTH F.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 13; attendance good. Mr. Oglethorpe presided. Balance on last year's show was £10, and the society has now £27 5s. 3d. to its credit. Officials for 1914 were appointed as follows, all being re-elected: Pres., Mr. E. L. Waugh; chair, Mr. Geo. Oglethorpe (10th year); vice-chair, Mr. J. Simon; sec., Mr. John Jackson (3rd year); treas., Mr. John Ellwood (3rd year); auditors, Messrs. A. J. Rea and R. Litt. The sec. was voted an honorarium of 3 gns., and, with chairman and treasurer, was cordially thanked for past services. Next show Mar. 28.—Geo. Oglethorpe.

ULSTER O.A.

Annual meeting, Feb. 4, Clarence Place Hall. Mr. Stewart, pres., in chair. Mr. Stewart was unanimously elected pres. for 1914. Mr. Trimble was proposed for re-election as secretary, but regretted, owing to business, he could not act: this is a great loss to the association, as Mr. Trimble was a masterpiece in this position. Mr. T. H. Smyth, 6, Sandymount Street, was elected, and said he would do his best, but he had a great secretary to follow, and that the members need not think he was a Mr. Trimble's. Messrs. W. Connell and J. Thompson were re-elected trustees. Annual show fixed for Nov. 6 and 7. The election of judges was proceeded with, and when the secretary has these arranged, it will be published.—T. H. Smyth, Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

Cup winners for 1913 are:—D. H. Tedstone, Leach Canary, Nor. cup, Sandiford's, and four medals; Canary nov. medal, A. E. Brown; Brit. champion medal, P. Muscott. The medals have been ordered, and will be presented at annual general meeting, which I hope to call soon. Alterations to rules, as published in the Fancy Press Sept 27 last, will be dealt with at next meeting. Rules published in schedules will also require altering, as we have no Leach British cup, and I suggest that we shall alter the classification for mixed shows. Club show balance sheet, which shows a small profit. Entries turned up very well from the few members who supported the club show, but what was the reason for so many non-supporters of the club show? It has been suggested that we should make the show an open one in future. This matter will receive attention at the annual general meeting. If any member has any suggestion to make which he would like placed before the annual general meeting, will he please communicate with me at once. May I remind all that subs., viz., 3/-, will be due on Mar. 1 next.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Meeting held Riego-st. Hall, Feb. 5, Mr. Ballantine presiding. Usual business gone into. Mr. Bowman gave interesting lecture on "Scots Fancy."—Chas. Grant, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Second annual ball, held Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 9, proved great success. About 140 present. During the evening Mr. L. Short, vice-chairman of the C.B.S., thanked the company for their support, and also the M.C.'s for their arrangements. Everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. Elston was able to hand over five guineas to the funds as a result of the ball.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 14 at Grapes Inn, fair attendance of members. Officers elected for 1914. Decided to open society for membership to anybody who wishes to join, distance no object; and we shall be glad if any fanciers wishing to become members of the society will let secretary have their names and addresses.—J. Bunn, Sec., 81, Ena Avenue, Nottingham.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND MULE BREEDER'S SOCIETY.

Monthly meeting held 142, High-st., with a large turn-out. At the close of usual business we had a table show of breeding pairs; judge, Mr. J. Holmes. NOR.: 1, Stormont. BORD.: 1, Lee. MULING: 1, Stormont. HYB.: 1, Fraser. Mr. Holmes afterwards explained the leading pairs, and everyone was satisfied they had carried away valuable information regarding pairing. Fifteen new members were elected, which was highly satisfactory, and shows the society is in a healthy condition. Decided to add A.O.V. Can. to our classes.—J. Stormont.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held Town Hall, Feb. 10, Mr. Hopkins chair, before a good turnout. Chief interest was centred in table show. Mr. R. M'Caw, Kilmarnock, judged.

MULE OR HYB.: 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Hopkins. CHAFF OR BRAMBLE: 1, Anderson; 2, Murdoch; 3, Morton. BUNTING: 1, Anderson; 2, Alston. VARIETY BRIT.: 1, Anderson. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 3, Hopkins; 2, Beaton and Campbell. FOR.: 1, Hopkins; 2, Beaton and Campbell; 3, Alston.

Mr. M'Caw was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for judging. Next meeting March 10. Classes for table pair show: Nor., Bord., A.O.V. Can., Golf. and Can. muling, A.O.V. Muling, Bullf. Hyb., A.O.V. Hyb. This will be the last winter meeting and table show for this season, and we hope to see a full turnout of members.—J. Robertson, jun., Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting and table show for pairs held Feb. 2 at Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane. Mr. W. Smith chair. Prop. and seconded that an electro-plated rose bowl be bought for competition at next year's table shows, champion section. A pair of horns was presented for competition in the novice section. Mr. Potts and Mr. C. Farrer were selected to make arrangements for the social and distribution of prizes to be held on Mar. 18. The following are the awards at table show: Class 1: 1, 3, vhc, W. Smith; 2, A. Montgomery; 4, C. Farrer. Class 2: 1, 2, A. Montgomery; 3, W. Affleck. Class 3: 1, A. Montgomery; 2, W. Smith. Novice Section—Class 4: 1, M. Cosser; 2, vhc, W. P. Smaith; 3, c, A. Affleck; 4, W. White; vhc, G. Wilson. Class 5: 1, 3, A. Affleck; 2, G. Wilson; 3, W. P. Smaith. A hearty vote of thanks to the judges, Mr. W. Espic and Mr. J. Johnston, brought a splendid meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Smith's Hotel: Mr. J. Sneddon chair. Balance-sheets for open and club shows were submitted and passed. Mr. A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place, was elected sec., and Mr. A. Harvey, Elgin Road, assist. sec. Decided to hold our open show third Sat. of Nov. Also that we spend £1 5s. to advertise same in CAGE BIRDS. Question was raised as to what constitutes a novice, and after some discussion it was left over till next meeting and table show, in Crown Hotel, a class being provided for British Goldie or Bullie. Mr. A. Beveridge, judge. The following delegates were appointed to attend League meetings: Messrs. A. Robertson, J. Reid, J. Sneddon, and A. Harvey. The following were proposed as members: A. Robertson, jun., T. Kinnell, D. Aitken, R. Anderson, R. Bailey, and J. Winning. A hearty vote of thanks was given the new chairman, sec., and assist. sec.—A. Robertson, Sec.

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LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 4, Mr. Heighton chair. The decision as to rings was postponed until next meeting. Members please turn up, so that this point can be fully thrashed out. A table show was held, Mr. Heighton judge, to whom the members present tendered a hearty vote of thanks. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, hc, c, Day; 3, Gamble; vhc, Davis. BUFF: 1, 2, Day; vhc, Gamble; hc, c, Davis.—J. Hardbattle, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual pair (Canary) show held Village Schoolroom, Feb. 10. There was a good turn-out of members and friends, and a good display of birds. Mr W. B. Gillies secured the honour and silver badge for best pair in show with a nice pair of Borders; Mr. R. Todd runner-up with Norwich. Judges, Messrs. J. McEwan, J. Hannah, and J. Campbell.

NOR.: 1, two spls., 2, 3, Todd; vhc, Canfield; hc, c, McIntyre. CRESTS: 1, sp, Abrahams; 2, Linsey; 3, McDougall; vhc, Ritchie. BORD.: 1, two spls., 2, 3, c, Gillies; vhc, hc, Donaldson. YORKS.: 1, spd. Canfield; 2, Ritchie; 3, Dow; vhc, Cameron. A. H. McLean, Sec.

HENLEY F.S.

Monthly meeting held Oxford Temperance Hotel, Feb. 2; Mr. Bearlove presided. Present: Messrs. O. A. Critchley, E. Machin, H. Cook, A. Lovegrove, P. Macqueen, T. Emmerson, H. Bartlett, —. Payne, G. J. Rutledge, L. Murray (assist. sec.), G. Machin, junr. (hon. sec.), etc. It is very gratifying to the officials to see the society is being well supported; two new vice-presidents and eight new members were elected. Chairman made some very interesting and instructive remarks on Norwich, and several other members followed suit. Decided to hold pair show at headquarters, Mar 2; those interested cordially invited.—G. Machin, jun., Hon. Sec.

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All who desire to attend the above annual dinner and prize distribution on Saturday, March 7, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, should make an early application for tickets either to the specialist clubs' secretaries or myself, so that full arrangements can be made for catering for the great number of fanciers and friends who patronise this annual event. A concert party has been engaged to provide the musical portion of the programme, and the committee trust that this will prove a marked advance on previous years. Every effort is being made to make the event a bumping success, and visitors can rest assured that they will meet with a hearty welcome from the Yorkshiremen, who look upon this as a fitting wind-up to the season's strenuous work. Mr. H. H. Towers will again officiate as chairman, and behind him he will have a willing committee whose sole aim is to make all feel at home. The social evening, as usual, will be free, so that those attending will be well repaid for any little inconvenience they may have to suffer while the distribution of prizes is going on, as, owing to the big crush in previous years, the committee have been unable to provide seating accommodation for all. Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. J. Chambers, J. Greaves, R. Garnett, F. Hammond, H. Hill, T. H. Inman, and F. Rhodes at 2s. each, children under 14 years half price; so hurry up and make this a record success.—H. Hill, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Feb. 4. Mr. W. C. Wells (vice-pres.), chair. Mr. de Maillet informed meeting that Mr. J. H. Jones, hon. sec, had suffered bereavements since late show, and was unable to be present that evening, owing to his ill-health; also that Mr. Lucas, of Coventry, had returned to the society cost of hamper missing, and suggested it be given as a special prize at next open show. Re inter-club cup competition, Mr. de Maillet said that Mr. Gibbons had pointed out errors in his figures for the cup, having included a non-member in Birmingham's totals, the name being the same as Birmingham member, the result being that Wolverhampton ran out winners by 271½ points, against 262 by Birmingham, and 134½ by West Bromwich. Mr. Shirley was elected member; two nominations also received. Decided to hold pair show of Canaries and muling pairs, and also a few classes for British at next meeting, March 4, Mr. G. Baker to judge. Birds to be entered and staged same evening not later than 7, and if possible arrangements to be made for a seasonable lecture, to be given while the birds are being judged. Suggestion was made that we purchase two breeders' cups for best young bird bred by a member (champion and novice) at next open show, all competing to be closed ring, rung and the latter to be purchased through the secretary. After discussion the matter was deferred to a later meeting. With a vote of sympathy to Mr. Jones in his illness, the meeting closed.—J. H. de Maillet.

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Twitterings.

Cage Birds' Crystal Palace Show report was very fine.—L. J. Sheppard (Bishops Stortford).

In Mr. W. Binn's advt. under Yorkshires in our Feb. 14 issue his address should read: 9, Albert Terrace, Blackpool, N.

My Cage Birds Annual arrived safely. I have just glanced at those life-like drawings. The information in it gets more valuable every year and no fancier should be without it.—A. Wellings.

Mr. F. Macpherson, now of Combie Street, Oban, local hon. sec. to Cage Birds League, writes that, as he is soon changing his address he is compelled to dispose of his stock as advertised.

I shall be pleased if you will publish in your valuable paper that I have taken over the secretary's duties of the Crewe O.S., writes Mr. N. L. Croft, 38, Cemetery Road, Crewe, and all correspondence should be addressed to me accordingly.

Allow me to congratulate you on your magnificent Palace Number. The Coloured Plate is simply lovely, also the winners in the various sections at the Palace, and I think Mr. Norman has fairly excelled himself. I wish Cage Birds every success.—C. Bennet (Kelso).

OBITUARY.

With the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Connelly, I have to announce the sad bereavement that has befallen Mr. James B. Clark, Ascogbank, Rothesay, a well-known judge, exhibitor and wild seed specialist, in the death of his youngest son at the tender age of only two years. All fanciers who know him will join me in expressing deep sympathy with him in his sad loss.

With great regret (writes Mr. A. G. Cant, Sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.) I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Franklin, a member of our society for the past two years. Mr. Franklin was a very promising fancier for the Norwich Plainheads, and was very much respected by us all. The members send their heartfelt sympathy with his wife and family in their sad bereavement.

I received result of Palace show promptly, and thank you very much for same.—John Craig (Brechin).

Will members of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. please note that a special meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 23rd, in Lockharts, High Street; very special business; time 8 o'clock.—W. Curry, sec.

Mr. Peter Gentleman, sec., Avonbridge O.S., writes:—"We have decided to hold our annual open show Nov. 14. Judges, Norwich and Borders Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Mules and Brit. birds Mr. S. Bell, Bo'ness.

I find, through increased business and my father's illness, I must dispose of my British birds, although I am still retaining my Canaries. I wouldn't give up the Fancy for worlds, as I find it the most enjoyable relaxation after business.—B. Rand (Rayleigh).

Openshaw, Gorton and Dis. C.B.S. is having a lecture by Mr. Robinson. This will be the first lecture for this newly-formed society, writes Mr. A. W. Newton, sec., and I hope all members and intending members will rally round and let us have a record attendance; see club reports.

The six dozen Annuals to hand. You have again upheld the reputation of Cage Birds. To those novices who are looking for information, to champions who require their knowledge sharpening up, and to secretaries who should have the "Whittaker of the Cage Bird Fancy," I can recommend this years Annual.—J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool).

Early Youngster.

I have a pair of Canaries now feeding one youngster, hatched off on the 6th Feb.; it is doing well. I think it is rather early, but I expect it is the open state of the weather.—J. A. Toyne.

Norwich P.C.'s Patronage.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club for the next coming show season kindly write to F. Cunliffe, secretary, 18, Lark Street, Burnley.

A January Robin.

Caught by a cat, a fully fledged young Robin, which must have been born in January, was brought into my house last Saturday, Feb. 14, writes Mr. F. S. Riley, of South Croydon, to the "Daily Mail."

An Indictment of the Linnet.

An East Coast naturalist a few months ago wrote concerning the destructiveness of the Linnet. Our naturalist friend stated that it only feeds on noxious weeds. Now the time of the year is coming to put the knowledge to the test. The common Linnet (or Singing Linnet) is a most destructive bird to the market gardener, doing a great amount of damage to the seed and young growths of radish, lettuce, turnip, cabbage, etc. If all the town and county Councils protect the Linnet all the year round in a very few years there would be few of these vegetables left.—R.W. (Yarmouth) in the "Eastern Daily Press."

Cockatoo-Parrot Hybrids.

Mr. R. E. Vincent, of Durban, S. Africa, kindly sends us the following cutting from the "Natal Mercury":—"A curiosity in bird life is possessed by Mrs. Brown, daughter of Col. Wales, in the shape of two hybrids (says 'The Times'). They are a cross between a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo and a Pink-throated White Parrot. The birds are said to be unique. Dr. Warren, B.Sc., Dr. Akerman, and Professor Bews have been much interested in the birds, and photographs have been taken for reproduction in scientific publications. The hybrids are brothers, one being three years of age, and the other three months. A City authority states that Parrots and Cockatoos have never before been known to breed in captivity, which makes the hybrids all the more interesting from a scientific point of view."

1914's First Swallow.

While playing golf at Sandown, I.W., on Friday, February 6, I was astonished to see a Swallow skim across close to us, writes a correspondent to the "Field." I am glad to think that five other players saw the bird also, or I might have been inclined to doubt my own eye-sight. It was no weakling, however, but a fine strong bird evidently in good case, and his fine blue back and white belly shone in the sun as he slanted by. We have had several days of bright sun and warm south wind, exactly suited to a Swallow's requirements if wishing to come to its breeding quarters from Africa, but I incline to think it was more likely to have been a bird that had stayed here through what has been (barring one week) a very mild winter. [The "Field" points out that Swallows have been reported in England in other years as early as February.]

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE NOTES.

Now that the show season is over, and the great pressure on our space is somewhat relaxed, I hope to be able to obviate the intermittency in my notes which has been unavoidable throughout the past few weeks.

It will be within the knowledge of a great many, if not all, of the members of our League that we have not been idle. No news is sometimes good news, and recent happenings have been all in our favour.

More people than ever before know now that the keeping of cage-birds is not the "acted blasphemy" which the professional "humanitarians" in their own organs are never tired of representing it to be. Great newspapers, such as the London "Times," the "Referee," and others, have published letters on both sides of the question, and in the argument the defenders of rational cage-bird keeping have had the last word. One of my own replies, in answer to statements expressed by the veteran novelist, Mr. Thomas Hardy, has been re-printed in our columns, and I do not wish here to enlarge on my own part in the controversy.

It will be sufficient to express the belief that the impression that cruelty is involved in the pursuit of our hobby has been removed from the minds of many kindly-intentioned people who, for lack of knowledge of the real facts, looked upon all bird-keepers as being beyond the pale of decent society. Some of those who are able to appreciate both sides of a question have now very different views on the subject, and if it were not for that it would be injudicious to lay one's cards on the table in view of the fact that there are still those who are opposed to us as strongly as ever, and who would stop at nothing in their antagonism to bird-keeping. I could say more as to the progress we have made.—H. J. Fulljames, Secretary, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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"Kindly thank all who replied to my ad. in last issue of CAGE BIRDS. I replied to all who enclosed stamp."—E. MARSH (Pudsey).

"My Green Border advertised in your last issue went to the first cash offer, and as I had so many applications for exchange, etc., perhaps they will accept this as an answer."—J. W. MILLINGTON (12, Crown Street, Cockermouth).

"Kindly thank all your subscribers who answered my advert. in your Birthday Number re Green Yorkshires. I could have sold the lot a dozen times over. As there are far too many for me to reply to individually, I have only answered those who enclosed stamped envelope or who sent money which had to be returned. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success."—F. CHILDERS (Peckham).

"Please thank all applicants for Amazon Parrot, advertised in last week's CAGE BIRDS. I had offers from all parts too numerous to mention and really could not answer all. I sold her to Mr. Ridge, of Stoke-on-Trent, who was delighted with her."—W. P. CROMPTON (Rochdale).

"I am pleased to say that the results of my small advert. have turned out very satisfactory. I had quite a dozen replies."—C. IREDALE BROWN (Harlesden).

"Kindly thank all those people that have replied to my small advertisement in CAGE BIRDS re Songster Canary for 3 Glucke hens. I have had so many replies from all over the United Kingdom, that I simply can't answer them all."—ANDERTON (Wireless Station, Cawsand).

"Will you kindly reply to all enquiries re my advt. for if I attempt to answer half of the applications I shall require extra help." F. BROADHURST (Macclesfield).

"I have advertised in CAGE BIRDS for over 4 years now and shall continue to do so. I think you can sell or exchange anything through your valuable paper, and I wish you every success."—F. UNDERWOOD (Hulme).

"CAGE BIRDS" CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.

The Winners at the Crystal Palace Show.

Appended will be found a complete list of the winners of cash prizes and hand-coloured diplomas in the finale of our Championship Competition at the Palace Show. We take this opportunity of putting on record our very hearty apreciation of the encouraging manner in which exhibitors supported Cage Birds prize scheme during the past season.

The £10 10s. trophy for best coupon bird in the show, and £10 10s. cash special for best champion coupon bird. Mr. A. J. Smith's (Erdington, Birmingham) Crested Canary, 1st prize in class 13.

The £10 10s. cash special for best novice coupon bird, Mr. W. Levick's (Tamworth) Goldfinch Mule, 1st prize in class 100.

Norwich Section: £3 and 10s. cash spls., and champion diploma, J. McAndrew (Wigan); £2, J. Thomas (Amblerthorn); £1, P. Victor Wilbams (Market Drayton); novice diploma, N. Leese (Normacot).

Crest Section: £3, and champion diploma, A. J. Smith (Erdington); £2, J. Broad (Bordon); £1, Evins Bros. (Exeter); 10s., F. G. Bale (Barnstaple); novice diploma, W. T. Hawkes (Battersea).

Green Section: £3 and champion diploma, J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool); £2, L. F. Harding (Wellingborough); £1, A. Campbell (Biggar); 10s., Benson and Young (Liscard); novice diploma, W. Robertson (Kilmarnock).

Yorkshire Section: £3 and champion diploma, W. Binns (Blackpool); £2, R. L. Crisp (Chelsea); £1, P. Mason (Shipley); 10s., Ogden Bros (Bradford); novice diploma, Marshall Bros. (Leeds).

Border Section: £3, 10s., and champion diploma, G. Bennet (Kelso); £2, J. Craig (Brechin); £1, G. F. Bates (Stanley); novice diploma, W. Gamble (Leicester).

Belgian and Scots Fancy Section: £3, and champion diploma, G. S. Baker (Barnstaple); £2 and £1, G. T. Campbell (Dalmuir); 10s., R. Willison (Barrow-in-Furness); novice diploma, J. L. Smith (Perth).

Lancashire and Lizard Section: £3, 10s., and champion diploma, F. J. Green (Lowestoft); £2 A. Bradley (Glossop); £1, G. Fritton (Oldham); novice diploma, no competitor.

A.O.V. Canary Section: £3 and champion diploma, T. Proctor (Blackburn); £2, A. E. Brooks (Cambridge); £1, D. McPhail (Liberton); 10s. A. Bentley (Great Harwood); novice diploma, no competitor.

Hybrid Section: £3, and championship diploma, Mrs. E. Middleton (Exeter); £2, Martin and Archer (Huddersfield); £1, H. Bowick (Midhurst); 10s., F. Collins (Camborne); novice diploma, W. Levick (Tamworth).

British Hardbill Section: £3, and champion diploma, A. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop); £2, Dr. M. A. Wilson (Pannal); £1, J. Crone (Glasgow); 10s. F. Price (Walsall); novice diploma, H. W. Hobden (Wallington).

British Softbill Section: £3, 10s., and champion diploma, S. H. Mays (Wansford); £2, J. Frostick (Balham); £1, R. T. Foot (Portsmouth); novice diploma, M. Orange (South Woodford).

Foreign Section: £3 and champion diploma, Miss M. Bousfield (Bournemouth); £2, J. Cladwick (Bridlington); £1, Mrs. Longden (Swansea); 10s., T. Almond (Gateshead); novice diploma, no competitor.

At Doncaster Show, the 10s. cash special for best novice coupon bird goes to Mr. O. E. Naylor, Woodruff House, Amblerthorn, Halifax, the diploma winner in the Yorkshire section. The winner previously announced is not eligible according to our novice rule.

Messrs. Ogden Bros. won 4th in green marked Yorks at the Crystal Palace, not Casey, as reported.

The report of the Palace Show is splendid, and reflects great credit on the staff of Cage Birds.—Wm. Robertson (Kilmarnock).

All prize-money won at Brandon Colliery show is paid, writes Mr C. Reed, sec. Anyone overlooked please refer to above.

Report of the Palace Show gives Phillips, instead of Phipps, in the novice Norwich A.V. hen class; my hen was c, writes Mr. W. H. Phipps (Isleworth).

Cage Birds Crystal Palace Show report was most interesting. I am fond of British and foreign birds, and have never seen better accounts of these. A fine issue.—A. Sandon (Highgate).

Clapham C.B.A. is holding its pair and Finch show Feb. 25, at "The Clock House," Clapham Park Road, a few minutes from Clapham Common Station (City and S.L. Rly.).

I was very pleased to see Mr. Campbell's Scotch Fancy illustrated in Cage Birds last week, writes Mr. James Palmer. I hope this will wake up the Scotch Fancy in Glasgow and about. I have been a reader for ten years, and wish Cage Birds every success.

Mr. A. Nicol (46, High Street, Bathgate, N.B.) hon. sec. Bathgate C.B.S., writes that the judge's name is misprinted in the schedule. It should read P. M'Quiston. Entries are extended to Feb. 25, and, if exhibitors will send birds, the secretary will attach the proper labels to the cages.

Will fanciers and others kindly note, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, that I have been compelled to resign my office as secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S. owing to business pressure. All correspondence in future should be addressed to Mr. W. Harrison, Water Works Depot, Darlington St., Wolverhampton.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 7, 8. **Watford C.B.S.** (W. Buckley, 9, Holywell Road.)
Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(C. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.
Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.** (T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)
Oct. 17. **Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)
Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.** (G. Broome, 39, Powell St.). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.
Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)
Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.
Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)
Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).
Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.)
Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.
Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.
Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bonsfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.
Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bollock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)
Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.)
Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Bayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).
Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)
Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.** (W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.
Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tasmore St., Ellingham St.)
Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.
Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.).
Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)
Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)
Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.
Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)
Nov. 14.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

MODERN CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS FOR THE NOVICE.

By THOMAS LANE (Barnstaple.)

(Continued from page 135.)

THE size of my cages is 38ins. long by 12ins. wide and 17ins. high, and they are of the box pattern with removable wire fronts. The length allows for two of the latter each 18in. by 12in., with ample provision for a movable wood and wire slide in the centre. I have also recently adopted a few cages 24in. by 18in. by 12in. These I find capital for accommodating a good Crest or Crestbred cock, either for show or stock. I make all the cages myself, and also plane up the wood and paint them inside and out. If you are able to do likewise it will save you a lot of money, and an ardent fancier should not find it a difficult matter. Personally, I find it very pleasant. From time to time articles have appeared in CAGE BIRDS relative to cage making, and reference to back numbers will give the novice all the information he may need. It will not be necessary to repeat details here, but I may mention that I paint my cages inside light green, the colour of the new show cage. The outside and wires I paint either with Brunswick Black or with Black Japan. Both are equally satisfactory. The wires should not be painted too thickly. Thin your Black with a little turpentine, give two coats, and you will have done well.

Selection of Stock.

After the preparation of the cages the next item will be the selection of stock. This is a highly important matter. I would advise the beginner to start with a cock and two hens, or two cocks and three hens, all buffs, as yellow are disappointing until he has gained some experience. The reason I advise this is that if either one of the cocks or one of the hens should fail you have the others to fall back upon. In other words, if No. 1 cock be paired with No. 1 hen and no eggs result, or if all are clear, you may, during the interval, pair him with No. 2 hen. Thus, you should, with luck, have a nest of youngsters hatched and reared despite the failure of No. 1 hen. This would be encouraging, whereas if you had one pair and no brood turned up during the season you might become disheartened and give up in disgust. But remember the adage which observes, "If at first you don't succeed try again."

However, you may have no occasion to try again. Your No. 1 hen may present you with eleven youngsters as mine did when I began. I recall a nest of five which were all reared by the hen. What a time the poor little mites had, especially just previous to leaving the nest. There was one big chap, a Green Crestbred cock which was always on the backs of the others, and they seemed to be continually shuffling and struggling to free themselves of his weight. Since then my highest number has been four, and now I make it a rule to give three only to the feeding hens. We will suppose that you have written or paid a visit to a reputable breeder for a pair or a trio. If the former, you should have them on approval, making use of the CAGE BIRDS Deposit System. This will be fair to both parties. If your knowledge of the breed and its value is limited or if there are no Crest fanciers near enough to get into personal touch with try an old fancier of another variety. You can take it from me his nose will be as keen as a terrier's. He will smell a rat—briefly, he will be able to give you a rough estimate of their face value. Old fanciers visit shows and pick up a lot of valuable hints regarding the chief points of the principal varieties on view. Is it any wonder that the poor judge gets badgered sometimes during his career? The crooks are old hands, and are naturally keen after their quarry.

The birds having arrived and given satisfaction they may be matched by the breeder in the following manner, or as nearly as possible:

No. 1 Matching, Clear Body Dark or Grizzle Crested cock to a Variegated or Green Crestbred hen.

No. 2 Matching, Even Wing-marked Dark Crest cock to a Wing-marked and Capped Crestbred hen.

No. 3 Matching, Green Crested cock to a Clear or Grizzle Ticked Crestbred hen.

No. 4 Matching, Variegated Crested cock to a Variegated Crestbred hen.

No. 5 Matching, Green Crested cock to a Green Crestbred hen.

These pairs can be reversed, i.e., Crested hens can take the place of Crested cocks in colour markings. No. 3 matching is my favourite pair, as all my best birds came from that mating.

A Strain of Your Own.

I may now give the reader some hints which will aid him in forming a strain of his own. I cannot pretend to be a great authority on the breed, but my own experience together with that of others culled from various sources has proved to me that the best birds come from scientific breeding, that is to say, attention must be given to pedigree in combination with external fancy qualities. Good pedigree with outside faults of variation are worthless in my estimation. Some fanciers say that the quickest and most reliable way to breed a good Crest or Crestbred is by selection, i.e., they pair the very best birds together regardless of how they were bred.

(To be continued.)

Some Gems from the Foreign Section at the Palace Show.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(Concluded from page 136.)

THE main difficulty with Tanagers is that they are apt to over-eat when kept in cages, and obesity is fraught with many dangers. But a roomy cage, wise oversight, and regulation of the dietary will secure them a long and contented life. Ripe fruit, varied according to the season, they must have without stint; also insectile mixture (soft food), and one or two mealworms or other insects per day. My Tanagers always have access to milk sop, take liberally of it, and thrive thereon. But this is not really necessary, and it means a cleaner and more wholesome cage (my birds are in the aviary) if it is withheld. Nevertheless, milk sop, well sweetened, will be useful when establishing newly-arrived birds. Many individuals are very fond of sponge cake, both dry and slightly moistened with milk, and it can be given freely either way. Miss Bousfield's bird was an easy first, and was awarded other special honours.

The Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus pileatus*).

This is one of the most charming of the South American Buntings, not one of the most gaudy, but a lovely bird in every sense of the word. The upper plumage is dark slate-grey, paler on the lower back; most of the wing feathers have the outer margins blackish-brown; the crown is glossy black with a broad streak of richest carmine running through the centre, and can be raised in the form of a crest; sides of head grey; eyelids white; throat light grey; remainder of underparts grey, paler in the centre of abdomen; beak, upper mandible greyish-horn, lower whitish-horn; legs and feet brownish; irides grey-brown. The female is smaller, and of a more brownish hue generally than her mate; her crest is brown. Pileated Finches are delightful birds, either for cage or aviary; in the latter they have of late years shown a more ready disposition to go to nest; during the past three years they have been successfully bred in more than one Surrey and London aviary.

It thrives on the usual Bunting menu of seeds, green food, and a few live insects; but I always let them have access to insectile mixture (soft food), though only a little is taken; a tin of preserved ants' eggs would, however, fully meet their need in this respect. During the season when ants' cocoons ("eggs") are obtainable fresh, they should be supplied fairly freely to all the Bunting tribe while the supply lasts.

Sallé's Amazon (*Chrysotis ventralis*).

This species is, so far as I have been able to ascertain, new to the show bench, and was staged by Mr. B. J. Moore, being placed 4th in a strong class, the veteran hen Meyer's two cock Meyer's catalogue as Ruppell's, and Red-vented Parrots being placed above it. It is a handsome species, with plumage of bright grass-green, white frontal band, and black-green ear-coverts; bare skin round white eyes. Its habitat is San Domingo.

It is not generally safe to take liberties with strange Amazons, but this individual appeared to be both tame and fairly steady, as it submitted to a *cautious* scratch of the poll, and to have its upper mandible rubbed. The species is not sufficiently well known to express an opinion as to its talking capacity, but if pains and patience be expended upon them all Amazons have certainly the power of speech.

This and other Amazons should do well upon a seed mixture of Canary, white millet, hemp, sunflower, oats, and pea-nuts, with ripe fruit, biscuit, plain cake, and stale crusts of household bread; walnut and Brazil nuts are generally appreciated, and form a desirable tit-bit. The other usual essentials are grit, cuttlebone, water, and wood for them to exercise their beaks upon should be treated as part of the menu.

Recollections of Some Birds I Have Kept.

By G. MARGARITIS (Acton).

I WAS quite a small boy when my father made me a present of a Goldfinch which he had purchased from a stall in one of the narrow, dirty streets abounding in Constantinople, and ever since then I have kept birds, both British and Foreign. The majority of [illegible] I believe, have started their hobby with a Turkish Goldfinch, and here I may mention that these birds are a little larger and handsomer than our English birds. Well do I remember how delighted and charmed I was by the beauty of its plumage, and I was never weary of watching him turning and twisting and hopping about in his wicker cage.

The Pekin Robin.

This sprightly and beautiful bird is often called the Pekin Nightingale; why, I do not know, as it certainly does not resemble the Nightingale. In Germany it is called der Sonnenvogel (Sunbird), another curious name; to my idea it is a true Robin. It has the large head, thick neck, sharp pointed bill, and the full black eye of the Robin. These really handsome birds are great favourites of mine, but I am sorry to say that, although I have tended to all their wants, a matter which has involved a considerable amount of trouble, I have never been able to keep them for any length of time; one day they have seemed in the best of health, singing and hopping about, and the next day I would find them dead. Maybe there has been something loose in my management.

My Ring-necked Parrakeet.

I longed once, and once only, to possess one of these birds, and eventually I purchased one from a sailor in Liverpool, but when I got him home to London and placed him in a large bell-shaped Parrot cage my interest in my purchase declined from the moment it commenced shrieking. I can give it no other name than a hideous shriek, and, although it was in my possession for upwards of three years, and moulted out a beautiful specimen, with a tail measuring over ten inches in length, the bird never became docile, in fact, he was untamable, but his shrieking powers increased. Tempted I was many times to silence him for ever. I offered the bird to the Zoological Gardens, but they declined my kind offer with thanks, as they were over stocked, and I eventually gave bird and cage away, to my great relief

Echoes from the Palace Show.

In the Green Section.

CAGE BIRDS Diploma for best novice exhibit in the Green Canary section was won by Mr. W. Robertson, of Kilmarnock, with his v.h.c. yellow green Border Fancy cock.

The Ten Shillings Special in Cinnamons.

The 2nd prize bird in the yellow cinnamon cock class belonged to Mr. A. Bentley, of Great Harwood (not Mr. Proctor, as reported), and this secured the 10s. cash special in CAGE BIRDS championship competition.

Catalogue Errors.

The show manager, Mr. Ramsden, notifies us of two printer's errors in the catalogue. In class 48, Novice Yorkshires, clear or tkd. buff, etc., No. 704 was not 3rd prize, this going to No. 696 (S. Midgley); while No. 703 (W. G. Cooper) should have been marked 4th prize. In class 56, Border Fancy, clear or tkd., etc., the 4th prize was not No. 853 (G. H. Pratt), but No. 863 (J. S. Wilson).

One of the Best.

One of the best and hardest workers at the show was Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. secretary of the L. and P.O.S. He was very busy on each of the four days over which the exhibition lasted. He particularly laid himself out to secure new members, and we hear that his efforts were remarkably successful. Mr. Law lives up to his determination that the L. and P.O.S. shall be worthy of its proud title of the "premier society" so long as he holds the secretarial reins, and his energetic efforts have made him deservedly popular with the members.

A Wonderful Hen.

The L. and P.O.S. silver cup for best members' Yorkshire Canary was won by Messrs. Ogden Bros.' noted neck-ticked hen, which also secured the fourth special (10s. cash) in CAGE BIRDS championship competition. This hen, we hear, has won more prizes this season than any other bird in Yorkshire, her record including 11 firsts.

Somewhat Different.

Our par entitled "Aged Workers"—which read that "all" the staff were over 70, should have read, some of the staff, i.e., the foremen feeders and the sales clerk, have now reached the age of 70, and are as keen as ever. Most of the staff are young men

A Medal Mistake.

Quite a number of applications for medals have been received from winners in half-prize-money classes, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden. These will have to be ignored, as medals will be sent out after prize-money is paid.

The Exhibitors' Rewards.

Prize and sale monies are now being paid in alphabetical order. Medals and diplomas will be sent out after prize money is paid.

Trower's Specials.

The special prizes presented by Messrs. Trower and Co., the noted seed and food specialists, of Caledonian Road, London, N., for birds fed on their foods, were won as follows:—Gold medal for best Canary, J. R. Houghton (1st prize buff Norwich hen); silver, 2nd best, A. E. Brooks (1st prize Dutch Frill); bronze, 3rd best, J. W. Metcalfe. Gold medal, best foreign bird, Mrs. L. M. Thynne; silver, 2nd best, P. Muscott. Gold medal best Hybrid or British Hardbill, F. Collins (1st prize Redpoll-Bullf.); silver, 2nd best, A. E. Cheney (Yellowhammer); bronze, 3rd best, Mrs. M. H. Askham. Gold medal best Brit. Softbill, J. Frostick (Dartford Warbler); silver, 2nd best, E. Taylor (Redstart); bronze, 3rd best, W. Doll.

The Autumn Palace Show.

In view of the Palace show being run in the coming autumn, by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, with special attractions for novices and amateurs, the London and Provincial O.S. has decided to give up its own autumn fixture and offer the L. and P.O.S. cups and specials at the Palace for competition among its members.

"Cage Birds" Special Prizes.

The cash specials and hand-coloured diplomas won in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition will be sent out in due course. The work on the diplomas is being pressed forward, and we hope to have them ready for despatching next week end.

The Protests.

We are asked by Mr. Ramsden to announce the result of the protests lodged at the Palace Show. These were all against alleged transgressions of the rule defining a novice. Mrs. G. Edwards (Leominster) and Miss R. J. Cooper (Norwich) were disqualified on the ground that they resided at the same address as a champion exhibitor. Messrs. Stubbs Bros. (Cheltenham) were disqualified on the ground that they had already won more than the specified number of first prizes, but the protest lodged against Mr. W. Tallantyre (Haltwhistle) on the same ground was dismissed, only two wins of first prizes being proven.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

For rules, etc., see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A SORE HEAD (Bridges).—The bird is suffering from eczema. Keep the cage and perches as clean as possible for the time being. Slightly anoint all bare places every second day with lanocyllin, but do not daub surrounding plumage more than you can help. When the parts are moist, dust them liberally with boric powder after anointing them. Add to drinking water ten drops of lemon juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week. If bird is not well in a fortnight, write again, and say how you have been feeding it hitherto.

NOT MOULTED (T. K.).—Continue your efforts towards completely exterminating the mites, and you should soon succeed, and the bird have a much better chance of making a complete recovery. To try and encourage a moult, I would advise you to hand-wash the bird once or twice, as may seem necessary, with an interval of a full week between first and second, and use the water for washing a trifle warmer than usual. At the first washing you may also, with advantage, mix a teaspoonful of creolin in each pint of the first and second water used. If you are not expert at hand-washing, get some friend who is to do this for you. Give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with flour of sulphur every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add five drops of tictur of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, to the drinking water.

EARLY BIRDS (Walter Tibbets).—(1) Certainly, it is very early for you to have a hen already sitting on six eggs, but, frankly, I do not envy you the feat. Such early beginnings are rarely conducive to successful endings. You must not return the cock when the young are hatched. Leave the hen to rear any young that are hatched by herself, and only return the cock when she is ready to begin nesting again, by which time the young will be able to be transferred to a nursery. (2) Your mule query should be sent on a separate sheet for our Mr. Norman to deal with. Briefly, there is no harm in trying; but the hen Canary and cock Bullfinch is certainly a most unpromising cross in the matter of results. I believe it has been successful, but very rarely. Still, nothing venture, nothing win.

SUCKING NOISE (E. A. M.).—I do not think this noise indicates anything at all serious. Give a little crushed sponge cake—allowing about half a teaspoonful per bird—slightly moistened with a few drops of sherry, and sprinkled with maw daily for three or four days, when the noise should disappear. The cocks in the flight chasing each other is only natural just now. There is no real necessity to separate them, and the extra space in the flight for exercise will do them much good. They would, however, sing more if caged up separately, if song is what you need.

A TRIPLET (Novice, Lincolnshire).—(1) First wash the bird's feet clean in warm water. Dry them, then hold each toe, one at a time, between the tips of the thumb and forefinger, with the overgrown claw protruding. Hold up in front of a strong light, and note how far the thin pink vein runs down the centre of the claw, and snip off the claw with a pair of small, sharp scissors a little short of the extreme end of the vein. Nail or embroidery scissors are just the tool for the job. (2) Only a good substitute for the ordinary egg food will fulfil your conditions, and the following is one of the best: Get a pound of maizena wafer biscuits and crush to a coarse powder, or pass through a seed mill, and add half a pound of dessicated yolk of egg of any good brand. Thoroughly mix these together, and store the mixture in air-tight tins ready for use. It will keep good for many weeks in a cool, dry place. To use, take the quantity required, and moisten slightly by stirring in a drop or two of water. (3) If the hut you describe is in a fairly sheltered and healthy position, I see no reason why it should not "pay" as well as "please" if you turned in from four to six hen Canaries and three cock Goldfinches for muling. Put up a dozen or so nesting sites.

ALDERMANIC (A. M. J., Cricklewood).—I assume the two hens have the large cage to themselves. If I am wrong, then put them in a cage by themselves, the larger the better, and treat as follows for a month: Keep cage floor fairly free from waste seed, and limit the seed supply of the two birds to two small teaspoonfuls per day. Do not be afraid of them eating the husks—they will not really do that. One day give two small teaspoonfuls of plain Canary, next day give one spoonful of Canary, and ditto of millet, mixed together; next day one and a half spoonfuls of Canary and half a spoonful of rape, and repeat this over again and again. Give a liberal supply of watercress, or any green salading you may have available, but nothing else in the way of food or tit-bits for a month at least. During the first fortnight add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice, to the water every second day. Treat the cock similarly, but for a fortnight only, and in his case omit the millet seed, and give the salts in water for one week only. At the end of the fortnight add to his water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

AGE FOR BREEDING (Annie Snow). Your Canaries hatched last May will be quite mature and old enough to breed themselves this season. You may quite safely mate them with, of course, unrelated partners, at the end of March or beginning of April, and you should, as far as possible, select partners over a year old for them.

A BAD COLD (L. J. L.). From your remarks that the bird does not drop many feathers now, I conclude that it really does drop a few at least, and you can scarcely expect it to do much singing whilst these conditions last. You must first of all see that the bird is kept under bright and healthy conditions, in a comfortable, though not necessarily overheated, place, fairly equable, and free from cold draughts. Having carefully carried out these preparatory conditions, give a staple diet of plain Canary only for a month. In addition, give every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle twice a week; and a morsel of watercress three times a week. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for four days, and afterwards give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until feathers have ceased dropping. Then, if the bird still appears to be suffering from bronchial trouble, go on and give the chlorodyne mixture you mention for a week or two. But remember the alteration of conditions is the most important point.

INDEFINITE (E. M. T.).—I'm afraid your letter is very vague so far as your particular needs are concerned. I might have been much more use to you had you proffered definite questions and described the particular cases. (1) As regards the Roller cock, it would certainly be best to move him from the company of the rest of the birds before the time for mating. You cannot expect him to sing much under present conditions. Cage him alone, and, in addition to staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw daily for a week or so. Three times a week give a morsel of watercress. (2) I do not think you would find any difficulty whatever in getting Canaries to take quinine for dropping feathers, if you gave it as frequently advised in this column. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in each drinking vessel when required.

GONE OFF SONG (Cheshire).—Although the bird may be quite free from cold draughts, as you say, I should suspect that, from its position hanging in a window, it will be exposed to extreme fluctuations. Thus if a sunny window it will be very warm at times during the day, and intensely cold by contrast at night. This alone, with the variable weather we have had of late, is sufficient to account for the bird going off song. Try moving it to a comfortable and more equable position, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cage with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it, daily for a week, and in the drinking water add ten drops each of glycerine and lemon juice daily. This may set matters right. If it does not, write again in a fortnight, and say exactly what you mean by a dark mark at corner of each eye. Is it on the skin, plumage, or in eyelid? I do not quite understand this. Also say if there is a kind of milky-looking spot in centre of eye when you look direct into it. Your feeding is not very good. Get the nutshell booklet on "The Canary."

AS GOOD AS EGG (Hard Boiled).—Really it is impossible to say dogmatically whether the particular food you name, or any other for that matter, is quite as good as freshly boiled eggs in any particular case. So much depends upon the individual. One person will use the food in question with every success as a complete substitute for egg food, after successfully using the orthodox egg-food, or even after failing to secure success with the ordinary egg-food, whilst another under seemingly similar circumstances will fail to secure any degree of success. And the opposite applies in each case. This food as a substitute for fresh egg-food is probably as good as any, but there is little to choose between any of those prepared by reputable firms. With strict attention to details of management, and a sound healthy stock of good feeding hens, I have no doubt you could quite rely upon the food in question.

THEIR PEDIGREE (W. Leah).—I'm afraid there would not be much pedigree in the young birds. You may, of course, mate a yellow Norwich with a buff Yorkshire quite successfully, but the young will be nothing more than crossbreds, and of no value in these days except as singers or feeders. The proper way to name them would be first-cross Yorkshire-Norwich.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (Aspirin).—(1) If the aviary is to be a substantial structure, I would advise you to have a floor of hard concrete laid down, and let it extend a foot or so beyond ground plan of aviary, and before laying concrete spread out a layer of finely broken crock and glass. You need never fear this being penetrated by rats or mice. (2) If you mean flying loose, about 20 the size of a Norwich. If you want them to breed three cocks and nine hens would be sufficient. (3) This question is rather vague. Do you mean the birds being confined in the cages to breed, or the cages merely to hang up for breeding sites? If the latter, the best breeding sites you could make for such a position would be to remove the water-pots, seed boxes, and the short bars from one end of a few of the German wicker travelling cages, such as Rollers, are usually retailed in, and hang up these in various positions for nesting-sites. As a new beginner, you should provide yourself with a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners." It will prevent you making many false steps.

DISCHARGE ON HEAD (Novice).—Such cases as you describe are very often of congenital origin, and due to the too frequent mating of Crest to Crest. In such cases you can do nothing to cure for any length of time. Whether this is likely to be the case with your bird I cannot tell, without knowing something of its breeding. You might try anointing the bare places three times a week for, say, a month, with Sanocyllin, and at each anointing when the parts are moist, dust them liberally with boric powder, and let the powder remain on. Do not daub plumage more than you can help. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible. If not well in a month, write again.

MORE EARLY BEGINNERS (W. J. R.).—As I read your letter I cannot feel sure whether you have the birds all together or not. If so, this is wrong. You may keep the hens together in one large flight for exercise, but you should cage the cock by himself, and if he or the hens seemed to be too forward, keep him, if possible, out of sight of them. A diet of plain canary seed would be far better than the mixture you are giving. I certainly do not advise you to put the cock with the hen that has just laid a clutch of eggs. She is not likely to repeat the experiment immediately, so you may now just as well keep them apart and mate them at the proper season, say, the end of March, if weather is favourable. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from our Manager, post free, 7d., and study its pages for next week or two.

A MISSING TAIL (H. A.).—It is just likely that the tail feathers did not come out when they disappeared, but that the quills were broken one at a time through bird being in small cage, and the major portion of feather dropped, but left the base of the quill in its place on the body. Catch the bird, and blow open the tail covers and see if the stumpy quills are still there. If so, gently remove them with a firm, steady pull. The tail will then be at once reproduced, and should be fully developed in six weeks' time. If the quills are not retained, as I suggest, I am afraid you can only wait and see what Nature will do to remedy the matter next moulting time.

MAKES NO SOUND (Cymro, I.O.U.).—You do not say whether this is a last season's bird, or whether it has sung before. If the former, it is probably only just beginning to "come out," and will develop its voice all right in a few weeks. Try the following for two or three weeks, and if not well, write again, and refer to this reply. In addition to the staple diet, give a morsel of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and teazle. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece daily for a week. After that omit the whisky, and substitute two drops of pure honey, and give every second day for another fortnight or so. Drop honey off end of penholder.

SAMPLES OF CANARY (T. B.).—Sample A is of fair size, but rather thin; hence not the most economical. It is well ripened, sweet, and of very good quality. It contains a rather large proportion of milled grains, however, which suggest the advisability of enquiring into whether the bulk is infested by mice. B is well ripened, sweet, and of very fair quality, but is very small. C is extremely small, and utterly worthless as a food for birds. It is one of the worst samples I ever saw, and may be merely the waste from a seed-cleaning machine. D is of good size, nice and plump, very sweet, and of excellent quality all round.

FOUR IN HAND (W. S. B.).—(1) The sample of canary seed sent is of very good size and excellent quality, so you need not worry about trying to get "the best" any further. There seems a little loose dust in the sample. If this is pronounced in the bulk of the seed it would be as well to sift it. (2) The hen has some digestive derangement. Give her a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a pinch of maw every second day. On the intervening days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and either a morsel of banana or spray of watercress. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and after this substitute four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for another week. Let her bathe as freely as she likes in mild weather. (3) Treat this cock the same as above hen, but give the rhubarb aperient for three consecutive days only, before giving the tonic mixture. Try not to wash tail daily. This matter may right itself on above treatment, but the constant washing will do harm. (4) Not sure that I quite grip this question. Finely chop the egg, or pass it through a grater, note bulk of quantity results, and add double this bulk of bread crumbs, and mix all together. This will then be in the proportion of two parts bread to one part egg. If this is not quite what you mean please write again.

VARIED (H. S.).—(1) Keep in the flat perches, with the sharp edges just planed off, and see they are of a nice soft wood. You might try bathing the feet in a warm solution of extract of wych hazel for a few minutes once a week—a small teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry carefully, and paint over hind toes right on to foot with a camel-hair pencil dipped in tincture of arnica. It is useless mating him as long as he cannot grip a perch. (2) Only the actual test can prove whether the Linnet and Yorkshire will breed for you or not. Try them, when the proper time arrives. There is no reason why they should not do so. (3) If the wooden house in garden is in a fairly sheltered position, move the birds thereto at the beginning of April. This will be quite soon enough after being kept in kitchen. (4) A mixture of maizena water biscuits and dessicated egg is excellent. Read through replies in this issue, and you will find how to prepare it detailed in one of them.

FITS OF COUGHING (F. H., Sale).—I am afraid that during the period when you kept the bird hung in the window you utterly ruined its constitution. See that it is now in fairly equable place, free from cold draughts, and where the air is fresh and free from dust and fumes. Give a staple diet of plain canary only for a month, and add separately every second day a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give a morsel of banana or a spray of watercress four times a week, and twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts linseed, millet, niger, and teazle. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water daily for four days, and afterwards substitute five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecac. wine, and glycerine.

NOT SINGING (A. R. M.).—The fact of the bird dropping a few feathers every morning is sufficient to account for it keeping off song, and although you seem to think it is quite secure from draughts where it stands beside the window, you would do well to look closely into the matter and make yourself sure the bird is not being exposed to somewhat extreme fluctuations. If this is so, you must at once remedy it. Continue your present staple diet, and in addition give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight or so. On the alternate days give twice a week a morsel of banana and twice a week a pinch of mixed seeds. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping.

SHELLS, SEED, AND LEAVES, ETC. (T. R. W.).—The bird is troubled with digestive derangement. Keep it in bright, healthy surroundings, and its cage strewn with clean, gritty sand regularly. Further than this treat the bird the same as advised to "W. S. B." (2) in this issue, and matters should come right in a week or two. Stop all foods you have been giving that are not mentioned in reply referred to.

BARE ON SHOULDERS (James Carr).—The cause of your bird's condition is practically certain to be due to the irritating effects of red mites. Examine the cage well, particularly about corners, joints, hinges of doors, ends of perches, etc., probing any open joint with a pin if doubtful of it, and you should soon discover the cause. If mites are there place bird temporarily in another cage, and give a bath with a few quassia chips in it daily whilst there, and thoroughly overhaul the vacated cage to destroy the pest. Saturate it with paraffin inside and out, and place in sunny position in open air, and leave until next day. Then repeat the operation, and again on the third day. After this you may wash out cage, and, if necessary, re-paint or distemper, and when thoroughly dry bird may be returned to it. Do not omit to pay scrupulous attention to the place where the cage has been hanging at the same time as cage itself is being dealt with, lest colonies of mites should be there waiting to re-infest it.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

PIPING BULLFINCH (E. V. Phillips).—The treatment of an English and Foreign Bullfinch, when acclimatised, is practically the same, and if your bird is doing well on the food you are giving him, you cannot do better than continue with it.

GOLDFINCH TWIRLING (A Novice).—The motions you describe that your Goldfinch goes through are simply a habit that many captive birds acquire. I am afraid there is no real cure for it. To give temporary relief, turn him into an aviary or large flight, reduce his quantity of stimulating food, and give plent of greenstuff.

LINNET AND SONG THRUSH (G. H.). You should keep your Linnet in a larger cage than just a little back cage, particularly if he is, as you say, a tame bird. He should have room to exercise in. Feed as directed in the Nutshell booklet. (2) Your Thrush is a Song Thrush, and this you should also feed as directed in No. 4 Nutshell. Perhaps you could obtain Spratt's fine crissel if you tried other shops; if not, write to the makers and ask them for the address of the nearest vendor.

WHAT BIRD? (Puzzled).—There is no reason whatever why a Canary hybrid should not sing like a Canary. If he has been reared under a Canary and heard Canaries sing, he would naturally take their note. Light and marked hybrids are sometimes bred in the same nest as dark ones, and both Canaries and hybrids have been known to be produced from the same brood. If you do not know a fancier who can identify it, if you care to send it to my address, carriage paid, I will do so with pleasure.

SEX OF BLACKBIRD (W. G. Tucker).—A young cock Blackbird at this time of the year should be black excepting for the wings, which are rather brownish; the beak and eye cere should be yellow, and the bird should by now commence to warble. Hens are browner, particularly on the throat and breast, where they are somewhat mottled. Both sexes frequently cackle at sundown just before roosting. By your description, I fancy your bird must be a hen.

SEX OF REDPOLLS (A. B. E.).—From your description I am inclined to think your Redpolls are hens, as by this time they should show some signs of breast and rump colour. If you think of trying for Hybrids, why not procure a good Greenfinch for one of them and a Siskin for the other? They are both nice Hybrids, and worth trying for. You should get your cock birds as early as possible, and turn them in with their partners, each pair in a good 20-inch breeder. They will have time to get used to each other and settle down a bit before the breeding season.

HYBRID QUESTION (W. Needham).—If you do not fancy the hen you have placed with the cock Linnet, I certainly would not breed with her. Why not procure another Norwich hen for her? It seems a pity to disturb the pair of Norwich you have. If you want to breed good dark Linnet-Canaries, you should procure a large Yellow Variegated hen or even a Green, if you can get it. The sooner you get it the better your chances of success. If you use one of the Roller hens, you will find the young ones come rather small, but this would not matter much if you only required them for singing purposes.

TROUBLE WITH CHAFFINCHES (E. C. W.).—You certainly should have taken advice about your bird a long time ago; a two-years' complaint is not cured easily. You say nothing about the treatment of your bird, which I expect is the cause of the trouble. Feed as follows:—Make a mixture of canary and teazle, two parts each; summer rape and linseed, one part each—this as a staple food. Give sunflower seeds daily; a little hemp once a week. Offer a mealworm or two every day, or greenfly, grubs, caterpillars, small beetles, earwigs, or, in fact, any small live food you can lay your hands on. He is also fond of a walnut smashed up, does not care much for green food, but will eat a little, so offer shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc. Get some radish and turnip seed; put it into a shallow dish and keep damp until it commences to sprout, then cut a square out and place in his cage. He will soon show you how he appreciates it. Let him exercise in a large cage and bathe frequently. With this treatment you should see an improvement in him, but it will possibly take some time.

ANOTHER CHAFFINCH (Novice F.).—It is quite natural for a freshly caught bird to be somewhat wild at first; you must handle him gently, get his confidence, and talk to him while giving a mealworm or other dainty. (1) For treatment, read advice to E. C. W. in this issue. (2) Put your bird with his intended partner when he has become somewhat steady; he would only frighten her if put in now. (3) I have never yet seen a Chaffinch-Canary cross, so am unable to give you any description of what they would be like, but there is no harm in your trying for them if your birds are on good terms with each other. (6) Young Thrushes can be reared upon the following food: Hard-boiled eggs beaten up with a fork and mixed with a couple of Osborne biscuits. When about to feed, make a small portion of it rather sloppy with milk, feed little and often from early morning until sundown. Cut up a mealworm or two and drop them into the open beak. Add a pinch of grit to the food occasionally. Keep the nestlings warm, and perfectly clean. In nestlings I have found the darker birds turn out cocks, but I do not think there is any infallible rule. Keep the most promising until they begin to warble.

PROPOSED AVIARY (Broadrake). I like your arrangement for proposed aviary very well, but I hardly think it advisable to have quite so much glass. Why not board up one end instead? One of the dangers of a lot of glass is that when birds are suddenly frightened they dash against it, frequently injuring themselves, sometimes fatally. Otherwise I think your arrangement admirable. A small shelter at one end might certainly be an improvement, if, as you say, your position is very exposed. Perhaps you could assist matters by planting a few box trees or a privet hedge, a couple of feet or so from the front, to break the force of any very boisterous winds. Have you seen our book on "Aviaries?" It contains many hints that would be useful to you.

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CAGE FOR BLACKCAP (Scottie).—The question of the most suitable colour for the interior of a show cage is quite a matter of opinion. The two colours that I consider the most suitable are a dead white and a bright green. If the cage is one built so that only a little light gets into the interior, then the former colour is the better, but if otherwise, I prefer the green. There is practically no colour that suits the majority of British birds better than this—it is getting as near to Nature in colouring as we can. If you use green, keep it rather on the light side, and let the shade incline more to yellow than blue. I do not mean an actual yellow green, but one with just a leaning towards the yellow; you will find the blue-grey in the plumage of the bird shows up better than with a darker shade.

LINNET-CANARY (Anxious).—If you mean that you have put your birds together for breeding you are quite a month or more too early. You can let them be until the end of the month, and then it would be as well to part them until both are ready for breeding. You do not tell me what seed you are feeding your Linnet on, so I can hardly say if it is harmful to the Canary, but I expect the only effect it would have on her (if it is the usual Linnet mixture) would possibly be to bring her into condition rather earlier than usual. If there is not a lot of hemp in it I do not think you need trouble. When this is used up, let your staple food be two parts canary and one of summer rape, with a spoonful of mixed seed twice a week, giving a little extra hemp to the Linnet just before your pair them up.

FEEDING LARK (Claude).—Birds as a rule get used to a certain food, and do not care for a sudden change to something different. You should accustom your birds to the new food by giving it to them occasionally; they will soon come to it. (2) Yes, you cannot do better than hang them in the open air for an hour or two upon bright days, but not when it is wet or windy. You will find insectile food advertised in our "Food" column.

LARK WITH BARE PATCH (E. A. P.).—You appear to be treating your birds well as far as feeding is concerned, but I am inclined to think your trouble is caused through insects—either the red mite or grey louse. Thoroughly examine the cracks of the cages for the former, and the birds themselves for the latter. A new and thoroughly clean cage is the best remedy for the red mite and dusting the plumage of the bird for the lice, working it well into the feathers, but be careful not to get any into the eyes. Larks keep themselves clean by dusting, for which purpose they should have plenty of sand in the cage, not merely a dusting, but a good inch of it. Builders' sand or gritty garden mould will do. You do not say how you are mixing your food. You should use scraped carrot and boiled potatoes to make it moist. When you say the top of their wings, do you mean the bend of the wing—the part they are likely to knock if they flutter? Possibly this is the cause. Anyway, search well for the insects, and just smear the bare places with a little fresh lard.

AVIARY FOR BACK YARD (H. R.).—Sketch of your aviary shows a very nice design, and quite suitable for your purpose, and the birds you mention could be turned in sometime next month, when the days are a little longer. There are just one or two little matters connected with it that I would like to point out to you. It looks to me by the drawing that your door is all wire. I think half of this should be boarded up with some light matchboard. As it is, the birds run a risk of being worried by cats, and the rain may possibly drive in. Your roof should also jut out somewhat over the front; this would keep the interior dry; and further, I do not see any provision for cleaning out. How do you propose doing this? If you are going to enter by the door, it should have been at one end, instead of the centre, then you could drive the birds to the opposite end when you wanted to clean them out. These hints may assist you, and suggest some slight alterations before you turn the birds in.

BREEDING MATTERS (A. E. Harding).—If the 1910 hen is quite healthy there is no reason why you should not run her again with the Twite; having bred with him she would probably do so again. You could run one of the Goldfinches with the two young hens; put him with one first, and when she has gone to nest run him with the other. He should be flying with both of them now until March. The other cock Goldie could pair with one of the hen Bullies and a Greenfinch with one, and your young cock Norwich with the other. Try him in with one at once, and see if they agree; if not, put him with the other, as Bullie hens are sometimes difficult to please. That leaves you with several hen Greenfinches; select the tamest and run her in with the Chaffinch, and another with the Siskin—this should be just a shade on the small side, or you may not get fertile eggs. As regards feeding, let all those that will eat sunflower seed have a little every day, and twice a week give a spoonful of wild seed mixture to each bird—this should bring them along quite fast enough, without egg-food, but you should try them with a little good insectile mixture, say, once or twice a week, so as to get them used to it before the breeding season. This, with a little hard-boiled egg, makes a capital food for rearing young hybrids. Next month you should be able to give them dandelion leaves and seed pods—these are invaluable.

MORE HYBRID PAIRS.—Your arrangements for breeding would be very suitable, and if you can get some rough twigs or heather, and push in the boxes, the Bullfinch hen would probably nest in one. You should hang nesting boxes about in other parts of the aviary for the Canaries; you cannot have too many for them to select from. If you do not put any more birds in than you suggest, I think you stand a fair chance of being successful. If your Bullfinch hen goes to nest, you should change the eggs to one of the Canaries, as you would then stand a much better chance of having the young reared if the eggs should prove to be fertile.

MIXED QUESTIONS (Brussels).—(1) There is no difficulty in distinguishing the sexes of Blackcaps; the cock bird alone is possessed with the black cap, the hen bird having a brown one. (2) The bars of a Finch exhibition cage are best painted green, like the interior; if they are black they appear to cut too sharply against the bird, and fail to give a pleasing effect. (3) I can quite understand Larks living on poppy seed, because they are partly seed-eaters, but all the same, I do not consider it by any means an ideal food. To my idea there is a certain amount of cruelty in it—it is somewhat like condemning a man to live on biscuits. The proper staple food for a Lark is soft-food; seeds they should have, but to be eaten when they are inclined to. (4) Charlock is similar to rape—a small dark round seed, found growing on arable land. Teazle is a tall plant, with large prickly heads, which contain the oblong square-sided seeds. Maw is a species of poppy, and surely you know the common dandelion—the flowers are like a round ball of fluff, when these die off the seed pods form; these are collected when ripe, and given to the Finches. You should get the book on "Seeds and Wild Plants," published at this office, 1/2 post free. It gives full descriptions and illustrations.

BULLFINCHES IN AVIARY (Cecil Dawson).—I have never found Bullfinches any trouble in an aviary of mixed birds, unless they have been single unmated birds in with cocks and hens of other species. In your aviary you had better put in a pair if you have several other British birds in there, as they would be sure to seek each other's company, and not trouble much about the others. If you put in a hen she would no doubt be all right, and perhaps pair up with one of the other Finches, but do not put in two of them, as they generally quarrel.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (Mrs. Harding).—Budgerigars do not drink much, but in lieu of the drinking water give her milk, containing, say, five drops of brandy to the fluid ounce of milk—the milk to be first boiled and supplied to the bird when cool. Supply this for three or four days, and then give the water again, putting in it half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates daily for the next few weeks. Put the bird's cage in some hot, dry place for a couple of days, and make some arrangement that the warmth shall be retained as far as possible during the night; after this the bird must be kept fairly warm for a few days and then gradually hardened off. Give the bird a drop of castor oil direct to the beak from a quill or small pointed stick, and repeat this daily till the bowels have been fully moved. Do not omit to supply regularly grit and cuttlebone, as well as the usual seeds, and a millet spray might engender more exercise; if the bird will take either, give a little fresh lettuce and a slice of sweet apple. This bird must not go out of doors again till April; shall be interested to hear how the bird progresses.

SCARLET BISHOP (E.M.B.).—Our springs are very treacherous, and I do not consider it safe to put our Foreign Finches out before Easter, and if the season is late, and severe weather prevails, you must wait till this is past. Birds are able to stand our winter in a suitably constructed aviary providing they have been out all the summer; then the various vicissitudes come upon them gradually, and usually entail no hardship. The birds ought to be kept in an unheated room for two or three weeks before being put out of doors.

SILVERBILLS (Crosshaven).—I should say your Silverbills (light fawn) are Africans. The Indian species is a darker and greyer brown above, sides of face almost white, and the rump and upper tail coverts pure white. The sexes are very similar, but the female is slightly smaller, her beak a trifle more wedge-shaped than the male, and she is quieter. The Green Singing Finches are also similar in plumage, but the hen is usually slightly less bright in colour, and her head slightly more rounded than that of the male—the latter sings more lustily, and has a more masculine carriage and appearance generally. It is almost impossible to sex young birds, but birds fully adult may generally be picked out as above with a little observation. The eye needs a little training, and the observation must be close and careful to discriminate, for the distinctions are certainly slight.

GREY PARROT (Alfred).—The bird is evidently suffering from trouble already existing when it came into your possession. Give it three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth from the end of a quill or small pointed stick, and repeat this in a week or ten days, according to the state of the bowels. Follow this by a course of cod liver oil treatment. Soak half-a-dozen drops into a piece of biscuit, sponge or plain cake, or bread, or anything similar the bird will eat, and give this twice daily for a month. If the bird will permit handling, bathe its legs in hot water (not hot enough for discomfort), dab dry with a soft cloth, and then paint with neat whisky—troublesome, but if the bird will permit I should treat it so daily for a month. Continue the use of the chemical food, supply grit and cuttlebone regularly, also pieces of wood for it to cut up. During genial periods spray the bird with tepid water containing a little essence of quassia and guard carefully against a chill till dry. If the mouth is at all slimy, put a little honey and borax into the mouth from the end of a stick. Parrots, as a rule, are quite ready to suck this off; continue this daily till the mouth is quite clean. Report progress in a few weeks.

SITE FOR AVIARY, ETC. (S. W. Plomer).—The really good position in your garden is for the back of aviary to come at the end of the lawn or back of tool-house, the latter being the better position. As regard apportioning your money, you had better use 25s. for wood, and reserve 15s. for netting and felt, etc. The whole back of the aviary must be wood, ½-inch matching, covered on the outside with roofing felt; half the roof must be boarded in, and also covered with felt, the other half to be wire netting. You must have a shelter at one end, and this must contain a window sufficiently large to well light it. The accommodation to be given must be similar to that given to poultry, with this exception, that the shelter must be light, weather and draught proof, size must depend on the purchasing capacity of the sum named in your locality. The material for the framing should be 2 by 1 inch quartering, ½-inch matching will suffice for boarding, and the felt that does not need tarring for keeping out wind and rain; the netting must be galvanized wire-netting of ½-inch mesh. It had better stretch across the garden, on whichever side you place it, be of lean-to type, and the roof slope from back to front. If you are troubled with rats at all, then you will have to carry wire-netting (½-inch mesh) eighteen to twenty-four inches into the ground all round it. You had better get the aviary up, or partly so, and then write again, give me size you have been able to get, name your county, and I will advise you re furnishing and stocking it.

WILL THEY AGREE? (H. Collins).—You give me no details of your aviary, nor yet do I know your county, but if the latter is not too northern, and you have a suitable shelter attached to your aviary, all the birds you name, except the Wheatear, should do well in it all the year round; it would be well to put a canvas or sack curtain over the front during winter's worst nights. Though I do not think it would do harm, I should advise leaving the Indian Ouzel out of your list in an aviary of the size of yours, which will be fully occupied by a heterogeneous series of all males. Taking into consideration the respective sizes of the birds in your list, I consider the maximum number your aviary will accommodate to be 35 odd males of varied species.

A TAME PET (H. A.).—The question of taming small birds is a matter of your own skill and patience. Observing what is a bird's favourite titbit, withhold it for a time, and then offer it between your fingers, and its eagerness for the dainty bit will usually overcome its reluctance to come to the hand; and, the first step taken, the rest is easy. I have only recently seen Violet-eared Waxbills, also Black-faced Waxbills in a roomy flight, finger-tame, coming to one's hand for a mealworm on entry, but this is rather unusual. The little Tui, Tovi, and White-winged (Canary-winged) Parrakeets are all easily tamed, and a really tame bird of either is a charming pet. Watch our advert. columns, and insist on having the bird on a day or two's approval if it is where you can't personally inspect it.

CHANGE OF COLOUR (W. A. M.).—Should consider it merely a case of lack of condition, and the colour change probably only a temporary one. Your diet is about right, but in addition to what you name it could have walnuts, brazils, nuts, etc., also pieces of stale household bread, plain cake, and biscuit if it will take them; if it will take either of these, it would be well to soak a little cod liver oil into them before offering to the bird for, say, a couple of months. While there must be no appearance of diarrhœa, give a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water to keep the bowels moving quite freely, and when not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. It would be well to keep this bird in a warmish room in which the temperature keeps as even as possible. You had better keep it on the present high treatment for a few months, and most probably at the next moult it will revert to the normal plumage.

ALEXANDRINE (G. Jones).—Diet this bird on a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet seeds, one pint each hemp, oats and dari, half-pint each nuts, sunflower, maize, and wheat; well mix the whole together and keep a constant supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, stale crusts, biscuit, plain cake, also an occasional walnut, or brazil nut. It must have a continuous supply of grit, cuttlebone, and pieces of mortar, the latter to exercise its beak upon. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water so long as the voidings are not watery loose, when the latter occurs only give the laxative once weekly. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water, and continue this treatment for some time. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind whatever. It will take a little time to rectify matters, and you must persevere with the treatment. Report progress in a month.

LOVEBIRD (Mrs. M. S.-B.).—You have not told me what kind of Lovebird it is. If it will not let you handle it you can't do much for it. Fomenting its legs with hot-water (not hot enough for discomfort), drying with a soft cloth, and anointing with neat whisky, should give relief if persisted in daily for some time. Also giving twice daily two drops of cod liver oil direct to the beak; or, if the bird will eat a piece of biscuit or plain cake, then the cod liver oil can be given on that. Also put in the drinking water daily half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates, till its strength is renewed again—the above is in addition to the usual dietary. If the voidings are at all hard, I should give two drops of castor oil direct to the beak, before commencing the cod liver oil treatment, repeating the castor oil at intervals till the bowels have been thoroughly relieved. Keep it in some warm, dry position, where the heat can be fairly well maintained day and night.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C.B.—Pneumonia arising from a chill. The bird was in other respects quite sound and well nourished, but, if anything, a trifle overfat.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. Wright.—The judges you mention are one and the same person.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Queen's Hotel, 7. Result of social; members' prize-money, etc.—M. Archer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Classification; judges; and to extend radius.—Wm. Hall.

Ayr C.B.C.—Feb. 24, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30.—R. Aitken.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 25, Gardner and Rickards, 7.30. Pair show of Norwich and any variety, medal for best pair.—A. Hudson, Sec.

Beamish C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Payment of prize-money and annual meeting.—Peart and Cresswell.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. To appoint judge for annual show and discuss desirability of holding table show for May and July.—R. Elliott.

Bingley O.S.—Feb. 24, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Yorkshire Union ballot paper; classification and selection for judges for members' shows for 1914.—H. Shaw.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Foresters' Arms, 7. General business; enrolling of new members.—J. Stirling.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Workmen's Institute, 7. Hear auditor's report. Monthly table show; breeding pairs; Mr. J. Tracey judge. Fanciers invited.—J. Stephenson.

Bowburn C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Wheat Sheaf Hotel, 6. Taking contributions and other business. Good muster at meeting held Feb. 14, when it was decided to have 6 open classes at annual show; 8s., 4s., 2s.; entrance 1s. 15 members present.—H. E. Priest.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Feb. 25, Market Tavern, 8 p.m. Election of officers, balance-sheet for last show, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Col Inn, 6.30. Election of officers; new members, etc.—J. W. Robson.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 21, The Globe Inn, 7. Distribution of prizes and social; fanciers, friends, and ladies specially invited.—F. Page.

Bolton C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Joiners' Arms, 8. Arrangements for dinner.—J. Gerrard.

Chester C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Boot Inn, 8.30. Arrangements for N.F. Show, etc.—R. L. G. Simpson.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Lamb Hotel, 4 till 9. Annual Pair Show.—A. S. Treasure.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 23, Church Institute, 8.15. Adjourned annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 25, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8. Members' pair and Finch Show. Fanciers invited.—T. J. Rose.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. To arrange for first feather show and pick date for open show.—Smith and Lees.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 24, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Balance sheet, etc.—N. L. Croft.

Derby C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Special business.—H. Wharam.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Co-operative Hall, 7. Novel judging competition from models.—R. T. Campbell.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Black Swan, 2.30. First show; fanciers bring along your birds.—H. Cockren.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Scouts' Hall, Station Hill, Eastleigh, 8. General business.—J. Alderslade.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Feb. 28, Penman's, Cowdenbeath, 7. Ordering rings for young birds, etc.—A. Dickson.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 21, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also members' show; birds staged at 2; judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—J. Holroyd.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Feb. 24, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Annual general meeting. Pie supper. Yorks. Union ballot paper.—A. Roberts.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Crown Inn, 7. Important business. New and old members cordially invited.—Geo. Vipond.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Spencer Hall, 2 till 9. Pair Show Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Admission 3d.—J. Hyde.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Durham Ox, 7. Settle amalgamated show. Codnor Park and Eastwood fanciers specially invited.—T. Smith.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb. 28, Globe, Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road. Annual show of pairs matched for breeding; open 4.30; judge, Mr. T. Wright.—G. G. Stubbs.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Matters in connection with late show and other cups. Members' specials will be handed over.—D. John, Sec.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Judges for open show.—A. Wake.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Feb. 26, Blythswood Halls, 8. Table show—Nor., Yorks., Bord., Scotch Fancy, A.O.V. Can., Muling Hybrid pair.—Wm. Loan.

National British Bird and M.C.—Feb. 26, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Election of officers.—J. P. Carr.

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Foster's Cafe, Shields Road, 7.30. Annual show date; judge; nov. pair table show Nor., Yorks., Bord., A.O.V.; also one open class Mule or Hyb. pair.—J. W. Coutts.

Newsham C.B.C.—Feb. 21, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Business important.—C. Snowdon.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Matched Pair Show of Yorkshires and Norwich; judges, Messrs. Dooley and Turner.—John Davey.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Alhambra Club Rooms, 8.30. General business, 8.30; lecture, 9; lecturer, Mr. Robinson.—Arthur W. Newton.

Pendlebury and Swinton.—Feb. 26, headquarters. Very important business. All members and others interested are requested to attend. All contests and shows are said to be stopped in district.—A. Donnelly. (Time not stated.—Ed.)

Poplar C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Allhallows' Schoolroom, East India Rock Road, E., 8. Pair and Finch show; judge, Mr. A. J. A. Marley. Fanciers and friends welcome. Admission free.—H. W. Cook.

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.—Feb. 25, headquarters, 7.30. Pair show—Yorks., Nor., and Mules and Hybrids. Judge, Mr. H. Young. Judging competition to follow. Subs. 1914 now due.—G. T. Hale.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 8. Special meeting; Yorkshire Union ballot paper.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Matched Pair Show for all varieties; rules, etc.—R. Heggie.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Temperance Club, 8. Committee; important business.—W. Adams.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Feb. 27, headquarters, Old Cocoa Room, 7.30. Entry for Pair Show.—E. Rone.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Feb. 26, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Agenda: Nomination of judges, classification, etc.—J. R. Meikle.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 23, headquarters, 8. General meeting.—J. Bamford.

St. Quintin Park, Kensington F. and F.S.—Feb. 26, 235, Portobello Road, W., 8. Programme for year and election of new members.—A. J. Foy.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 24, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Important.—E. C. Job.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 25, Victoria Hotel, 8. Ballot paper; number of tickets sold for tea.—E. Grange.

Southern Borders F.C.—Feb. 26, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 7.45. Important business. Members please bring along that new member.—F. W. Burton.

Stockport, Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Feb. 24, Trinity House, 8. New members. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Potts.—W. Stafford.

Wandsworth F.A.—Feb. 26, Sutton's Hall, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Election of judges for annual show. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. D. Leigh.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 24, headquarters, 7.30. Annual members' Show, 32 classes; fanciers invited free.—W. G. Andrews.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Union ballot paper; arrangements for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M.C.—Feb. 21, Marke Tavern, Godwin Street, 7.30. Business very important. All subs. now due; prize-winners, etc.—T. H. Inman.

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Correspondence.

Wanted: a Cage Bird Society for Donegal.

Sir,—I wish to know if there are many readers of CAGE BIRDS in Donegal, and if so why it is that we have not got a single cage bird society in the said county. Is it for lack of birds of the right type? I think not. Anyone taking a tour through Donegal will find there are good birds of all types as are found anywhere throughout Ireland. I think it is lack of enthusiasm. Anyone visiting the Londonderry C.B. Show held Jan. 15th last could not fail to be impressed with the grand birds of all types shown there; but perhaps not many of the Donegal fanciers had the good luck to know that such a show was being held or perhaps did not even know that such a society as the Londonderry C.B.S. was in existence. This is from want of knowledge, and who is to blame but readers of CAGE BIRDS in the said county. I think any fancier who reads CAGE BIRDS should see that everybody interested in bird-keeping in the district to which they belong should do the same, also post copies to your friends throughout the county; this, and this alone, will bring about what has been my aspiration for a long time. I see no reason (provided we had a sufficient number of fanciers) why we could not have a cage bird society in Donegal. All I want at present is the opinions of others interested.

JAMES PORTER.

Ballyhashes, Newtown Cunningham, Co. Donegal.

[Please write on one side of paper only for the future.—Ed. "C.B."]

Yellowhammers Easy to Keep.

Their Simple Requirements.

Sir,—As a reader of your invaluable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I thought it might be of interest to your readers to know how I keep my Yellow Buntings. In the first place, I select a large, well-marked, and young bird. This latter point I take to be the most important, as with care these Buntings increase in size and improve in marking as they grow older. Then this is also an important factor in steadying, as old birds are practically untameable. When I have bought a bird something like this, I put it into a box cage 17½ inches long, 8½ inches wide, and 9 inches high. Inside are three perches, one from end to end, placed so that the bird can easily get at his seed and water, and two more placed halfway up the cage, so that the bird can get a good jump from end to end. Then I place the cage in a quiet corner of the bird room. I feed them on plain canary seed, and mealworms given every other day at first, and afterwards once or twice a week. Very rarely I give mixed seed, and then only for a day at a time. Clean water to drink, a bath daily in summer, and twice or thrice a week in winter, a clean out once a week, plenty of fresh air, and some green food to pick over sometimes, I find is all that is needed to keep these handsome and interesting birds in good condition.

A. H. MADGE.

A Day with the Wild Birds at Stapleford Woods.

Sir,—Up a little after seven o'clock, then breakfast, and across my bike, through the villages of Balderton and Coddington. A ride of five miles brings one to the edge of the woods. Almost as soon as I entered I espied a Wren flitting through the bushes. Thrushes and Blackbirds were whistling loudly, tending to make a bird lover's heart rejoice. Getting further into the heart of the wood a lovely Jay is seen, then four beautiful cock Bullfinches. A short cut across a by-path and a large flock of Greenfinches and Chaffinches is seen. I wonder how many winners could be picked out? In the heart of the wood two lovely cock Pheasants are strutting about, and a cock Robin is sending out his challenge to all comers on his preserves. Next a Yellow Bunting is warbling his song in preparation for his courtship. Back again to where the bicycle is left. I mount and ride slowly along the drive. The hedge is simply full of Linnets just come to cover from the field adjoining till the probable danger is past. Now I leave the woods and make for home again, having spent pleasant hours among the birds in their haunts. The weather was all that could be desired, almost a May morning slipped into February.

W. LINCOTT.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

A Recipe for Making Egg-bread.

Sir,—I am sending you a recipe for making egg-food or egg-bread. Take 1lb. of the finest ground whole wheat meal. Make a stiff dough of it with as many fresh eggs as the meal will absorb. Bake it for three hours. Grate it and dry it in an oven or cut it in slices and grind it in a machine or with a rolling pin. This dry egg-food keeps for years and is always ready for use. Of this egg-food you may give half-a-teaspoonful every day, after having been moistened with a little water. In this egg-food (or egg-bread) are from six to eight eggs per 1lb. of whole meal, according to size of eggs. No water or any other fluid is used when making the dough. This egg-food you may make in the spring when eggs are cheap and fresh. I have used it for many years. I have some now which I made last spring, and it is still sweet and sound.

THOS. CHISWELL.

Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

Sir,—I was instructed at our meeting on Thursday last to say that our members very much regret the action of the Buckhaven C.B.S. in taking our date, one held by us (Kirkcaldy C.B.S.) for two years, in face of my making them aware of the fact. Because our date was the 25th October last year, they contend that if we take the 31st October this year we are going a week back. This is utterly absurd, because the 25th last year was the last Saturday of the month, as is the 31st this year. We go by the last Saturday of the month (October). I pointed this out to their secretary, but despite all they have taken our date. We hope, however, that fanciers will stand by us, who have, so far as we are aware, given Buckhaven fanciers no offence whatever at any time. We are very sorry that a society only seven miles from us should clash with us. In their own interests, however, we hope they will see their way to change to another date. As they are on a branch line, while we (Kirkcaldy) are on the main line "East Coast" between London and Aberdeen all fast trains stop at Kirkcaldy. Therefore, we imagine Buckhaven would suffer most in consequence of their clashing with us.

T. ARNOTT.

Some Notes on the Redstart.

Sir,—The Redstart is a bird of a very shy nature, and on this account often escapes attention, but once seen it can never be forgotten. Like the Robin, it is often found in the garden, but it often builds far away from the haunts of men, and in solitude sings its low, soft, sweet song. It is not commonly known that the Redstart is a good mimic. A summer visitor, arriving about the middle of April, he departs for Northern Africa towards the end of August. A characteristic of the bird is that when feeding the young the parent makes a curious hissing noise. He cannot be said to be a great songster; in fact by some his song is said to be monotonous. But to a true lover of birds there cannot be such a thing as monotony in the song of any bird. Already, although the spring is not far advanced, the song of birds is in our ears, and we are all looking forward to the days "when woodland echoes ring."

DOUGLAS MORRISON.

The Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate you and your able staff on your most excellent report of the Palace Show. It being my first visit there, and being an enthusiastic Yorkshire fancier, I took particulars of the winning birds in that section, and venture to say that the cream of the Fancy was there, and that many grand birds stood cardless. Your report was precise in every detail. I would also express, through your esteemed journal, my gratitude for the excellent condition in which my birds returned from the show; also the way in which they were packed. It was a credit to the management. Even the drinkers were packed in paper. Such treatment is a big inducement to fanciers to send valuable birds. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it richly deserves.

GEORGE THOMSON.

Cardiff.

A Proposed Society at South Moor (Co. Durham).

Sir, We intend to form a cage-bird society at South Moor, open to all bird fanciers in the surrounding districts. Mr. Thomas Oxley, of the South Moor Hotel, has kindly offered us the use of a room, and a meeting will be held there on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., to discuss the formation and elect officers. An invitation is given to all who would like to join.

CHARLES DAWSON, sec. pro tem.

Seasonable Advice to Beginners at Canary Breeding.

Sir,—Canary breeding is a profitable and delightful hobby, and as the breeding season is close at hand a few hints may be of use to amateurs and beginners. In the first place buy the best birds you can afford—borrow a trifle rather than have rubbish. To commence with healthy stock is necessary at all times. If a beginner Hartz Rollers are, to my mind, the best to commence with, being prolific breeders and generally speaking remunerative. They should now have egg-food twice per week. Staple diet three parts Canary seed, one part German rape. Twice per week a feed of the following mixed seeds should be given: Equal parts teazle, linseed, niga, hemp. Always bear in mind that a change of food is relished, and is attended with beneficial results. Give green-food at least twice per week. Watercress, groundsel, etc., must be free from frost, and not offered if wet. Weather permitting, the last week in March or the first week in April is quite soon enough to commence operations after pairing the birds up. If the hen is ready you can easily tell this by putting a few bits of moss or cow hair in between the bars. If ready the hen will soon avail herself of the opportunity, and will run about with a few pieces in her beak calling to her mate.

An earthenware nest-pan is best to use, the wood boxes harbour the red mite. Before putting the pan into the cage give it a good washing with paraffin into which some salt has been dissolved. Before putting the lining into the pan damp some carbolic soap and well rub with same. A little glue is useful to fasten the lining in with—some hens have a knack of pulling the lining out. Do not feel hurt if they make a nest and pull it to pieces again, they will soon make a fresh one, which probably gives them more satisfaction. Fasten a piece of cardboard on the cage just to hide the nest; the hen likes to feel private, so to speak. Do not give egg-food or mixed seeds during the period of incubation, nor green-food, as it is apt to induce the hen to stay too long off the nest, and the eggs get chilled.

On the evening of the 13th day place some egg-food (yolk only the first three days) ready for the parents to feed the young when they put in an appearance. After the third day add some stale bread crumbs, also the white of the egg, a little castor sugar, maw seed, and green-food. I myself use watercress ad lib. The method of preparing the egg-food is to boil a new-laid egg twenty minutes, then beat it up in a galley pot with a thin tined fork or press through a sieve (make a square box and cover with perforated zinc), add castor sugar, just a small portion, and the maw seed. Give hemp seed in a separate pot. The egg food and green food should be given fresh at least three times per day, and the last thing in the evening ready for feeding in the morning. Great care must be taken to remove any stale food from the cage as it soon turns sour in the warm weather. Always use glass or earthenware pots for the egg-food. As a change offer bread and milk. Boil the milk, pour on to a piece of stale bread, and squeeze out as much of the liquid as possible. Add small portions of sugar and maw seed. The egg-food is ready for use when cold. For those who have no time for making fresh food a good plan is to procure ½lb. sponge or other biscuits. Boil two new-laid eggs 20 minutes, beat up as finely as possible, crush up the biscuits with a bottle or rolling-pin and mix altogether. Place on a dish and put into a slow oven, constantly turning the contents until it is dry. Put into an earthenware jar, and store in a cool place. Slightly damp the necessary quantity before giving to the birds.

Do not meddle with the birds any more than is absolutely essential. The less interference during the breeding season the better. Do not let strangers peer into the cage whilst the bird is sitting. Always buy the best of every kind of food for your birds, you will get better results in every respect. Keep an eye on the hemp seed, break a few seeds open, and if milky-white it is fit for use, if not throw it away. When giving the birds hemp to feed the young with give it whole, do not crush it. It keeps the hen off the nest longer and gives the young more fresh air. Change the water often during the warm weather. Plenty of air is essential and conducive to their health and vigour. A good plan to keep the watercress in good condition when keeping it overnight is to place it under the tap and let the water drip on it all night. It will keep fresh much longer this way. I am always willing to give any advice within my power, most of which I have gained through CAGE BIRDS, and six years' breeding.

H. E. SMITH.

The Caging of Birds.

Sir,—You cannot call me a faddist of the opposite ranks, for I am seldom without birds of some species in the house, and have always been more or less of a bird fancier since I was a "nipper." But don't you think the latter portion of Mr. P. F. M. Galloway's letter might encourage the wholesale destruction of singing birds by horticulturists and others, often on suspicion? Such is my impression, and I hope some able and observant reader will take up the birds' defence in your columns for, according to my reading, no birds at all would mean no fruit at all!

J. WADSWORTH.

[We are quite sure that birds require no "defence" in our columns; no one realises better than we do the good that birds accomplish. But Mr. Wadsworth should remember that too many birds (of sorts) mean no fruit just as surely as no birds would mean no fruit.—EDITOR.]

"A Wail from Aintree."

A Cage Bird Member Replies.

Sir,—On reading this week's "Twitterings," I notice an item headed "A Wail from Aintree." As a member of that society, I should like to ask Mr. Anderson, through your most valuable paper, if he is blaming the cage-bird fanciers for the winding up. I think he is giving the birdie men a nasty knock. I must say that the cage-bird members have done their duty to the Society, and if Mr. Anderson was a birdie man, I am sure the tables would be turned. I can say that most of the bird members have forfeited their prize-money for the benefit of the Society, so I think Mr. Anderson has gone a little too far in using the expression "Until more enthusiasm is shown by the cage-bird fanciers of the district." With reference to members' shows, I should like to ask who has supported the said shows. Is it the poultry or rabbit, or cavy men; or is it the cage-bird members? I am a fancier who prefers harmony and likes fair play, with an honest desire to promote the fanciers' interest. It is my desire that this should go through your valuable paper, in justice to the fanciers of this district.

G. A. SKILLING

Borders at Bethesda.

Sir,—Now that Mr. Huxley has signed his name, I have no objection to answering the questions. But they will be answered in the same way as they were at the show. (1) Mr. Huxley says that every fancier knows that colour-fed Borders are not eligible to compete in Border classes under rules, and wants to know why I did not disqualify them in the Border class. May I tell Mr. Huxley that the Border class was not under the rules, it was Border, any variety, without mention of natural colour. If that were not so, the 1st and spl. would not have decorated his cage in the Border class. (2) What makes me think it colour-fed? A little practice and experience makes me think so. (3) Am I prepared to support my decision? I supported my decision in the showroom, after judging, to the satisfaction of those who stood round, when the winners in the natural colour class were taken out and sampled against those left out. These are my answers to the questions asked. Now, Mr. Huxley, may I have a word with you? You refer to short entries, and give one more reason for them. No, no, Mr. Huxley, it is not those who win 1st, 2nd, and spl. which cause short entries. It is those who show five or six times and get nothing that want fair play, and keep their birds at home if they don't get it. That is where the shortage of entries comes from.

A. WELLINGS.

Sir, There was no need for Mr. Wellings to look through the catalogue, he knew perfectly well who the exhibitor was, and which Border was referred to. I am another who did not get fair play at the above show. Mr. Wellings awarded my bird 3rd prize in the Border class but disqualified same in natural colour class, for alleged colour-feeding. I asked him at the show why the bird was not disqualified in both classes: the answer was, because the show was not held under Border Fancy Club rules. I may inform Mr. W. that the bird disqualified by him at Bethesda Show was awarded "Highly Commended" at the recent Palace Show in a class of 21; and please note that the class was for Border Fancy Non-fed. The fact of the matter is, he knows that he has made a mistake.

R. GREEN.

Ramsden's Autumn Show at the Crystal Palace.

Sir,—In further reply to your correspondents, arrangements have been completed for this show to be held at the Crystal Palace on Oct. 27, 28, 29. It seems to be the desire of most of my correspondents that the show should cater chiefly for the popular varieties of Canaries, with a fair classification for British, Mules, and Foreign birds—and that the show be divided into three sections, viz., champion, amateur, and novice. Opinions differ as regards the status of the amateur. Some ask for three firsts in open competition to be the limit; others ask for five. This point will have to be decided later on. Several correspondents ask me to distinctly state that I provide the prize-money 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. in full for a 1s. 6d. entry fee. This I, of course, agree to do. They then ask that a prize fund be started and subscriptions invited, the whole of the prize fund to be utilised for fifth and sixth cash prizes. This I also agree to. The Crystal Palace Company have given six of their handsome medals as special prizes, and the London and Provincial O.S., instead of holding an autumn show, will offer their members' cups and specials for competition at this show. Any suggestions made direct, or through your columns, will be carefully considered by

J. W. Ramsden.
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The Giving of Medicines to Birds.

Sir,—I would like to point out to your readers a serious mistake, often made by contributors in regard to giving recipes for bird remedies. I mean the "pennyworth" or the "as much as will lie on a sixpence" method of giving the proportions. In drugs you might get 50 or 100 per cent. more for a penny at a big competitive drug store than you would at a country chemist's. Or, say you went to a specified shop for your drugs, and went for a further supply, say two months later, your pennyworth might be either doubled or halved, owing to drug prices fluctuating so much. Further, I have proved by experiment that the quantity that will lie on a coin can vary as much as 50 per cent. Imagine what such a great difference may mean when giving remedies to such delicate patients as birds. A really good remedy may become, with some highly concentrated drugs, highly dangerous.

W. Middlebrook.

The Suggested Presentation to Border Fancy C.C. Officials.

Sir,—I crave a little space to add my appreciation to that of other members who have written of the splendid work done by the late secretary, Mr. Jamieson, and our worthy president, Mr. Richardson. The two of them may be said to have carried on all the work connected with the Club, and I trust that their honest endeavour to place the Club amongst the first flight will not go unrewarded. I fully agree that each member might well spare at least one shilling towards a fund, which would, I think, be best carried out by each district delegate calling on all members, and then sending monies collected to Mr. Smart. The presentation should take place at some central place, where most of the members could attend. Let us have a night of it, and thereby do justice to such a pair of worthy members who have carried on the good work of the Club since the formation, Mr. Richardson being the first president and Mr. Jamieson the secretary, all but a few years, when it was attended to by Mr. Arnot, his partner. I hope our fellow members will loosen their purse strings with a lavish hand, and make the presentation fit the deserving cause of long and faithful service, well and honourably carried out.

J. Patterson.

A Society Suggested for Porth.

Sir,—Kindly announce that a cage-bird club will be formed at Porth, where several are desirous of joining. All fanciers wishing to become members, and living in and around Rhondda valleys, will they kindly give their names in at 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, on Saturday next, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., when I shall be present to receive the names, and when a place will be decided upon for headquarters for the following week. See notice in Cage Birds when and where meeting will be held on the 28th inst. to elect officers.

John Shephard.

Proposed Society for Scotland Gate, Choppington and District.

Sir,—A meeting will be held on Feb. 21, at the Scotland Gate Social Club, to form a cage-bird society, open to all members of affiliated clubs. All fanciers interested in the above are invited to attend. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m.

T. Rigg (sec. pro tem.).

Lancashires at the Palace Show

Sir,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper ever since it was first published, I have found the information it contains good, both for the novice and for those who have kept birds all their life. I was looking through the Crystal Palace report, and thought I had never seen a better one in all my life. There was a reference to my yellow Coppy that stood second in its class, and third in Cage Birds Coupon Competition in its own section. This bird is only a young one, and has been washed and shown all this season. It was bred by myself, as I very seldom buy a show bird. I think there is more honour in breeding than in buying one. I sent five birds to the Palace, and four out of the five were young ones; so I consider they did very well, and would have done better had they been kept up solely for the Palace Show. But I have tried to keep the Lancashire classes from being cancelled, as in addition to myself, only Mr. Beattie, of Newhey, has shown all the season to any extent. I think it is not fair to an exhibitor when his birds have been out to other shows, and won diplomas, that another bird should come out and take diplomas and championships for one show.

George Fitton.

Sir,—In the report of the Lancashire and Lizard section at the Palace Show, your reporter deals with the question of small entries, and I am with him in that respect. But what can be done in the matter, No one seems to bother after they have shown once or twice. Of course, that is so in all varieties, but we have such a small number of breeders that our two birds begin to show it very early; hence small classes. Then comes half prize-money, and it is left to two or three to fight it out. For my own part, during about two or three years' absence from the show bench, I have seen the decrease in the number of entries, and in shows giving classes, and in my opinion it behoves all Lancs. fanciers to put their heads together. Let them call a meeting, central for all, and not leave the question alone till they see something for their work. There are societies who will put classes on if they get promises of support. I suggest that instead of cups, etc., for a year or so give this money in specials at certain shows, and put a limit on how many of them exhibitors can win. Further, join with others to see if we cannot get railway charges down a little, as this is one thing that kills; it is a big item. I was pleased to see that although the birds were few in number at the Palace Show, quality was there in its very best, as your report states.

Wm. Adams.

Judges and the Norwich Plainhead Club's Standard.

Sir,—Whether "Raw Novice" will get his corns cut or not, it would be better for all to voice their opinion of the birds with such a lot of brow—what I call half-bred Crestbreds. Take any drawing or picture, and see whether there are any drooping feathers on the head. What is more disappointing to any beginner in the Fancy than to attend the great Palace Show, expecting to see the correct type, only to see such birds as the winners in the clear buffs and yellows facing you. Are they the proper standard of the Norwich Plainhead? If so, they will want their heads trimmed a bit. I stood looking some considerable time at these two specimens, and the only remark I heard was "plenty of brow." There will be a time when they will be discarded and called cross-breds. When the schedule is printed Norwich Plainheads, why not keep to it, so that beginners do not get disheartened so quickly?

H. Olive.

The Need of the Novice.

Sir,—I agree with "Novice" in what he says about the novices buying and getting "done down." It's a good job there are a few exceptions, however. I know of several cases where a new member has joined a club because he has been to a show or two and become infatuated with the birds. This new member was at once pounced upon by the champion member in the particular variety he was going in for, and asked to his room and persuaded to give good prices for just songsters. He does no good first season, nor the next; therefore gets disappointed, and falls out of the Fancy, never to return. What I say is, let the Fancy be a Fancy, not a business. We only do it for a hobby, just to make it pay, and a little to spare. So encourage the novice; give him good birds when he is starting, and you will never regret it, for he will always speak highly of you to other fanciers. I think if this was done we would make hundreds of fanciers yearly, for who does not like a bird? —very few.

"Encourage."

The Value of Spangling in Lizard Canaries.

Sir, I read your report on the Lizard classes at the Palace, and was very pleased to come in for such kind remarks. In my case it has evidently been "so near and yet so far," as I nearly won in both classes. However, I am chiefly concerned in the remarks made in regard to the 2nd prize broken cap silver. Your reporter puts the bird as practically perfect in spangling, breast, and flank markings, and says that with more colour it would have won. Perhaps it never struck your reporter that the bird in question, "Dusky Queen," was a hen, and for a hen she is a good colour, and has had a goodly share of "R.P.," as it and the clear cap gold cocks in gold class were two out of five fed on Ramsden's Pepper. If the bird in question had been any hotter in colour, I should have questioned its sex. In comparison with cocks, it would naturally look poor in colour. I relied chiefly on its spangling, and general Lizard characteristics, to pull it through. Although it did not win, it did extra well, for a hen, to get so high up, and I am well satisfied. I am writing chiefly because our Lizard standard puts a big value on spangling, and, if lacking colour upsets a big pull in spangling, our standard is no use. We allow 15 points for ground col., and I contend the ground colour in above hen is good for a hen, which always lack the brightness of the cocks. I may say this hen is descended from a fairly long line of Palace winners. In 1908 I won 1st and Diploma Palace with a non-cap gold hen. In 1911 both 1sts at the Palace were from this strain, and the gold cock, winner in that year, was sire to the hen 2nd at the Palace last week, and also sire to the silver cock 3rd in the same class. I should like the point raised: Spangle versus colour in Lizards. It should prove interesting. I had not the pleasure of seeing the first prize winning silver, but am pleased to see that Mr. Bradley in his first season has done so well. Just to revert to your reporter's remarks in gold class, where he states the little bit of mooning meant the difference between winning and losing; verily honesty is its own reward!

John Rukin.

Amalgamation of Clubs in Pelton Fell.

Sir,—Having been asked by several fanciers in our district to try and bring the local societies together, to run an amalgamated club show, open to the following clubs, Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street, Birtley, Craghead, Beamish, and Stanley (of which the first three are now in favour), I am calling a meeting, to be held at Mr. Enoch Waugh's, Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6.30 p.m. (the headquarters of the Pelton and Dis. C.B.S.). We have tried on several occasions to run open shows in our district, but we cannot make them pay; also they are killing the younger part of the Fancy; as when we run our open show it generally takes all the money to pay for the open classes, and this generally goes out of the district; so the members get no prize-money, only plenty of hard work and the debt to clear off, which is responsible for many fanciers falling out. Now if we amalgamate, we can run a combined show, at about 2s. 6d. per member, second to none in the North, if the fanciers will only pull together. As we have nearly 100 fanciers within our radius, I fully believe we can run a good show, and pay 12s. or 14s. per class for a 6d. entry fee, that is, if the above clubs will only unite, or any other club within six miles of Pelton Fell. Fanciers try and attend this meeting, and see if we cannot come to some conclusion for the uplifting of the Fancy in our district.

Wm. Forster
(Sec. Pelton Fell C.B.S.).
18, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell.

How's This for Pedigree Breeding?

Sir,—I was delighted to see my yellow-green Border Fancy hen occupying a place amongst the select in your great twopenny-worth this week. Friend Norman must have made a special effort in portraying my hen, as I knew it was her as soon as my eyes lighted on the page. She comes from a line of Crystal Palace winners. Her mother won last year, her grandmother 2nd 1912, and her great-grandmother, my old champion of champions (as reported in Cage Birds) was first in 1911. So you see that out of the four times there have been classes at the Palace for green Border hens this line has taken three firsts and a second, almost the same thing occurring in the buff-green hen class. The Diploma winner this year is also a son of my old champion, and last year's Diploma winner is a grandson. I think I can lay claim to having the Palace winning strain, and am indebted to nobody for it but Cage Birds, as I have received many a good hint and help in my hobby from its pages.

Jas. Johnston.

A Hawfinch in a Class for Softbills.

Sir,—I am a member of the Garston B.B.A., and our members' show was on Dec. 6. I intended showing my Skylarks, as usual, but my money and tickets were returned marked "no competition." The amalgamated show was held twenty-one days later in the same room. Our secretary had charge of it. This show consisted of Liverpool B.B.A., Wallasey C.B.S., Birkenhead C.F.A., Bootle C.B.S., and Garston B.B.A. I entered three Skylarks in class 59, any other variety British softbilled. There was a class (58) for hardbilled British birds, any other variety. I went to the show next day (Saturday) and I saw a Redstart 1st prize, a Wheatear 2nd prize, and a Hawfinch 3rd prize. I thought this a bit off in a softbilled class. I saw the secretary, and protested. He said "You are too late, the judge has gone." I said it made no difference about the judge being gone. The secretary referred me to the delegate, Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd said "Form a committee; I will have nothing to do with it; it is my bird." Mr. Editor, I have got no satisfaction from secretary or delegate. If this catches the eye of Mr. A. G. Davis, the judge, will he explain how he came to give 3rd prize to a Hawfinch in a softbilled class, when a hardbilled class was provided? I am not asking any favour, I only want fair play for all, and no favour. The reason I have not written before is that I have been waiting to see the result of the amalgamated show in Cage Birds; but it has not been in yet.

William Carlisle.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Contest, George and Dragon, Bridge-st., Feb. 14. 48 birds for 3 minutes' time singing, and some very good singing was done. J. Brindley's bird did 43 at one break, 59 out of a possible 62 seconds, singing 2 seconds before the call of time. Mr. J. Liversedge's bird did a 43 seconds' break. Winners:—1, Liversedge, 81; 2, Brindley, 76; 3, Nelson, 62; 4, Morley, 60. Feb. 15, 14 birds entered:—1, Morley, 86; 2, 3, Brindley, 55 and 41. Members wishing to nominate birds must do so on Sat. next, Feb. 21.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest, "Skinner's Arms," Buslinthorpe, Feb. 14. 15 birds sang. 1 Ward, 2 Binns, 3 King. Also Feb. 16. 1 Ward, 2 Binns, Tomlinson. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality singing held Albion Inn, Saville Green, Feb. 15. 26 of the best picked birds in Leeds sang for 4 prizes before a crowded house. 1, Sissons; 2, Chippindale; 3, Hardcastle; 4, Hayes. Judges, A. Jennings, Naylor, Mellia. Also a grand Roller contest at night. 16 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, shared by Smith and Parker. Judges, Hayes, Lorriman, Naylor. Members please note that owing to King's Head being closed, the Leeds Linnet and Canary Fanciers' Association now have new headquarters, at the Albion Inn, Saville Green, off York Road, Leeds.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.—(Advt.)

Roller Canary contest held; 24 birds entered for three prizes. Birds came from all round Leeds and district. First was won by Mr. Walter Lipman, with one of the best birds that has been hung for some time; 2nd, Mr. Brabiner, who had a good quality bird but not quite so long as the first; 3rd, Mr. Lipman. The birds sang to a large and appreciative audience.—A. E. Ritchie, Sec. (Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper used. —Ed.)

There was a large muster of birds at the "Prince Albert," Newtown, Leeds, when 23 birds sang for a good money prize:—1, 2, Chippindale; 3, Brabiner. Judges, C. Lorriman and P. Madden.—R. Ridyard, Hon. Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Linnet contest held Grapes Inn, Westhoughton, Feb. 14, for time. Thirty-six birds entered. Six good prizes awarded, and some very good singing was heard by a good company:—1, Knowles, 129; 2, Dijon, 128; 3, Harrison, 101; 4, Fairhurst, 89; 5, 6, Knowles, 84 and 74. Judges, Messrs. Harrison and Hodgkiss; tappers, Jackson and Pool; minutes, J. Fairhurst.—J. Hickman.

ATHERTON.

Linnet contest will be held Hindsford Inn, Hindsford, Feb. 28; open for time. Landlord, J. Eckersley, will give prizes according to entries. First pair in window 2.15 prompt.—(Advt.)—E. Hickman.

BLACKBURN.

Open Linnet contest will be held Feb. 28 for quality, at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, with several good prizes. This being our first contest of the season, we shall be glad to see old and new faces.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.—(Advt.)

ESH VILLAGE.

Linnet singing held Feb. 14. 30 birds faced the judge, and some good singing was heard. 1, 2, Heslop; 3, Johnson; 4, Maitland. Mr. T. Farrey, Hollinside, judged. We had a good concert after singing, at which the chairman led off with a good song, and others followed. Next meeting Feb. 21, Mr. A. A. Dodds, 1 prompt.—J. Ridley McKenna, Sec.

ROYAL ALFRED (Erith).

On Feb. 8, eight pairs of birds were hung for two prizes:—1, Barnett, 3, score 14; 2, Roper, 3, score 13. This was a good race. Feb. 15, seven pairs of birds were hung for two prizes: 1, Roper, 3, score 17; 2, Barnett, 2, score 19.—J. Baker, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held Woodman Inn, Feb. 14. 36 entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, Beard, 70; 2, Proctor, 68; 3, Smerrick, 64. Open sing, Feb. 15, 45 entered for three good prizes. 1, Proctor, 111; 2, Piper, 97; 3, Nelson, 63.—S. Pugh, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, Feb. 10; pres., W. B. Gillies, in chair. Mr. Peter McAdam was unanimously elected vice-president. Rules were carefully gone over, and were, with little alteration, adopted. Resolved that all entry money be added to funds instead of pooled. President Gillies intimated a present of three-tier staging, a portion of which, as sample, he had forwarded to be used for pair show. Amid applause, president Gillies was heartily thanked for his generous, useful, and much required gift. Agreed that the classes for Hybrid and Mule pairs at next show be Bullfinch Hyb., A.O.V. Hyb., and one Mule class; Mr. J. Hannah to judge. The judges for pair Canary show, Messrs. J. McEwen, J. Hannah, and J. Campbell, were heartily thanked for services.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 14, Flying Dutchman Hotel; a good number present. The election of officers and alteration of rules to the Yorkshire Union were given a lengthy discussion before being put to the vote. A pleasing bit of news was a letter from our esteemed friend, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, to say that there was a slight improvement in his health, and that he hoped to be with us again soon. There was also a pleasant surprise for us in a visit paid by Mr. F. Bowman, late sec. of City of Glasgow O.S., and we hope to make him a member. I am sure that he would be only too pleased to help the young fanciers, and I have great pleasure in offering him a hearty welcome to our next meeting, when we may be able to fix a date for the lecture he so kindly promised he would give us; will he kindly supply me with his address? Members will be sorry to hear that our assist. sec., Mr. J. Horsfield, is ill in bed, and I am only conveying the wishes of our members and self when I hope he will have a speedy recovery.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

Annual meeting, Crown Hotel, Birmingham, Feb. 11; Mr. W. G. Audrews, chair. Mr. C. Beckett (Hanley) elected a member. Balance sheet showing a small loss on season's working, was read and adopted, the members present agreeing to make up the deficit. Chairman presented the two premier prizes, silver challenge cup, Messrs. Wells and Clempson; novice challenge cup, Mr. G. A. Smith. Winners who were unable to be present:—P. Lane, 2nd, champ. silver mug, value 40/-; P. V. Williams, 3rd, oil painting, value 21/-; G. Salt, 2nd prize novice, oil painting, value 21/-; R. Ratcliffe, 3rd, gold medal, value 12/6; J. Hinton, 4th, pair china plaques, value 5/-. The chairman remarked that this was indeed a goodly array of prizes, considering we had a membership of under 30, and he was delighted to say that there was every prospect of an even larger prize list for 1914, according to promises sec. had received, and this should be a great inducement for new members to join. Nomination fee 1/-, and annual sub. 2/6. Officers elected for 1914: Pres., G. A. Smith; vice-pres., R. Lane and P. V. Williams, and J. Sheppard; chair, W. G. Andrews; vice-chair, J. Clay; hon. sec. and treas., W. Wells, "Helmside," Erdington, Birmingham; committee, Messrs. J. H. Allen, J. L. Beck, J. Clay, G. A. Steventon, and J. Clempson (Birmingham), J. Gibbons (Wolverhampton), W. H. Raybould (Dudley), R. Ratcliffe and G. Salt (Stoke-on-Trent), A. Philpot (Warwick), and A. W. Austen (Redditch). Chairman gave notice that at next general meeting he will propose that novice classes be limited to £5, as in kindred societies; will members please let me have their opinions as soon as possible? Sec. offers apologies to the South Birmingham O.S. for calling the meeting on same night as theirs—an oversight on his part. Date of next meeting will be notified in due course. Hon. sec. will be pleased to hear from intending members, also present members, who have any propositions to make with a view to increasing the club's popularity.—W. Wells, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH, M. & F.B.C.

Meeting held Jan. 28; Mr. Pettersson presided over a fair attendance. Decided to hold next meeting Sat., Feb. 28, instead of the Wed., to give country members a chance to attend. Table show will be held in conjunction with our meeting:—Linnet, Goldfinch, Bramble, or Chaffie, A.O. Brit. (all F.M.), and Foreign. Decided to appoint judge at the meeting. Decided to have medals the same as last year, except for some members who were present, and decided to have spoon. Table show was held; Mr. Irving judged, and gave every satisfaction. LINNET: 1, Pettersson. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, Bertram; 3, Voutt; 4, Pettersson. FOR.: 1, Pettersson; 2, Voutt. Mr. G. Barker, Hamsterley, elected a member. We give a hearty invitation to fanciers to our table show, Lockhart's, near Monument (upstairs), birds staged 7 sharp. Members please note change of meeting.—W. Curry, Sec.

WINDSOR C.B.A.

A whist drive and dance was held in the Town Hall, Feb. 11. Several handsome prizes were given for the whist drive, which was taken part in by 116 players. Mr. W. G. King and Mr. W. G. Clark each gave a Canary and cage, and other prizes were given by Mrs. Turner, Mrs. H. Simms, Mr. A. Jacobs, Mrs. Belcher, and Mrs. Goldsmith. The mayor (Councillor W. Carter), who is president of the association, presided and distributed the prizes at the close. The floor of the large hall was in excellent condition for dancing, which was indulged in until the following morning. Mr. A. Jacobs was an efficient M.C., and a quadrille band under Bandmaster A. Montgomery (Staines) played selections of music. The company altogether numbered about 150. A vote of thanks to the Mayor for his attendance and the interest he took in the association was heartily passed, and the Mayor suitably responded. The successful whist players were:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Geddes; 2, Mrs. Bampton; first half, Mrs. Hearn; second half, Mrs. Venner. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Greaves; 2, Mr. A. Harris; first half, Mr. P. Harris; second half, Mr. Akery.—H. Simms, Hon. Sec.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

The election of officers for 1914 took place in the Y.M.C.A. Hall Feb. 14 as follows: Pres., Councillor J. Shaw (re-elected); vice, W. Messenger; chair, J. Batton (re-elected); vice do., H. Wilson; treas., W. Crowther (re-elected); sec., R. Elliott; assist. sec., W. Messenger.—R. Elliott, Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

Large and enthusiastic committee meeting held at headquarters, Charity School, Church Street, Feb. 12. Following show dates fixed: Cage bird first feather, July 16; annual, Dec. 10. All fanciers heartily invited to attend monthly meetings held on 2nd Thursdays. Watch CAGE BIRDS for further particulars.—W. H. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 54, Willoughby Lane Tottenham.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.S.

Meeting held Imperial Hall, Rue End Street, Greenock, Feb. 4, Mr. W. L. Stewart presiding. Office-bearers for 1914 elected:—President, Mr. W. L. Stewart; vice-presidents, Mr. Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Molley; treas., Mr. T. Chalmers; sec., Mr. C. Bryden; committee, Messrs Brown, McDermind, Service, Rodden, Best, Martin, McKee, and Martin. Society has had a very successful year, and has a nice sum to its credit. Decided to hold smoking concert March 13. Time and venue will be duly announced at next meeting, March 4, at 7.30 p.m. Fanciers in the district are invited to join those in Gourock.—C. Bryden, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 9. Following officers were re-elected:—Chair, W. Forster; treas., W. Davison; sec., R. Ward. Decided that we hold no open show this year. Discussion followed on the amalgamation scheme of local societies. After debate, it was decided that as the members of Birtley and Pelton Fell are greatly in favour of amalgamation, we would join in the scheme providing that some suitable method be arrived at as to running an amalgamated show. Meeting will be held in due time at Mr. Waugh's, Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell. Secretaries and members of any local society interested are invited to attend.—R. Ward, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE, BOWLING, AND TONG COMBINATION.

First annual general meeting held Napoleon Hotel, Bowling, Feb. 9, Mr. W. Wharton presiding. Mr. J. E. Hudson was elected secretary, and Mr. C. Atkinson treas. Members are requested to join in and make the combination a great success. It has been only very moderate this last year. To raise a fund to purchase prizes, it was decided that members pay 6d. per annum, and give in their names to the sec. of their respective societies. No points can count before sub. is paid. Any member having shown in open classes at his society in 1913, or having won first novice medal 1914 in novice members' classes, must exhibit in open. Decided to ask the societies to elect sec. and treas. as delegates, and send three delegates inclusive. Mr. L. C. Casey gave special of 5s., A. Gledhill 5s. If any other member was unable to attend, and will promise a special, I shall be glad to be notified.—J. E. Hudson.

WOOD GREEN F.A.

Meeting and show held Feb. 10, at headquarters. Judge, Mr. Tichener. There was good muster of members, Mr. A. Brand presiding, and a fair entry of excellent quality, Yorks. and Crests being strongest classes. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spoon, best exhibit; 2, 3, res, vhc, Pettit, a splendid team. YORKS.: 1, 2, Everett; 3, Huggins; vhc, Nuttall; hc, c, Tolfree. A good class of 15 entries. NOR.: All prizes Pettitt, typical birds. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, Stephens, winner a beautiful Bramble, splendid coud. Three new members elected. Mr. Tolfree was elected show sec. in place of Easton Bros., resigned. Committee meet Feb. 24, 8.30.—T. Callegari.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Annual general meeting, held at "Eagle," Chatham Road, Stratford, Feb. 12. Officers for 1914 elected:—Pres., T. H. Harrison; chair, A. L. Hawkes; vice-chair, J. W. Garrett; treas., J. Reed; sec., A. Wasey, 18, Buxton Road, Stratford; assist. sec., H. L. C. Shergold. Entrance fee abolished; subs. now 3s. Meetings in future 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month at 8. All members requested to attend at headquarters, 8 o'clock, Feb. 25, when programme of shows, outings, and lectures for 1914 will be arranged. Sec. will be pleased to correspond with cage bird fanciers with a view to joining this 27-year-old society.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL EAST C.B.C.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 2, to elect officers for the new society. The following were elected:—Pres., Mr. Geo. Eastman; vice-pres., Mr. Crocker; chair, Mr. W. Bull; vice-chair, Mr. Geo. Hiscock; committee, Messrs. Jas. Freke, Clements, Alexander, Hodges, Hale, Geo. Freke, C. Bussey, and Brown; hon. sec., Wm. J. Norman; treas., Mr. Church. Decided to hold the first show, March 2, for, Yorks., yell. and Buff, buff and yell., muling pairs, and Brit. Mr. Garland will judge Canaries, and Mr. O'Caggins Brit.—W. J. Norman, Hon. Sec., 4, Clayton Street, Easton, Bristol.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 12. Mr. Havenhand (chair). A good number of members put in an appearance, and we made two more new ones, which brings the total addition this year up to seven. A member has offered 5s. for the member who proposes the most new members who are financial at the end of the year, so we should hear of more ere long.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Annual meeting held headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel, Feb. 11. Chairman Willmott, in presenting the year's balance-sheet, spoke of the great season the society had had; he wished that those members who had moved the spending of such a large amount of money were present to hear the result. Expenditure, including £8 worth of silver cups, gift to sec., and other expenses, including over £2 paid for judging fees, £21; income and cash at bank, £29, so the result was very satisfactory. The books had been passed and found in order by the auditors, Messrs. Rees and Bayliss, and they could face the coming year's work and expenses with a feeling of comfort. This season no cups would have to be purchased. Balance-sheet was unanimously passed. Discussion then took place on ideas and proposals for adding greater interest in the doings of the society until show season commenced, and for the March meeting, Mr. J. Burke kindly consented to give a paper on the Yorkshire Canary from Nest to Show Bench. Other important attractions also agreed to.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Good Templars' Hall, Ingram-st., Feb. 7; Peter Pettigrew presided over a moderate attendance. Balance sheet was adopted showing a credit balance of £4 12/-, which was considered highly satisfactory. Office-bearers elected:—Pres., Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow; vice, Mr. P. Campbell, Row; treas., Mr. A. Macfarlane, Glasgow; secs., Messrs. Geo. Bannerman (149, Adelphi-st.), and Jas. McGowan (45, Dorset-st., Glasgow); committee, Messrs. P. Halbert (Glasgow), W. Telfer (Leamahagow), W. Munro (Glasgow), J. Ballantyne (Cambuslang), J. Findlay (Glasgow). Classification for pair show, March 7, at headquarters, 7:—Cl. Nor., Variег.; Crest, Cl.; Bord., Variег.; A.O.V. Can. Three new members were enrolled. Annual subs., 4/-. Prospective members can have full particulars from secs. Large attendance requested for pair show.—J. McGowan.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES FOR YORKSHIREMEN.

At a meeting of the CAGE BIRDS' prizes committee, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Jan. 26, the following shows were drawn by ballot, at which points shall count in the champion section (Yorkshires), namely: Great Horton Windhill, Halifax, Bradford East, Great Horton, Good Intent, Tong, Manningham, and Huddersfield.

The results of the competitions, as supplied to me by the various secretaries, whose names and addresses are furnished herewith, are given below.

Yorkshire Union: Secretary, Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford. Champion Section (8 shows): 1, £3, Ogden Bros., 17 points; 2, £2 10s., L. Dykes, 159; 3, £2, J. Thomas, 121; 4, £1 10s., C. Morrison, 117; 5, £1, H. H. Towers, 105; 6, £1, E. Clegg, 101; 7, £1, Sutcliffe and Son, 100; 8, 10s., J. Bailey, 80; 9, 10s., L. Dyson, 76; 10, 10s., L. C. Casey, 72; 11, 10s., P. Mason, 70. Amateur Section (all shows): 1, £2, C. E. Hall, 121; 2, £1 11s. 6d., T. Tidswell, 82; 3, £1 5s., George Snead, 80; 4, £1 1s., S. Binns, 68; 5, £1, Myers and Lumb, 50; 6, £1, J. C. Beaumont, 40; A. Whitley, 39, (winner in Y.C.C.); 7, 10s., E. Saville, 32; J. H. Fowle, 26, (2nd in Y.C.C.); Atkinson and Firth, 23, (winner in C.M.Y.C.C.); 8, 10s., D. Thornton, 13; 9, 10s., J. Lunn, 12; 10, 10s., O. E. Naylor, 12.

Yorkshire C.C. (amateurs only).—Secretary, Mr. John Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford. 1, £1, A. Whitley, 68 points; 2, 17s. 6d., J. H. Fowle, 36; 3, 15s., J. A. Whitwham, 15. C. E. Hall, 108; T. Tidswell, 68; S. Binns, 47; Myers and Lumb, 40; J. C. Beaumont, 28; each receive their prizes from the Yorkshire Union section.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. (amateurs only).—Secretary, Mr. R. Garnett, 32, Carr Lane, Windhill, Shipley. 1, 1, Atkinson and Firth, 25 points. Myers and Lumb, 25, and S. Binns, 13; each receive their prizes from the Yorkshire Union section. No other exhibitor has qualified, therefore the 2nd and 3rd prizes are not won.

National Green Marked Y.C.C. (amateurs only).—Secretary, Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. C. E. Hall, 97; Myers and Lumb, 33, and S. Binns, 29; each receive their prizes from the Yorkshire Union section. No other exhibitor has qualified, therefore none of the prizes are won.

Open Norwich Plainhead C.C.—Secretary, Mr. F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Bradford. Champion Section: J. Thomas, 182 points (winner in Yorks Union section); 1, £1 5s., T. H. Mason, 131; 2, £1, S. Heap, 86; 3, 15s., A. Hirst, 42. Amnteur Section: 1, £1 5s., W. H. Ball, 45; 2, £1, H. Simonett, 40; 3, 17s. 6d., F. J. Sykes, 22.

Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C.—Secretary, Mr. T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford. Champion Section: 1, £1 5s., R. D. Parlett, 157 points; 2, £1, M. A. Wilson, 128; 3, 15s., T. H. Inman, 117. Amateur Section: 1, £1 5s., D. A. Macpherson, 37; 2, £1, B. H. Wilson, 14; 3, 17s. 6d., J. Wilson, 12.

Any objection to the above results must reach me not later than February 24th, 1914.—Fred. Hammond, Hon. Sec., CAGE BIRDS Prizes Committee, 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 11. Decided to hold annual show Nov. 7, in Buccleuch-st. Hall. At the election of office-bearers, S. Hewitt was re-elected sec. and treas.; Mr. C. R. Drysdale, pres.; Mr. A. Thomson, vice-pres. Two new members were elected.—S. Hewitt, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Feb. 14, at Lockhart's, Briggate; Mr. Peel, chair. Balance sheet for 1913 was presented, and shows the club to be in a very good position financially, there being a balance in hand of nearly £20 The club has lost a valuable asset in Mr. Davies retirement. The members were greatly disappointed at the late sec.'s unavoidable absence, but his present was much admired, and all were agreed that he had honestly earned it. A long discussion took place with regard to alteration of rules re subs. and judging. Resolved to follow the B.R.C.C. lead. Members promised to bring birds to next meeting; please note, all endeavour to be there.—H. Best, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Annual tea and concert, held Feb. 7, at the Victoria Hotel, when nearly 80 members and friends sat down to a good repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. After tea a most enjoyable evening was spent, Mr. H. Fretwell in chair. The following artists contributed to a capital programme:—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, McCree, Russell, and Penny. During the evening the prizes were distributed by Mr. G. Lambert, who officiated in a masterful manner. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, to the artists, and all those who had helped to make this function a success.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF FIFE C.B.L.

Annual general meeting, held Masonic Arms, Cowdenheath, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Cup winners for the season are Lochgelly C.B.S. Other specials were awarded as follows:—Mr. J. Anderson, Lochgelly; A. Dickson, Kelty; W. Grewar, Lochgelly, for most points over the three shows. Mr. A. Dickson, in presenting the cup, said it gave him much pleasure in handing it over to Lochgelly C.B.S. Mr. J. Rankine, on behalf of the League, made a few able remarks, to which Mr. T. Wildridge, pres., suitably replied. Songs were rendered by members of the different societies, and after a vote of thanks to the office bearers, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—R. Muir, Sec., Lochgelly C.B.S.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 12, at Headquarters, the New Guildhall, Wandsworth Road (near Queen's Road), S.W. Mr. Lilley presided over a large attendance. Schedule arranged for pair and British bird show, Feb. 21, at the New Guildhall. Five new members proposed. Table show of Yorks., and judging competition; Mr. Slade, final judge. Result of judging competition:—Broughton, 1st, 10 points; Cumins, 2nd, 9; Rayley and Isaacs draw, 6 each; Lang, 5; Osmand and Thorning draw, 3 each. Mr. Slade's final judging resulted as follows:—1, Rapley, nice buff cock, well proportioned, splendid wing carr., tight as wax; 2, ex. hc, Lang, buff hen, not so long, splendid col., runs very close; 3, 4, c, Isaacs, yell. ck., not the nice finish of 2nd, will improve; vhc, McLaughlin; ex. vhc, hc, Arkill; ex. c, Cumins. Mr. Lilley gave a short lecture on the birds. Table show of Norwich, Mar. 12, cock birds only, at headquarters. Several specials were promised for the pair show. This society has always something new on every month in the way of judging competitions, wnshing exhibitions, lectures, etc., and fanciers wishing to join should address a postcard to H. Freeman, Sec., 105a, Bolingbroke-grove, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

Held in the Press Room at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1914, Mr. E. Baker in the chair, and there was quite a large gathering of the members. The chairman congratulated the members upon the large attendance, and the secretary (Mr. Matthes) read the minutes, which were passed. The secretary said the membership of the club remained about the same, and about 90 had paid their subscriptions out of a membership of 108. Mr. Matthes then asked, as treasurer, to be allowed to resign his office, and said that on the previous night he had resigned the secretaryship of the club. It had been thought that he had treated a few members differently to what he had others. This he denied, and he felt it was his duty to resign his office and give someone else a chance to take up the position, so that he should remain a member only. Strong appeals were made to Mr. Matthes to reconsider his decision, and at last he consented, for the present year, at least. (Applause.)

The result of the voting for officers was that Mr. E. Baker was again elected president; Mr. Hodder consented to act as treasurer at the request of Mr. Matthes; the London committee chosen were Messrs. Richardson, Ramsden, Matthes, Robson, Cole, and Crawford; provincial committee, Messrs. Collings, Midgley, Houghton, Gill, Rippon, Ellis, and Kilby; auditors, Messrs. Heath and Robson. The president having returned thanks for his election, and spoken a few words on the general work of the secretary and the club, the report and balance sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Rippon, seconded by Mr. Beavington.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 1s. 9d., with assets £11 11s. The donations to special prize fund had been 13s. The winners of the cups, etc., for 1913 were as follows: Mr. W. Collings, £10 10s. cup and £1 1s. cup; Mr. J. Houghton, 15s. special; Messrs. Gill and Pethick, 10s. special; Mr. J. Hodder, 5s. special; Mr. Rippon, 5s. special; Messrs. Gill and Pethick, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Houghton, 2s. 6d. Novice Section.—Mr. Leech, Clapham Show, teapot, vhc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Tomsett, Clapham Show, hc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Teasdale, Wimbledon Show, teapot; Mr. Leech, Wimbledon Show, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F. Marshall, Wimbledon Show, vhc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F. Cole, Wimbledon Show, hc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F. Cole, Leyton Show, tenpot; Mr. F. Marshall, Leyton Show, vhc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Leech, Leyton Show, hc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Beavington, L.C.B.A. Show, teapot; Mr. Leech, L.C.B.A. Show, vhc, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F Cole, L.C.B.A. Show, hc, 2s. 6d., and silver-plated cruet for most points.

A lengthy discussion then took place upon the motion by Mr. J. W. Ramsden:—"That no judge be allowed to officiate at more than one club show in a season." This was carried. A second motion was made by Mr. Ramsden, "That the committee be empowered to make the best terms possible with societies that cannot see their way clear to give the club's classification—either in giving a part guarantee or in accepting a modified classification." This was objected to on technical grounds, and was ruled out of order. A motion was moved by Mr. Tomsett, and seconded, "That trophies of the club shall be competed for by birds that have been bred by the exhibitor." This was carried after a brisk discussion; but a second motion by Mr. Tomsett, "That birds shall wear a closed ring," was defeated. The chairman held, and it was agreed to, that this decision, and the vote on Mr. Ramsden's first motion, rendered nugatory the two motions by Mr. Crawford. Mr. Midgley's motion, duly seconded, was carried as follows:—"That from the present time no other challenge cup be put up for competition, but that so soon as the present challenge cup shall have been finally won, an extended system of trophies to be won outright each season by members be inaugurated." A vote of thanks to chairman and retiring officers was given. The meeting then broke up, after sitting for near upon three hours.

BUCKHAVEN C.B.S.

Meeting, Free Gardener's Hall. Pres. Allen Peters in the chair. Open show was fixed for Oct. 31, Bowling Green Hall, and judges nominated. Next meeting March 7.—Wm. Foster, Sec.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Johnston's Hall, Feb. 11, S. F. Wood presiding. Mr. Gray (Baillieston) judged, and gave every satisfaction. PLAINHEADS: 1, T. Jackson; 2, W. Carrick; 3, R. Davidson; 4, 5, Rankin; 6, Hendrie. BORD.: 1, 2, H. Cougan. YORKS.: 1, 2, J. Baird; 3, 4, S. F. Wood. MULING PAIRS: 1, J. Rankin; 2, 3, J. Hood. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, H. Cougan. Five new members proposed for next meeting—Messrs. Campbell, Wilson, Graham, Young, Hodge. Next meeting March 11, Johnston's Hall.—A. Berry, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting Feb. 10. Agreed to alter open show date from Nov. 7 to Nov. 14. Classification for open show was settled as follows: Scotch Fancy 9, Borders 12, Yorks. 6, A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Crest 7, Plainhead 15, Mule, British, etc., 21. Agreed to have a class for hen Dark Mule or Hybrid. Next meeting, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., No. 2, Gothenburg, to appoint judges.—A. Dickson, Sec.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

Members please note that the first show this year will be held Feb. 18, at Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30 sharp, for pairs matched for breeding. At 8.30 Mr. W. Ellis will give a paper on bird breeding. Special prizes will be given for most points at the end of the season, but members must exhibit at three out of the five shows to be eligible. Rule books will be sent out shortly, they are now at the printers. Please rally round and make 1914 a record year.—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Bournemouth and Dist. C.B.A. has just completed its most successful year, and reports presented at the annual meeting, held at Quadrant Restaurant, Feb. 5, show that the society is in a very flourishing condition. This satisfactory position of affairs reflects great credit on all concerned. Balance sheet showed £48 15s. 5d. to the association's credit. The Earl of Malmesbury was re-elected pres.; a long list of influential vice-presidents was confirmed. Mr. J. A. Crawshaw resigned the post of hon. sec., and Mr. Lionel Hill, Southcliffe, Bournemouth, was appointed. Mr. L. Bousfield was again elected hon. treas.; Mr. F. L. Jermyn, hon. auditor; and the Wilts. and Dorset Banking Co., bankers; G. W. Jones, chairman; Miss Penrice, Miss V. Onslow, vice. Committee: Messrs. S. W. Davis, H. Matthews, W. Briant, —. Goodland, F. W. Fulford, and F. House. Suggestions for 1914 programme were introduced, but discussion and settlement was left to next meeting. Many attractive items will be provided, and there will be much to interest the members at the monthly meetings. Thanks were accorded to all who had assisted. Annual show will be held Nov. 10 and 11.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE CHAMPION STRAIN!

Read following from 216, Wellingboro'-rd., Northampton. Feb. 8, 1914. You will be pleased to hear that I have won five firsts, four seconds, four thirds this season, and several specials, all with birds bred from your strain.—A. E. Dunkley. My winnings for the past five seasons cannot be approached by any other exhibitor, again winning the Green Marked Yorkshire ten guinea trophy, and gold medal for 1913-1914; also the Yorkshire Canary Club Challenge Cup, 1913-14; 2nd in Yorkshire Union Competition, etc., etc., and diplomas for best Yorkshire at Sunderland, Scottish National, etc., etc., and over 70 firsts, and numerous spls. this season at all the leading shows. In addition to above, I have bred and sold over 100 winners to my customers, so if you want the best blood in the Fancy, place your orders with the old reliable breeder, who breeds his own winners, and can therefore give you the best satisfaction. I still have a fine collection of high-class Yorkshires for sale, including several recent winners, that for length, type and quality cannot be beaten, and at prices to suit all. Pairs, carefully selected to breed the best, not haphazard. This is where pedigree tells its own tale afterwards, as blood is bound to tell, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- per pair; Yorkshire cocks, any colour, at 6/- 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each upwards; hens, feathered like wax, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each upwards. Travelling cages, 3d. extra; all cocks on full song, and cold room bred and kept, and in the pink of condition; inspection invited at any time, or I will send any bird on seven days' approval at my risk; cash or deposit, with Editor; easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers. Please state wants. Price list post free: L. Dykes, Reliable Aviaries, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (1322)

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SIB.-BRED hen, mated cock Linnet, 4/6: Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (1344)

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INDIAN cock Shama, free songster, cage moulted, in pink of condition, £3 5s.: Pick, Darenth-lodge, Chingford. (1343)

YOUNG cock Virginian Cardinal, sent in mistake for hen, good specimen, 17/6: Teschemaker, Ringmore, Teignmouth. (1341)

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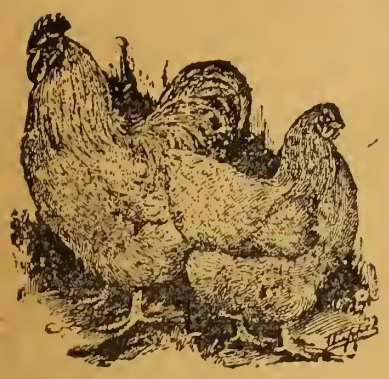

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WANTED, Canaries for re-sale, prompt cash; or exchange green and red Parrot, honourable dealings: Andrews, Dealer, 16 and 16½, Howick-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. (1342)

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WANTED, large or small quantities of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., also Canaries and Mules; state your price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (1343)

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3; long hens, 1/6; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens; same address 26 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (1348)

WANTED, Canaries and other birds, Dogs, Puppies, Ferrets, Mice, Rats, Pigeons, Poultry, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs Parrots, Monkeys; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1357)

WANTED, any quantity cock and hen Canaries, all breeds, for spot cash, or exchange special Siberian birds; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1353)

WANTED, Canaries or Mules; exchange exhibition cock Hawfinch, 12/6; six giant well-laced cock Twites, Linnets, Greenfinches, show specimens, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

WANTED, good Norwich or Yorkshire hens, show Goldfinch, or offers, for boy's cycle, 40/-; lad's cycle, 30/-; working-man's cycle, 20/-; all good tyres, tubes, brakes, free wheels, etc.: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1347)

Wanted! 50 Thousand

Buyers of Canaries of every variety, Mules, British Birds, Budgerigars, Java Sparrows, genuine talking Parrots, etc., to send for my detailed **Illustrated Price List.**

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

NOTICE; will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires; also wanted, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Crests; reasonable; cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (1372)

WANTED, blue-fronted Amazon, acclimatised, and cage, on approval; will give pair Yorkshires, single breeding cage, enamelled and varnished, value 17/-, and cash: Marshall, 1, Bank-houses, Low Bentham, Lancaster. (1347)

WANTED, good Norwich or Yorkshires, also cock Goldfinch and Linnet mules, best price given; or will exchange or part exchange grand Siberian cock Goldfinches, or good British or foreign birds; no rubbish: Howard and Son, 10, Huntingdon-bldgs., Bethnal Green, London; also 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. (1362)

YORKSHIRES WANTED

Colour-fed, given, 5/- cocks, 1/9 to 2/9 hens; any quantity; cash deposited; stamp: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (1323)

WANTED—CANARIES

Mules and British birds, Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

WANTED, LARGE NORWICH

Plainheads, good price given for good birds; will deposit cash Editor: North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1355)

Wanted for Export

NORWICH PLAINHEADS. Will give 7/- per pair for large birds. Am also open to purchase good Exhibition Norwich. I also require Crests and Crestbreds, and will give 10/- per pair for good birds. Am also open to take any number Yorkshires, Rollers, Lancashires, Mules, Borders, etc. Send full particulars and stamp for reply. Will deposit cash with Editor.

H. GLEDHILL

Fleet Lane,

Queensbury, Bradford

CANARIES

WANTED, any quantity cocks, also pairs: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (1357)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

GRAND cock Blackbird and cage, sing anywhere; sacrifice, 2/6: Smith, 13, Essex-st., Oxford. (1353)

SIX Linnets; exchange Siberian Goldfinch cock; mutual approval: Harris, Queen-st., Montrose.

EXCHANGE four grand cock Goldfinches for good pair Yorks., or sell 4/- each: G. Wood, Morten-rd., Colchester, Essex. (1342)

SIBERIAN Goldfinch, sell 7/6, or will exchange for a good Bullfinch hen: Greaves and Richards, Richard-st., Mardy. (1349)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch or mule, for long yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock; sell 7/6 each: 55, Letitia-st., Middlesbro. (1349)

WILL give four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (1348)

TWO yellow cock Greenies, 3/-; Chaffinch, doing fierce toll lool chick wee do, 8/-: Ernest Sadler, Sheringham, Norfolk. (1344)

DARK yellow cock Linnet Mule, C.F., also hen, for two selected Goldies, sell 8/-; yours first: A. Philp, Milton, Markinch, Fife. (1342)

GRAND Magpie, perfect pet, whistles and talk; wanted best cash offers or exchange; approval: Holley, Perry-st., Chard. (1339)

CREST or Crestbred cock; exchange Bullie hens or Goldies, house-moulted; sell 20/-; winners preferred: Turnbull, Lochend, Dunbar. (1349)

EXCHANGE splendid cock Goldfinch for 1913; clear buff Border hen; yours first: G. Finch, 9, Fetherston-rd., Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. (1336)

TWO house-moulted Bullfinches, three Linnets, and grand Mule; will exchange buff marked Norwich hen: R. Pinnell, Warminster. (1338)

EXCHANGE grand cock Goldfinch, pair yellow Siskins, and cash, for 2 U.F. typical buff hens: T. Stead, 97, Guilford-st., Grimsby. (1346)

EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches for left-off clothing, Canaries, Mules; yours first; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1352)

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 10/-; ladies' boots, size 8, 10/-, new; exchange anything: Bulpin, 25, Mount-st., Bridgwater. (1346)

EXCHANGE H.M. Twite cock, hen Siskin, hen Redpoll, F.M., for large Norwich buff hen, 1913: D. Black, Fort William, Inverness-shire. (1357)

EXCHANGE show cock Blackbird for unflighted yellow Norwich hen: yours first: Robert Baron, 46, Haughton-rd., Hooley Hill, Audenshaw. (1348)

AVIARY moulted cock Brown Linnet, with hen Canary: exchange anything useful; sell, 3/6: Taylor, 7, Warre-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1355)

TWICE H.M. cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, safe, 6/-; Lucas K.O.R. gas-lamp, good condition, 9/6; exchange anything: B. Hutton, Holbeach. (1354)

TWO twice house-moulted hen Chaffinches, one built nest in aviary, also light Goldfinch mule, can win local; exchange mulng hens, or offers: Horne, 63, Cedar-st., Bootle, Liverpool. (1348)

EXCHANGE clear buff Norwich hen for house moulted cock Goldfinch or Linnet: W. Huckle, 53, Birkenhead-avenue, Kingston-on-Thames. (1353)
FOUR selected Linnets, grand colour and markings, will moult out winners; exchange Goldfinches or Borders: Smith, 39, Ogilvie-place, Arbroath. (1340)
COCK Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch; exchange large yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hen, young; offers: Larcombe, 65, King Edward-st., Blaengarw. (1345)
WELSH Goldfinch cock, full song, large buff Norwich hen, clear; pair 7/6, or exchange Yorkshire cock, full song: Jones, 72, Bethesda, Amlwch. (1353)
EXCHANGE house-moulted cocks, 2 Twites, 2 Redpolls, 1 Bramblefinch, for good Bullfinch and Siskin cock: Burnett, 63, Main-st., Bainsford, Falkirk.
TWO good cock Chaffinches, 2/6 the two; Linnet singing, 1/6; Goldfinch, singing, 3/6; or exchange hen Canaries; approval: Jones, 18, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare. (1339)

EXCHANGE a pair of last year's prizebred Buff Orpingtons, worth 30/-, for British birds; what offers: approval: Cattell, Montagu-st., Kettering.
LARGE cock Yellowhammer, two large Greenfinches, 2 large Brown Linnets, exchange for two hen Canaries: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1355)
EXCHANGE four Magpies, Pigeons, five first-cross cocks, nine in all, for one good British, sell 12/-; approval; yours first: Taylor, 155, Old Fallow, Cannock. (1338)
WHAT offers in Goldfinches, cocks, and Bullfinches, hens, for yellow variegated, Goldfinch mule, colour fed: yours first: Palmer, 3, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts. (1350)
EXCHANGE Goldfinch cock, Greenfinch cock, both H.M., for Canaries, Borders, or Norwich; no rubbish wanted: Alex. Rea, 27, St. Mary-st., Arbroath, Forfarshire. (1347)
EXHIBITORS; Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Redpoll, 2/6 each (ordinary 1/- each); exchange disc records, suit, nets; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1354)
TWO cock Linnets, bred mules; hen Chaffinch, hen Greenfinch, laid in cage; exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshire: Roberts, Carona-pl., Bradford-st., Birmingham. (1345)
EXCHANGE two selected F.M. Linnets, also Twite, H.M., sure muler, all good birds, for two buff cinnamon hens, or offers: Ewen Nicol, Cross Mill Wynd, Arbroath. (1347)
MONSTER Siberian cock Goldfinch, full song, beautifully blazed and tanned, 6/6; real bargain; cash or deposit; approval: Howard, 10, Huntingdon-bldgs., Bethnal Green, London. (1362)
JOHN DAY, will exchange any kind of British or Siberian birds for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, etc., or buy for cash, any quantity; large Norwich cocks or hens; prompt cash: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1320)
HOUSE moulted mealy Redpoll, winner, 6/-; field-moulted Lesser Redpoll, fourth in strong class, 4/-; show cages included; or exchange Norwich hens; approval: G. Hatton, 398, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire. (1348)
EXCHANGE seven nestling Skylarks, caged since June, 1913, house-moulted, and singing, worth 25/-, for house-moulted cock Goldies or Goldfinch Mules; what offers: J. Sowerbutts, 108, Mansford-st., London, N.E. (1337)
MISSEL Thrush, great winner, 1 Goldfinch mule, 1 Canary, both cocks, 1 Greenfinch hen, phonograph and 24 records; sell lot, 30/-; or exchange cock Waxwing or Siberian Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen; on approval; yours first: H. Bisset, 24, Relief-st., Dysart, Fife. (1348)
HOUSE-MOULTED Welsh cock Goldfinch, proved muler, good coloured blaze, tannings, and markings, 15/-; cock Bullfinch, third prize winner, 5/-; light cock Goldfinch Mule, 1913, sell 12/6; approval: Robinson, Boot Maker, Winsford, Cheshire. (1344)
CHAMPION field-moulted English Goldfinches, 3/6 to 10/-: ditto Greenfinches and Linnets, 2/6 each, H.M. Yellowhammer, cock, 5/-; or would exchange any for Lizard Siskin or Bullfinch cocks, or buff Norwich cock; approval, deposit: Lowe, 10, Station-rd., Kensal Rise, N.W. (1352)
SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, moulting, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or Foreign birds; note, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Canaries.

PAIR Scotch Fancies, sell 15/-, or exchange British to value: James Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick.
EXCHANGE 3 Norwich, 2 Yorks. hens for pullets, any strain: Mann, 40, Josephine-rd., Rotherham, Yorks. (1333)
EIGHT hen Canaries, mostly splashed, to make room, 12/6: Linstead, 32, Browns-rd., Surbiton Hill, Surrey. (1333)
WILL give two hen Canaries and cock Linnet, big bird, for cock Canary: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (1348)
EXCHANGE three clear healthy green Roller hens for singing cock, or offers: W. Rolf, Mathon Park, West Malvern. (1352)
THREE Crested Roller hens; exchange for good Border hen; approval both ways: Dennis, Fire Station, Lewisham (1356)
TWO greenheart fishing rods, with brass reels, also Gem phonograph, for Norwich hens: D. Murray, Jeweller, Dingwall. (1332)
EXCHANGE large green Crested cock, for stock cock Roller; yours first: Walker, 6, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare, S. Wales. (1339)
EXCHANGE Norwich cock, winner last show Dingwall, for Hartz cock and hen; yours first: J. Murray, Burnside, Dingwall. (1332)
EXCHANGE unflighted yellow Norwich cock for a good buff Norwich hen, or sell 12/-: Ross, Victoria-crescent, Elgin. (1350)
EXCHANGE, long buff Yorkshire cock for Roller cock or 3 hens; sell 8/-; yours first: Douglas, 15, Croft-st., Morecambe. (1345)
YELLOW Yorkshire cock, winner (local), also buffs, grand birds, exchange Crest hens: Gorton, 39, Rochdale-rd., Bury, Lancs. (1347)
MUST sell, Yorkshires, 1913, also 4 times house-moulted Goldfinch, cheap, or exchange: Partridge, 70, Ivy Leigh, Liverpool. (1341)
WILL exchange exhibition Yorkshire Canaries for cutlery, tea and dinner service; approval: Metcalfe. See judges' list.
EXCHANGE good pair Norwich for good pair Crests, or sell 22/-; yours first; no rubbish: Cox, 30, Princes-rd., Aylesbury. (1348)
WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules, mutual approval: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (D.B.)
BEAUTIFUL singing Norwich cock Canary, in good hanging cage, 8/6; warranted on full song: 51, Hemphill lane, Bulwell. (1346)
GRAND clear buff Norwich hen, big and cobby, 10/-; exchange Goldie Mule, Finch note: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (1353)

EXCHANGE good yellow Yorkshire hen for long, slim buff hen; yours first: Russell, 4, Malvern-buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath. (1347)
TWO cinnamon Crestbred hens, sell, or exchange clear yellow Norwich Plainhead cock: Hayling, 5, Moorend-terr., Cheltenham. (1325)
LINNET cock, Sib. hen, 10/-; exchange cinnamon Border cock or cinnamon Norwich hen: Simpson, 34, Park-avenue, Cowdenbeath. (1340)
HARMSWORTH'S "Natural History," complete, cost 23/9; exchange Rollers, offers: Foster, 11, Bartley-st., Brixton Hill, London. (1331)
EXCHANGE two cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules for pair of pure Hartz Mountain Rollers: E. Quinnell, 99, Brents, Faversham, Kent. (1347)
TWO large Norwich yellow hens mulers; exchange double breeders; yours first: Bishop, 12, Pelham-rd., South Woodford, Essex. (1353)
EXCHANGE four Border Fancy cocks and one hen (young) for a buff Scotch Fancy cock; approval: Stenhouse, Sandbank, Argyll. (1343)
WILL exchange Yorkshire and Norwich hens and breeding cages for fowl house or fowls, or sell cheap: Dyer, Castle-st., Thrapbury. (1338)
GIVE Seifert Roller, highly trained, value 15/6, for Linnet Mule, pure Goldfinch or Linnet song: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (1353)
WANTED book, "Our Canaries"; will give good unflighted medium size buff cock Norwich Canary in exchange: 85, Athol-st., Burnley. (1347)
EXCHANGE large Yorkshire buff hen, or two York. show cages, for Roller cock, yours first: Annis, 42, Squires-lane, Finchley. (1349)
TWO Roller hens (Randall's), 1912, good feeders; exchange Linnet or Goldie Mule, songster; offers: Breeze, Meadow View, Littleport. (1344)
WANTED, offers in Canaries; exchange pair all-wool blankets, 25/-, or suit length, 25/-; approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle-Douglas. (1340)
WANTED, cinnamon Norwich, large, exchange high-class Borders or exhibition British, yours first: Robinson, 308, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1350)
EXCHANGE classy clear yellow Scotch Fancy cock for two winning strain lengthy Yorkshire hens: Dunnett, Willowbank, Wick, N.B. (1357)
RACK, breeders, flight, accessories, 3-ply, best throughout; exchange pair typical Yorkshires: F. Richards, Cynwyd, Corwen, North Wales. (1348)
EXCHANGE splendid 1912 Norwich hen, good breeder, for steady cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch: "Holmwood," Micheldever-rd., Andover. (1342)
EXCHANGE Rollers, Crested, Norwich, for 26 new records, this year; guaranteed; yours first, stamp reply: R. Lawton, Fleming-st., Barnsley. (1353)
GRAND Goldfinch cock and Norwich hen, sell, exchange large green Norwich cock, or offers: J. H. Welch, 13, Devoushire-rd., Chorley, Lancs. (1342)
EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire hen, 1913, Ambler's direct, for good yellow Norwich hen: approval: Phillips, Donnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. (1348)
TWO large Crestbred cocks, one yellow, one buff, for two large Crestbred hens, with coppy blood; approval: Linley, Northolme, Gainsborough. (1329)
NORWICH; two good buff cocks, unflighted, 20/- each; exchange two good unflighted buff hens: Dawson, 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton. (1337)
EXCHANGE four Roller hens, 1913, two are green crest, clear bodies, for good Norwich or Roller cock; approval: Brett, 41, Ock-st., Abingdon, Berks. (1336)
SIX hens, one cock, Rollers, two Redpolls, Chaffinch, house-moulted, exchange anything; sell 24/-: Sherwood, 3, Woodfield-rd., North, Ellesmere Port. (1346)
EXCHANGE 3 prize-bred Norwich cocks, 1 Crested cock, for good Crested and crestbred hen; approval both ways: Burnett, Main-st., Bainsford, Falkirk. (1352)
WHAT offers, Crest, Lancashire, or Norwich Plainhead hens, for Yorkshire cocks or hens, Ogden's strain: Dwyer, Marine-rd., Kingstown, Ireland. (1350)
WANTED, 2 Bullfinch hens, 1 Goldfinch cock, 1 Greenfinch cock, house-moulted; exchange unflighted buff Norwich cock: J. Dickinson, Hillside-villa, Kendal. (1350)
CHAMPION bred Yorkshire cocks, grand birds, from 10/6, or useful exchange; no post-cards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terr., Hyde Park, London. (1345)
EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires, Norwich, or British for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see other adverts.): Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford (1326)
WILL exchange three pair prize-bred 1913 Borders for unflighted yellow Norwich hen or cock, must have good head; mutual approval: Smith, 154, Johnst., Workington. (1349)
FOR sale, four good hen Canaries, six-compartment singing cage, one single breeding cage, and accessories: Renshaw, 21, South Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (1338)
SPLENDID white-legged breeding cock Goldfinch, full song, 7/6; large, good coloured cock Bullfinch, feed from hand, 5/-; approval: Baxter, New Buckenham, Norfolk. (1357)
THREE buff Yorkshire cocks at 15/- each; approval; cash or deposit, or exchange one for really good Roller: Willie Lodge, Brick Row, Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (1337)
BEAUTIFUL toned violin, bow, and case, value £3, exchange buff Norwich cock and two yellow Norwich hens, must be good type; approval; birds first: Scott, 90, Union-st., Hamilton. (1332)
EXCHANGE 1913 Roller cock and cock Goldfinch, both full song, value 12/6, for large unflighted, typical buff Norwich hen; yours first; mutual approval: Bayliss, Princes-st., St. Ebbes, Oxford. (1348)
CINNAMON mark Yorkshire yellow hen, 8/-; variegated buff Border cock, 5/6; variegated buff hen Border, 2/6; buff green hen Border, 3/-; or exchange: Clare, Bootmaker, 78, Knutsford-rd., Warrington. (1349)
OVERSTOCKED; must clear. Five 1912 hen Canaries, good breeders, 10/-, or exchange Goldfinches, Linnets, or a good young Norwich cock: Ernest Barker, Armoury-cottage, Bondgate, Helmsley. (1350)
GIVING up; twelve Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Rollers, also thirteen British, five double breeders, five singles, eight small cages, price £3 15s.; consider offers: J. James, Teighfields, Northwingfield, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. (1344)
TWO grand unflighted Yorkshire cocks, winners, one light, two dark Goldfinch Mule cocks, monster buff Norwich cock, winner, sell cheap; or exchange exhibition Goldfinch or Yorkshire hens; no rubbish wanted: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1347)
FOR sale or exchange one of the very best pens of Brown Leghorns, seven hens and cock, cock winner of first and special only time out, price £3; hens in full lay; will exchange for Canaries, Norwich preferred; approval both way: W. Vardy, Cage Bird Judge, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (1337)
WANTED, pair of first-class Norwich Crests, matched, or Grey talking Parrot; exchange a high-class Brindled Scotch Terrier dog, fit to win, by Champion Claymore Defender ex the winning bitch Ugie Lass, or sell £6; film hand camera, in leather case, £1; exchange Foreign birds; approval: Mackintosh, Ropework, Peterhead. (1343)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or Foreign birds; give good value in new single and double breeding cages; all with movable fronts: McKeand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (1272)
WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4, Sandy lane, Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Foreign.

WANTED, breeding Budgerigars, green or yellow, for Richardson's English Dictionary, two vols., or sell 15/-; yours first: Mackintosh, Linksview, Peterhead. (1348)
HAND forged ivorine handled knives, six nickel silver forks and spoons to match, the best for two cock Canaries or Mules: Mr. J. Tams, 64, St. Mary's-lane, Sheffield. (1340)
TWO new sets goat harness, nickel and brass mounted, 10/6 set, cost 35/- set; exchange Canaries, British, provisions, clothing: Ryder, 2, Chaston-st., Kentish Town. (1339)
EXCHANGE aviary bred pair of Cockatiels and Norwich Canaries for Toy Pom., or will give cash if good; state weight, etc.: W. Birch, Newcomen rd., Lake, Sandown, I.O.W. (1342)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch; exchange 4 good racing homers: G. Limon, 7, Quay rd., Bridlington. (1315)
TWO Silver Pheasants, sell or exchange anything useful: Hooke, Longthorpe, Peterborough. (1357)
WANTED, to exchange violin and bow with case, for talking Parrot: Bolton, 568, Old Kent-rd., S.E. (1336)
WANTED, Canaries; exchange breeding cages, wire fronts, etc.: Price and Son, Latimer-st., Birmingham.
WHAT offers in Norwich for 71 7d. parts, "Flag to Pretoria"; Collier, 33, Rydall-st., Holbeck, Leeds. (1344)
GENT'S cycle, in good condition, new tyres, 23/-; or exchange Canaries: A. George, Bk. 14, Avenue-rd., Aston. (1333)
GRAND grey Dutch doe rabbit, exchange for exhibition cock Goldfinch: A. Wearmouth, Stanhope, Co. Durham. (1342)
EXCHANGE a sitting of White Wyandotte eggs for a cock Canary, offers: C. Richards, Ipstones, Stoke-on-Trent. (1338)
WHITE Persian cat, Snowball, 8 months; exchange pair of Canaries, or sell 12/6: Fox, 17, Howgill-st., Whitehaven. (1345)
GIVEN up, iron rack, holds 20 cages, 12/6, breeding, show cages, etc., what offers: Isaac, 16, Tableyst., Liverpool. (1328)
HAVE you a Parrot or birds of any description to dispose of, if so offer them to Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1220)
AVIARY, length 4ft., height 40in., artistic design; exchange poultry or best offer: Wake, Boldon Colliery, Durham. (1353)
SECOND-HAND covers, 28 x 1¾, wired, 3/- pair, cash with order, returned unsatisfactory: Stow, 2, Peel-st., Ipswich. (1343)
EXCHANGE trout rod, line, wheel, as new, for cock Canary, new songster: Dollard, 4, Barrack-st., Kilkenny, Ireland. (1354)
BARGAIN, large cage, nine compartments, size 5ft. by 4ft., value 10/, exchange pair Norwich: Whyte, Hatton, Aberdeen (1322)
EXCHANGE German Excelsior concertina for Norwich Canaries: L. Liggins, 79, Addington-rd., Irthlingboro, Northants. (1350)
WANTED, offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankets, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1344)
EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera, cost guinea, for Roller cock and hen: H. Willerton, Bolckow-st., Shildon, Darlington. (1333)
EXCHANGE adult Dutch does, black, tortoise, winning strain, for buff Norwich cocks: A. Parker, 62, Walton-st., Leicester. (1343)
EXCHANGE pair of high-class lady's button boots, sevens, for songsters; approval willingly: Day, 67, Hodgson-st., Sheffield. (1343)
HALF-grown Flemish Giants, exchange pair Hawfinches; offers others, Hardbills: Herbert, 15, Peel-rd., Wembley, Middx. (1346)
PUPS; Fox-terriers, very strong and healthy, sale or exchange anything useful: Burnham, 10, Jackson-rd., Holloway, London. (1352)
SPLENDID fine toned harp, value 25/-; exchange for 2 cocks Belgian Scotch Fancy cross: A. McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone. (1356)
ONE large and two small Bovril pictures; exchange cock Siberian Bullfinches; sell 8/6: Goodchild, 26, Lordship-lane, Dulwich. (1346)
SILVER Sebright Bantams, cockerel and two hens, prize-bred, price 15/-: ferrets wanted: Brown, 67, Sherburn-terr., Consett. (1349)
THREE years of CAGE BIRDS, what offers in Yorkshires or Rollers, cocks: C. Stevens, 24, Henry-st., St. John's Wood, N.W. (1341)
NEW 5/- hollow-ground razor, for cock Canary Mule Goldfinch, or 2 hen Canaries, mine first.—Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke. (1355)
EXCHANGE splendid mandoline harp, cost 35/- recently, young black Pom. dog (pedigree): Wm. Stones, Sherburn, York. (1332)
EXCHANGE Hobbies A1 fret machine and Coronation harp, for Rollers or poultry: 8, Bowden-st., Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent. (1345)
CAMERA, quarter-plate, carries 12 plates, sell 15/-, exchange toy Pom, or anything useful: Matthes, Bracton-rd., Rotherhithe. (1353)
EXCHANGE blue serge suit length for Yorks. or Norwich, yours first: genuine dealings: Gray, 263, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1344)
WANTED, clear Norwich hens in exchange for 12 journals of the Royal Horticultural Society: Pearce, 66, Germain-st., Chesham. (1348)
PAIR Old English Spangle Bantams, cock winner, 12/-; exchange Roller Canaries; offers: Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1337)
FIVE cock Canaries, in full song, exchange Parrot and cage, anything useful: Thomas Nicholas, Church-st., Helston, Cornwall. (1352)
EDISON Gem phonograph, and 12 records; exchange for Canaries, or sell 15/-: G. Stewart, 19, Lawrence-st., Buckhaven, Fife. (1334)
DULCETTO phonograph, cost £2 2/-, in perfect order, 38 records, Edison's, sell 20/-; approval; offers: Binks, Aiskew, Bedale. (1342)
PAIR silver dun, likeliest flyers, 1913 rung: exchange pair Yorkshires or Norwich; approval each way: A. Jones, Sherwood-rd., Keynsham. (1338)
EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for anything useful; no livestock; mutual approval: James Crosby, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle. (1346)
EXCHANGE magazine hand or stand camera, worth 25/-; with all liftings; exchange Canaries: Richardson, 26, Bletchley-rd., Bletchley. (1344)
WANTED, winning Yorkshire Canaries in exchange for double-barrel gun, 12-bore, value £6; a good gun: Foster, Parkhead, Stanhope. (1349)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, new, exchange Canaries, foreign birds, or offers: Golding, 19, Brunswick-close, Clerkenwell, E.C. (1349)
PAIR fairy Swallows, winners at Palace, for cage birds, concertina, or anything useful; offers, sell £5: Macintosh, Linksview, Peterhead. (1343)
COLLECTION, 370 different foreign stamps, in Lincoln album, 5/9; exchange British cocks on seed: Hubbard, North Kilworth, Rugby. (1334)
SILVER lever watch, perfect timekeeper, with chain, 40/-, cost £6; exchange Canaries. Rose, 152, Wornington-rd., North Kensington. (1336)
PAIR of Blue Bears Tumbler Pigeons, both winners, exchange Canaries or Goldfinches; approval: Meek, Blackfaulds, Fauldhouse, N.B. (1344)
EXCHANGE lady's solid silver watch for good cock Canary, songster, or sell 8/-: F. Fry, Houptown House, St. Werburghs, Bristol. (1349)
GERANIUMS, 120 good bedding, named, for good, slim, yellow Yorkshire cock, unflighted; plants first: Bennet, Paddock-rd., Shanklin, Wight. (1344)
VIOLIN, cost 35/-, also safety razor, cost 8/-; exchange for two pairs of high-class Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung: Hardy, 51, Rosamond-st., Bolton. (1342)
EXCHANGE sitting Black Minorca eggs, good strain, for yellow Norwich cock, or offers; yours first: Layton, Kirby-rd., Walton-on-Naze. (1349)
WANTED, Linnet contest cages, or good yellow Norwich hen; exchange double breeder, fitted complete; sell 5/-: Hay, East-st., Chichester. (1349)
EXCHANGE Parrot and cage, just beginning to talk, for a pair of Canaries and breeding cage: Geo. Barren, 12, Masbro-st., Rotherham. (1327)
THIRTEEN double-sided records, 4 single-sided records; exchange for large Norwich hens; approval: Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Yorkshire. (1338)
EXCHANGE pair Sandow 12/6 grip dumb-bells, and cash for pair of Crested Canaries, or good singing Roller cock: 28, Belmont Park-rd., Leyton. (1329)
LINCOLN BENNETT, silk hat, seven, splendid condition, 10/6; exchange cock Roller Canary; offers: Macdonald, 88, Shakespeare-st., Nottingham. (1336)
SALE or exchange, volume Canaries, "British and Foreign Birds," cost 25/-; Rollers or Norwich to value: Keddie, 35, Market-st., St. Andrews. (1311)
WANTED, Canaries, Bull or Goldfinches; exchange 10 double-sided records in album, or sell 12/6: Reynolds, 163, Berners-st., Aston, Birmingham. (1341)
COMPLETE Harmsworth Encyclopaedia, 40 parts, 7d. each, good condition; exchange anything, value £1: 9, Poplar Grove, Swinton, nr. Rotherham. (1343)
EDISON-BELL phonograph, cost £2 2s., large horn and stand, over 40 records, sell 25/-; or exchange anything useful: Chalmers, Kyd-st., Arbroath. (1340)
NEW oak gramophone, fancy embossed horn, 1 doz. new double-sided records, £2 10/-; exchange value, £3: F. Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.
CRYSTAL Palace Aviary, 3ft. long, 3 doines, first-class condition, 21/-, or exchange 3 Yorkshire or Norwich cocks: Goldsmith, Queen-st., Maidenhead.
WHOLE skin rug, stuffed head, 25/-; boys' suits and boots, ladies', gents' silver watches; wanted, Canaries: Walker, Hathaway-st., Marybill, Glasgow.
WANTED, good pair of Norwich in exchange for gramophoae and double records, almost new, cost £3 10/-; approval: Roberts, 22, Clarke-st., Carnarvon. (1338)
EXCHANGE set carvers, hand forged, shear steel blades, ivorine handles, for good cock, or three hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1352)
EXCHANGE 6-chambered revolver for anything useful, and a pair of variegated Canaries, 10/-: C. Webb, Wierton, Boughton Mon, near Maidstone, Kent. (1347)
TALKING Machine, cost £6 6/-, 130 records; plays 5 records one winding, £2; wanted, sewing machine, birds: E. Griffiths, 61, Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead. (1343)
EXCHANGE lawn mower, 12in. blades, in good order, worth 15/-, for pair Norwich or Roller Canaries, good birds: No. 6, Park-lane, Richards Castle, Ludlow. (1348)
HAND-REARED cock Thrush, sing anywhere, full lond song, 10/6, with cage; exchange Canaries or Goldfinches; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1340)
PAIR of cow horns, grand ornament, 7/6; black owl pigeon cock, rung 1913, 5/-; Roller cock Canary, full song, with cage, 15/-: W. Roper, 121, South-st., Keighley. (1340)
EXCHANGE, 10 x 8 Dallmeyer R.R. lens, F7.5, with shutter, for reliable Norwich cocks, or sell 40/-; yours first; stamp reply: Byrnes, Walton-rd., Clacton-on-Sea. (1341)
WILL exchange good lady's cycle, perfect condition, front and back pedal brake, for good hand sewing machine, or sell 50/-: Johnson, Smithybridge, near Rochdale. (1344)
WANTED, Canaries; exchange racing homers, billiard cue and case, standard phonograph, "Practical Grocer," 4 vols.: Fairhurst, 430, Warrington-rd., Abram, Wigan. (1345)
TABBY Persian male, 9 months, 12/6; exchange dress length; miniature greenhouse, filled with, named cacti, 21/-; exchange: Liddiard, 9, Terminus-rd., Eastbourne. (1338)
WANTED, birds, any description, in exchange for double or single-breeding cages, loose fronts, etc., state offers and wants: Leigh, 51, Nethergeld-rd. South, Liverpool. (1340)
MANDOLINE, complete in case, new, £2, cheap; or would exchange for good gramophone and records, or typical young Norwich, yours first: Pearce, High-st., Abingdon. (1346)
EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors in silk-lined case, also razor strop, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; approval: Arthur Beaumont, 289, Beet-st., off Brookhill, Sheffield. (1354)
EXCHANGE gent's silver watch, perfect condition, for clear buff cock and clear buff hen (unflighted Yorkshires); no rubbish; yours first: Frank Draper, 296, Kensington, Liverpool. (1350)
MOTOR watch in pig-skin case, by Harrods, London, guaranteed perfect timekeeper, as new, cost 45/-; exchange two cock Goldfinch mules: Smith, 15, Church-st., Chelsea, S.W. (1349)
EXCHANGE pair Silver Owls, prizebred, massive birds, for large Norwich or Yorkshire cock, or 3 hens, sell 8/6; mutual approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1354)
TWENTY-NINE volumes of Lord Lytton's novels, absolutely new, cost £4 5/-, accept £2 10/-, or exchange first-class Norwich and British: Hill, 86, Greenfield, New Tredegar, Mon. (1334)
WANTED, 1913 Norwich cocks for stock, would exchange watch or Goldfinch-Mule; approval both ways; other conditions rotten to me: T. Southam, Honeybourne S.O., Worcestershire. (1350)
"Life of Queen Victoria" up to 1887, by Fred Archer, in splendid condition, 4 vols., 2 books; exchange Canaries: no rubbish offered or wanted: P. C. Atkins, Dalton-st., St. Albans. (1345)
WALLFLOWERS, antirrhinums, Canterbury bells, pansies, sweet Williams, transplanted, mixed, 4d. dozen; exchange Canaries, cock Goldfinch, Linnet: Seabrook, 31, St. Leonards, Lowestoft. (1318)
EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives, 6 nickel-silver forks, 6 teaspoons; also hollow-ground razor, for 2 cocks or 5 hen Canaries; approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1354)

EXCHANGE B.S.A. air rifle and steel ball target, as new, cost £3 5s., also Rudge-Whitworth cycle, value £3, for Canaries, Parrot, or anything in trade, brass, lead, etc.: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (1346)

TWELVE 10-inch double sided Gramophone records, latest tunes, quite new, accept 12/, or exchange for good Yorkshire hen Canaries; approval, deposit: Hallett, Shrublands, Smithybridge, Lancs. (1353)

STOCK of four 3-compartment cages, good condition, complete, 20/-; large Squirrel cage, 6/6; black and white male Persian kitten, beauty, 10/6; exchange Canaries: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove.

TWO grand Dalmatian puppies, 3 months old, black and white, well spotted, both bitches, 15/- each; exchange Canaries: Illingworth and Humphreys, Naturalists, 4, Dean-st., South Shields. (1344)

SEVEN new breeding cages (18 x 11 x 15), sand trays, seed hoppers, glasses, egg drawers, enamelled, 2/3 each; exchange anything, gold medal preferred: Walker, 4, Small-lane, Golcar, Huddersfield. (1345)

EXCHANGE large outside aviary, movable, well made, with Linnets and Canaries, bred Mules, and moulted in same, for talking Parrot and cage, or sell 40/-: Stokoe, Butcher, Winlaton, Co. Durham. (1342)

EXCHANGE cycle, double bar frame, in good running order, tyres at new, lamp, pump, accessories, also good pair Wellington boots, 8, for Norwich; approval: Broughton, 14, Heath-rd., Clapham, S.W.

SELL or exchange double-barrel gun, breechloader, pistol grip, 50/-; breeding pair of Crestbred Canaries, preferred, no rubbish taken; approval both ways: R. Tait, Bridgend, Chryston, nr. Glasgow.

SPLENDID up-to-date Rudge-Whitworth gent's cycle, free wheel, 26in. frame, quite new, never used, will accept £5 10/-; approval willingly; deposit, or exchange: Hallett, Shrublands, Smithybridge, Lancs.

EXCHANGE six table or dessert knives, good quality, ivorine handles, six forks, six teaspoons, best nickel silver, for two cocks or five good hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1352)

SALE, two breeding cages, 3/6, 2/6; enamelled metal cage, 2/6; almost new; gentleman's boots, mislit, worn once, size 7½, 9/6; exchange young Canaries, photograph enlarger: Leech, Sandridge-rd., St. Albans. (1336)

WANTED, gramophone and records, as new, gold jewellery, draperies, groceries, Canaries, anything useful; exchange four splendid hull pullets, point laying, or garden plants, potatoes: Longbottom, Wisbech. (1346)

GENT'S cycle, 27in. sloping frame, Dunlop tyres, Radie fittings throughout, perfect condition, complete with all accessories, cost 9 guineas, accept 45/-, or offers in Canaries or other birds; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1314)

SALE or exchange, new Crystal Palace aviary exhibition cock Goldfinch, two cock Linnets, 10/-; also cock Thrush, 2/-; cock Blackbird, 2/-, all birds in full loud song, fit for exhibition: Mr. Riley, 766, Forest Road, Walthamstow. (1355)

TWO pairs pedigree racing pigeons, leading strains, partienlars on application; would exchange for unflighted yellow green Norwich hens, or good British; no rubbish offered or wanted; offers invited: Brooks, Station-rd., Winsford. (1344)

EXCHANGE gent's cycle (Messenb), Brampton fittings, Brampton saddle, Perry's chain, grand order, £4, for large Norwich or Yorkshires, 4 Border show cages, 2 breeders, for Norwich; yours first: H. E. Vale, 45, Atwell-st., Rye Lane, S.E. (1343)

ENGLISH model express steam locomotive, enamelled green, reversing gear, slide valve, six trucks, rails, points, perfect condition: exchange meccano, boy's cycle, or Rollers, value 30/-: Mawson, Charles-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (1343)

GRAMOPHONE, fittings complete, equal new, silent motor, 10-in. turntable, large plated tone arm, Concert sound box, 23-in. trumpet, everything complete, accept 15/-; worth treble; or exchange: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1357)

PHONOGRAPH and records, like new, cost £3 15/- last year, with recorder to take own records, 35/-, or exchange hen Canaries, Yorkshires preferred; also riding saddle and bridle, £1, exchange: John Flavell, Decorator, Woodgate, Quinton, Birmingham.

SPLENDID piece of furniture; drawing room aviary, resembles a church, oak fretwork, 27in. high, 26in. long, 14in. wide, windows coloured glass, small white knobs, close wired, sell 47/-; or exchange good Canaries or talking Parrot, or offers: Marshall, 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (1337)

WILL give good value in greenhouse plants, hardy border plants, scarlet and silver autumn-struck geraniums, echevarias, anything for the garden, in exchange for Canaries, breeding cages, utensils, Belgian and Flemish rabbits, show cages, anything useful: J. Cunningham, Bradwell-house, Gt. Yarmouth. (1350)

WANTED, Finches and breeding cages, or sell any separately; gent's overcoat, sports coat, black oilskin coat, navy serge coat and vest, navy alpaca skirt, navy serge skirt, black costume, navy rainproof coat, four vols. "Country Side," unbound; no rubbish offered nor wanted: R. Wisden, 16, Harefield-rd., Stoke, Coventry. (1339)

GUN, 16 bore double breechloader, £1 10/-; 100 yards rabbit net, 10/-; lady's cycle, £1; gent's, £1; another, £1 10s.; muling cock Goldfinch, 5/-; spring net traps, 4/6 half-doz.; American striking clock, 5/-; perfect order; another, 7/6, cash or deposit; approval both ways; exchange stringed music, hen Canaries, 12 bore ammunition, or offers: Nash, Kirkby, Sleaford. (1354)

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COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

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GOLDFISH, all sizes, rare fish of many species, reptiles, amphibia, plants, snails; list free; catalogue, Aquaria and Vivaria, 1d.: L. Cura and Sons, Vine-st., Clerkenwell-rd., London, E.C. Fisheries: Carmaniano, Piacenza, Italy. Established 1859.

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LADIES' bike, perfect running order, cost £6; bargain, £2 or exchange: Bliss, 782, Stratford-rd., Birmingham. (1345)

GENUINE BARGAIN, gent.'s cycle, roadster, 28in., for sale, very good condition; stamp for appointment: W. G. C., 38, Azenby-rd., Peckham, London.

LADY'S and gent's cycle, sound, complete, exceptional bargain, £4 pair, will separate; particulars: 23, Winifred Grove, Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

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1,000 Cavies, trained lawn mowers, from 9d.: Pearson's Cavy Farm, Greenwich. (1355)

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2/6, LADY'S high-class new umbrella, good frame and cover, fashionable handle; gent.'s ditto, 2/9: E. G. Parratt, 127, Edderthorpe-st., Bradford. (1346)

UNDERWOOD'S champion box calf boots and shoes, newly soled and heeled, ladies 2/9; gents 3/6; girls 2/6; boys 2/9; youths 3/-; all sizes; carriage paid: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1029)

Ferrets.

SPLENDID ferrets, 4/6, ten days' approval; cash or deposit: Thos. Wannop, Short-st., Carlisle. (1341)

FERRETS, good workers, clean and tame, from 4/-; stocks purchased: Pearson's Ferret Farm, Greenwich. (1292)

Garden.

POTATOES, seed potatoes, epicures, 6/6; King Edwards, 3/9; evergoods and eaters, 3/3 per cwt.: Dawson, West-st., Chatteris. (1317)

SEED potatoes; Early Puritan, British Queen, 1/3 stone; King Edward, 1/-; Evergoods, 10d. stone: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris. (1342)

8,000,000 CABBAGE plants, Ellam's, Rainham, Drumhead, Early York, Wheeler's, Enfield, Nonpareil, Offenham, 2/- per 1,200; lettuce, 3/6 1,200: Arthur Dullin, Grower, Potton, Bedfordshire. (1345)

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MANUFACTURER'S surplus stock of guaranteed china tea-services, 21 pieces, handsomely decorated, 5/-, carriage forward: Chetham, China Emporium, Exmouth-st., Roesbery-avenue, London, E.C. (1352)

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Kennel—Dogs for Sale. Dogs for Exchange.

BOB-TAIL Sheepdog bitch, 18 months; what offer: Harold Edgington, Carlo-st., Godalming. (1356)

PEDIGREE Airedales, 8 weeks old, bl'est of blood, winners: Parrish, Wordsworth-st., Keswick. (1353)

PEDIGREE bred Airedale bitch, 15/-, or exchange, 18 months: Harold Edgington, Carlo-st, Godalming.

SPLENDID greyhound and Irish dog, 12 months, exceptionally game and fast (15/-): Broad, Dentist, Ilkeston. (1356)

WHITE bull bitch, brindle, head low, wide, well smashed up face, breeder, 25/-: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Wallasey. (1333)

AIREDALE bitch, 3 months old, good breed, sell 15/-, or exchange anything: McBride, 40, Green-st. Lane, Ayr. (1341)

GRAND Mongoose, 24/- pair; fawn Bull bitch, 25/-; grand Airedale bitch, 10/6: Hayter, Naturalist, Southampton. (1340)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, has a few white West Highland pups for disposal; true Morven strain. (1332)

SMART Airedale dog, 15 months, excellent guard, quiet and obedient, 30/-: R., 1, Foundry-rd., Abersychan, Monmouth. (1357)

IMPORTANT announcement.—I will give good price for litter of puppies, either pure or crossbreds: Dutton, Dunstable. (1155)

TWO Irish Terrier dog puppies, 6 weeks, pedigree parents, 6/- each; very healthy: Richards, 7, Stafford-avenue, Bulwell. (1344)

WANTED, cage birds or Bantams; exchange a black Pom. dog or bitch, good pedigree: Bayliss, Middlewst., Worcester. (1342)

SMART Brindle whippet dog, four months, 8/6: ditto bitch, 6/-; make demon rabbiters: Barlow, Tobacconist, Greenwich. (1357)

CH. pedigree Airedale bitch, 9 months, good guard, 15/6, or exchange poultry: Little, Haver's Farm, Bishop's Stortford. (1354)

GOOD Lurcher bitch for sale, 15/-, broken to ferrets, good rabbiter: Bedmead, 84, King's-rd., Caversham, Reading, Berks. (1350)

BLUE Great-Dane pups, 13 weeks, dogs £2, bitches 20/-; also dame and sire cheap: Cripp's, Meat Carrier, Lancaster-rd., Leytonstone. (1345)

EXCHANGE good bred fox terrier dog, smooth coated, 9 months, Canaries, anything, sell 10/6: Boggis, Panfield Lane, Braintree. (1336)

BARGAIN, pedigree Scotch terrier bitch, 2 years, good in all points, 25/-, or exchange Canaries: McLarnon, 19, Dunmoyle-st., Belfast. (1329)

SALE, 42/-, or exchange grand sixteen months wire haired fox terrier, winner: Particulars, Shearn, Whitby House, Stoke-rd., Stoke-on-Trent. (1354)

BEAUTIFUL miniature Pomeranian bitch puppies, splendid pedigrees, also miniature sable bitch, cheap for pet: Glenroy, Walm-lane, Cricklewood. (1279)

SALE or exchange, black retriever bitch, in whelp, 18 months old, £2, or what offers; broken to gun: Pemberton, Rosefield Villas, Brynteg, Wrexham. (1339)

FOUR pure-bred Fox Terriers, 7 weeks, parents kill fox or badger; dogs 7/6, bitches 6/-: Particulars, Laurence, Stone-row, Coalville, Leicestershire. (1339)

BEAUTIFUL black Pomeranian dog, Malwood Marco stram, immense stand off coat, very affectionate, good house dog: Mustill, 9, Cedars-rd., Clapham. (1355)

TWO powerful bull-Airedale dog puppies, seven weeks, 7/6 each; bitch, 5/6; parents tackle anything: Jackson, Confectioner, Green-st., Bethnal Green. (1357)

RETRIEVER puppies, by Rydale Hero, the son of Blank Teddy and Rydale Jess, only two left, dogs 7/6 and 15/-; room wanted: Williamson, Carrier, Heanor. (1341)

BLENHEIM spaniel dog and bitch puppy and tricolour dog puppy, 3 months, all very strong, reasonable to good homes: Mrs. Looker, Cardinal-rd., Feltham. (1352)

MOST beautiful champion pedigree tricolour Collie, female, 10 months, perfect ears, quality head, reasonable; stamp: Seen at Sutton Lodge, Heston Hounslow. (1344)

EXCHANGE very sharp smooth fox terrier bitch, small, black tan head, good ratter, worker, guard, broke ferrets, 10/6: Ez. Bamford, Hillocks, Ripley, Derbyshire. (1339)

HIGH-CLASS pedigree Bull Terrier bitch, £2; exchange common hen Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or cock Mules: W. Spark, 229, Uxbridge-rd., West Ealing. (1349)

SALE or exchange, Irish terrier dog, 12 months, from winners, for Canaries; Norwich preferred; sell £1: Thomas Morgan, 6, Horeb-st., Pennydarren, Merthyr Tydfil. (1352)

AIREDALE dog, 18 months, Major Richardson's, thoroughly broken, excellent guard, suit policeman, gamekeeper; week's approval: Police, Albrighton, Wolverhampton. (1343)

AIREDALE bitch, seven months, over distemper, clean in house and fond of children, seven championships in pedigree; sell £1 10/-: Mackenzie, Police Station, Beaulip. (1340)

GRAND pedigree Airedale bitch, 2 years, for sale: also her first litter of pedigree puppies, 4 dogs, and 4 bitches: Constable George, Police Station, Kirkhill, Nigg, Aberdeen. (1341)

PEDIGREE old English dog, 12 months, immense bone, blue-white frill, stands 25 inches shoulder, good guard, and companion, 30/-: Steward, Beckingham, Witham, Essex. (1356)

VERY tame sagacious dog, 19 months, Airedale Irish terrier, clean, reliable protector, hold his own, water, kill hedgehog, carry parcel, 12/6: Wiltshire, 50, Poplar-st., Nottingham. (1337)

FOR sale, two Airedale pups, 5 months old, take 30/- each, good pedigree, good colour, plenty of bone, make fine dogs, or exchange for poultry: A. Greenwood, Old Lane, Birkenshaw. (1337)

DOG collar, best brown leather, brass studs, name, address on, 1/4; name plates only, 7d., chains, 1/-: worm powders, 9d. box; mange cure, 7d.; all post free: Young, Crewkerne, Somerset. (1317)

TWO well-bred black retriever pups, for sale, 5 months old, from good working parents. What offers in cash? Apply: F. Argent, Gamekeeper, Pearman's-hill, nr. Halstead, Essex. (1350)

AIREDALE pups, 6 weeks, 2 dogs, 10/- each, 2 bitches 5/- each; also bitch, 2 years, 12/6; good watch: Columbia Graphophone, with 50 records, 25/-: bargain: Kingsett, 29, Dale-st., Walsall. (1349)

BULL mastiff dog, brindle, for sale, sire Thorneywood Terror, ex Biggs' Osmaston Topsy, keen guard, faithful companion, excellent stud dog, £5: Canaries, poultry, or anything useful taken in part exchange: Statham, Laundry, Burton-rd., Derby. (1337)

MRS. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, offers pretty biscuit Pekinese dog, 12 months, house trained, 3 guineas (Parti-dog puppies ready shortly, from 2 guineas); pom dog puppy, black, white feet, 15/-; approval. (1351)

GRAND smooth fox terrier bitch pup, two months, sire winner, by champion, Ruby Galliard, and grand pedigree bitch for sale, 30/-, or exchange birds, Crests preferred.—H. Radley, 193, Dale-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1355)

LARGE nigger-coated Retriever bitch, pure bred, 20 months, partly broken, quiet, good guard, exchange for child's push car, good condition, or very small dog Whippet, over 12 months, or anything useful; mutual approval: Sparks, Westcott, Dorking. (1322)

POMERANIANS, Redhill Master Shrimp, wolf sable, 12 months, by Redhill Shrimp, 3½lb.; six champions in pedigree; can win in overweight classes; £4 10s.: pedigree black brood bitch, about 7lb. can win, mated to Redhill Reckless, 4½lb., orange, 50/-; approval, deposit: Little, Haver's Farm, Bishop's Stortford. (1354)

HANDSOME rich red rough-coated Irish Terrier, male, 12 months, had distemper, fashionably docked, house trained, most determined guard to person or property, very game, but not quarrelsome, and very obedient, 21/-, fit companion for any gentry, worth treble for guard alone: Coachman, 14½, Arthur Mews, Barnsbury, N. (1353)

LARGE Airedale Terrier dog, 18 months, colour dark wire back, rich golden tan legs and quarters, tail fashionably docked, is thoroughly trained, most determined, guard person or property, smart and showy companion, pink of health and condition, bargain for someone, accept 30/: Davenport, 16 Hay Mills, Birmingham. (1353)

GRAND pure Fox Terrier dog, 15 months, over distemper, evenly marked black and rich tan head, small ears, short compact body, tail docked and nicely carried, thoroughly trained, excellent companion, demon house guard, clean in habits and quiet with ladies and children: accept 12/6: Davenport, Hay Mills, Birmingham. (1353)

Musical Instruments.

TO violinists, exceptional offer, set of four finest quality violin strings, 1/1 p.o.: Theis, Bideford. (1305)

EDISON Gem phonograph, complete, perfect, 10/6; 60 records, 12/-: Pearce, 139, Drummond-st., London. (1356)

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VALUABLE violin; must sell; marvellous solo tone; property late violinist; labelled Stradivarius 1690; case, bow, £12/12/- outfit; sacrifice 19/6; approval: Mrs. Tyler, Rockingham-rd., Uxbridge. (1210)

Mice.

PAIR tame Japanese mice and cage, 1/-: waltzers, 2/6 pair: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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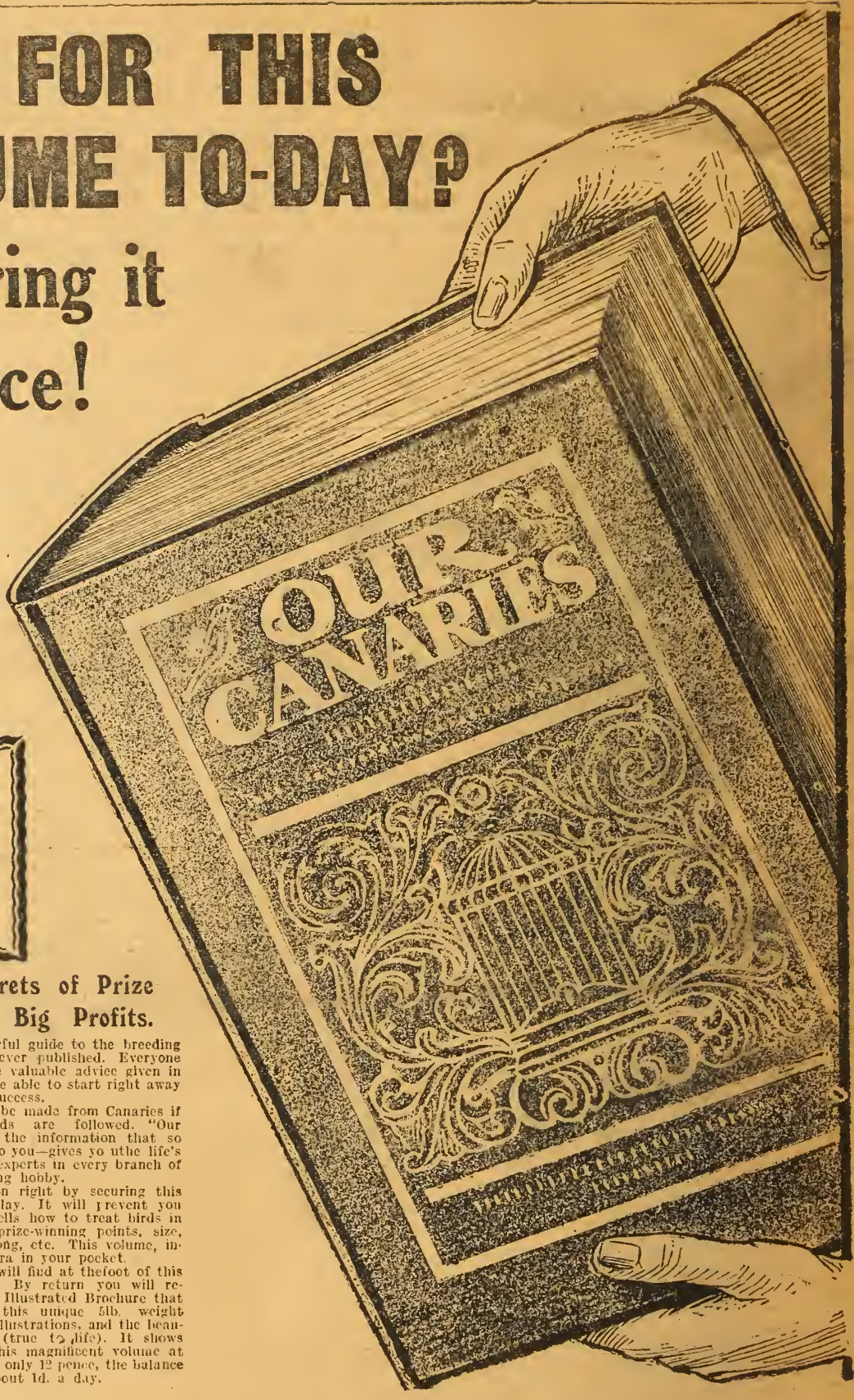

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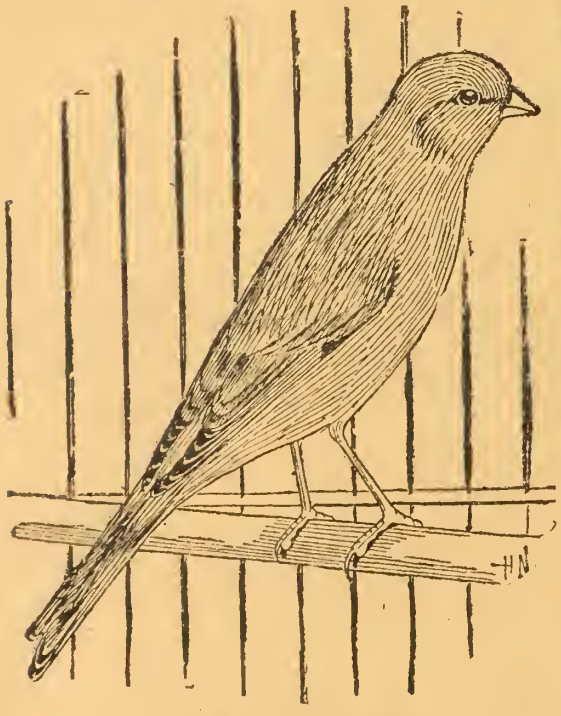

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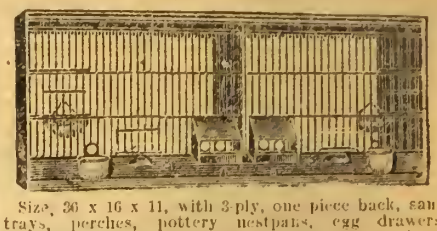

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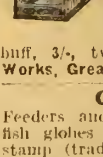

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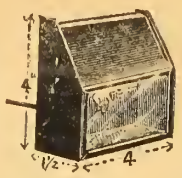

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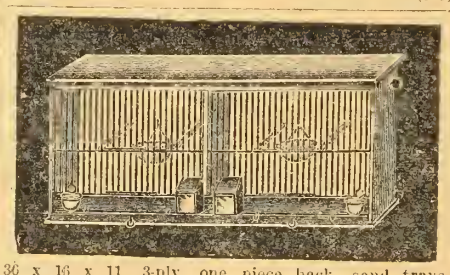

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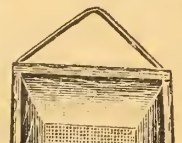

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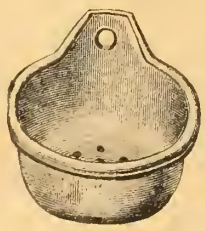

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CRESTS and Crest-bred pairs, from 20/-, good stock birds; cold room: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (1214)

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VERY large, nearly green, Crest cock, heavy drooping crest, 12/6, worth 20/-; approval: Lock, 11, Gashouse-rd., Basingstoke. (1370)

SONGSTERS, bred from Crest and Crestbred, cheap; stamp reply: Boulter, 32, Palmerston rd., West Hampstead, London. (1367)

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SEVERAL good variegated Crested and Crest-bred cocks, and one Crested hen for sale, from 10/6: 1913 birds; on approval: Ireland, Golden Cross, Cirencester. (1377)

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HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Palace winners, Gold or Silver cocks, 8/- each; ditto hens, 6/- each; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield. (1372)

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FEW good Lancashires for sale, same strain as Diploma winner Palace, 1913; state wants; also buff Plainhead, 2nd Manchester, 1912; clear yellow coppy, clear buff coppy, sons of Diploma winner, £1 each; stamp reply: Kay, 12, Hollins-rd., Macclesfield. (1373)

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GRAND pair cinnamons, hen 2nd Banbury, only time shown, strong class, 24/-: Ernest Butler, Banbury. (1378)

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LARGE Norwich Cinnamons from 20/-; matched pairs Norwich from 10/-; winning strains: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener.-rd., Ipswich (1356)

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BELGIANS: One buff hen and a few half-bred yellow and buff cocks, also some good Yorkshire stock birds, some seven inches long: approval, stamp reply: Miss Nellie Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus. (1372)

Greens.

A FEW good Greens for disposal from this famous stud: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO smart, healthy pairs of Yorkshire Greens, 12/6 a pair; approval, deposit.—Hartle, Peak Dale, via Stockport. (1373)

HIGH-class Border greens, four pairs, 8/- pair; also odd hens, 3/-: Rawsthorne, 20, Beech-grove, Seaforth, Liverpool. (1380)

YELLOW green Norwich cock, 12/6; another, buff, 10/; also several hens, 4/-, 5/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1369)

TWO unflighted buff green Norwich cocks, Barker's noted green strain, 10/- each; inspection invited: Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes. (1373)

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has the following Norwich greens for disposal: 1913 foul-yellow cock, monster, 50/-; unflighted self-yellow cock, 30/-; unflighted foul-buff cock, 40/-; 1913 yellow cock, 25/-; approval. (1386)

Norwich.

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FEW well-bred cocks, yellows and buffs, from 7/-; approval: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath. (1382)

THREE Norwich hens (splashed), 1913 bred, ready to nest, 3/6 each: 32, Lytton-rd., Leytonstone. (1372)

NORWICH, yellow and buff cocks and hens, prize-bred; after six: Mason, 218, Watt-st., Glasgow. (1377)

LARGE unflighted buff cock, splendid stock bird, 30/-: Strachan, 7, Kenmure-st., Pollokshields, Glasgow. (1376)

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A FEW pairs of high-class Norwich cheap: Apply to Peter French, 7, Second-terrace, Kilbowie, Clydebank. (1366)

TWO 1912 healthy Norwich hens, 2/- each; 1 hen Mule, 1/-: Green, 96, Alma-rd., Winton, Bournemouth. (1371)

FIFTY correctly-matched pairs Norwich Plainheads, ready for immediate breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cage, 3d.; approval; list free: R. Hanford, Derby. (1355)

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TWO matched pairs Norwich Canaries, cold-room bred, 1913, 9/6 pair: Pegrum, Market-hill, Sudbury, Suffolk. (1377)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, from 6/-; hens from 3/6: Hyde, 1, Baydon-st., Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N. (1382)

TWO buff, 2 yellow cocks, unfed (Hodder's strain), 7/- each, 26/- lot: Hellis, 42, Leconfield-rd., Highbury, N. (1366)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries for cash: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. Same address 18 years. (1282)

NORWICH green cock, 8/6; variegated buff cock, 8/6; green hens, 3/-: Combes, 28, Station-rd., South Norwood. (1375)

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NORWICH, buff cock, yellow hen, cock Linnet Mule, 10/6 the three: Bourton, 19, Waller-st., Leamington Spa. (1369)

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BUFF Norwich cocks, big full-fronted stock birds, 15/- each to clear: Norman, Bird Artist, "Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey. (1357)

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NORWICH buff cock, splendid songster, 15/-; also three typical buff hens, 5/- each: Davies, 4, Widemarsh-st., Hereford. (1375)

YELLOW Norwich cock and two variegated hens, prize bred, 10/-: G. Harrison, 1, Denmark-st., Chadderton, Oldham. (1369)

E. EDLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for sale Norwich cocks or hens, from 17/6; matched pairs from 17/6; stamp, approval. (1372)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, clear or marked, 7/6 to 10/6; hens, 2/6 to 3/6; worth double: Ferguson, Regent Park, Prestwick. (1374)

OFFERS wanted; three Norwich cocks, full song; 12 hens, one hen Mule; approval, deposit: Baldwin, Melton-rd., Wellingboro'. (1378)

MASSIVE buff cock and cinnamon hen, splendid pair, 12/6: bred from winners; perfect health: George, High-st., Rugby. (1379)

TWO clear buff cocks, big birds, £1 each, fed, one unflighted; approval, cash or deposit: Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1368)

CLEAR buff cock, unflighted, 17/6; 1912 yellow cock, 15/-; both local winners; approval: Wright, All Saints-st., Stamford. (1367)

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EIGHT Norwich cocks, buffs and yellows, prize winners; inspection invited: J. Riley, 63, Fountain-st., Crumpsall, Manchester (1374)

I have a few good pairs left, 10/6, 12/6; cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 5/-; any approval, cash or deposit: Girling, Hurford-st., Norwich. (1382)

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HIGH-class typical birds, cold-room bred, colour-fed, cocks from 9/6, hens from 3/6: J. Shrimpton, 47, Link's-rd., Tooting Junction, S.W. (1367)

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LARGE typical cap marked buff hen, 20/-; or exchange for typical unflighted yellow hen; no rubbish: Cole, 10, Levington-rd., Ipswich. (1377)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

NORWICH Plainhead. A well-bred young yellow Norwich cock, marked on one wing, 7/6; approval for cash: Porter, Rock House, Bideford. (1360)

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LIGHTLY marked Yellow cock, 20/-; Yellow hen, winner, 30/-; two unflighted Yellow cocks, 10/6, 12/6; bargains: Muscott, Llandrindod Wells. (1387)

NORWICH Roller cocks, excellent songsters, every bird warranted, 6/6 upwards; large hens, 2/6 each: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1369)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH-PLAINHEAD from winner, fed, perfection, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (1339)

HAVE still few pairs high-class Norwich, 15/- pair; cocks, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-; all colour-fed: Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex. (1367)

CLEAR buff cock, rare type and quality, from same nests as my winners, unflighted, real bargain, 7/6, to clear: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers. (1341)

NORWICH 1912 clear yellow cock and unflighted buff hen, 15/-: good ticked buff cock, winner, 20/-; approval: Burdett, 120, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham. (1378)

MARTIN COOK, 30, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth; surplus Norwich, majority colour-fed unflighted, 17 cocks, 17 hens, from 10/- pair; cash offers wanted. (1382)

ALFRED BREWSTER, Monumental Works, Magdalen-rd., Norwich (Breeder and Exhibitor). Selling his high-class Norwich; approval by arrangement.

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Compare the quality with anything you can get elsewhere, at much higher prices. Remember, they are not inhanced by being purchased elsewhere, after being in the first place sent from Norwich, with two or three more profits added, and perhaps given some alluring name.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

LARGE 1912 clear Buff cock, grand head, 8/6; approval; would suit a small typiod Yellow hen to perfection: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1385)

A FEW 1913 typical Norwich yellow and buff cocks, strong, healthy, finely feathered birds, all non-fed: Mrs. James Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth, Scotland. (1337)

TWO Norwich yellow cocks, good condition, winners, £2 each, or best offers cash; flight cage, breeding cage, for sale: Woods, 9, Doughty-st., Stamford. (1372)

BUFF hen, 3/6; Buff cock, 6/6; large typical Norwich! Greenfinch cock, Greenfinch hen, Redpoll, 2/- lot; house-moulted clear: Dodd, Victoria, Southwold. (1385)

NORWICH Canaries for sale; buff and yellow cocks, 5/-; hens 2/6; good strong birds, outdoor bred; call, any evening: Findlay, 8, Bickersteth-rd., Tooting. (1364)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold-room bred, cocks, in full song, 6/6; unflighted hens, 3/6; sex guaranteed; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1374)

LARGE unflighted yellow and buff young Norwich hens, 10/6 to 30/-, pairs from 15/6 up; state wants. C. Roberts, Breeder, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1356)

A FEW prize-bred Norwich from my winners to part with; buff cocks, from 7/6 to 10/-; hens, 2/6 to 10/-: Joseph Dodd, 7, Vicarage-st., Whitwick, Leicestershire. (1369)

SPLENDID Norwich unflighted cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; cold-room; cash; approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester (close to Midland Station). (1378)

NORWICH; just three left, buff cock, yellow hen, buff hen, all bred from my winning strain; price reasonable; approval: Braidwood, Shawburn-st., Burnbank, Hamilton. (1346)

HANDSOME rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cock Canaries, splendid songsters, 3/6, two 6/6, hens 2/3; guaranteed safe delivery: Franklin, Briden Villas, Feltham. (1369)

FOR sale, few good Norwich stock birds and feeding hens, also show cages and nine compartment breeding, flight, etc; new last season; prices reasonable: Cowie, Inchbare, Brechin. (1383)

GRAND clear unflighted buff cock, brother to my winner at Palace, 15/-; even wing and head marked; unflighted yellow cock, grand colour and quality, 10/-: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1375)

NORWICH: 2 1913 tick variegated yellow cocks, 20/- each; hens to match, 30/- the pair; unflighted buff cocks, 10/-, 12/- each; variegated, 12/6; approval; stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1379)

CLEAR yellow cock, short and cobby, 8/6; foul marked buff hen, 6/6; clear buff cock, short, with good head, 10/6; variegated yellow hen, nice bird, 6/6: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire. (1387)

GRAND rich-coloured buff cock, winner 1st only time shown, stout, short, 17/6; yellow cock, type, colour, winner 3rd Ipswich, 12/6; splendid buff hen, 3rd Ipswich, 8/6: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1371)

CLEAR unflighted buff cock, good head and colour, ditto head, ticked, brother to Bedford winner, rare quality, 10/- each; a few good buff hens, from 4/- each; approval: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1375)

SEVERAL pairs Norwich, mostly rung, 10/6, 15/6 pair; good condition; see report Leicester Cage Birds Soc., firsts, best unflighted, also best bird in show: Brooks, 44, Wilmington-rd., Leicester. (1357)

GREAT bargains; giving up; two grand buff cocks, 8/6 each; splendid stock birds, two variegated yellow hens, 7/- each; two buff hens, 5/6 each; in grand condition; the lot 37/-: Halsall, 213, Portland-st., Southport. (1375)

NORWICH: Three yellow cocks, 6/- each, 1913; four buff hens, 3/6, 1912; heavily variegated yellow cock, 10/-, 1912; these birds are good, and healthy; approval, deposit: Rogers, Manor-cottage, Brackley, Northants. (1370)

SEVERAL flighted and unflighted colour fed Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs; buff hens from 4/-; yellow hens from 7/6; cocks from 10/-; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1286)

EIGHT buff cocks, three yellows, 12/6 to £1 each; bred from winners 600 prizes; also two grand yellow Yorkshire cocks, one yellow hen, four show cages and case, £3: Lovegove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (1376)

W. MERRITT, winner Cardiff and District five-guinea challenge cup, has two unflighted Norwich cocks for sale; clear yellow, 2nd Cardiff novice, £1; variegated yellow, 12/6; approval: 45, Pearl-st., Roath, Cardiff. (1378)

FOR sale, Norwich Canaries, clear buff and buff marked cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens 2/6, 3/-; cold room bred; my own breeding; good birds: Caleb Clibbery, 79, Cresant-rd., Hugglescote, Leicestershire; approval, deposit. (1369)

HIGH-class Norwich, best blood in the Fancy, Bullfinch type, good heads, cocks or hens, 35 years breeder of the best, judge at 100 shows, many winners sold, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd, Nottingham. (1307)

FOR disposal, one clear buff cock, one clear yellow cock, 7/6 each; one clear yellow hen, 5/-, 1913, all unflighted; one buff Norwich hen, ticked on wings, 1912, 7/6; all in good breeding condition, tight in feather and full song: W. Hesketh, 22, Hewitt-st., Warrington. (1378)

UNFLIGHTED clear buff, variegated yellow Norwich cocks, big, typical birds, from prize stock, 15/-, 10/6; hen Linnet, cock Siskin, house moulted, hugerframe, 8/6; approval willingly; offers: Barrett, Schoolmaster, Bormeo-st., Walsall. (1375)

EXHIBITORS and breeders of high-class Norwich: Through having no time to look after my birds, will dispose of my entire stock of Norwich, including cinnamons, yellow and buff, cocks and hens. Apply: A. Stuart, The Brighouse, Bathgate. (1382)

FINE large cocks, singing lustily, flying all autumn and winter in unheated garden aviary, no ailments, 7/- each; clear yellow medium-sized hen, short tail, 6/-; large chubby buff ditto, very fit, 6/-: Miller, Eyre Cottage, Sydenham. (1365)

PRIZE Norwich.—Having selected my stock, have few splendid stock birds for disposal; Yellow and Buff cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval; inspection; cold room: Phipps, 16, Millplatt, Isleworth. (1354)

EXCEPTIONAL offer.—Must sacrifice very rich deeply fed unflighted Buff Norwich cock, large, thick-set specimen, as large and same type as a Bullfinch, in faultless condition; accept 10/6; approval; worth treble for stock or showing: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1384)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, offers large buff cock, 20/-; yellow cock, 12/6; variegated buff cock, 10/6; variegated buff hen, 5/6; all unflighted; 1912 variegated yellow cock, 10/6; yellow hen, 7/6; buff hen, 5/6; buff cock, 12/6; from winners; approval, deposit. (1375)

BRED from my winners: Clear yellow hen, 1912, 15/6; clear yellow hen, natural colour, 1912, 12/6; stinking good unflighted buff hen, stock bird, 15/-; clear yellow unflighted hen, grand bird for muling, 2/6; approval, deposit: Dalzell, Ormrod-st., off Morton-st., Oldham. (1386)

RARE, large stock yellow cock, price 50/-; two splendidly bred unflighted buff cocks, 10/- and 20/-; very 50/- and 40/- buff hen I advertised has gone. I only offer birds I can recommend, and they are quickly snapped up: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1380)

GRAND buff Norwich cock, 1913, 15/-; Siskin cock, breeder, 10/-; also cock Mule from same, 10/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, 8/-; cock Greenfinch Mule, 5/-; cock breeding Linnet, 8/-; several others, also cock Goldfinch, all good birds: Alexander, 125, Leonard Gate, Lancaster. (1380)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers grand collection Norwich Plainheads, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair; the 8/6, 10/6 are tip-top value; fine stock cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; excellent healthy, breeding condition; cold-room bred, 1912, 1913 birds; approval; packed free. (1377)

ONE large yellow variegated cock, 12/6; buff hen to match, 7/6, or 17/6 the pair; extra large buff variegated with yellow hen to match, 15/- the pair, worth double; a few on the small side, cocks 6/- each, hens 3/- each; all own breeding; approval: Postmaster, Cambridge Town, Shoeburyness. (1382)

BARGAINS: very large clear buff cock, good stock bird, 35/-; three other buff cocks, nice type and quality, 15/- each; clear buff cock, 8/6; clear yellow cock, 10/6; variegated yellow cock, 7/6; these are all unflighted, and in perfect health; cheap to clear: I. Woolhouse, 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield. (1370)

GIVING away at price of common songster; must sacrifice immediately for want of room, few typical deep colour-fed Yellow and Buff Norwich cocks; short, thick-set, chubby specimens, faultless condition, lovely songsters, accept 8/6 each; worth treble for stock; approval anywhere: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1383)

HAVING purchased the whole stock of Mr. Waddington, of Gt. Harwood, who has retired from the Fancy, can offer some high-class typical Norwich at half their original cost; yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; grand lot of hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; rare healthy stock, approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1586)

NORWICH Cinnamons. Some of the best, late Judge Dobson's strain; cocks, 15/-, 17/-, 20/-; hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also very large cock Siberian Bullinch, beautifully coloured, finger-tame, a gem, 4th at the Palace in a class of 24, only shown 3 times, and took 3 prizes, 15/-, worth double: G. A. Parker, 17, Litchfield-ave., Romford-rd., Stratford. (1374)

RETIRING from the Fancy after 30 years, and to give young fanciers a chance to obtain good blood have decided to sell, in four lots of five cocks and seven hens in each, at £2 10/- per lot; some gems amongst them; first P.O. secures them; this is genuine; can be seen; mostly 1913, many worth 15/- to 20/-: J. Hand, Meadow Lea, Albany-drive, Herne Bay. (1374)

PRIZE-bred Norwich: Yellow cock, 1912, marked on wing, £1; clear buff cock, unflighted, good stock bird, 15/6; ticked buff cock, 1912, 15/6; clear yellow hen, 12/6; also a few more good ticked yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, unflighted, for sale, from 8/6 to 10/6; type and quality; on approval, deposit: G. Andrews, Mason House, Headless Cross, Redditch. (1370)

I HAVE a few buff cocks, paired with good yellow hens, price 20/- and 30/- pair; two 1913 yellow hens, typical specimens, good heads, short wings and tail, 10/- each, related to my winners at Gillingham C.B., 40/- cash and diploma winner (champion sec.), Canterbury, Dover, also winner of Chatham Cup, 1911, 1912, 1913: Wickham, "Boatswain and Call," Rainham-rd., Chatham. (1371)

EVERY bird here worth double; grand buff Norwich cock, beautiful head and wing carriage, 10/6; smaller yellow cock, 7/6; yellow Sib. cock, 10/-; two buff hens, 4/ each; yellow cinnamon ticked pink-eyed hen, 7/6; yellow saddle ticked hen, 6/-; these are the genuine birds for light muling; four excellent feeding hens, 2/6 each; exhibition held-moulted Goldfinch, 5/-; very light hen Mule, 4/-; can win at small show; grand cock Chaffinch, 2/: Taylor, Sunningdale-terrace, Bideford. (1378)

SPECIAL, special, special! Few real good large typical stock Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; yellow and buff hens, 4/, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 21/ each; rare size, type, colour and quality, including many future winners, all strong and healthy, and in perfect breeding condition; Palace winning strain, cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed, approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1377)

A. L. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice, to effect immediate clearance, the following specimens, on account of being unable to mate them for want of room at his new premises: Typical rich deep colour-fed Yellow unflighted Norwich cock, winner, real gem, accept 20/-; also unflighted very rich colour-fed Buff cock, with grand substance and of Bullfinch type, winner of four honours, 15/-; another exceptionally good all-round Buff cock, very chubby and thick-set, 2nd Stratford, Newtown, 12/6; also another rich fed Buff cock, nine months, plenty of size, large broad head, short neck flights, tail, and deep-chested specimen, full of quality, 10/6; great sacrifice; approval; such specimens seldom offered: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1384)

Crystal Palace, 1914.

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Once again my birds have wound up the show season by securing highest honours at the Great National Show (see report of Palace Show in this issue). That they have won consistently all through the season is shown by the fact that they have secured **76 Specials, 89 Firsts, 74 Seconds, and 60 Thirds This Season,** in open champion classes, in hottest competition at all the leading shows. They have also won the N.P.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. Competition, also several Silver Cups and Bowls, Gold and Silver Medals, Diplomas, and numerous other trophies.

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Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** to **100/-** per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain of winners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Grand cobby hens, **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-** per pair.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Grand, lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position, and in full song, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-** each. Erect, racy hens, feathered to perfection, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Matched pairs, personally selected, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair.

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES.

I have a few specially good birds, ready for immediate benching, that can easily win their cost in prize-money. Cocks or hens, in clears, ticks, or marked, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each. Also a few specially matched pairs, bred from the best blood in the Fancy, and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at **15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. I have also a few of this season's open winners for sale at a working-man's price. Write for particulars.

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I have a very large stock of these marvellous songsters, and am in a special position to give satisfaction to all Roller fanciers. Kindly note the following prices: Cocks, thoroughly trained and in full rolling song, with many changes of tours, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Genuine Schoolmasters, specially trained for contest singing, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-** each upwards. Hens, guaranteed same pure strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6** each.

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Grand, healthy, Sib. hens, for muling, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, in full song, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-** each; Linnet Mules, in full song, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6** each; healthy feeding hens, **3/-** and **3/6** each. No breeder should be without.

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HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare (1) yellow cock, fine size, rare head and neck, a stormer, 30/-; (2) buff hen, perfect shape, nice head, short flights, 20/-, or the pair 45/-; (3) grand marked yellow cock, big bouncing bird, 25/-; (4) unflighted buff hen, model shape and quality, with good size, 17/6, or the pair 40/-; (5) unflighted yellow cock, brother to my well-known winner, 20/-; (6) Buff hen, 1912 bred, fine stock hen, 12/6, or the pair 30/-; (7) unflighted buff cock, good bird, with a future on the bench, 21/-; (8) yellow hen, splendid size, rare head and neck, can win, 20/-; (9) ticked yellow hen, again well up in size, winner two 2nds in big classes, 25/-; (10) yellow hen, nest sister to Diploma winner, good short flights, neat head; 17/6; some good buff hens at 7/6, 10/-, and 15/- each; have two extra good pairs at £3 per pair; all my champion strain; have on approval, and judge for yourself; cash or deposit: The Greatest Norwich Specialist, Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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Cock, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

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can spare the following Norwich: Large clear yellow cock, 1912, 30/-; also large variegated buff hen, 30/-; variegated yellow hen, 25/-; approval, stamp: The Lodge, Acomb-rd., York. (1370)

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can still supply colour-fed or natural cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 12/6, 15/-; pairs 10/- to 40/-; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1369)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

LARGE typical cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

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A few real good Norwich cocks, in full song, real Bullfinch type, 8/6, 10/6 each; worth double; grand hens to match, 5/-, 7/6 each; six days' approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 177, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1387)

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Buff and yellow cocks, grand type, size, quality, from 15/-; pairs, perfectly matched, from 20/-; bred from my winners, see Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford National, Aberdeen, Consett, Scottish National reports, 14 1sts, 12 2nds, 13 3rds, 18 specials, including special for best Norwich and best bird in show, championship diploma (see Cinnamons); approval: Rev. Nunne, Harrington, Cumberland. (1334)

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Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens. Yellows or buffs from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the original testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

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I can offer some grand stock pairs, properly matched to breed winners, from 25/- to 80/-; also good yellow and buff cocks from **20/-** to **80/-;** hens, yellows or buffs, **7/6** upwards. **Inspection invited. All birds sent on approval with pleasure.** (1368)

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1913 Roller cocks, singing, 3/-; two, 5/6; hens, 1/6; 2/3, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1339)

PURE Seifert Roller hens, 2/6 each; two, 4/6; approval: Clarke, 82, Higher-st., Sydenham. (1284)

PURE Seifert Rollers, club rung, 1913, 10/6 to 15/- per pair; R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescot. (1377)

CANARIES; good song birds, 6/-, hens 2/-; 7 days' approval: Marshall, Welbourn, Lincoln. (1368)

HIGH-class Rollers, cocks 12/6, and one 8/6; hens 2/6 and 3/-: J. Cavis, 17, Roman-rd., Preston. (1386)

WANTED, a few Roller hens, for aviary, must be healthy, and reasonable: Thompson, 159, Beach-st., Deal. (1373)

1913 SEIFERT Roller cocks, 10/- each; three hens, 1912-13, 4/- each: Wardle, 9, Renshaw hill, Wakefield. (1375)

FEW high-class Rollers, hens, club rung, Gould's strain, 5/- each, 9/- two: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham. (1377)

SIX cocks left, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: ten hens, 3/6 each; Lyon's and Feulds strain: Hartley 13, Blucher-st., Colne, Lancs. (1384)

CAN spare ten pairs, 15/- to 30/-; odd cocks from 10/6, hens 5/-; cold room bred: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton-Lindsey. (1312)

SEIFERT hens, 2/6, two 4/6; cold-room bred; approval; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall. (1340)

GRAND Seifert Rollers, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6; hens, rung, 3/-; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury. (1372)

WANTED, good Roller cock; also for sale, gramaphone records, cycle goods, violin, etc.: Birt, 4, Newmarket-rd., Cambridge. (1385)

ROLLERS: Hens, hens, hens, 4/-; cocks, 8/6; approval; note new address: Wright, 21, Tilburymount, Ellaud-rd., Leeds. (1376)

ROLLERS, Randall's strain, cold-room bred, full song; cocks, 7/-, 5/6; hens, 2/-: Perks, New-rd., Belmont-rd., Lye, Stourbridge. (1375)

1913 GLUCKE hens, club rung, related to my first and special Provincial Show, 5/- each; useful exchange: Heatherley, Rugeley. (1387)

GENUINE extra deep glucke Roller, B.R.C.C. rung, 15/-; hens, 4/- each; offers: Johnson, 6, Brunswicker., Stackstead, Manchester. (1371)

GENUINE Roller schoolmaster, full rolling song, accept 10/6, or offers in Goldfinches; stamp.: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1370)

CHAMPION Hartz Mountain Rollers, Schoolmasters, 10/6 each, honestly worth 25/- each; bargain: Loftus: 13, Hamilton-rd., Herne Hill. (1383)

1913 GLUCKE Rollers, 13/, Club rung, cocks, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/-; hens 4/- each: Smith, 59, Lichfield-rd., Newinvention, Wolverhampton. (1347)

CHAMPION Seifert Rollers, cocks, in full song, from 7/6; hens, breeding condition, from 2/-; approval: Bennett, Shelston, Ashbourne. (1379)

HIGH class Seifert and Glucke cocks, 7/6, 10/6, hens 2/6, 3/6; cold room, on approval; cash or deposit: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (1326)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, British Roller Club rung; cocks, 10/-, 7/6; hens, 5/-, 3/6; breeding pairs, 14/- and 10/-: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop. (1376)

THREE Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, excellent songsters, 7/6 each, 21/- the three; approval willingly: Miss E. Coplin, Erisey, Falmouth. (1387)

HIGH-CLASS 1913 Seifert hens, Walton's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 3/- each; approval: cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (1378)

FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmasters 10/-, hens 3/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)

ROLLERS, Roehl's glucke strain, cold-room, cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 5/-; approval, deposit: L. Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W.; letters only. (1379)

GRAND Roller cock Canaries, 1913, beautiful pure deep colour, full song, many changes notes, cold-room bred 5/- each; Mrs. Nock Longdon Wellington, Salop. (1374)

TWO Seifert Roller hens, good breeders, 3/- each; one 1913, 2/6; one Seifert Roller cock, 1912, constant singer, 7/6: Dugdale, Empress-st., Lower Darwen, Lancashire. (1370)

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PURE Randall's water glucke cocks, 12/6, 15/- each; 1, 24pts. Provincial Show, £1; hens B2, B3, bred from winners, 4/6 each; approval, deposit: Wilson, 421, Weelsby-st., Grimsby. (1350)

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GLUCKE Rollers, pure Randall, cocks, 10/6; one, 4th prize Wakefield, 30 points, 20/-; another, 29 points Leeds, 20/-; "Cage Birds" deposit; B.R.C. rung: S. Hunter, Harehill Park, Leeds. (1374)

GLUCKE Roller Canaries, must clear to make room for breeding; two cocks at 15/-, two at 20/-, two at 25/-, one at 30/-; great bargains, approval, deposit: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury. (1368)

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GLUCKE Rollers, 1913, cold-room, Randall, Roehls strain, organ, schoolmaster trained, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; hens, excellent breeders, 3/6, 5/-; approval, deposit; Rollers only kept; member B.R.C.C.: Evans, 16, Northgate-st., Aberystwyth. (1280)

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HIGH-class Rollers for sale, Randall's and Fould's strain, winner of cup and medal; I have five young cocks, 1913, also one 1912, all rung B.R.C.C., also 1912 hens of the same strain; cocks, 10/6; hens, 3/6; to clear; three days' approval; cash or deposit: R. Roberts, Poplar House, Maderia-hill, Wrexham. (1379)

GLUCKE and Water Glucke Rollers; a few good birds left of the right sort; winner of five silver medals last season; cocks 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/6 7/6; all bred from my winners; 3 days' approval; deposit; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned in full: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton. (1352)

ROLLER schoolmaster, with deep hollow and double bass rolls, good heavy chattering, only 10/6! hen, same strain, 2/6, 3/6 each; contest singers earnestly requested to try above; if not satisfied, return him, cash or deposit: approval willingly: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1337)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, pure Seifert and Glucke strain, real healthy birds, cold-room bred, perfectly trained cocks, with wonderful length and variety of song, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each; grand lot of young hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each, perfectly matched pairs, from 15/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1386)

RANDALL'S water glucke, prize-winning strain; young cocks, full song, club rung, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; B3.898 scored 22 points Bolton Roller contest, 20/- only; B3.3410 scored 25 points, commended, Bury contest, 22/6; worth double; Randall hens, 5/-; can breed winners; approval, deposit: Atherton, M.B.R.C.C., 36, Christian-rd., Preston. (1380)

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I HAVE 13 pairs of rattling good birds, from 12/6 pair, bred from my winners; approval: Ollve, Sittingbourne. (1268)

YORKSHIRES, several good cocks, all colours, from 8/6, ditto hens from 4/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1195)

J. PRITCHARD; pairs of Yorkshires to sell, kept for own breeding, not want all; 15s. pair: 67, Powells-st., Abertillery. (1343)

TWO pairs Yorks, cold-room, 8/- pair, 15/- both pairs; cheap: Turner and Roberts, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derbys. (1379)

FIVE days' approval; three Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; one buff cock, 4/6: J. Appleton, Cambridge-st., Hebden Bridge. (1374)

HAVE several good Yorkshires for sale, from winners; cocks 6/-, hens 3/-: H. Firth, 14, Howell Crescent, Leeds. (1362)

RACY unflighted yellow cock, eye marked, 17/6; big unflighted buff hen, 10/-; approval: Wright, All Saints-st., Stamford. (1367)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire hens, cold-room bred, good stock birds, 5/-, 7/6; approval, deposit: Williams, Plas, Celyn, Trefriw. (1374)

ONE ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, 20/-; clear yellow, 8/6; yellow hens, 8/- each; fed; approval: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1367)

GRAND typical Yellow hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; sure to please; approval: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1370)

SPECIAL offer.—Three typical unflighted Buff hens, 7/6 each; room wanted: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1370)

TYPICAL unflighted cocks, 10/- to 21/-, some have won; worth treble; room wanted: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow. (1341)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich cocks for sale, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, upwards; hens from 3/6: A. E. Raynes, 34, Beechfield-rd., Doncaster. (1343)

STILL left, 3 good yellow unflighted cocks, 10/- each, breeding condition; approval: J. Bentick, Greencroft, Annfield Plain. (1364)

YORKSHIRES: Three buff cocks, three yellows; all winners; sell cheap; approval, stamp: Cattell, Hampstead-rd., Newcastle. (1381)

YORKSHIRES: Four hens, feathered like wax, 10/- each; yellow unflighted cock, buff hen, 21/-: Mundell, Carlisle-pl., Bradford. (1375)

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks, full song, from 6/- grand hens, from 3/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1265)

YORKSHIRES, two hens, one Yellow, one Buff, cold room bred, 3/- each; approval: W. Haye, Woodford, near Bramhall. (1371)

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock, 2nd Carlisle, 30/-; exchange yellow Norwich hens to value: Bell, 95, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (1379)

YORKSHIRES, high-class, long, slim cocks, at half price, 10/6 each, breeding condition, on view: Mr. French, 702, Fulham-rd. (1326)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some 7in., from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (1366)

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Club Reports.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 18th. Mr. Heighton in chair. Decided that Mules and Hybrids in cup competition be rung. Members must notify sec., and sec. must be present when each bird is rung. Sec. will keep register. Prize money from the late charity show was paid out, and ticket money received. Mr. Heighton placed the awards at the table show and received a vote of thanks. A.V. HEAVILY VARIEG. OR GR.: 1, c, Ross; 2, 3, vbc, hc, Day.—J. Hardhottle, Sec.

JARROW, HEBBURN C.B.S.

Meeting held Victoria Hotel, Mr. Butler in chair. There was a splendid muster. Moved and seconded that we hold a monthly table show at next meeting, March 11, at 7 prompt. Mr. R. Sanderson will judge. Classes fixed were: Pairs of Canaries for breeding purposes, and British A.V. Entrance 6d. per cage. A hearty invitation is given to fanciers to join us. Entrance 1/-, contribution 2/6 per year.—W. Ayres, Sec.

NORTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, the Stag's Head Hotel, Hawley Road, Chalk Farm Road, Jan. 5, Mr. G. Gardner presiding. Balance-sheet showed cash in hand £5 5s. 5d. 10 new members elected. The hon. sec., J. R. Young, presented with cheque as token of appreciation for services. Fanciers wishing to join will receive a hearty welcome. The society is giving two silver cups to be won, not three times, but at the first time of asking. Members requiring adverts. in Year Book notify sec. at once. Next meeting at above, Mar. 5, 8.30.—W. Sutton, Assist. Sec.

PLYMOUTH (W. Counties) O.S.

Meeting and washing competition held Feb. 17, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley-st., Plymouth. Mr. W. G. French presided over a good attendance; which included Mr. Radmore, well-known to old Crest fanciers, who has lately rejoined the society. Messrs. Gill and Rowe gave a washing exhibition, followed by a novices' competition. F. Snell won 1st, W. Soole 2nd, and W. Luscombe 3rd. Hon. Sec. (T. Pope) and the Ass. Sec. (C. Reed) were voted £4 and £2 respectively as a recognition of their work on behalf of the society. Next meeting Mar. 17.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 18, Mr. Spencer presiding over a fair number. Officers elected: Mr. G. Whittaker (sec.), H. Spencer (treas.), T. Chadwick (chair), H. Redman (vice-chair). The election of sub-committee was left over till next meeting. Passed that we hold our F.F. Show June 27. The cup to be competed for on same lines as last year. New members elected: J. Broxup and H. Broxup. Next meeting March 4; there is some important business on the agenda. Members who have not paid sub., kindly do so at next meeting. Fanciers wishing to join this, please apply for particulars to Mr. H. Spencer, 858, Athol-st.; or to the Sec., G. Whittaker, 18, Sandhurst-st., Burnley.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Meeting held White Swan, Feb. 20; Mr. Gibbous presided over a large attendance. Mr. F. Darlow was made a member. Prizes and specials in connection with the combined show were paid out. Table show held, Mr. J. M'Carter judge. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Moores; 3, Hulse; vhc, Kilsby. VARIEG.: 1, Freestone; 2, Sturgess; 3, Hulse. NOV., CL. BUFF: 1, hc, Henney; 2, vhc, Herbert; 3, Pole; c, Jolley. VARIEG.: 1, Hughes; 2, Henney; 3, Pole; vhc, Rice. REDPOLL: 1, 3, vhc, Brooks; 2, Wood; hc, Kilsby; c, Butler. Mr. M'Carter also gave an interesting lecture on the Norwich Plainhead dealing with the good and bad points, and giving advice in the selection of breeding stock. Questions were invited, and a good discussion followed. The best thanks of the meeting were accorded him for his much appreciated lecture.—A. Freestone, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Meeting and table show held Feb. 17, St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick, Mr. Boothman presiding over a well-attended meeting. The final arrangements for social were gone through. Second of a series of table shows was held for Yorks. and Norwich pairs, Mr. Spencer judging Norwich, and Mr. Dooley Yorks. Yorks. did not come up to expectations, but Norwich came out in grand force, over 20 entries appearing in this class, and Mr. Spencer had a very hard task in selecting the winners, as several old winners put in an appearance. All the same, the judges gave complete satisfaction. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Brown. NOV. YORKS.: 1, Moss; 2, Latimer. NOR.: 1, 2, Boothman; 3, 4, Peters; vhc, Booth; hc, c, Thorpe. Next meeting table show of British and Muling and Hybrid Pairs; Mr. W. Fairhurst judge.—R. Booth, Press, Corresp.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 11, Mr. T. Ridal chair. Syllabus was passed, with many interesting things in it: At the March meeting an egg food making competition will be held, 2s. added to a 3d. entry. Please note, the meeting will be on Wed., Mar. 11, instead of Thurs. Nest feather show, June 20; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Ann. show Nov. 4, judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Decided that price of novice cups be £1 5s. Eight new members were made. The rest of the evening was taken up by pair show. Mr. Drabble judged Yorks, and Mr Woolhouse Nor. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Butler. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Simpson. NOV. YORKS: 1, 2, J Smith; 3, vhc, hc J. Latimer; 4, Chadwick; c, Abbott. NOR.: 1, 4, Abbott; 2, Simson; 3, vhc, Everard, hc, c, Turner.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN C.B.A.

Third annual meeting held Court House, Town Hall, Kingstown, Feb. 16. Mr. Sholedice chair, and a fair number present. Balance-sheet showing a credit balance of £4 11s. 11d., as against £1 19s. 3d. carried forward from last year, was considered very satisfactory, and unanimously passed. It is to mentioned here that were it not for the fact that several local gentlemen subscribed towards the expenses of the last show, we should have had a large deficit. Sec.'s report pointed out the benefit derived from running the evening show, both from a financial and instructive point of view. Mr. Sholedice, who acted as judge, gave entire satisfaction, and was ever ready to enlighten the members on any doubtful point. Report suggested that it would be advisable for the new committee to discuss the possibility of running an industrial section as a side issue at the next annual event, owing to the lack of interest on the part of residents in the show. The following were elected officers for 1914: Pres., F. R. Phillips; vice-pres., M. Clery, J. E. Mills, J. B. Mitchell; hon. treas., C. Foster, chair, M. Reilly; committee, Messrs. Carroll, Beggan, Brien, Price, Waters, Sholedice; hon. secs., Messrs. Smyth and Dwyer.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec.

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Meeting held in Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, W. Muir (pres.) in chair. Secretary read report of last meeting, which was approved of. Decided to have one judge for every section. Secretary was instructed to write judges nominated for fees, etc., to be approved of at next meeting.—J. Gray, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Very successful washing competition held Feb. 18. Several members turned up to take part. Washing started at 7.30, and efforts were judged by Mr. W. Hulme, whose awards gave every satisfaction. 1, W. Ordish; 2, R. Charleson; 3, W. Charnock.—R. Charleson, Sec.

WHITBURN C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Baillie Institute, Feb. 21, to appoint judges, and present the Dee cup to the winners, viz., Messrs. Stewart and Dalling; but, after an hour's wait, the winners failed to turn up. Committee are hopeful to have a record show the coming season, as the funds are in a healthy state.—R. Lambie, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Committee meeting held at the "El Vino," Feb. 17. Mr. R. L. Crisp (chair). Decided to hold the annual show at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Dec. 4, 5, and 7. Judges for annual show were elected. Also decided to apply for the patronage of the following specialists' clubs: S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., C.C.C., S.B.F.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C. F.B.E.L., and G.C.A. Arranged to hold a young bird show, judging to be done by ballot. Exhibits to be placed according to the number of votes recorded. At the annual general meeting, Mar. 10, a discussion on "Mating" will be opened by Mr. J. Robson. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.—F. Knight, Press Corresp.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting and breeding pair show held Ablett's Cafe, Feb. 17. Some grand birds were staged in the Yorks. section, and with a bit of luck the breeders ought to be able to have something to send out. Norwich were in excess of previous years, the two classes being well filled, and judging by the grand quality shown, the owners intend doing something next season. In Mules and Hybrids some useful pairs were staged, Mr. Philips being first with a grand house-moulted Goldfinch and good yell. Nor. hen. Sp. winners were: Yorks., both classes, G. Morton; Nor., Yell., J. Stott; Buff, W. Mealor; Muling Pairs, Philips. Geo. Benson judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Greatrex; 2, 3, Morton; vhc, hc, Stott; c, Browse. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN.: 1, c, Stott; 2, 3, vhc, Morton; hc, Greatrex. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Stott; 2, 3, Mealor; vhc, Howlett; hc, c, Jones. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Stott; 2, Mealor; 3, vhc, Jones. YORKS. GREENS: 1, 2, 3, P. Browse.—G. Morton, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.S.

Annual meeting held 28a, Snargate-st., Dover, Feb. 18. Mr. E. C. Rayner chair. Sec.'s report and balance-sheet accepted. Messrs. Austin and Reeves consented to act as scrutineers. An alteration in show rule, proposed by the Rev. H. A. Soames, that members be allowed to enter as many birds for challenge cups as they like, provided each has K.C.C.B.A. after it, was carried by 9 votes to 7. They need not be nominated, but only the two highest of them will count for points. Result of ballot: County committee, Messrs. G. and F. Burton (Lee Green), Messrs. Johnson, F. Pilcher, Pink, and Thompson (Deal), H. E. Taylor (Canterbury). F. J. Wickham (Chatham), Rev. H. A. Soames and Mrs. Soames (Bromley), Mrs. Aitken (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. E. J. Wood (Hythe). Headquarters committee, Messrs. Abbott, Austin, Chapman, Hunt, Lockett, Lewis, Osborne, and Ward. Office-bearers: Pres., A. Birr; vice pres., E. Birch; chair, E. C. Rayner; vice-chair, J. Reeves; hon. sec., H. Wood. Vote of thanks to secretary for services rendered closed a pleasant meeting.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

YORKS. AND LANCS. B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held Feb. 21, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. A. Cowgill in the chair, in the absence of Dr. M. A. Wilson. Present: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, F. Hammond, P. Jowitt, D. A. Macpherson, J. Lane, J. Isherwood, E. Clegg, S. Dean. We were very sorry that our friend Mr. Chittenden could not be with us, but hope to see him next meeting. Sec.'s action confirmed with regard to all new members made. It was very gratifying to know all were good members from Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds, and that all subs. were paid in excepting about six. Dr. Wilson's cup for three highest birds British and Mules won by Mr. R. D. Parlett, Sheffield. At the nine shows where patronage has been granted there have been 331 birds shown by our members alone. This should stimulate some of the Yorkshire Union shows for patronage another year. Will all members wanting tickets for the annual prize distribution and dinner for March 7th apply to me at once. Tickets 2s. each.—T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 14, Prince of Wales's Hotel; Mr. J. Parlitt, chair, with a fair attendance considering the bad weather. Mr. Jas. Morton and Mr. Fred Selby, Newbridge, Mon., elected members. Schedule for F.F. show approved, there being 14 classes, 2 each for champ. and nov. Nor., 2 each champ. and novice Yorks., 2 Bord., 4 Mules and Brit. Date fixed for June 13, providing that we can get the hall. Mr. J. Parlitt gave a washing exhibition in a masterly manner, explaining every detail as he was going along, and was keenly listened to by all present. Schedule for open show presented by sec., but was left over until next meeting, March 14. I shall be pleased to hear from any intending to join the society, also from present members who have any proposition to make with a view to increasing the society's popularity.—George Broome, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM F.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 19. Mr. E. Oakes chair, supported by W. Harwood, vice-chair, and upwards of 80 members. Hon. Sec. stated that Sir John Bethell, M.P., and Alderman Griggs, J.P., E.C.C., had become patrons. Eight new members elected. Members are requested to turn up at the annual concert at Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove, East Ham, on Thursday next, Mar. 5. His Worship the Mayor of East Ham will take the chair, supported by a host of the leading gentlemen of the district. Next meeting at headquarters will be the first monthly show, March 19. Members are requested to make plenty of entries. Extraordinary general meeting at headquarters Mar 26, to consider removal of headquarters to more suitable quarters; Town Hall, if possible.—W. Kite, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

General meeting held at headquarters, Royal Street, Feb. 4, Mr. H. Holden presiding over a moderate attendance. Sec. being indisposed, Mr. A. Wilkins kindly fulfilled his duties. Balance-sheet was passed with acclamation, and showed a net balance of £11 7s. 9d. on the season's working. Officers for 1914 elected: Pres., E. Harrison; vice-presidents, C. T. Taylor, T. Lloyd Hughes, and Wm. Corkhill; chair, H. Holden; vice-chair, E. Battersby; hon. treas., G. Frankham; hon. sec., E. S. Broadhent; show critic, A. Wilkins; auditors, Messrs. A. Smith and E. Battersby; committee, Messrs. Rothwell, McCoy, Wilkins, Rucastle, Aindow, Foxcroft, Hammond, Eaton, and Leadbetter. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all officers for services rendered. Final arrangements have been made for British and pair show, at headquarters, Mar. 4, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe having very kindly consented to judge. Messrs. Erentz, Davies, Owens, Skilling, and Turner were elected members, and four more were nominated. The subs. is 2s. 6d. per annum, nomination fee 6d. Fanciers desirous of joining can have full particulars from Edgar S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec., 25, Wellfield-road, Walton.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Feb. 14, Mr. Farrer presiding over a splendid turn-out. Mr. Swan, on behalf of sub-committee appointed last meeting, reported that the proposed social evening was not recommended, as the number of tickets to be sold to make same a financial success, would mean the presence of a large number of outsiders (apart from fanciers and intending fanciers), which was not quite the gathering the members desired. The report was adopted. The balance-sheet was then presented, the balance of £1 10s. 7d. carried forward was considered most satisfactory, after taking into account that no prize drawing was held in connection with the annual show, and that consequently the number of tickets sold was very much down on last year. Officers elected: Pres., Ald. S. Storey, D.L.; vice-pres., Mr. H. Greenwood, M.P., Mr. F. W. Goldstone, M.P., Messrs. J. Cobb, W. Hall, G. Bell, J. Keenlyside, C. Grimshaw, P. Hunter; chair, J. Farrer; vice-chair, C. Waters; treas., G. Davidson; assist.-sec., F. Risehorough; sec., J. Peacock; committee, Messrs. Reid, Machin, Davison, Gray, Smith, Brown, Proctor, Owens. It is most gratifying to our members to know that each of the representatives of Sunderland in the House of Commons are vice-presidents of this association, and real supporters financially and otherwise. After considerable discussion it was decided to extend our radius to eight miles instead of limiting membership to those residing in Sunderland borough. W. Butler was elected to membership. Meeting adjourned to Feb. 28.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held Maskell's Hotel. In the absence of Mr. Whetton, Mr. E. A. Allsopp was elected chairman. Resolved to engage three judges for open show Nov. 18 and 19. Messrs. Thomas, Maggs, Allsopp, Gardiner, Merry, Davies, and Jepson promised various amounts to help pay for the third judge. Sec. was instructed to book the judges. Letter read from Mr. Whetton that he would not be able to accept any office next year through pressure of business. Mr. Allsopp, at the unanimous request of the meeting, consented to fill the position of chairman. Mr. Banks volunteered to act as vice-chairman. Treas. E. J. Davies, sec. and show manager E. Thomas. Nominations for committee will be sent to all members. All papers must be returned to sec. by next meeting, which will be the annual general meeting, when officers will be elected for next year. Messrs. Smith and Ball were elected auditors. Prize money won at members' show will be paid at next meeting. If there are any fanciers in this district who would care to join our society, I should be pleased to supply them with particulars.—E. Thomas, Sec., 48, Craddock-st., Cardiff.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Second annual social held Feb. 14. Members and friends numbering close on 60 gathered round the tables, and did ample justice to the fare provided by the genial hon. pres., Mr. W. Robertson, an admirer of the "Bird o' Circle," who owns some of the best Scots living. After the tables were cleared, Mr. S. F. Wood, chairman, opened the evening's proceedings by proposing the toast of "The King, Queen, and Royal Family," after which a lengthy and capital programme was gone into, and a display of talent capable of entertaining the most fastidious was enjoyed. The following artistes acquitted themselves with great credit: Messrs. Tennant, Gibson, Yuille, Haddow, Chambers, Hay, Ogilvy, and Carrick. The presentation of prizes won at the annual show took place, Mr. Robertson winning cup best old bird, cup best young bird, and also having the runner-up. Mr. Robertson had the largest cup filled to the brim and passed round the company, while they lustily sang "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr. E. Taylor, who took the British bird cup, expressed himself in a few concise remarks, while Mr. Baird, who won the Border cup, seemed as if he still possessed all his youthful bashfulness, and was slow in coming forward to claim the trophy. Toasts to the "Pres., Sec., and Committee," were enthusiastically drank. "Kindred Societies" and "The Press" were proposed and replied to. Mr. Thomas Thomson, representing the City of Glasgow O.A., replied for kindred societies, while R. H. Livingstone, representing CAGE BIRDS, spoke on the best methods of keeping societies to the front. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a memorable and delightful gathering to a close.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.C.

Monthly meeting and pair show held Reid Hall, Feb. 11. Mr. Sloan presided over a large and enthusiastic meeting. Balance-sheet for 1913 was considered very satisfactory, as we were clear of all debt. There had been considerable outlay, which will not need to be repeated, namely, complete set of new staging, and five challenge cups, so with good prospects of a big increase in membership we look forward to a prosperous season and a nice balance. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. McWhaugh for his generous donation, also to Mr. Craig and Mr. McLay for placing the awards. With a view of increasing the membership and interest in Yorks. section, T. Penman offered a cup for best unflig. rung Yorks., bred by a member, which was accepted. Two new members were admitted. Awards:—NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 5, Smith; 2, Sloan; 3, Hadley; 4, McMillan. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, sp, 4, Sloan; 2, Smith; 3, McMillan. CRESTS: 1, 5, McMillan; 2, sp., 3, 4, Lindsay. YORKS.: 1, sp., 4, 5, Hunter; 2, 3, Penman. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 5, Crawford; 3, Sloan; 4, Swan; 7, Penman. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, sp., 3, 5, Crawford; 2, Sloan; 4, Penman. A.O.V. CAN: 1, 2, Crawford. MULING (II): 1, Sloan; 2, sp., Fyfe; 3, Webster; 4, T. Fraser; 5, Hadley; 6, Lindsay. BULLF. HYB.: 1, Fraser. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, Webster; 2, Dunlop. The awards gave general satisfaction.—T. Penman, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual social held in the Wentworth Cafe, was again a decided success. Chairman, Mr. F. Jones, presided in his usual cheery manner. He was pleased to see so many ladies present, and thanked the members for supporting him during his last term of office, naming especially such veterans as Mr. Oxley (who has been treasurer to the society for about 25 years), also Mr. Tow, and Mr. Champion, both old and respected members. While being glad to have the old members round him, he was pleased to see the new, and gave them a hearty welcome. In a few words he sketched the policy of the society, which is to help members in every possible way, and give fair play to everyone. The musical arrangements had been left to Messrs. H. Hobson, A. W. Sparks, and E. Sisson, who had got together a splendid array of talent, which included such well-known artistes as Miss Thorpe (piano), the Misses Ansons (duettists), Mrs. Falding (violin), Mr. Sparks (bass), Mr. Pickering (humorist), Mr. Cutting (concertina), Mr. Crookes (coon songs), and Mr. A. Crookes (bass). They one and all acquitted themselves with credit, but perhaps special mention might be made of our member, Mr. Pickering, who fairly brought the house down with his songs. At intervals in the programme the cups and specials were presented to successful members, who are the following: Cup winners: Champ. Yorks, Furniss; champ. Nor., Waters. Nov. Yorks, Carr; Nor., Woolhouse. Champ. Crests, Evans; Brit., Falding. Most points Nov. Brit., Drabble; 2, Richards; 3, Bailey. Best Crest or Crestbred, Evans; most points champ. Yorks, Furniss; most points Canaries, Waters; Nor., Waters; Brit., Falding; gained by a novice, Richards; best nov. Nor., Woolhouse; Yorks, Carr; most birds staged, Falding; most points champ. Yorks at table show, Tomlinson; Nor., Woolhouse; best rung bird cham. Yorks, Furniss; Nor., Woolhouse; nov. Yorks, Carr; Nor., Woolhouse. The Sec., Mr. A. Hobson, proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and Entertainment Committee, which was ably seconded by Mr. Tow, and carried with acclamation.—J. Woolhouse, Asst.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 18. Mr. F. W. Swan presided over a moderate attendance. Balance-sheet for past year adopted. Mr. Newton said auditors had found everything satisfactory. Sec. gave his report upon the year's working. He was pleased to say that 1913 had been a fairly successful year. We started the year with a cash balance of £2 17s. and 53 members, and had again gone through the ordeal of holding an open show which proved successful, bringing together some of the best birds in the country and enabling us to finish with a balance in hand of £5 10s. He had been rather disappointed at the show not being better supported, which raises the question, "Is an open show for our variety worth the labour it entails?" It was rather a remarkable coincidence that entries were exactly the same as at the previous show, viz., 220. Mr. Smith and Mr. Martin won silver challenge cups and gold medals for best young Crest and C.B. respectively. Mr. Broad won the Ford Maling silver challenge cup and gold medal for best old bird with his Crested hen, which was claimed for a good figure at the Palace. Novice medals were won by Mr. Simpson and Mr. Charlton. Medals given to the Blaydon show were won by Messrs. Dobson, Tate, and Jeffries. Sec. said it was with the deepest regret that he relinquished his duties on behalf of the club. He had held the post for the past six years, but owing to new duties felt it was only right that he should not hold office any longer. He wished his successor a happy and prosperous time in working for a club that has endeavoured to bring the Crested Canary more into prominence. Mr. Hutchinson was pressed to retain his office, but declined, saying that he had viewed the matter from all points before coming to the conclusion he had. Letter read from Mr. T. Robson regretting that, owing to extra work through the Insurance Act, he could not hold the office of chairman any longer. The following were elected officers: Pres., J. Ford Maling; vice-pres., F. W. Barnett, W. F. Swan, Thos. Robson, A. Lister, R. W. Dixon, T. C. Crawhall, and W. J. Taylor; chair, W. F. Swan; vice-chair, Thos. Robson; committee, Messrs. Farrer, Riseborough, Hutchinson, Armstrong, Mole, Bewick, McColl, Coutts, Newton, and Dickinson; hon. sec., Geo. Dobson (163, James-street, Blaydon-on-Tyne). New members made: J. Dobson (Crookhill), Mr. Bale (Barnstaple), J. Morgan (N. Shields), Wm. Forster (Pelton Fell), Wm. Duke (S. Shields). All correspondence to be sent to Mr. Geo. Dobson as above.—J. G. Hutchinson.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Adjourned meeting held Church Institute, Paddington-st., Feb. 23, Mr. W. A. Shepherd in chair. Mr. V. Wynne, hon treas., and 50 members present. Rules from the re-constructed Federated Society were received. Miss V. Sanders, Messrs. Mound and Williams were elected members, and 3 nominations handed in. Hon. Sec. presented the balance-sheet, which was accepted as correct. Medals won at pair show were presented to Mrs. Hobden, Mrs. L. M. Thyme, and Messrs. Hobden, Sayer, Withers, and Cobb. Mr. J. Robson gave an interesting lecture on, "Is the Fancy Progressing?" He thought that all varieties had improved in a limited groove, and that improvement was due greatly to the action of the various specialist clubs. Exhibitors did not show the sporting spirit they should do; they used to want to see the best bird win, but to-day they only wanted to see their own bird win, and to see an inferior bird win over a better is not "sporty"; such a spirit would check the progress of the Fancy. He then dealt with the present-day type of Crest, Norwich, Yorks, and Border, after which several questions were asked, and drew instructive replies. The question being raised as to what is a "ticked" bird, members were unanimous in agreeing that it was desirable to have one definition throughout the Fancy, instead of, as now, each specialist club making its own definition, and causing confusion both to judges and exhibitors. Mr. Robson was accorded a vote of thanks for his lecture. Vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—Fred Thyme, Asst. Hon. Sec.

FARNWORTH LARK & LINNET C.

Show, Feb. 21, at headquarters, "Waggon and Horses" hotel. Being the first show of the kind in the district, the club having only just started, there was a very encouraging entry list, and some splendid birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Donnelly (Swinton), whose awards seemed to give general satisfaction. LARKS: 1, 2, 3, Jones; vhc, Darlington; hc, Rhodes; c, Thornley. LINNETS: 1, Tate; 2, vhc, Jones; 3, Yates; hc, Jones; c, W. Eddes. The show was well patronised by the general public, and many birds were claimed, which seems to be a good omen for the club. The hostess gave the club a splendid donation towards the prize money.—A. Donnelly, Sec.

HOW TO MAKE A COLLAPSIBLE TRAVELLING CAGE.

THE idea of making a collapsible cage has no doubt occurred to many ingenious fanciers, but it has been left to Mr. F. Thomas, the popular secretary of the Ramsgate and District Cage Bird Society, to bring his ideas into practice, and the result is a very handy cage suitable to take with one when on a possible bird buying expedition. It could, of course, be made of any size or shape; the two submitted by Mr. Thomas are as follows:—Fig. 1, 8½ inches long, 5¼ inches wide, 4¾ inches deep. Fig. 4 is a shade larger, being 10 inches deep. Fig. 1 is constructed of thin pine, and is made in the following manner. A length 8½ inches by 5¼ inches is cut off for the bottom, and two pieces of the same length, but only 4½ inches wide, for the front and back, an opening 2½ inches by 3½ inches is cut in the front and wire bars fixed the usual distance apart. A groove is next cut at the end of both back and front. These grooves are plainly discernible in the sketch, Fig. 2. A strip ½ inch deep is then cut off the back and fastened to the bottom; to this the back is fixed with hinges, shown at B, Fig. 2, the front being also fixed with hinges, as shown in same sketch. Now cut two pieces for the ends, 4¾ inches by 4½ inches; into one cut a hole for the door, and fasten them both on to the top board. As can be seen in sketch, these ends slide into the grooves, and are fastened in place by pins D through the front and back, which run into the top at A. Two more wire pins at E also assist in keeping the cage rigid. When not in use the cage can be folded up by simply withdrawing the pins and lifting the top from the bottom. The two ends fold down on the top, and the two sides on the bottom, wire, constructed to slide up upon the two end wires and through holes in the top. As this cage is a shade longer, it folds up rather more neatly than the one shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, but if the first one were made just an inch or so longer it would take up rather less room than Fig. 4, which in a collapsible cage would be a great consideration. H. N.

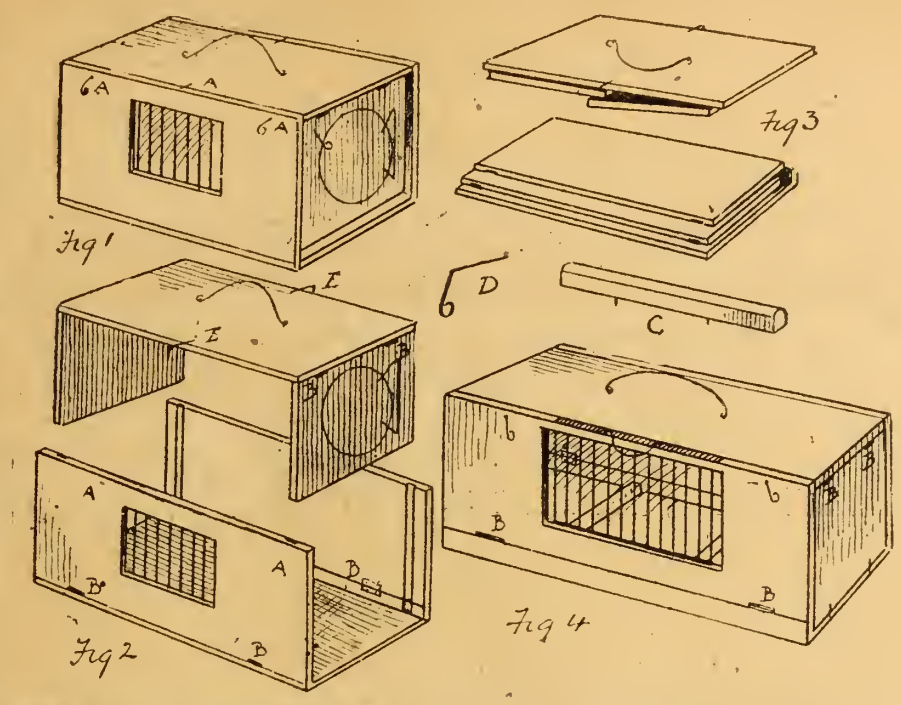

Fig. 3. The perches C are loose, and are simply pressed into the bottom of the cage and kept in position with two spikes made out of ordinary French nails filed to cut into the wood. Fig. 4 shows a cage on similar lines with a larger opening, fixed perches, and no door in the end. The wire part, which is made of punched bars and

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 11, Church House, also judging competition of Norwich hens. A good number of members turned up. W. Dawson judged, and R. Spily, one of our Yorkshire fanciers, won the competition. An amusing hour was spent. Next meeting and pair show, March 11, at 7.30.—W. Dawson, Sec.

BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE F.A.

Pair show held Feb. 21. Mr. Matthes judged. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, medal, Tyrrell; 2, sp, Gardner; 3, Hopecraft; 4, Gardner; vhc, Tyrrell. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, Tyrrell; 3, vhc, Hopecraft. YORKS: 1, Dimond. —R. Jackson, Sec.

CAMBORNE F. AND H.S.

Annual matched pair show, held the Tehidy Working Men's Club, Feb. 20, when an entry of 40 faced the judge, Mr. T. Strout, whose awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. (20): 1, sp, Uren; 2, Scobie; 3, Hocking. YORKS: 1, sp, Howe; 2, Perkins. CREST AND C.B.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Lee. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Hocking; 2, 3, Lee. Special mention should be made of the Crestbred shown by Mr. H. Lee, it being one of the finest seen down this way.—S. J. Uren.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 7, Mr. Thompson (chair). Three new members. Decided to hold pair show of Canaries and British birds Feb. 21 at "The Cyprus," birds to be staged at 4 p.m. Specials given in each section by W. Thompson, Winter and Son, and J. Richardson. Judge, W. L. Smith.—W. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show held Feb. 16, headquarters; 35 pairs were staged. Mr. H. Mallinson (Huddersfield) judged. YORKS. (23): 1, hc, Cawtheray and Son; 2, Rhodes; 3, Lawford and Son; vhc, Sykes; c, Buttle and Coupland. CINN. MKD. (8): 1, Lawford and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Rhodes; hc, Sykes; c, Buttle and Coupland. NOR. (4): 1, Morris; 2, Jackson; 3 Taylor; vhc, Wood.—A. Lawford, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Pair show held at headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion-street, Feb. 21. A good number of pairs faced the judge, Mr. W. Bladon, Heatley, who gave general satisfaction. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Foxall; 3, hc, c, Marsland; 4, Kelsall; vhc, Smith. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Kelsall; 2, 3, Foxall; 4, hc, Marsland; c, Phillips. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Marsland; 2, Storey; 3, Green; 4, Foxall; vhc, Baron. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Green; 2, Storey; 3, Foxall. MULE AND HYB.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Baron.—J. Whitehead, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Pair show, held Spencer Hall, Feb. 21. Entries 155, exceeded last year's total by 42, quality being good throughout. A. Lovegrove won sp. for best pair with a clinking couple of Norwich, W. J. Staines sp. best pair nov. Nor., S. T. Newcombe best pair nov. Yorks, Messrs. Carrington and Petty sp. most points Muling and Hybrid pairs, W. G. Byne sp. for best Goldf., also for best Linnet. Mr. H. Norman judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. A good number of fanciers and friends crowded the hall during the evening, and the show proved a success in every way.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

LONG EATON C.B.S.

Pair show, held Sawley Road Council School, Feb. 21. There was a good muster of birds, 38 pairs being entered, and one can see that competition will be very keen as we draw near to the annual show. Mr. J. Lowe judged. NOR. (8): 1, vhc, G. Smith; 2, 4, Stafford; 3, Horwood; hc, C. R. Smith. A.V YORKS (16): 1, c, Baines; 2, vhc, Beers; 3, Frcebury; 4, Bevan; hc, Wall. FOR CREST BREEDING (2): 1, 2, Barker. BORD. (4): 1, 2, 4, Bancroft; 3, Buckingham. MULING (4): 1, Beers; 2, Bevan; 3, Horwood; 4, Baines. (HYBRID) (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Beers. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and we had a few visitors and fancier friends looking round, which, I take it, is a healthy sign that these members' competitions arouse interest in our hobby. Next meeting in April; due notice will be given.—G. Baines, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Pair show, held Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 2. 67 pairs were staged. CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, vhc, Douse; 2, 3, F. F. Potter; hc, c, Heseltine. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Douse; 3, Oliver; vhc, hc, c, F. F. Potter. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, H. Lowden. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, H. Lowden. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Hope; 3, vhc, Sutton; hc, Sellars; c, Cross. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Hope; 2, hc, Sutton; vhc, Harvey; c, P. Potter. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, c, W. Lowden; 2, 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Fox. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, hc, W. Lowden; 2, Simth; 3, Fernandez; vhc, Fox; c, Brown. A.O.V. PAIR: 1, P. Potter. Messrs. Mason and Walker judged, and gave entire satisfaction.—John L. Heseltine, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Meeting and table show, Feb. 3, St. Thomas's Schools, R. Booth (chair, in the unavoidable absence of our worthy chairman, Mr. Robinson). Record number of members and friends present. The judges, Mr. Boothman (Norwich) and Mr. Atkinson (Yorkshires) had a fairly hard task, as there was a record number of birds for a table show, and some grand ones amongst them. Amateur Yorks: Buff cock, 1, Brown; 2, Tansey. Buff hen: 1, Brown; 2, Tansey. Unfl. Yorks: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Tansey. Nov.: Yell cock: 1, Moss; 2, Latimer. Buff cock: 1, Moss; 2, 4, Redfern; 3, Walshaw. Unfl. York: 1, 2, 3, Walshaw. Amateur, Norwich: Yell. cock: 1, Booth; 2, Thorpe; 3, Rev. Wragg. Buff: 1, 3, Wragg; 2, Thorpe; 4, Gaul; vhc, Greaves. Yell. hen: 1, Wragg; 2, Thorpe; 3, Greaves. Buff: 1, Thorpe; 2, Greaves; 3, Booth; 4, Gaul; vhc, Holland. Unfl.: 1, c, Gaul; 2, 3, 4, Thorpe; vhc, Booth; hc, Spencer. A.O.V.: 1, Holland. Novice, Nor.: Yell. cock: 1, Warburton. Buff: 1, Masherder; 2, Warburton. Yell.: 1, Masherder; 2, Salthouse; 3, Warburton. Unfl.: 1, Salthouse; 2, Parish; 3, Masherder.—R. Bootb.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held club rooms, Feb. 21; 73 staged. Mr. H. H. Towers judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, G. Midgley; 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Shackleton; vhc, S. Midgley; hc, Collins Bros.; c, Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Self; 3, Coombs; 4, Hanson; vhc, Hartley; hc, S. Midgley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Lister and Hudson; 2, Hanson; 3, Hartley. GR. MKD. CK.: 1, vhc, G. Midgley; 2, Hartley; 3, Hunter; 4, Ormonroyd; hc, Lister and Hudson; c, Self. RENS: 1, 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Hartley. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Hartley. HEN: 1, 3, c, Ormonroyd; 2, Coombs; 4, Collins Bros.; vhc, hc, Shackleton. UNFLG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Self; 4, Peace. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hainsworth; 2, G. Midgley; 3, Hartley; 4, Peace; hc, Hunter; c, S. Midgley. UNFLG. YELL. HEN: 1, Collins Bros.; 2, Shackleton; 3, Hartley. BUFF: 1, 3, Self; 2, 4, Hartley. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, G. Midgley; 2, Lister and Hudson; 3, Hartley; 4, Ormonroyd; vhc, Peace; c, S. Midgley. BUFF: 1, Lister and Hudson; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Hartley; 4, vhc, G. Midgley; hc, Hainsworth; c, Collins Bros.—J. Holroyd, sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Very successful pair show held at the Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, Feb. 19. Entries numbered 74, much in advance of previous years. Yorks., both champion and novice, were well represented, also Borders; British and Hybrids were a nice lot, and it is pleasing to see how rapidly the association is advancing. The show was well patronised, the hall being crowded with visitors. Six new members were nominated for membership. Great credit is due to the hon. sec. for the businesslike way affairs were carried out, prize money being paid prior to close of show. Mr. J. E. Shepherd judged, and gave great satisfaction.

YORKS., CHAMP.: 1 sp., hc, F. King; 2, Jeffrey; 3, vhc, Whiteman; c, Whittome. BORD. (13): 1, sp., 3, hc, c, Pegg; 2, vhc, Plank. NOV. YORKS. (10): 1, sp., 2, C. Bowring; 3, Mrs. Mulliss; vhc, hc, Piggens. NOV. BORD. (10): 1, sp., 2, Harrison; 3 vhc, hc, c, B. J. Green. A.O.V.: 1, Jeffrey; 2, Mrs. Mulliss. FINCH AND CAN. PAIR: 1, sp., Newbury; 2, Thrower; 3, Nichols; vhc, Garrod; hc, sp., Mrs. Mulliss. HYB. PAIR: 1, Mrs. Mulliss; 2, 3, Nichols; vhc, hc, Garrod. BRIT. (15): 1, sp., Garrod; 2, Mrs. Mulliss; 3, Thrower; vhc, c, Nicols. —H. F. Bowring, Hon. Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Show of pairs and British held Feb. 14 at Crown and Anchor. There was a total entry of 57, Yorks, as usual, being in the majority. Quality throughout was very good, especially in Norwich classes. Mr. B. Metcalfe judged, and, although this was his first appearance in this position, his awards proved satisfactory. Mr. F. Marsay took sp. most points in champion.

YORKS CHAMP. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (10): 1, hc, Dixon; 2, 3, vhc, Marsay; 4, c, Harvey. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, hc, Dixon; 3, 4, vhc, Marsay; c, Mallory. NOV. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (4): 1, 3, Bray; 2, Clarke; 4, Eastgate. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bray; 2, Clarke; 3, Elwick. YORKS NAT. COL. (7): 1, Close; 2, Elwick; 3, vhc, Curnell; 4, hc, Smitheyman. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, Dawson; 3, vhc, Harvey; 4, Marsay. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, hc, Marsay; 4, Dawson; vhc, Dixon. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS (4): 1, 4, Bray; 2, Dawson; 3, Mallory. LINNET (4): 1, Clarke; 2, Mallory; 3, Curnell; 4, Smitheyman. A.O.V. (6): 1, Marsay, Bullf.; 2, 3, hc, Mallory, Chaffinch, Greenf., and Goldf.; 4, Bray, Bullf.; vhc, Curnell, Goldf. Members please note postponed meeting will be held Feb. 28, at 8. Business important.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A

Very successful pair show held Feb. 12, at "The Royal George," Tanner's Hill, Deptford. Although numbers were somewhat down on last year, quality was all there, some very fine pairs being staged, both by champions and novices. Sp. for best went to Mr. H. J. Horton, with a very fine Crest and C.B., the runner-up being Mr. H. W. Tomsett's winning Norwich, which took the sp. for 2nd best pair in show. Other winners of sps.: Messrs. A. J. Clarke, A. G. Sugden, J. Fuller, W. G. Martin, T. Ray, and Burton Bros. Mr. J. Robson judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (4): 1, sp, Tomsett; 2, Crawford; 3, 4, Kilby. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Tomsett; 2, Crawford; 3, 4, Kilby. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (4): 1, sp, Clarke; 2, 3, 4, Fairman. BUFF CK., YELL HEN (5): 1, Clarke; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Fairman. BORD. 4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Burton Bros. CREST (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Horton. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (5): 1, sp, 4, Sugden; 2, 3, vhc, Fuller. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Fuller. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (5): 1, sp, 3, Fuller; 2, 4, Pratt; vhc, Willett. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, vhc, Fuller; 2, hc, Willett; 4, Pratt. BORD. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (7): 1, sp, Martin; 2, c, Preece; 3, vhc, hc, Kay; 4, Williams. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Williams; 2, Martin; 3, hc, c, Kay; 4, vhc, Preece. MULING PAIRS 4): 1, Fuller; 2, Fairman; 3, Pratt; 4, Williams.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Pair show held at Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, Feb. 18. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 72 entries were received, which is small, but the usual good quality was maintained.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (2): 1, Ayling. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (1): Ayling. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (3): 1, Salter; 2, Penton; 3, Bush. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Penton; 2, Bush; 3, Salter. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (1): Mrs. Salter. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN. (2): Mrs. Salter. MULING PAIRS (3): 1, 3, Mortlock; 2, Penton. HYB. (1): Mortlock. AMAT. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (6): 1, Jeffries; 2, vhc, hc, Salter; 3, r, Walmesley. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Jeffries; 2, hc, Walmesley; 3, r, vhc, Salter. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (2): 1, Neighbour; 2, Castell. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Neighbour; 2, Castell. BORD. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (2): Bell. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (2): Bell. MULING PAIRS (3): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Neighbour. HYB. (3): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Neighbour. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (8): 1, hc, Trevallion; 2, 3, Percival; r, Dr. Huggins; vhc, Hammond; c, Housden. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (9): 1, vhc, hc, Percival; 2, 3, Hammond; r, Trevallion; c, Dr. Huggins. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (4): 1, Dr. Huggins; 2, Madell; 3, r, Percival. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Dr. Huggins; 2, Grounsell; 3, Madell; r, hc, Percival; vhc, Notini. MULING PAIRS (2): 1, London. HYB. (1): Madell.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

Successful pair show, held Feb. 18, Royal Oak Hotel; Mr. C. Douch presided. It was the largest pair show held by a local society for many years, and in Yorks. the display exceeded anything in the memory of old members. In the absence of the judge, Mr. J. Stevens, the following kindly officiated: Nor. and Hyb., Messrs. T. Veness and W. Ellis; Yorks, Mr. C. Douch. There was a splendid attendance both at the show and subsequent lecture by Mr. W. Ellis on "Bird Breeding." Among those present were Mrs. B. A. Greengrass, Mrs. Crofts, and Miss Kirk-Bullock (Hon. Sec. and Treas.), Messrs. C. Douch, W. Turner, H. Pennells, T. Tidy, W. Elliott, G. Dawson, T. Veness, Morris, H. Morris, T. Sherwood, and A. E. Godden. The society obtained another new member. Everyone present greatly enjoyed the lecture, which was both interesting and practical. A warm vote of thanks was given to Mr. Ellis, and to the chairman. As notices will not be sent out for lecture next month by Mr. F. Wraight, will members please look for date in CAGE BIRDS? I hope to see another grand attendance for the lecture on Yorkshires, because Mr. Waight will come from Tunbridge Wells to lecture.—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec.

PAIR SHOW.—NOR.: 1, 2, c, Pennells; 3, vhc, Tidy; hc, Elliott. YORKS: 1, 3, hc, Veness; 2, vhc, Morris and Son; c, Greengrass. HYB.: 1, Miss Dawson; 2, Elliott; 3, Turner.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Pair and British bird show, held Feb. 21, the New Guild Hall, Wandsworth Road, S.W. Mr. J. Robson judged. The birds were staged in the small hall, but this proved to be far too small for the large number of entries and the members and friends who visited the show in the evening. Mr. Freeman did his usual amount of hard work to make the show a success.

CHAMP. NOR: (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Thomas, a grand team, full of qual., 1st, buff ck., yell. hen, splendid heads and necks, lovely wing carr., should produce real "good uns"; 2nd, buff ck., yell. hen, ran very close, perhaps not quite the finish; vhc, hc, Lilley. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Hawkins, 1st, yell. ck., buff hen, very well proportioned, run very close by 2nd, buff ck., yell. hen, a trifle smaller; 4, c, McLaughlin; vhc, Lilley. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Lilley. NOV., NOR. (9): 1, Arkill, fine pair chubby birds, yell. ck., bull hen, fine heads, nice rounded bodies, very compact, fine col. and qual.; 2, 4, vhc, Goymer, buff ck., yell. hen, not the size of the first pair, nor so large in skulls, but a nice pair; 3, hc, c, Broughton. YORKS (14): 1, Rapley, buff ck., yell. hen, very nicely proportioned cock, splendid wing carr., beautiful feather, well up on legs, hen not large enough to be a partner to this grand cock; 2, 3, hc, c, Freeman, both cock, fine birds, would have stood better chances with larger hens; 4, vhc, Lang. BORDS.: 1, 2, Burgess; 3, Rutter; 4, Goymer. MULING: 1, Rutter, Goldf. ck. and Nor. hen; 2, McNaughton, Greenf. ck., Nor. hen; 3, McLaughlin, cock Goldf., hen Can.; first pair cock not possessing such a fine blaze as the 3rd, but had a much better hen for partner, who greatly helped him to win. HYBRIDS (Two British): 1, Isaacs, Goldf. ck., Bullf. hen, very nice Goldfinch, good size, splendid blaze, the hen rather on the small size, but cock helps to win; 2, McNaughton, buff Greenf. ck. and hen Linnet, nice large cock, and well-laced hen, ran 1st very close. BRIT. (Single Birds): 1, McNaughton, buff Siskin, shapely little chap, sharply defined bib, not quite in best trim; 2, Arkill, cock Linnet, nutty brown, with good lacings. MULES: 1, Cumins, Goldf.-Can.; no competition.—H. Freeman, Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

First Table Show, held Feb. 21, at "Black Swan," when 30 birds were staged. Mr. Storey judged. All went off very well, and awards were received with great satisfaction. We trust this, our first effort, may prove to be the beginning of a very successful society. Several new members were made, and we still invite fanciers to join us. CK. OR HEN: 1, 2, Pyrah; 3, Crossley. BULLF. OR GOLDIE: 1, Pyrah (Goldie); 2, Waind (Goldie); 3, Cockrem (Bullf.); vhc, Burnell; hc, Waind. LINNET: 1, vhc, hc, Burnell; 2, Pyrab; 3, Waind; c, Watson. GREENF.: 1, Kendrew; 2, Crossley; 3, Pyrah; vhc, Summers. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1 (Redpoll), 2 (Twite), Burnell; 3 (Redpoll), Pydah; vhc, Cockrem; hc, Summers; c, Summers. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1 (Chaffinch), Summers.—H. Cockrem, Sec.

BANBURY F.A.

Twenty-fifth annual show, held Cadbury Memorial Hall, February 10. Messrs. Hazlewood and Carter, hon. secs., arranged the staging, nicely considering the limited space of the five classes. One was cancelled; the remaining four contained forty-nine entries, judged by Mr. G. A. Townsend (Rawdon, Leeds).

NOR. (10): 1, sp., res., Lewin, winner, good, bonny yell., nice feather and con; 2, Hall, very large bodied bird of the Crestbred type; 3, Lees, nice quality yell., very fine feather, nice cobby bird, true Norwich type; vhc, Pargeter; hc, Hall; c, Whitmill. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, Davies, nice qual. Yorks., slim in body; 2, Butler, Dark Crest, a useful bird; 3, Vart; res., Hall; vhc, Charles; hc, c, Dinnock. BRITISH SMALL (14): 1, sp., Viggers, very nice quality Bullfinch; 2, Pargeter, good Greenfinch; 3, Whitmill, very nice Nuthatch, well shown; vhc, hc, Wincott; c, Ball and Orme.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Pair show held Park Chapel Schools, Feb. 17. Mr. J. Farrar judged. 1, 3, White; 2, Stables; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Stables; hc, c, Wilkinson Bros. Members seem to be mastering the art of pairing, as there were some really good pairs exhibited, both for size and quality. A judging competition followed for three money prizes. A lot of interest was manifested, and the following were the winners:—1, Wroe; 2, White; 3, Wilkinson. Dates and judges arranged for members' shows. One F.F. show and four old birds: June 20, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, judge; Sept. 26, Mr. S. Wilcock; Oct. 20, Mr. A. Cooper; Nov. 17, Mr. C. Casey; Dec. 15, Mr. L. Dykes. Grand list of specials for the members' shows. A gold medal was promised by Mr. J. Taylor for competition in unflighted classes, with four highest birds in both sections. Also specials for most entries at each show. New members specially invited. —[illegible] a year.—W. Cruise, Sec.

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Twitterings.

The South County Dublin C.B.A. will hold its show Dec. 9 and 10.

Your Crystal Palace Show Number was excellent, as usual.—J. Cliff, Selby.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. is holding its pair show of Canaries and Hybrids on Tuesday, March 3.

CAGE BIRDS Palace Show Double Number was topping.—F. W. Stowe (Chipping Norton).

Chatham and Dis. F.A. is holding its annual show Nov. 26 and 27. Mr. H. Norman will judge.

Mr. P. Houston notifies us that his address in future will be 31, Willowbank Crest, off Woodlands Road, Glasgow.

We hear that Mr. J. Hands, chairman Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., has been elected judge for Choppington Show.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A. 5th annual open show is fixed for Oct. 21 and 22. Judges, Messrs. G. Gardner and H. Norman.

I congratulate you on your Palace number, also on CAGE BIRDS' 1914 ANNUAL, which is very good all round.—F. L. Marriott (Streatham).

Your Crystal Palace number and report surpass anything I have seen. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—F. M'Gillivray (Bo'ness).

I have to congratulate you on the magnificent report of Palace show. It was a splendid one all over.—George W. Brown, Sec., Leith O.S.

We are holding our N.F. show on July 18 and 19 with Mr. J. W. Cleminson, Preston, judge, writes Mr. R. Charleson, Sec., Leigh C.B.S.

Llanelly and District C.B.S. has fixed Jan. 12, 1915 for their next show. Will secretaries kindly note the date, so as to avoid clashing.—Daniel John, Sec.

In the report of the general meeting of the Alnwick C.B.S. the date of the open show was given as Nov. 4. This should have been Nov. 14.

Arbroath C.B.S. has fixed its open show date for Nov. 21, writes J. Gray, sec., 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath. Would secs. please note to save clashing.

The annual show of the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 18 and 19. Messrs. H. Norman and J. Robson will judge.

Owing to the Drill Hall being previously booked, writes Mr. A. T. Bellinger, hon. sec., Bromley and Kent F.A., we have had to alter the date of our annual show to Oct. 14 and 15.

I have again been appointed secretary of the Elgin C.B.A., after an absence of two years, writes Mr. A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill, Elgin. We have agreed to hold our next annual show on Christmas Day, as in former years. Will other secretaries please note, and avoid clashing.

Would you kindly announce through your esteemed paper, writes Mr. J. Peacock, hon. sec., Sunderland C.B.A., 6, Whitburn Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland, that we have extended our radius to eight miles, and any fancier residing within this area will be cordially welcomed to membership. Entrance 1s. Annual sub. 5s., payable before July.

This year's CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL is really splendid. I enjoyed the articles very much, especially the thoughtful and instructive one on "Mistakes Bird Breeders Must Avoid," while the contribution dealing with "Simple Methods of Bird Catching" is just what has been wanted for so long. No bird lover's library is complete without this year's ANNUAL, a wonderful sixpennyworth.—W. B. Townsend (Bradford).

The balance sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B. is to hand. The various items—Annual show, concert, pair show, young bird show, etc. are set out separately, the net result being that the balance of £7 6s. 7½d. brought forward from 1912 has been added to by £9 10s. 11½d., so that the cash now at Bank, and in hand amounts to £16 17s. 7d. The value of the cups, staging, etc., set down as assets is estimated at £53 8s. 6d., and there is a sum of £6 8s. 4½d. to the credit of the Wynne Memorial Fund, so that the total credit balance amounts to the large sum of £76 14s. 5½d.

Mr. J. Robson will judge the annual show of the Ramsgate C.B.S., Nov. 25-26.

The show of the Bathgate C.B.S. is being held Saturday, Feb. 28, the date of this issue.

In the published list of diploma winners at coupon shows the "Dublin" fixture referred to is South County Dublin (Kingston). We regret this was not made clear.

A great attraction at the Sheffield O.S. meeting on Tuesday will be a lantern lecture by Mr. G. Fletcher: 46 slides, "Birds I have seen in my garden"; 56 slides, "British birds nesting and their habits."

I have been elected secretary of the Northern Crested Club writes Mr. G. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne, through Mr. Hutchinson resigning. All communications regarding the club should be addressed to me.

In your list of diploma winners at the Palace Show you have put my address Leicester, as winner of novice diploma, Border fancy section, writes Mr. W. Gamble. It should be 42, Blaby Road, South Wigston, near Leicester.

Owing to continued indisposition Mr. H. J. Barratt has been compelled to resign office, and I have taken over the secretaryship of the Coventry O.S. All communications must in future be addressed to me.—A. Green, 56, Arden Street, Earlsdon, Coventry.

OBITUARY.

With deep regret I beg to inform you, writes Mr. W. Dawson, Sec., Farnworth C.B.S., that one of our oldest fanciers, Mr. P. Lawton, of Farnworth, has lost his wife. I am sure all fanciers in surrounding districts, to whom he is well-known, will join me in offering the deepest sympathy to him and his family in their sad loss.

It is with deep regret, writes W. H. Tansey, Asst. Sec. Manchester and N.C.O.S., that I have to announce the death of the youngest son of Mr. Millington, whose death occurred very suddenly after an operation. I am sure our fellow members and friends will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Millington in their sad bereavement.

Mr. J. Hirst, Skelmanthorpe.

With the deepest regret I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Joseph Hirst, who has been a member of the Skelmanthorpe C.B.S. for the past 16 years. Mr. Hirst was one of the best fanciers in the society, and was very much respected by all. The members send their heartfelt sympathy with his wife and family in their sad bereavement.—F. Hampshire, Sec.

Mr. W. Repson, Barnsley.

With the deepest sympathy writes Mr. E. Toulson, Sec., Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S., I have to inform you of the death of our chairman, Mr. W. Rapson, at the age of 72 years. For the past 50 years he had been a great fancier in Yorks, Norwich, and British. Even at the last Rotherham show he exhibited in Norwich and British classes. The members send their heartfelt sympathy with his wife and children.

The Southern N.P.C. Patronage.

Clubs wishing for the patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, hon. sec., 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., must apply early, as rule passed at the general meeting makes it necessary for a different judge at each show.

Medals at the Palace.

Owing to the accidental transposition of a line, the meaning of a paragraph last week relating to the medals at the Palace Show was rendered somewhat obscure. Medals can be had in lieu of prize-money only in classes where full prize-money is being paid.

The L. and P.O.S. President.

The many friends of the popular president of the London and Provincial O.S., Mr. Geo. Crabb, will regret to hear that he is still confined to his room by the indisposition which prevented his attendance at the Palace Show. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A Cinnamon.

I would like to know, writes Mr. G. Dove, if a cinnamon-coloured Linnet has ever been caught before this way (Sutton-in-Ashfield). This one was caught on Jan 7. A friend and myself, having a day off, went to try our luck at catching a Linnet or two. We got seven, the cinnamon one among them.

Palace Show Exhibitors Paid.

All prize and sales monies won at the Palace Show have now been paid, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager. The medal maker promises to deliver the medals this week, and if so they will be at once despatched. If he fails, then they cannot be sent for a fortnight, as I shall be away in the North of England on business at that period.

A CUP DISPUTE IN SCOTLAND.

Points Wrongly Counted at Dysart Show.

A case of peculiar interest to bird fanciers came before Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court on Feb. 18 an action at the instance of Dysart and District Cage Bird Society, against John Hutchison, miner, 15, East Port, Dysart. The society asked the Court to order defender to hand over a silver cup known as the Harris Cup, which was presented to any competitor gaining the most points over the show, and which was to become the property of the successful winner in three years, not necessarily in succession. Defender had won the cup in 1911 and 1912, and at the ninth annual show on 18th October last the assistant secretary made a hasty count of the points, and arrived at the conclusion that the defender had won the cup, which was handed over to him on the night of the show. The secretary afterwards counted up the points and found that Mr. Hutchison had not won the cup, as he had tied for points with Mr. W. Gibson, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, and the question between the parties was whether defender was fourth or six in Class 17.

Defender maintained that he had the largest number of points in the show, and was entitled to the cup which had been handed over to him, and which had not been claimed for some time afterwards. It was also held that William Gibson was not a valid member of the society, he not having been proposed and seconded at one of the society's meetings, and was therefore not eligible to compete for the cup. He also objected to the inclusion in Class 17 of another entrant whose name did not appear in the printed catalogue, and averred that the books of the society did not tally, in the matter of awards with his prize tickets for Class 17.

After evidence had been heard, his lordship said that defender understood that he had won this Harris cup, which was given for the most points over the show. Apparently, however, the assistant secretary had made a mistake in arithmetic, and this was the origin of the dispute. It was found out afterwards that the figures were wrong, and the question was—Who was to get the cup now that the figures had been adjusted? The society met on the 1st November to deliberate upon the matter, and gave their decision. He did not think it was open to doubt that what they decided was that there had been a tie between defender and Gibson, and if it was agreed, then, of course, the defender was bound to hand over the cup.

That seemed to him to be the best solution of the difficulty, but for the defender a defence had been stated that the committee's decision was wrong, and therefore it should not be sustained. He had very grave doubts as to whether it was competent for him to go into that at all, but he was quite willing that the parties should get the benefit of an opinion on the two grounds upon which it was said this Committee's decision was wrong. The first was that Mr. Gibson was not a member of the society. It all turned upon whether it was necessary in this society that each member should be formally proposed and seconded and their election minuted in the minutes of the society. It was proved by defender's own witness that it was the custom as often as not simply to accept the shilling for membership, and never be proposed and seconded, and still be a valid member of the society.

With regard to the extra competitor being added to Class 17 on the day of the show, there again, he thought, it was only necessary to refer to the evidence of defender's witness, Mr. Arnott. It was put to him as an expert, and he said the secretary was not entitled to change a member from one class to another, as was done here. He said that had he been judging he would have been suspicious, and that he would have called the secretary and asked for an explanation. There was no evidence whatever here to show that the judge did not call the secretary, and accordingly on these grounds it seemed to him that the decision of the committee was quite right and pertectly valid. He gave decree against defender for delivery of the cup, and he was afraid in the circumstances he must find the defender liable in expenses.—"Kirkcaldy Free Press."

GAMAGE'S EXHIBITION OF BIRDS AND APPLIANCES.

There seems to be no sport or hobby for which Messrs. Gamage's, Ltd., of Holborn, London, E.C., cannot furnish the necessary material. They have for some years past included a live-stock department within the limits of their premises, and have this year been so enterprising as to devote a large room to an exhibition of cage birds and avicultural appliances. Messrs. Gamage inform us that the show has proved most gratifying from the financial point of view. The Zoo is by no means confined to specimens of the feathered tribe—a most engaging variety of live-stock has been got together—but the birds on view are easily first in point of interest and, judging from the number sold, in popularity. The Canaries shown include many which were exhibited at the Crystal Palace, a good array of Norwich, Yorks. and Rollers, not to mention other varieties, affording prospective purchasers an excellent opportunity of comparing one type with another before making a choice. There is, too, no lack of dainty songsters for those whose purses are slender—even a modest 4s. 6d. will buy a very satisfactory bird. An interesting section of the department is that devoted to the Parrots, Parrakeets, and all the smaller popular kinds of foreign birds, gaily plumaged and in fine condition. In arranging the show-room Messrs. Gamage have not omitted to give suitable prominence to the accessories of bird-keeping. The intending aviculturist has a large assortment of cages awaiting his inspection, among which he can hardly fail to find one to suit both himself and his bird. In addition to the cages there is an adequate display of bird-foods, together with various preparations and appliances useful to whose delights in bird-culture; also of CAGE BIRDS books and booklets. Messrs. Gamage are to be congratulated in having added another attraction of wide appeal to the many that are to be found in their enticing emporium.

"Please thank all those that answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS re Crest-bred Cock. I had so many replies I could not answer them all."—H. RIDDINGTON (Newmarket).

"Allow me a little space to thank all those who replied to my advert. last week. Am pleased to state I sold all Norwich last Saturday. It behoves one and all to take advantage of your advertising medium."—J. W. CHRISTON (Annfield Plain).

Singing Contests.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

First Linnet Club singing held Feb. 21, Canterbury Arms. 30 sang for ten prizes. 1, J. Briggs; 2, Armstrong; 3, Galbraith; 4, Reay; 5, Hills; 6, Hartley; 7, Nugent; 8, Nugent; 9, Walker; 10, Briggs. Judge and timekeeper gave every satisfaction. W. Vincent judge; H. Wilson, timekeeper. J. Nugent, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality contest, held Skinners' Arms, Buslinthorpe, Feb. 21. 19 birds sang. 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, Chipindale. Also grand contest, Feb. 22. 27 sang. 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, Ward; 4, Hayes. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Jellars.—C. Clayton.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, Feb. 21. 24 sang for three prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Hardcastle; 2, Applevard. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Smith. Feb. 22, 32 sang for four prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Wood; 3, F. Chadwick; 4, P. Johnson. Judges, Naylor, Jennings, Mellia. Also a grand Roller contest at night. 19 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Mitchell; 2, Lacy; 3, shared by Lipman and Wilkinson. Judges, Jennings, Appleyard, and Sellers.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly contest George and Dragon, Bridge-street, for three minutes' time singing, Feb. 21; 40 birds entered. 1, Liversedge; 2, Nelson; 3, Morley; 4, Caddy. Feb. 22, 19 entered. 1, Caddy; 2, Brindley; 3, Wainwright. There will not be a sing Feb. 28, but a general meeting.—J. Brindley, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, Feb. 21; 31 birds entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. Three minutes' time sing: 1, 2, Merrick; 3, Beard. Open sing, Feb. 22; 39 birds entered for three prizes. 1, Piper; 2, Nelson, 3, Jones.—S. Pugh, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Feb. 14; 22 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Liversidge. Members' time sing, Feb. 21; 21 birds sang. 1, A. Cooper, 72 secs.; 2, J. Cooper, 53; 2, tie between above, 45 each.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).** (J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24. **Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** (A. Frecstone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Jobs, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bonsfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.)

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—(Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.)

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 5. **Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.).

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7. **Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14. **Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.)

Nov. 14. **Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Cradock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 191.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

I THINK I have made it clear that high-class stock cannot be got for a "mere song"; this applies not only to English bred birds, but also to those imported by the Germans. any instances can be recalled of fanciers visiting Germany who have met with polite refusals when they have wished to purchase classical birds. The Roller is their national variety of Canary, and they are good judges of a bird's song, and although the price they set on the birds may not be so high as it is in England, yet their choice birds are not sent over to us in large numbers, as some people would have us believe.

The fact of the matter is that they do not send us sufficient, for there is always a ready demand for classical stock on arrival, and in some instances orders are booked beforehand for them. This may not read very encouraging to those anxious to obtain high-class stock, and are not blessed with a deep pocket; but, turn to what hobby you will, and you will find that high-class stock will sell for a good price.

Many of the inexperienced become confused by those birds which are often offered and described as Schoolmasters, and contest singers at a price that is little more than the value of a good bred hen. It is impossible for anyone to keep offering either Schoolmasters or contest singers throughout the autumn and winter months at this ridiculously low price. They may be Schoolmasters in their way, but they are not fit to tutor the young birds that are intended to uphold the breeder's reputation at our exhibitions.

Neither are these contest singers meant as the same class of birds as our contest singers, we never see these offers from our breeders, and the reason is not far to seek, we are always open to purchase anything that is really good to cross in with our own birds. Fanciers should safeguard themselves by using the deposit system when dealing with strangers.

At one time it was quite a common occurrence for cocks (?) to be offered at 2s. 6d. each, but thanks to the publicity of the Fancy Press these have been driven into the background. The game is still being played by a few, especially by the hawkers who travel from town to town and stand in a market place offering the birds for sale. The fact of never hearing any of these birds sing on the stall should be enough to arouse anyone's suspicion regarding their sex. It is usual to have a few singing cocks, and if you enquire the price of these they are either "being kept as tutors," or the price is about 7s. 6d. A favourite method with this class of dealer is to lay the bird on its back, blow the feathers from around the vent, and giving it a rapid glance, tell you that from its formation it is a cock bird. If there is any difference in the formation of the vents of the sexes before they come into breeding condition, it has yet to be learned. I have not yet been able to see the difference, even with the aid of a microscope.

I would recommend where it is inconvenient to procure the best at the outset, to commence on the same lines as many have done in the past. By starting with a few inexpensive birds a double purpose will be served. A knowledge is being acquired in the rudiments of Canary keeping and breeding, and the fancier is learning to recognise the difference in the tours, and know them by their respective names. Further, the surplus stock can be sold off at the end of the year, and the proceeds used towards obtaining a better article. Even with the commencement of a few mediocre birds I believe it is better to set out with an object in view, and endeavour to better the song tours.

It may be asked whether the game is worth the candle, seeing that they are only third-raters. I believe in this case that it is, for you will be gaining experience and become accustomed to what will be required when you are purchasing and mating for breeding high-class stock for exhibition purposes, because the same rules will apply in both cases, how to choose your birds, and suitably mate them, with a view to enhancing the value of their progeny.

It must be borne in mind that the hen plays a part equal to that of the cock in the production of our songster, and some fanciers go further than this and say that a good hen and a poor cock will breed better youngsters than a good cock and a poor hen. This is as it should be, for a good class hen is cheaper to purchase than a good class cock, and it is just the thing that we now require. It is a mistake to pick up one hen here, one there, in a haphazard way (unless we are experimenting), just for the simple reason that So-and-so will accept a shilling less than another is asking. The first consideration is certainly not the price, but whether the hen, bred from a song point of view, is suitable to mate with your cock.

As a rule there is not much to pick and choose from in a cheap cock bird, but if one can be found that will sing a nice deep toned tour, and is suitable as regards age and health this would be a fair specimen to begin with. Of course, this cock will be faulty, and though the blood of a good class hen will not be impregnated with so many faulty tours as that of the cheap cock, yet it is not a wise proceeding to obtain a hen that is bred from parents singing different faults to those of the cock it is wished to mate her with. It will be a difficult matter to obtain hens that are bred from parents entirely free from faults, yet it should not be difficult to get them bred from a cock that is singing the same faults as your own cock. If a little consideration is given to this matter in the first place when purchasing your birds, it will save a deal of disappointment, for at the outset you will be setting a foundation for the deep sounding tours that are so much valued in the Roller's song, also endeavouring to keep the objectionable tours at a minimum.

(To be Continued.)

The Construction & Management of an Outdoor Aviary for British Hardbills.

By A. F. BELL (Berkhampstead).

FOR ordinary purposes an aviary of from 10 to 15 feet in length and 6 feet in height will do admirably. This should be composed of an indoor compartment and an outdoor flight. The indoor part should be six feet long with a sloping roof. The slope should be rather steep, about two feet from top to gutter. It goes without saying that the indoor part should have its back against a wall which makes one covered in side, and it is advisable to have at least one other side covered, so that the birds can shelter comfortably even in the worst weather, especially on perches above the gutter.

The floor should be cemented about three inches above ground level and should be covered with sand. The open flight, in which birds always like spending the day-time, should not have a roof, though it is a good plan to have a piece of American cloth ready with which to cover it up in very bad weather to prevent the ground from being swamped. There should be a sliding board to separate the outer and inner parts, as this facilitates cleaning, and each part should have a door.

Feeding utensils have always been a trouble to me, and probably always will be, because a thoroughly satisfactory outside feeder is still to be invented. Moreover, if vessels of food are placed inside the aviary it will not be long before you find the seed bill greatly increasing owing to the fact that the birds will scatter half their food over the floor. However, most aviculturists seem to be quite contented with this method. I myself use a fairly large box with a glass back which is fastened outside the wire of the shelter, and in which I have made two feeding holes, just big enough for the birds to get their heads through.

For water I have one large dish on the ground of the outdoor flight for bathing, as well as a smaller drinking water vessel fastened outside the wire. The flight should be bedded down with clean soil, and this, as well as the sand, must be renewed once a week, while once every six weeks it is a very good thing to scrub out the whole of the indoor shelter, including the cement, with soap and hot water. At the same time the utensils and perches should be thoroughly washed.

It is best to have several bushes in the flight, Box, Elder, and Euonymus are the most cheap and useful, and they will do best planted in large pots. It is a good thing to have two or three of these bushes to spare in the garden, which can be exchanged for the ones in the aviary when they get soiled, and these should be kept out till they have recovered and then re-exchanged, though, of course, this does not apply to the breeding season.

An aviary need not be of expensive construction; mine cost roughly 30s. to make, out of which the wire, which must be half-inch mesh, cost nearly half. The cementing, utensils, and bushes cost 10s. more, making altogether 40s. When the aviary is finished it should be given a coat of green paint, which makes it look neater and also keeps the wood from rotting.

The first thing to say about stocking an aviary is that a bird the size of a Greenfinch can be put in with safety to each square foot of the indoor floor, though I need hardly mention such a well-known fact. I myself think that it is best not to stock quite up to this maximum. The following will be a good assortment for an aviary with indoor flight six feet by three: One pair each Goldfinches, Bullfies, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Linnets, and Siskins, all thoroughly hardy birds and suitable for a beginner, though, of course, if he does not want such a varied assortment he could easily start with several pairs of his favourite species, or if his wish tends towards Buntings these are quite suitable for keeping in the same aviary with Finches, though the Corn Bunting should be avoided.

I have purposely omitted to mention the Bramble-finch because it is a distinctly unsatisfactory bird for a novice. It is fearfully addicted to fighting, and I know of a case in which one killed two birds, and had to have its wings clipped. Its other drawback is its restlessness at night, for it often moves from perch to perch in the dark, uttering its harsh cry and, of course, disturbing the other birds.

When you have decided on your birds, the next thing, of course, is to get them. There are several ways of doing this, and the most usual is to buy from dealers. Of course, it is possible for the beginner to catch his own birds, though in my opinion it is best for him to buy all his stock straight from a catcher, either directly they are on hard seed, or, better still, before, because it is both interesting and advantageous for him to get his own birds on seed and steady them himself, and this method reduces to a minimum the chance of an infectious disease, such as septic fever, creeping into the aviary.

It is best to buy the birds two at a time, put them in separate cages to get them steady, and introduce them gradually into the aviary. To begin with, put the seed and water inside the cages; the seed should be two parts Canary to one mixed dandelion, teasel, and soaked rape. As well as this a good deal of green food should be given to those which eat it; while to the Chaffinches and those which show a fancy for insects a few mealworms should be given. In a very short time they will begin to get steady, and a little of the green food as well as the dandelion seed can be dispensed with, and thus they get used to the hard seed. Then introduce them into the aviary a pair at a time, till the whole stock is started fair and square.

The ordinary aviary seed should consist of canary, teasel, and a little German summer rape, and a handful of the richer seeds mixed together, such as hemp, sunflower, maw, linseed, and niger, may be given. A little green food, lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel, in season, will do no harm.

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MY FIRST EXPERIENCES IN BIRD-KEEPING.

By A. H. MUDGE (Wimbledon).

AS far as I can remember my first attempt at keeping birds was in an outdoor aviary. Two hen Canaries had been given to me and when the spring came I thought I would like to have a garden aviary. So one was built. It was quite a simple affair. It was all open wire-work and was placed against a thick holly hedge. The length of it was about 8½ft., and it was 4ft. high, and also 4ft. wide. Inside were two thick elder bushes and in one corner a shelter was fixed. The seed was supplied in a dish on a shelf, and the water in a flower-pot saucer. The aviary was inhabited by a hen Canary, one cock and two hen Lesser Redpolls, a cock Linnet, a pair of Java Sparrows, and a cock House Sparrow. The birds were fed on plain canary seed, with plenty of green food and clean fresh water. But I do not now advocate such a plain diet.

The aviary was a source of much interest to me, small though it was. I knew little or nothing about breeding; but I put a nest box in one corner of the aviary and also fixed a small sized basket half filled with fine hay, in the shelter. Great was my delight one day when I noticed one of the hen Redpolls carrying some cotton-wool and fine hay into the basket. All went well and she laid four eggs. She sat her full time and hatched one chick which lived to be fully fledged. It was so small that it had to be moved along with it's mother into a single-breeding cage, as it could get through the aviary netting. However, after a few days it managed to drown itself in the drinking vessel. The cock Redpoll did not help the hen to hatch the eggs or rear the chick. The most I ever saw him was to fly out of a bush and remain suspended in mid-air singing his love song all the while.

So much for the Redpolls. Meanwhile, in the nest box in the corner, the hen Canary was sitting on a clutch of four eggs. In due time one Dark Linnet mule made its appearance. It only lived for three days. Whether this was owing to the fact that no egg-food was supplied or whether the mother was a sweater or bad feeder it is difficult to say. The Linnet was a splendid father and most attentive to his mate; he was also a particularly steady bird.

As for the Javas, they were a pair of Greys. Only once did they show any signs of matrimonial thoughts, and that was when the hen was once seen to pick a stick up in her beak and carry it into a bush. When the summer holidays came I had to leave the aviary and its inmates in strange hands. Ere a fortnight had passed the birds were stolen at dawn one morning, so I was told. So ended my first attempt at bird-keeping. I have a larger aviary now, with many more kinds of birds in it, but I still look back with pleasure upon my first aviary. I may say that I think that many birds could live on a plainer diet and in more open places than they do, for I never lost a bird in my old aviary in spite of the plain fare and very exposed conditions, but though open it was perfectly free from draughts. Of course, they were only common birds that I then kept.

Outdoor Aviary for British Hardbills.

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As for insects those which the birds can find in the aviary will suffice. On this diet the birds should keep in good health all the year round, and the Greenfinches should turn out a nice yellow colour.

Of all ways of keeping English Finches for show I think the outdoor method is really the best, as when settled down the birds will become tighter feathered than any indoors, and will be healthier, owing to fresh air, exercise, and bathing in cold water. Shortly before showing the birds, however, it will be better to take them in and steady them down again, as, of course, they become nervous in the aviary. In the spring it is not unlikely that some of the steadier birds will go to nest, especially the Greenfinches and Goldfinches, though if breeding is the object in view a far larger aviary or a less number of birds will be necessary.

TWO INTERESTING LITTLE FOREIGNERS.

The Cutthroat and the Black-headed Mannikin

By M. H. S.

The above-named two interesting little foreigners are fairly widely known and kept. The Cutthroat (or Ribbon Finch as it is sometimes called) is a little brown and white speckled bird, a little smaller than a Sparrow. It is named "Cutthroat" because of a red band under the cock's bill which makes the bird look as though someone had been trying to behead it. Then hen is minus this "ornament."

I have heard they breed easily in this country, but I know I placed my pair in a biggish cage with a suitable nesting receptacle, and although they constantly sit in it I am still waiting to see the eggs. My specimens will not bathe, but the cock is very fond of perching on the edge of an enamel dish that serves as a bath for the Mannikins, while one of the latter is splashing inside.

The Black-headed Mannikin is a handsome little bird with a black head and chestnut body and a bluish-white beak. It is a smaller bird than the Cutthroat and more tightly feathered. My pair enjoy a bath very much, and bathing improves their plumage. I find their nails grow very long if not attended to often. The other day when I was attending to the hen she bit the scissors. After I was finished and had released her from my hand she flew to a perch and "swore" at me—very strong birdie language!

The cock's song is very uncanny. It is a weird wail, very difficult to describe, and I have sometimes heard him repeat it as many as eight times running—such a contrast to the Cutthroat's pleasant little warble. The Cutthroats and Mannikins should have canary seed as their staple food, with loose and spray millet as a change. They enjoy fresh chickweed as green food.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MIXED SEEDS (M. C. M.).—For use as an occasional change for a week or two, or as an occasional tit-bit in small quantities, there is no risk whatever in giving the seed mixture you name. Indeed, as a tit-bit now and again, a little in addition to the staple diet of canary and rape is wholly beneficial, and helps to keep the bird well up to concert pitch in song. But as the staple diet over an extended period, it is not advisable to use a mixture of this kind. Your usual staple of canary and rape is quite the best for this purpose.

BREEDING QUERIES (A Beginner). (1) No, it would neither be correct to feed the parents entirely on soft food nor largely on hemp when breeding. At this time, as at all others, the staple diet should consist of good sound canary only, with a pinch of summer rape given separately each day. Or you may, if you wish to avoid the separate supply of rape, give a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part rape. A small quantity of egg food once or twice a week when hens are sitting, green food in very small quantity ditto if the weather is warm, is quite sufficient. When young are hatched, then begin to give egg food, in very small quantities at first, fresh at least twice each day. When young are three or four days old, add in like manner small quantities of green food, and when they are ten days old add a little cracked hemp daily. Upon the whole you had better provide yourself with a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you, post free, for 7d., which will give you full details on all points. (2) Depends upon the condition of the Linnet whether it would be too early to mate a Canary with it before May. (3) There is no reason at all why you should not take a brood of pure Canaries from each hen before mating with the Linnet. Certainly it would not spoil the latter's chance to do so.

SINGS VERY LITTLE (W. Smith).—Rollers, like all other breeds, vary greatly in their vocal powers, and in quantity or frequency of their performance, as well as in quality, and it may be that your bird is only a moderate performer. The comparative quietude of your home and absence of any other singing bird would in some degree tend to keep such a bird very backward, but as the bird is still young, and the season for vigorous song only just beginning, it is quite possible it may "open out" much more frequently in the course of the next month or so. It would certainly help to incite it to do so if you could have a good lusty singing cock to keep in the same room with it for the next few weeks. Give it a morsel of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week for a month, and on three other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, niger, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed. Give a spray of watercress four times a week when available.

FOOD AND MEDICINE (C. Hutchings).—(1) Your feeding is scarcely generous enough to prepare the birds for breeding. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed, give half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape every second day and a scrap of green food. For the latter, watercress will do if the birds appear to be coming forward nicely, but if they are at all backward get some nice crisp young dandelion leaves and give two of these per bird instead for a fortnight, after which give the same quantity daily until birds have gone to nest. On the alternate days between giving rape, give the cocks half a teaspoonful of egg-food, and a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats, twice in each week for a fortnight, and afterwards give same quantity of mixed seed or egg food on each occasion. Give the hens the mixed seed only on the alternate days—half teaspoonful each. When nearly ready for mating, feed same as the cocks. (2) It is possible for cock to breed successfully without being in full song, but in such cases there is always a doubt of eggs being fertilised. Full, vigorous song is the best and ideal condition for mating. (3) Why do you ask for good cough medicine? Are the birds you enquire about suffering from coughs? If so, you should endeavour to discover and remove the cause. Having done this, five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and syrup of tolu in the water for a few days should set matters right.

THREE IN ONE (A.C.S.I.—(1) I cannot advise you to cross direct with the cinnamon to increase size of your Norwich Plainheads. You should be able to find lots of suitable material for increasing size without resorting to an outside cross. You omit to say whether the particular bird you desire to mate is a cock or hen, yellow or buff, or how it has been bred, so I can only reply in the most general terms. You cannot do better than introduce among your stock which lacks size one or two pure-bred Plainhead cocks, buffs, as large as you can get them, consistent with keeping good Norwich type, with close, compact, and comparatively short plumage, and especially free from tendency to drop tails, crossed wings, and with short, well carried tails. Select birds with good large frames, stout short beaks, and large heads, full necks, and round chests. In short, get as much substance as you can, and have as much of it as possible in front of the perch. Mate these birds with moderate sized buff hens of good type, and utilise the progeny the following season for mating up in the usual way with your stock, each season endeavouring to keep as much size as possible in the cocks used for stock, but at same time not losing sight of type and quality. (2) Allow them the free use of bath in mild weather. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it every second day, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel to water on the alternate days until plumage is tightened up. (3) See last part of reply to "C. Hutchings" is this issue.

DROPPING FEATHERS (W. M. Stone).—It was undoubtedly placing the birds in front of the window which brought on the moulting. Keep them now in a fairly equable temperature, which need not be very high, free from cold draughts, and away from the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping.

TRIO OF YORKSHIRES (T.H.W.B.).—(1) The fact that your birds have been bred in an outdoor aviary will in no way whatever diminish your chances of success in breeding with them indoors, especially as you appear to be keeping them in an unheated room, but rather the reverse. (2) The nervousness is only natural in such birds. It will largely pass away as the birds get more accustomed to your attentions to them. They may even grow fairly tame, but of this there is no certainty, as some specimens never quite lose their native distrust. (3) No, the deformity will not necessarily prevent hen breeding successfully. (4) When the first hen has laid her eggs and begun to sit, take away cock and mate him with second hen. When second hen commences to sit, remove cock and cage him alone until hen No. 1 is ready to go to nest again. Then repeat process. Leave both hens to hatch and rear each brood by themselves.

A YORKSHIRE COUPLET (C.W.M.).—(1) It will be quite useless mating this bird until at least two or three weeks after the moulting has been quite stopped. First of all see that the exciting causes—cold draughts, extreme and sudden fluctuations, damp, etc.—are quite eliminated from the conditions under which it is kept. Then treat the same as advised to "W. M. Stone" in this issue. I should advise you to mate it when ready with a ticked or lightly green-marked hen in preference to a cinnamon marked. (2) This cock will be quite old enough for mating at the beginning of April, which will be soon enough to commence breeding, and may safely be mated then if he is in the proper condition for mating. Select as a mate for him, if possible, a dark-eyed clear buff hen, bred from two yellows, as neat and boxy in feather as you can get her, and with a closely and neatly packed pipe-tail.

CANARIES FROM PALERMO (James Boyle).—It is impossible to give any definite opinion about these birds without seeing them. I suspect they are to a great extent a nondescript and primitive type of Canary in comparison with our fancy breeds. If your object is merely to breed singers or birds for pets, Border Fancy mates would be as good as anything for giving you a strain of nice compact birds with a little appearance of "breed." But for the highest class of singing, with rather less aristocratic appearance, Roller mates would be best.

CRACKLING NOISE (Hopeful).—The noise and yawning habit you describe is frequently due to a slight catarrhal cold owing to the birds being exposed to temporary cold draught. See that your birds are in a cosy place, not necessarily very warm, but quite free from cold draughts and dust, and from the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Keep them in a nice airy place, which is fairly equable. For the next fortnight give in addition to the staple of plain canary seed to each bird half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of summer rape and a spray of watercress. Stop all other foods, etc., you have been giving. In the drinking water add a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and afterwards give instead 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week or so. (2) As regards feeding up for breeding, at end of this treatment, see first part of reply to "C. Hutchings" in this issue.

OUT OF SONG (E. K. South).—The illness and subsequent moulting has doubtless taken a good deal out of the bird, so it is not surprising if it takes some time to resume its song. Continue the staple of plain canary seed, and in addition give every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape (dry) and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a spray of watercress. Twice a week give a pinch of the seed mixture advised in first part of reply to "C. Hutchings" in this issue. Stop all other items of food and tit-bits. In the drinking water add 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month. Glad to hear of success so far. Hope it will last.

IN-BREEDING (F. Dawkins).—The right or wrong way of mating close relations such as you suggest is, I am afraid, rather beyond the pale of these queries. If you mean is the practice advisable, or likely to have a detrimental effect upon the progeny then I can say at once that as a general rule it is not advisable, and if carried on to any extent will most certainly produce very detrimental effects upon the progeny. But this close in-breeding is never recommended in a general way, but only when it is deemed essential to obtain or fix any particular point in a strain of birds. Then it is advised as a means to a particular end, and, practically always, the risk is pointed out, and everything made clear that such matings are wholly exceptional in character and not to be persisted in indefinitely. In-breeding is a very useful servant, but a bad task-master. It is sometimes expedient in breeding any kind of pedigree high-class stock. But the morals of it—well, I think we had better leave that point to our theological contemporaries.

WASTES SEEDS AND MOPES (G.S.).—Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape in the seed-box. In addition give separately every second day a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, sopped in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a small spray of watercress, or a crisp young leaf of dandelion. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and maw. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. After this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

CONSTIPATION (L.W.H., Salford).—Stop giving the cod liver oil food for the present, and give instead a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk and sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week, and give a spray of watercress daily. In case you cannot always get the latter, you may give a grape as a substitute. Break the grape open, drop a pinch of maw on the inner pulp, and fasten berry on end of a perch so that bird may peck it away as she likes. Also add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water every second day for a week. There is no reason why you should not mate her this season. She will probably be all right in a week or so.

FOR BUILDING AVIARIES (J. Hollington).—"Aviaries, Bird Rooms, and Cages," post free, 2s. 3d., from our Manager, is the book you want for advice on the building and planning of outdoor aviaries.

CONSTANTLY PICKING HERSELF (Constant Reader).—From your description I am inclined to think there is nothing at all wrong with the bird, beyond being in a rather forward condition. Does she take a feather or two off her breast, side or flanks in her beak now and again and hop about perch gingerly, as though tripping up herself; and, maybe, end up by trying to place them on the perch, although she has not plucked them out? If this is so, the above suggestion is correct, and there is no need to worry. If the feathers are really dropping out, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, millet, and teazle, and add to the drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel.

PLACE FOR BREEDING (H. R. S.).—It is rarely that the ordinary living room is a very suitable place for breeding Canaries, but still, as you have no other place available, it is some encouragement to know that a great number of small breeders have no other place for the pursuit of their hobby, and yet manage to achieve a fair amount of success. If your living room is of good size, and so arranged that you can set apart a bright, sunny corner, or portion of a wall, for your cages, where they will be quite free from draughts from open doors or windows, and at a fair distance from the fireplace in order to ensure a more equable temperature, and away from burning lights in the evening, I see no reason why you should not be quite successful. The points I have named are the real crux of the matter. Get as near as you can to the conditions mentioned; begin in a small way at first, say, with two pairs or one trio of birds; and with careful management you will doubtless succeed.

A SQUEAKY NORWICH (G. M.).—Really, the best advice I can give you is not to breed at all with this bird. It is quite possible he may breed successfully, but the odds are decidedly against him, and even if he succeeds it will merely be laying up future trouble for your young stock. Keep the bird in an equable and fairly comfortable temperature, but do not overheat him. Give a diet of plain canary, with a free supply of watercress daily, if available, and limit diet strictly to this for a week, during which time add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water every second day. After this time add a pinch of summer rape to diet every second day, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. In the water add, instead of the salts, twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day. Continue the latter part of treatment for three weeks, and if bird is no well in that time, write again, and I will advise you further.

MATE FOR ROLLER (B. C. Twiss).—(1) The ring on the leg of the bird is of no importance whatever. It is simply a numbered marking ring which would be placed there by the breeder to enable him to trace the bird's ancestry by the number it bore on its ring. I take it you wish to breed good songsters, and for this purpose you should mate it with a clear buff Roller hen, preferably one bred from a strain of birds trained to sing the same type of song as the cock. This you cannot tell by simply looking at the hen. Could you not get your expert friend who selected the cock for you to procure you a suitable mate for him? This should be the most satisfactory method. The price, of course, will depend largely upon the vendor. But I should say about 4s. (2) Highly bred Canaries are not necessarily more tame or tractable than common ones, except in so far as they are given more particular care and attention, which naturally results in making them more familiar with their human associates than common birds, which are comparatively neglected. Given the same amount of care and attention, the commonest Canary would be just as tameable as the most highly-bred.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

AVIARY MATTERS (S.).—I think your chances of success would be greater if you could manage your hybrid pairs in large cages, but I quite understand your position, and will help you all I can. Your selection of hens seems to be quite in order, excepting that I think you would do better to take out the Linnet and substitute a cock bird in her place. I do not think so many Redpolls would be an advantage. These birds are so very gregarious that they would be sure to keep to themselves so much that they would be almost useless for pairing purposes. I would therefore advise you to take out a couple of the Mealies. You will then have cock Canaries, the two Siskins (one of which you may have to take out, if they insist upon keeping together, entirely neglecting the hens), the cock Linnet, and two Redpolls. These should be quite sufficient. I am afraid the hen Chaffinch will not be of much use, as I hardly see what she is likely to mate with, but anyway, you could try her, and remove if useless or at all interfering with the others. I do not see any necessity for building your Canary aviary far away from the others, if it

is at all inconvenient to do so. (2) I rather fancy your chances of success. I think you would be sure to turn out something, but you cannot depend upon any of the British hens rearing the young. The Greenfinches would be the most likely to do so. (3) I do not think I would add any other birds this first season. You will do better to keep to the Finches. (4) I would advise you to part with the Albino Robins, as I see no advantage in keeping them for breeding purposes. You had better procure two ordinary birds of known sex, and then, if you have any desire to try breeding operations, you will know how to go on. Of the two you mention I would advise the Redstart, as being the nearer related. Be sure to give the birds in the big aviary plenty of nesting material, so as to encourage them to build. You had better put the hens in the Canary aviary about the second week in April, but do not turn in the cocks until you are expecting eggs from the British birds, as they would go to nest almost directly, and you would not have to keep eggs many days waiting for sitting hens.

CHAFFINCH BARE (Pink Pink).—You give me no particulars as to how you treat your bird. You may be feeding it incorrectly. Perhaps a change to correct treatment may improve matters, although it will not be for some time, as you say he has been bare for twelve months. Feed him as follows: Canary and touzle, pint of each; summer rape and linseed, quarter pint of each; mix these together for his staple food. Give him a little sunflower seed every day, and a spoonful of wild seed mixture twice a week. Let him have a couple of mealworms every day, giving other insect life as you are able to obtain it, such as flies, gentles, green fly, small beetles, and caterpillars, live ants' eggs. Procure some radish and turnip seed and place some of it in a shallow dish, keep moist until it begins to sprout, and offer him a little every day. Try him with wild green food, such as chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and dandelion, both the fresh young leaves and the seed pods. Put the bird in a big cage and let him bathe frequently. A little fresh lard on the bare places will assist the growth of feathers. If you follow out this treatment, there is no reason why the bird should not retain a perfect plumage. Our Nutshell Booklet No. 13 on the Chaffinch would be useful to you.

GOLDFINCH SOFT (A. C. S.).—The seed you are giving him may not quite suit him. I would therefore advise you to give him some sunflower, say half a dozen seeds every day; then see if you can procure some genuine wild seed mixture containing thistle, gold of pleasure, dandelion, sesame, as well as other seeds; if not, try to buy them separate. Get two ounces of each, and the same of lettuce; mix these together, add a little maw seed and niger, and give him a teaspoonful three times a week. You are now able to get fresh dandelion leaves, groundsel, chickweed, sow thistle, etc. For medicine, purchase an ounce of the crystal of citrate of iron, and put as much as will cover a sixpennypiece in his drinking water. Give him this every other day for a week, or even a fortnight, if necessary. Place him in a large cage, and put some other bird with him that will bathe. This may induce him to follow a good example; if not, an occasional spraying will brace him up.

LINNET AND GOLDFINCH (C. E. K.).—Yes, hybrids have been produced between the Linnet and Goldfinch. (2) Goldfinches have been bred in captivity both in an aviary and a large breeding cage. In the latter case they were exceedingly tame hand-reared specimens, but there is no reason why you should not try your bird, if you feel inclined. Feed in the same way as you are now doing for the present. In a month's time you can commence to give them a little extra stimulating seed, also a little chopped hard-boiled egg. Give them a nest box and plenty of building material. They are rather late breeders, so you must have patience. (3) Thirteen to fourteen days. (4) A dozen to fifteen would be quite enough for your aviary. Do not overcrowd.

REARING MAGPIES (Novice).—As you do not enquire about the food, I presume you know what to give them. When hand-rearing British birds I generally put a pinch of fine grit in their soft food every two or three days. Gritty sand is what I generally use or a little scraped cuttlefish. I know many birds have been reared without any at all, but to me it seems quite natural for them to have some. While the old birds are feeding the young, many of the insects and worms they give them must have dirt and grit adhering to them, consequently by giving grit we are only following nature, which is the best we can do.

GOLDFINCH TROUBLE (W. L.).—Your bird may be quite free from red mite, but I am inclined to think he is infested with grey lice. Catch him again and have another look. If you hold him in the hand for a minute or so, you will see them running about. The remedy is to dust him well with insect powder, and when he bathes put a little solution of quassia chips in the water. If you find insects, you will have to repeat the dusting every three or four days until quite clear. You appear to be feeding him correctly, although you make no mention of green food. Some dandelion and sow thistle leaves would do him good. You had better give him a course of Chemical food—a small teaspoonful in the drinking water. Boil the water first, or it will not mix.

CONCERNING LARKS (Thrush).—(1) I expect your bird is coming into condition, and beginning to use its crest. Some birds are naturally a little bit square at the back of the head. I do not think you have anything to worry about. (2) Ragged and frayed tails are not by any means uncommon; you can either trim off the broken feathers or withdraw the stumps; the new ones may retain their perfect shape. Possibly your bird is one of unusually upright carriage, so that its tail naturally drags along the ground. Is the front of your cage (namely, the woodwork) very deep? If so, it may cause him to stretch and stand upright to see over. As he settles down to cage life it is just possible he will improve. If it troubles you, why not take a little bit off the end. This is easily managed with a pair of sharp scissors.

GREENFINCH AND CANARY (Beginner).—It is rather early yet to allow your birds to go to nest. I would advise you to part them and reduce the stimulating food, giving them canary and a third of German rape, with plenty of green food. If she lays within a week after separation, you had better put them together again, giving her a nest and building materials, but if she does not lay, keep her back by giving an aperient, and it would be just as well if you could remove the cock bird to another room out of sight and hearing. If you are obliged to let her go to nest, keep her in the warm kitchen, and do not think of moving her at least for another month. The mild weather and warm room is the cause of her being so forward, but I fear many hens are in the same condition.

CAGING BULLFINCH AND GOLDFINCH (C.P.).—I have kept these two together in a cage without any trouble, but it all depends upon the temperament of the birds. Some Bullfinches are particularly vicious, and become a nuisance in a mixed aviary, but as a rule the cock bird is less inclined to be "nasty" than the hen; she can be a "terror" if she feels that way inclined. I would advise you to place your two birds in cages near to each other and let them have a few days to become acquainted. After a time you could put them into the large cage. I do not anticipate that you will have any trouble, especially if you have no hen birds within sight or hearing.

GREENFINCH AND CANARY (Nimbo).—You will have no trouble to breed from your Greenfinch cock and one of the Canary hens, but I do not think you will manage to pair him with both of them. As a rule the cock Greenie is a very affectionate husband and does not like to be separated from his wife, and is very likely to be spiteful to any partner that you introduce her to. The young hybrids are not very valuable unless they are exceptionally large and of good colour.

TREATMENT OF BULLFINCH (Alpha).—I do not think you can improve upon your treatment of the Bullfinch, excepting that you might give it a few buds of fruit or thorn. Cut a small spray and stick through the bars of his cage. You will find he will soon strip it of the buds. Any of the fruit trees are good, but no evergreens. Failing these, he should have a spray of chickweed or groundsel. The bath is good for it, but I hardly think the lotion is necessary. (2) If you think of trying for Hybrids this year, you should procure your birds at once to get them used to each other and all their surroundings.

KEEPING SOFTBILLS (In Doubt).—You would have trouble if you tried to keep a Robin in with other softbills; he is not generous enough to allow others to share his board and lodging. If you can procure a common Whitethroat and a Blackcap, I think these will be the most suitable. They are both very nice subjects and are cheerful songsters. As you do not ask, I presume you know how to feed such birds. If not, either write again or perhaps you would like to procure the Softbill Part of the "British Bird Manual." You will there find a lot of information respecting the feeding and treatment of these charming birds.

CHAFFINCH HYBRIDS (H. Reynolds).—If your Chaffinch is a cock bird, he should certainly soon be in song. I do not think you stand much chance of being successful in breeding from it, as you are only a beginner. Neither the Chaffinch-Canary nor the Yellow Bunting-Canary have yet been produced. If your Linnet is a cock bird, why not try him with a hen Canary? You will by this means gain a little experience in the management of a hybrid pair, and then another year you could try something more difficult. All the Canary crosses with British birds are rather loud singers, particularly the Goldfinch and Linnet. The Redpoll-Canary is possibly the least noisy, although I have heard one of them make quite enough noise.

HAWFINCH-GREENFINCH (Ted).—This cross has not yet been produced, but it is just possible that it will be some day. As your birds are on such good terms with each other, I certainly would try them. If you are successful the young would be valuable. Give them the very largest cage you possibly can spare, and plenty of nesting material. An old Greenfinch nest would make a good foundation if you could manage to get one. Give the Hawfinch all the small insects you can manage to get hold of, and when not able to get these, let him have mealworms. Feed the Greenie on plenty of wild food. (2) The Bramblefinch has been mated with a Chaffinch, and the young ones exhibited. It is very doubtful if you could manage to get hold of one so late in the season that would be suitable. Perhaps you could hand-rear same during the summer, or procure a young one in its nest feather.

FEEDING FINCHES (C. Hutchings).—Make a mixture of equal parts Canary and teazle, with half as much hemp and a quarter of linseed and one-eighth of summer rape. This will be the staple food for the Goldfinch. For other seeds and treatment, read advice given to A.C.S. in this issue. Feed the Bullfinch on two parts canary, one of summer rape, and half of linseed, with a spoonful of wild seed mixture once a week, and a few sunflower seeds daily. Buds of fruit trees as advised to Alpha, with green food and wild seeds as procurable. You can feed your Linnet and Redpoll upon the same seed as the Bullie, omitting the sunflower, or only cracking a few for them occasionally, or in place of it a very little hemp. Have you our Nutshell Booklets on the Goldie and Bullie? If not, I think you would find them of great assistance.

GREENFINCH AND BRAMBLEFINCH (R. Boyce).—How are you treating your Greenfinch? You give no particulars of diet, cage room, or where he is kept. Perhaps you are feeding him too heavily, and he is over fat through want of exercise, or you may not be giving him green food. The Greenie is generally so exceptionally healthy that there is mostly something specially wrong with his management if he goes soft. I scarcely know how to advise you without any particulars, but anyway, you had better catch him, and if in good condition give him a dose of Glauber salts, as much as will cover a shilling in his drinking water for one day. If no better, write again, giving full particulars of management. (2) I do not think you can improve upon your method of steadying your Bramble, although you do not say if you handle the cage. This you should do daily, gently moving him from perch to perch.

For remainder of Replies see Page 198.

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Accrington C.B.S.—March 5, Crown Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for pair show, Mar. 26. Intending members invited.—D. Harwood.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Mar. 3, St. Thomas's Old School Entrance, Chapel Street, 8 p.m. Table show. Judge, Mr. W. Fairhurst. Mulmg and Hyb. pairs, Goldf. or Bullf., Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.O.V. Hardbill, A.V. Softbill.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 3, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Paper by Mr. Hy. Kelsall, How to Form a Stud.—J. Whitehead.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Clarence Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Lecture on Breeding and Pairing.—E. Toulson.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Mar. 2, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe, New Road, 8. General meeting and election of judges for young stock show.—R. Jackson.

Birmingham City C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Crown Hotel Hill Street, 8.30. Pair show, birds classed as brought in. Judge, Mr. G. Baker. Reading of balance-sheet, etc. Fanciers welcome.—J. H. Jones.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Adjourned annual meeting; election of officers, etc. Local fanciers given a hearty invitation to join us.—G. Harver.

Blyth C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Allison's barber shop; business important.—J. Henderson. (Time not stated.—Ed.)

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Staffordshire, Knot, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers, nominations for challenge bowl, table show, Britisb.—A. Wood.

Bradford City O.S.—Feb. 28, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' shows for 1914.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Discussion and other business.—Wm. Cruise.

Brandon Colliery C.B.F.S.—Mar. 7, Miners' Institute, 7. Appoint judge for annual open show, also date. All fanciers within the radius (6 miles) are specially invited to join. Entrance fee 1s., 6d. per month after.—Geo. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 28, Carnival Rooms, 7. Show dates, judges. Pair show.—F. Page.

Bromley (Kent) F.A.—Mar. 3, Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8.—A. J. Belliuger.

Burslem C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Lecture on "Canary Breeding," also discussion re autumn show, etc.—L. James.

Camborne F. and H.S.—Mar. 3, Tchidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Lecture will be given.—T. J. Uren.

Chorley C.B.S.—Mar. 4, White Lion Inn, 7.30. Cup and show business; very important.—J. H. Welch.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Victoria Hotel, 7. Members to receive a copy of new rules. Show, Mar. 7.—J. Griffiths.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 4, George Hotel, 7.30. Classification for pair show.—H. Todd.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Important business. All members and intending members kindly attend.—G. T. Lynn.

Darwen F.A.—Mar. 10, Albion Hotel, 8. General meeting; show arrangements for this season.—J. F. Riley.

Dundee City C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Doig's Rooms, Overgate, 8.—Andrew Law.

Edinburgh Norwich & Mule-breeders' Soc.—Mar. 3, 142, High Street, 8. Election of judges, "Question Night," and other business.—J. Stormont.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Mar. 2, Abbeymount Hall, 8. General business and enrolling of new members.—R. S. Spence.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Mar. 5, Rugs Street Hall, 8. Prize money on hand to be paid out. New members cordially invited.—C. Grant.

Erith F.S.—Mar. 5, West Street Schools, 8.15. Agenda: Discussion as to alteration of meeting night.—G. A. Rickett.

Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Table show, Norwich. Proposed alterations in classes, etc.—R. Rennie.

Felling F. & F.S.—Feb. 28, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Very important business regarding table show.—G. Garbutt.

Hull C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. British bird show. Mr. W. H. Riley judge.—J. L. Heseltine.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Mar. 4, St. George's Hall, 8. Appointment of sec.—T. E. Pyman.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Mar. 3, The Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Table show. Judge, Mr. J. Hodder.—P. Brooks.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 2, White Hart Hotel, 8.—A. Lawford.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—March 3, Headquarters, 8.—A. E. Moult.

Islington F.A.—Mar. 2, Congregational Schoolroom, Warlters Road, Holloway, 8.30; important business and Canary table show, 9.30; all welcomed.—H. A. Brown.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Mar. 4, Railway Hotel, 8. Allotting of specials; important.—W. H. Symes.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Bull's Head, 8.30. A.V. nat. col. cocks; ditto hen open and novice.—J. Hardbattle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 3, White Swan, 8.30. Buff unflig. and A.O.V. Can. and pairs for Hybrid breeding.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Table show, 15s. sell., single bird and mixed British bird class; fee 3d.; judge, Mr. W. Ordish.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Mr. Fielding's, 15, Whitelees Road, 7.30. Committee meeting; general business.—Jno. R. Windle.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Mr. Lowe's Room, 25, Tonning Street, 8.30.—L. Lowe.

Leyton C.B.A.—Mar. 2, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. Table show of Canaries; judge, B. F. Forse.—Forse and Son.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Daybrook Street Schools, 7. General meeting and pair show.—H. Hall.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 28, 7 o'clock. Social and prize distribution. Fanciers and lady friends invited. We have cancelled dinner owing to our hostess not being in the best of health.—H. Grange.

Middleton C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Old Boar's Head, 8. Special meeting, new rules, also cup business.—J. Hulton.

Middlesex O.S.—Mar. 5, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Annual general meeting and presentation of prizes.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Mar. 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Open question night.—W. H. Tansey.

New Cross C.B.S.—Mar. 5, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E., 8.30. Fancy show; judge, Mr. C. Botting. Fanciers invited. Admission free.—Burton Bros.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Mar. 2, Pillar's Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting and election of officers.—M. C. Potts.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. S. Cook. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Mar. 5, 65, Grainger St., 7.30. Date of N.F. show, etc.; pair show, Nor., Yorks., Bord., A.O.V., Mule and Hyb. Members of specialist clubs invited.—J. W. Reed.

North Shields C.B.C.—Mar. 4, Howdon Rd. N.S., 7.30. Topics: General, and fixing N.F.S. date. E. P. Fox.

Nelson and Colne C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Mr. Fulton's, 7.30. Young show, etc.—D. Watts.

Oxford C.B.S.—Mar. 5, "The Welsh Pony," George St., 8. Pair show.—A. F. Fifield.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Mar. 2, King's Arms Hotel, 8. Appointing sec.; members please attend.—J. W. Johnson.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Mar. 7, White's, 2, St. James Street, 8.—J. Stewart.

Penicuik O.S.—Mar. 7, Cowan Institute, 7.30. New members enrolled; proposal to admit poultry and pigeon fanciers to membership.—Jas. Weir.

Perth City and County O.A.—Mar. 2, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Linnet judging competition.—J. L. Smith.

Porth and Rhondda Valleys C. and C.B.S.—Feb. 28, 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, 7. Election of officers and new members. All are invited to attend, also to arrange a Linnet singing competition.—J. Shephard.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 28, Old Bear's Head, Corporation-st., Manchester, 6. Ordinary business; members invited; some birds will be present.—A. Pereival.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, 8. Pair show; judge, Campbell.—F. Botell.

Redhill C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Watkins Hotel, 7. Pair show; entry 6d.; and lecture by Mr. G. Gardner; come up in numbers.—A. W. Bacon.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—March 4, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Business for pair show.—G. Lord.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Mail Coach Inn, 8. Classes and date of first nest feather show.—Taylor and Bailey.

Reading C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Palmer Hall, 6. Pair show and lecture by Mr. J. Robson. Admission free.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Next meeting, Mar. 4, Temperance Club, 8. Business important to every member for the welfare of society.—Wm. Adams.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. General meeting and fixing dates of annual show.—H. Wantling.

Sheffield O.S.—Mar. 5, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Lantern lecture by Mr. G. Fletcher, "British and Foreign Birds: Their Mode and Habits of Life." Everyone invited.—E. C. Job.

Stanley Vic F.F. and C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Club Room, 6.30. Annual meeting: business important.—R. Peart.

Stirling C.B.S.—Mar. 4, McDonald's Temperance Hotel, Arcade, 7.30. To appoint officials for ensuing year and judges for annual show.—W. Clubb.

Sheffield C.B.S. Mar. 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Pairing competition; members kindly bring birds.—A. Hobson.

Southampton C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 8.30. Report of members' show.—W. L. Page.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.A.—Mar. 4, Reid Hall, Springburn, 8. Monthly meeting and table show of Linnet, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Bullf. hen, A.O.V. Brit. hen.—T. Penman.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Mar. 2. Table show and general business; birds staged 6.30. Members are requested to send birds early. Entries close Feb. 28.—R. Churchill.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 28, Central Cafe, 7.30. Adjourned annual meeting; revision of rules; new membership cards; any other business.—J. Peacock.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Liberal Club, 8 o'c. Yorkshire Union ballot papers.—F. Hampshire.

Scottish B.B. & M.C.—Mar. 7, 142, High-st., Leith, 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting.—J. Allan.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 7.30. General meeting; special meeting to follow; alteration of club meeting night.—J. T. Cheetham.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Leeds Hotel, 7. Pair show.—J. W. Lowes.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Mar. 2, Railway Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Cuttler.

Tredegar C.B.S.—Feb. 28, "Silver Grill." 6.30. Pair show. Judge, Mr. Hy. Phillips (Ebbw Vale). Fanciers and friends welcome. Admission free.—W. B. Watkins.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Feb. 28, 7 Subs. and special business.—A. Teasdale.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard, 8. Discussion on pairing opened by Mr. Morton.—W. Hodgkins.

Walsall C.B.S.—Mar. 4, White Harte, 8. Balance-sheet; full attendance requested.—F. Price.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Mar. 2, 6, The Broadway, 8. Annual meeting; report and balance-sheet; election of officers, etc.—H. Smith.

West of Fife C.B.L.—Mar. 7, Penman's, Cowdenbeath, 7. Election of officials; extension of League; general business; new delegates please attend.—J. Cordery.

Windsor C.B.A.—Mar. 4, Star and Garter Hotel, 7. Show of matched pairs for breeding, Yorks., Nor., Muling, Hybrid; judge, Mr. H. Burfoot.—H. W. Simms.

West London F.A.—Mar. 5, "Windsor Castle," King Street, Hammersmith, 8 o'c. Pair show.—J. W. Denhurst.

Watford C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Headquarters, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. A. Silver; and other important business re headquarters.—W. Rackler.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Mar. 2, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8.—H. Roebuck.

Wombwell B.F.S. Mar. 7, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 6.30. Debate on breeding; nest feather show business.—J. W. Dean.

Walkden Roller Society.—Mar. 3, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—H. Howard.

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Correspondence.

Death of a Noted British Bullfinch.

Sir,—I regret to report that my winning Bullfinch is dead. I entered him for the Palace, but did not send him, owing to his illness. I sent a field-moulted specimen in his place, and anyone who had the catalogue would think it strange to see this was competing for Ramsden's Special. The dead Bullie took 1st under the following judges:—Messrs. Battye, Roe, Longden, Norman, Poole, Robson, and Moulton. His last victory was at Llanelly, where he took 1st and spl. for the best Finch in the show, also beating Mr. Jones' Bullfinch, which took 2nd at the Palace Show. A. E. Cheney.

The West of Fife C.B. League.

Sir,—I was rather astonished to see among the club reports last week a report of the annual general meeting of the West of Fife Cage Bird League, signed by Mr. R. Muir, secretary of Lochgelly C.B.S. I would like to know when he was appointed correspondenee secretary, also how he or anyone else could report a meeting that they never attended. Such a report is bound to be rather misleading. If Mr. Muir likes to look up the back numbers of Cage Birds he will see who won the specials; or the post card I sent him on the 15th January, gave full number of points scored, and special winners. But if he would like the secretarial duties to perform, he has only to attend the next meeting, when the officials for the next season are to be appointed, on March 7th, at 7 p.m., in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath (new delegates please note). He will stand a good chanee, as nobody will oppose him. I would like to make it clear to all whom it may concern that the undersigned is secretary of the West of Fife C.B.S., and will be until March the 7th. Jas. Cordery.

[We have looked up the report in question. It is not in the handwriting of Mr. Muir, but bears his signature at the end.—Editor.]

The Disqualified Borders at Bethesda Show.

Sir,—Mr. Wellings' answer to my first question I consider merely quibbling with a schedule; if not, what is the use of our specialist clubs providing rules for the guidance of show committees? The answer to my second is, a "little experience" makes him think so. Well, there is an old saying that a little experience is worse than none at all, and I am afraid in this instance it meets the present case. May I inform Mr. Wellings that his little experience has led him very far astray, as he disqualified a bird which had absolutely been moulted on nothing else but plain canary seed, rape, and the usual green food. My third question Mr. Wellings says he supported to the satisfaction of those around. I am sorry I was not there at the time, but what I heard when I did get there was anything but satisfaction. May I ask Mr. Wellings is he prepared to support his decision by placing £2 with you against my bird (I consider this its value); I, on my part, am willing to send the bird for thorough examination to any Border specialist appointed by you. Re my reference to short entries, I don't quite understand Mr. Wellings' reply. Indiscriminate disqualification is the cause I was referring to; this is not the first of such, which we have had in North Wales this season. Now, Mr. Wellings, be a sportsman; either admit you made a mistake or come forward and have your mistake proved to you. A. W. Huxley.

The Clashing of Plymouth and Clapham Shows.

Sir,—It will be noticed by all fanciers on perusal of your Show Dates Fixed column that Plymouth (W.C.O.S.) and Clapham shows will clash this year. We in Plymouth feel rather sore about this, as we have kept to the same date for the past twelve years, and by doing so have hoped to avoid coming on the same date as the important shows. I wrote Mr. Hose, the Clapham sec., early in the year, but have had no reply. I am quite aware that the entry at both shows may not suffer a lot, as we are over 200 miles apart, but one or the other of us will lose specialist club patronage we might otherwise have both had. Plymouth wants club patronage because it wishes to have the best birds of the different varieties on view at its show, but I am afraid, judging by the result of the S.N.P.C. voting last year, that Plymouth will stand very little chance in 1914 for S.N.P.C. patronage, if Clapham cannot see its way clear to alter its date. In some specialist clubs, voting for patronage, like kissing, goes by favour, without any reference to prize money or entry fees of the shows, who make application.

Thos. Pope,
Hon. Sec. N.C.O.S.

Birds Shelling their Seed.

Sir,—Could any reader give me a cure for birds shelling their seed and the cause of same. I think this would interest others, too. I have a bird which sits and shells his seed all day long. I have tried various remedies, but all prove of no use. I hope some reader will take this up.

Yellow-Green.

A Rung Greenfinch Caught.

Sir,—It may be interesting to know that I caught a Greenfineh this morning with the nets when just outside the town (Seaham Harbour). It is rung Witherby, High Holborn, London. I took the ring off the Greenfinch and find J., 201, on the inside of the ring. Robert Walker.

Methods of Bird-catching.

Sir,—I have a desire to eateh my own birds, but I do not know how to go about it. Would any of your readers be good enough to guide me as to how I should eatch birds such as Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Hedge-Sparrows. H. Colquhoun.

[An article entitled "Some Simple Methods of Bird Catching" appears in Cage Birds' 1914 Annual (post free, 8d.).—Editor.]

The Need of the Novice.

Sir,—I should like to endorse the remarks of "Novice" in last week's Cage Birds. I think it could be done. I myself am a novice, and I know what it is to buy birds away. When they live about 14 days, then die, that breaks the heart of a novice. Will not secretaries of local societies take it up?

M. Rainford.

Hen Hybrids at Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. Snow.

Sir,—I see by report of meeting of above society (Feb. 10) that the classification is fixed up for their annual show, and that a class has been provided for the dark hen Mules or Hybrids. That is certainly a step in the right direction, but what is to become of the light or variegated hens, of which there are so many? I think it would be beneficial to the above society if they could see their way to amend this class, making it any variety hen Mule or Hybrid. I hope the officials won't take offenee at this, but seriously consider it at their next meeting. Now Kelty, lead the way. Equality.

A Recipe for Making Egg-Bread.

Further Information Desired.

Sir,—I am sure we are all obliged to Mr. Chiswell for the recipe he gave last week, and I should think it would make a very useful egg-bread. But what he does not state—i.e., whether it will rear young birds from the shell as well as will fresh hard-boiled egg and bread, or biscuit—is just what we breeders want to know. No egg-bread is of much real good unless it will do this for, of course, it is as a rearing food that fanciers have the most call for it. Perhaps Mr. Chiswell will kindly give us the result of his experience (if any) with his egg-bread as a rearer of nestlings. O. George Edwin.

Sir,—I read with interest in your issue of Feb. 21 the letter containing recipe for egg-cake, by Mr. Thos. Chiswell, and should like to know if he uses and advocates this to rear young from hatching. May I suggest that it would be a source of interest generally if some of your readers would kindly give particulars of any cake they may have used in rearing from the egg, and state what measure of success has been attained. If good results can be obtained by the use of a loaf, it seems to me that a great saving of labour would be gained over the egg and biscuit.

Boscawen.

The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

Sir,—I am sorry that we, the Buckhaven and District C.B.S., have offended Mr. T. Arnott and his committee in regard to date of show. I think in the first place he misrepresents the case altogether. Buckhaven Society, as every fancier in Fife knows, has been too lenient with dates; they have shifted for the better, and have been clashed with, although first in the field. I may state Dysart Society also settled on the 31st Oct., as it was their old date, but since they knew that Buckhaven had taken the 31st, they let well alone. This is undoubtedly Dysart's old date, and Mr. Arnott may thank his stars that Dysart did not fight the date. Mr. Arnott says Kirkcaldy is on the main line; but is Buckhaven not as good as that? You are taken from the main line to Buckhaven in a few minutes. We must remind all fanciers that all fast trains stop at Thornton, only four miles from Buckhaven. Mr. Arnott and committee may rest assured that we will stick to our date and run the risk of suffering, as Mr. Arnott imagines we shall. We thank him for his advice, and if he has any more will be pleaso address the same to 105, Randolph Street, Buckhaven.

Wm. Foster.

Are We Dissatisfied with the Winning Norwich Plainheads of To-day?

Sir,—From time to time there crops up dissatisfaction with the Norwich Canary as judged to-day from the so-called standard. How many judges have a standard? Frequently, we find 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize birds far from being of the same type, and I am sure no standard presents itself to the novice or casual observer from seeing such variety. The fact is, some years ago, a great (?) fancier, so crossed his stock that he got his birds so much out of proportion to the then beautiful Norwich shown, that he must of necessity agitate and (with a healthy purse) change the standard at that time unwritten, but fixed in the minds of all Norwich lovers—to fit in with his own stock. We are ever prone to follow great (?) men, and the Norwich Canary has suffered ever since, and novices have come and gone, whereas in those days they used to come and stay.

When a little boy my dear old father said to me: (I think at ——, Sunderland Show): "Ted, this is Mr. Mackley (Mackley Bros.), Mr. Neave, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Irons, etc., etc.," and he took a pride in introducing his boy to these old fanciers, many of whom are still alive. Let me ask them which kind they would rather have, the then Norwich-cobby, neat, clean cut, clean headed, with a short thick neck, well fitted on to the body, good chest, nicely in proportion, legs firmly set well back, with body well over the perch, etc.—or the Norwich of to-day—browed and long headed, with crest-bred quite clear, and coppy, running down the back of the neck, long feathered, many of them all feathers, long ringed, long and heavy tailed, chests like 4d. rabbits, legs scarcely able to carry them, etc.

If these old stalwarts would stiffen their backs and say: "We will go back to the real Norwich again," I am sure the Fancy would benefit, and crowds of disheartened novices would rally for another try, and stay. Please allow me to ask all fanciers, young and old, to get out their scales and measure off a Norwich Canary to the scale I have enclosed. Let them criticise it or approve of it, but let them give their opinion, whatever it is, for I feel that if we do not get to grip this dissatisfaction cropping up at almost every show is going to kill what is very near a national hobby. All good wishes to Cage Birds.

Edward Floyd.

Sir,—As an admirer of the Norwich Plainhead I welcome the letters on the question of "lashing" or "browing." I think the time has come when this matter ought to be faced, as, so far from being the exception, it seems to be quite the mode to wear the hair low over the eyes; in fact, "Everybody's doing it." One must admit that we have now reached quite a remarkable degree of perfection in type and quality in other respects, and given a firm stand by the judges I think in a few years this growing fault will be unheard of, as instance the craze for neck size of a few seasons back.

W. Macquien.

The Cinnamon Canary as it is—And as it Ought to be.

Sir,—I would like to make a few statements in reply to your notes on the Cinnamon Canary classes at the Palace. Having been a breeder and exhibitor of this variety for a great many years, the faults you mention are not, in my opinion, altogether the faults of the Cinnamon Club, or of the breeders and exhibitors. A fair amount of blame must go to the various show committees and the judges they select to judge the Cinnamon classes at some of our leading shows. Also you have only to trace the schedules sent out and you will find 70 per cent. of them without any classes allotted to Cinnamon Canaries, and if there be any you will find them placed in many cases under judges who have never had any experience as breeders or exhibitors of this particular variety, which is another great fault in connection with the exhibiting of the Cinnamon Canary. It makes one think that when the various committees are placing their judges, they consider that anybody will do for the Cinnamon classes, which is a great mistake and does not give justice to the Cinnamon Canary. Should there be no classes for them the exhibitor must look if there be any allotted to the Crested Norwich, if so he may have a sporting chance in the A.V. class. But should there be no Crest classes, then the exhibitor of Cinnamons might as well keep his birds at home, as he will have no earthly chance of winning if any Crests are in competition with him, for a great many of our judges have eyes for no other exhibits. Should there be any Crested Norwich in the class, irrespective of quality, the Crest must be first. Why, I fail to understand, as each variety should be judged on its merits, as it would appear in its own classes had any such been allotted. I consider the Cinnamon, to get the right type and colour, which is wanted on the show benches to-day, a bird as difficult to breed as the Crest. Therefore, I think they ought to have as fair a share of merit allotted to them as any of the other varieties of Canary. The same thing applies wth regard to specials. There seems to be a craze among our judges to try and select a Crest for the disposal of specials, another drawback in exhibiting the Cinnamon. I would like to remind some that we have the same labour, the same entrance fee, the same expenses for carriage, etc., attaching to the exhibiting and keeping of the Cinnamon Canary as those who breed any other variety.

I am sure if some of our show committees would only consider a little, they would find fanciers who have been breeders and exhibitors of the Cinnamon, who are also among the first class in other varieties, and who would, if selected, give a very good account of themselves as judges at our shows. The various committees will generally find that, when they come across a Cinnamon exhibitor at a show, a share of the other exhibits belongs to him, helping to make other classes pay through the show committee having allotted classes for their favourites. With a little more consideration at the hands of our show committees and more competent judges, the giving of a fair share of attention to the breed which it honestly merits, would be one step towards helping to make some of our shows a financial success. The above complaints are heard from a great number of Cinnamon breeders but a little more energy put into its work by the Cinnamon club would again bring the Cinnamon Canary to the front. I am sorry to say at the present time a great many breeders of this particular variety are not members of the Cinnamon club. They would considerably help the breed if they would only rally and join in, as they are helping to kill the Fancy by keeping aloof. I am a lover of the Cinnamon Canary, whose wish is to see the breed take its place on the show bench as one of the leading varieties.

Albert Bentley.

Cinnamon Canaries at the Palace Show.

Sir,—As a lover of the Cinnamon I should like to enter my protest against the tactics pursued by certain of the exhibitors of the variety. I hear (it was talked of at the Palace Show, too) that these exhibitors refuse to enter any birds except at shows which have the Cinnamon Canary Club's patronage. Now surely this is a great mistake, and one calculated to kill the breed rather than help it along. I intend that every show which is good enough to provide classes for the Cinnie ought to get full and free support from lovers of the breed, to encourage other shows to do likewise, and to keep the bird well before the public. The Cinnamon is not in such a flourishing position by miles as it ought to be, and refusal to support shows just because they have not the C.C.C. patronage is absurd from every point of view. If we have some good classes, and a display at more shows, that would be the way to bring more breeders into the ranks of the club.

A C.C.C.-ite.

New Society for Halifax.

Sir,—A new Cage Bird Society has been formed for Halifax and the Yorkshire Union at the Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, to be called Halifax King Cross C.B.S. Several fanciers have already been enrolled members, and I have been appointed Sec., pro. tem. A prominent local gentleman has kindly offered to provide a trophy for competition. A meeting will be held March 5, at the Trafalgar Inn, when all interested are invited to attend at 8 p.m., or give in their names as early as possible to me.

A. Sutcliffe, Sec., pro. tem.
46, Eldon Place, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

Ramsden's Autumn Show at the Crystal Palace.

Sir,—Observing Mr. Ramsden invites suggestions, I beg to make the following, that he considers the advisability of catering for hen Mules or Hybrids, that is makes a class for any variety hen, Mule, or Hybrid. There has been some correspondence of late re the above class, and I trust Mr. Ramsden will give this his best consideration, as it would not only increase the value of hen Mules and Hybrids, but would also tend to increase the enthusiasm of breeders in this very interesting and fascinating hobby.

Findlay McGillivray.

Cup Running at Shows in Ireland.

Sir, I noticed in your issue of February 7 a letter from "Hard Hit" re above. As another novice who competed at the various shows, I would be glad to know in what way your correspondent suffered, as the letter, to say the least of it, is somewhat vague. What about the "junior cup" already in existence? If he has been really hard hit, I feel sure he has only to state definitely how to obtain the support of the other novices in Ireland should he take any steps to have abuses that he thinks exist rectified. I would advise "Hard Hit" to speak out, and give some facts to support his nom-de-guerre.

CUP RUNNER.

Sir,—"A Contented Novice" states there is no justification for statements made by "Hard Hit" that novices are neglected. I say there is. The so-called lectures and discussions never came off, so I am sure he was a good attendant! It has been a pleasure to some of the champions to render assistance to the novice. I did not, nor do I, state that the long pocket fancier enjoys the good advice of champions; but it is evident that he enjoys a monopoly of their stock. What I would wish the Council to do is to define the novice in a way that L. P. will have to breed and stage his own for the show bench. The inducement of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland was good. They depend on other societies to make the show a success, and I say that the patronage should not be given where they don't get entries. A. C. N. evidently does not know the length and breadth of Ireland; take the show held in the North to the one in Cork; it is nothing like three hundred miles. It would mean a little trouble, which would be well repaid. I am and shall be hard hit, until the novice is properly looked after. A. C. N.'s information re spoon-feeding might have been used with advantage to his own stock last season; although a contented novice and a long-pocket fancier, he failed at cup running. It is very little he knows regarding the trouble and expenses of this game. Is the best possible inducement given to novices and champions? No lectures, no discussions, and want of energy on the Council's part. The novices under the present state are neglected, and will be until they get on the Council and use their right to make a rule that none but breeders are on the same.

HARD HIT.

A Hawfinch in a Class for Softbills.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Carlisle, I ask why he makes reference to Garston B.B.A. members' show, when writing about the Amalgamated show, as one is managed by its own committee, the other by two delegates from each society. On the schedule, which I have enclosed, it states that all protests must be laid before 5 o'clock on day of show, and be accompanied with 5s. Mr. Carlisle did not protest in writing, and, to be accurate, it was after 5 o'clock when he spoke to me about it. I never mentioned the judge, and I think it is an error on his part when he refers to favours. Everyone cannot win a first prize. Why did he not, before sending to the Press, come to our general meeting if he had any complaints to make against the secretary, where it could have been answered before all the members?

A. T. MULLOCK, sec.

Sir,—The Hawfinch won 3rd prize because the two classes (hardbill and softbill) were amalgamated. This show fell on Christmas time, and some of the classes were amalgamated to make competition, instead of having to send birds back again. This applied to the Yorkshire Cinnamon (yellow and buff) and all the Norwich were put into one class. When Mr. Carlisle complained he was told that the classes had been amalgamated. If he will look up he will find, too, that they could not enter his Larks at Garston show without putting them into Finch classes. When he made his protest it was nearly closing time of the show, and as he came to me, I told him the bird was mine, and I would have nothing to do in the matter—he had better see what some of the other delegates said. Mr. Carlisle was told why the bird was in the class. The judge only did what he was told to do, the same as in the other amalgamated classes. I have written the sec. of Garston Club, saying I will come to their next meeting if he will write Mr. Carlisle, and perhaps this matter will be cleared up.

J. LLOYD.

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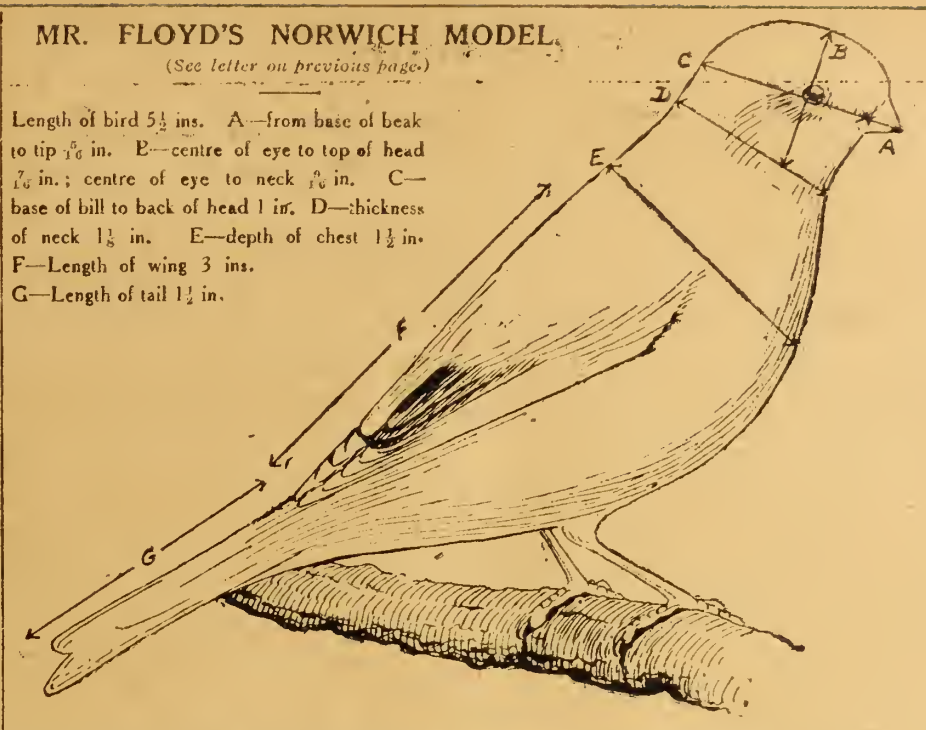

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Recollections of some Birds I have kept.

A Grand List of Talented Singers.

Sir,—I am rather surprised to see, from Mr. G. Margaritis' notes of last week, that he has not been able to keep a Pekin Robin for any length of time. I have kept some for over six years, and never found them very troublesome to cater for. On the contrary, they are easily kept in good health on an insectile diet, but, in addition, they require fruit daily; such as a little baked apple, or sleepy pear, or chopped currants, or ripe banana, and, further, they greatly relish a little sponge cake mixed with grated raw carrot, or moistened with milk; and as they are partly seed-eaters, some Pekins appreciate a little millet seed now and again. I feel sure, if Mr. Margaritis keeps his Pekins on such a diet and gives them a roomy cage (as they are fond of exercise) his birds will live as long as mine have. Of course, like all softbills, they are very fond of mealworms—mine get three or four a day, sometimes six, when in full song. I cannot imagine a more beautiful and sprightly bird, and would never be without one, as they sing nearly all the year round. Another small softbill, that I do not think is sufficiently appreciated as a cage-bird, is the Blackcap. He will thrive on the same diet as the Pekin Robin, and will gladden you with his joyous notes for nearly seven months out of the twelve. The song of these two birds blend harmoniously, and it is delightful to hear how they will outvie each other. Neither of these birds need be kept in a high temperature during the winter months. The warmth of a living-room will do for them. At the present moment I am enjoying quite a concert of softbills, and have now in full song the following:—Blackcap (caged eight years), Blue-throated Warbler (two years), Garden Warbler (one year), two Pekin Robins, Redstart (three years), Rock Thrush, Shama (six years), Sprosser (three years), Whitethroat (five years).

Chingford. OTTO PUCK.

The Importance of Cleanliness.

Sir,—Some bird-keepers do not seem to realise the importance of clean cages and water glasses, but a bird with a clean cage and fresh water is sure to be a healthy, well-set-up looking bird, and that is the kind that is wanted for breeding and selling. A little attention in this direction is worth the short time it takes. Cages should be washed out twice yearly in disinfectant, and aired outside. Fresh water should be given every day, but if this is not always possible, you can do a lot by thoroughly cleaning the glasses when you do attend to them. The open kind are easily treated, but the conical "fountains" present difficulties. The best way is to half-empty them, and, having put some gritty sand inside, put your thumb over the mouth, shake up vigorously. This makes them clean and bright. A bath improves a bird's plumage, and is beneficial to its health generally. MARY H. SCOTT.

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A Wail from Aintree.

Sir,—It is quite evident from the tone of Mr. Skilling's letter that he is suffering from hallucinations. He has missed his "mark" this time. I advise him to practise a little more in "mud slinging." With reference to the lack of interest shown by our members, I did not intend to specially infer that the "birdy men" were to blame. Mr. Skilling is a bit too hasty in jumping to conclusions, but if the cap fits him he is quite welcome to wear it. Mr. Skilling asks the question if several bird fanciers forfeited their prize-money to assist the society over the difficulties, and to this query I answer yes, with the exception of your correspondent, Mr. Skilling. Mr. Skilling holds the society's points challenge cup, which he won in 1912, and as the committee decided to wind up the affairs of the society, I was requested to write this gentleman asking him to kindly return the said cup, so that it might be put up for sale with other of the society's properties, to endeavour to wipe off any liabilities incurred during the year 1913. Although I have written him twice, so far he has not had the manners to acknowledge my letters, or fall in with the committee's request. The cup was originally purchased for the society from subscriptions kindly given by several members, including Mr. Skilling, who at our last general meeting had the effrontery to ask the society to return him the amount he subscribed towards the purchase of this cup. I leave your readers to judge whether Mr. Skilling has the welfare of the society at heart. The person entitled to hold the cup for most points scored during 1913, is Mr. E. Wilkins, who is debarred from holding it under the circumstances already stated. What steps the committee intend to take to regain possession of this cup from Mr. Skilling I am unable to say at present, but I am afraid the outlook is anything but pleasant for your impetuous correspondent. Throughout the year 1913 I have been placed under extreme difficulties in my efforts to make the society a success, and have had to carry on the work on a starvation balance, several very indifferent members failing to pay their annual subscriptions, others failing to send entry fees for our members' shows, and expecting the secretary to pay out prize-money, and even asking for their fees to be deducted from their prize-money. Can you wonder why the society's usefulness has been so early terminated—solely by the indifference of a section (not all) of the members, not necessarily fur or poultry members, but by "birdy men" in equal proportion. I am as much a bird fancier as I am a fur fancier, and will always endeavour to keep to my hobby, but not expect my hobby to keep me, as many present-day fanciers do.

J. A. ANDERSON,
Hon. Sec., Aintree F.S.

London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.

Sir,—In reply to a letter by Mr. Jefferys in your issue of February 7 (which was read to the Council of the Federation on Friday evening, 13th), I can only say that, while we recognise that a National Federation is desirable, and will undoubtedly come into being when the need for it is really felt by individual societies, we are bound by our rules, until the next annual meeting in January, 1915, to the area of the "Metropolitan Police Radius," and we shall find quite enough work for this year in organising the societies in the area. I would point out, however, that the Federation will consider the necessity of altering its rules, or enlarging its scope, if sufficient body of opinion is expressed to justify the step; but in any case the rules we are now under will be very strictly adhered to in every particular until the time provided for possible changes comes round, viz., 1915.

Communications of opinions will be welcomed if sent either to our secretary, or myself (during the illness of our chairman), and they will be placed before the council. Also the Federation would be willing to carefully consider, and recommend (if approved) improvements or innovations in foods and appliances, or in other respects appertaining to the Fancy, in which case it would be desirable that samples, etc., should be in our hands at the time our opinion is asked. Permit me to emphasise that the Federation is out to be of real use to affiliated societies, and their members, and it is our desire that they will communicate with us whenever they feel that advice or assistance can be usefully tendered.

THOMAS G. CRUTCHER, Vice Chair.
85, Delafield Road, Charlton, S.E.

MEMS. ON CANARY MANAGEMENT.

Timely Tips for Tyros.

By JAS. LYON (Aberdeen).

IT is not advisable early in the season to force the birds on too much, especially the hens, which, as a rule seem to come into breeding condition sooner than the cocks. Dandelion leaves, when procurable, are excellent for both cocks and hens, provided that they are free from frost. A little egg food given every second or third day is also of value as a conditioner.

If you find that your hens are coming on too fast, a pinch of Epsom salts should be given in the drinking-water, and the extras should be withheld for a few weeks. One great cause of unfertile eggs is the fact that hens are usually more forward than cocks.

It is a good plan just before mating up (which should not be until the middle or end of March) to put the cock and hen each in a compartment of a double-breeding cage, with a wire slide between them. This saves the stamina of the birds, which is often seriously impaired by the quarrels inevitable if the birds be placed together without previous acquaintance.

If both birds are in good condition the cock should soon be seen feeding the hen through the wires. When this takes place, you may safely place both birds together, and provide the hen with a nest-pan. The nest-pan should be lined with felt, and placed between the perches, with the top rim about an inch higher than the perches.

The hen may be given nesting material, when she will probably at once build a nest. If nesting material is not given her, she may take to pulling feathers from her mate, and once having learnt this habit, she may remember it when she has young ones.

If a hen, at this stage, is seen sitting with her feathers puffed out, and looking listless, you may expect her to lay next morning. If in the morning she should not have laid, and it is seen by her appearance and actions that she is probably egg-bound, catch her and hold her gently, taking care not to damage the egg, the shape of which in the abdomen may plainly be seen. If broken, it may mean certain death to the hen.

Hold her in the palm of the hand, with thumb over neck, second finger over breast, and third and fourth fingers over tail. Warm a little olive oil; take a small, soft camel-hair brush, such as is used by artists: dip it in the oil, and gently "lubricate" the vent by turning the brush gently round.

Then place her over a jug of hot water, covered by a piece of thin muslin placed over the top, and allow the abdomen to be well steamed. She will perhaps drop the egg on the muslin, but if not, place her in the nest, where she will probably soon lay and be as lively as ever. If she does not soon lay after the treatment, it must be repeated.

Take away the eggs as soon as laid, and place them in bran. On the evening of the day she lays her third egg, place three eggs in the nest, and let her sit. The fourth egg will be laid next day.

Before setting, or pairing up, a hen, it is better to examine the claws, and if long, reduce them to a normal length.

When the hen has sat about a week, it is possible to tell whether the eggs are fertile. If fertile they will be black (almost entirely opaque) when held up to the light. If transparent, the eggs are unfertile.

The eggs will be due to hatch on the thirteenth day after the hen has been set. Place some egg food in the dish the night before (for the hen should not be given egg food when sitting) so that she may feed her young when they hatch.

PRESTON O.S.

Show held Foresters' Hall, Feb. 7. Entries were lost on 199, being rather less than usual, but not lacking in quality. Grand birds were staged in the trimpt section. Novice classes were not so well patronised. The P.O.S. medal was won by Jos. Pyke, who had staged some grand birds in the green section. Messrs. Issott, Cleminson, Cottam, and Marsh were chief scorers in the champion section, and J. Knowles won medal for most points in novice section, Mr. Catterall being the runner-up. Mr. Tom Seed, of Rishton, was judge, and gave very satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR., CLASS 1: 1, Issott; 2, Metcalf; 3, Cottam; vhc, Nixon; hc, c, Marsh. CLASS 2: 1, Nickson; 2, Moss; 3, 4, Cottam. CLASS 3: 1, METCALF; 2, Cottam; 3, Cleminson. CLASS 4: 1, Cottam; 2, Cottam; 3, Moss; 4, D. Metcalf; vhc, Cleminson; hc, Issott; c, R. Moss. CLASS 5: 1, Marsh; 2, Issott; 3, Metcalf; 4, Dent. CLASS 6: 1, Issott; 2, hc, Marsh; 3, Cottam; 4, Nickson; vhc, Cleminson; c, Dent. CLASS 7: 1, Marsh; 2, Nickson; 3, Moss; 4, Cottam; vhc, Nickson; hc, Metcalf. CLASS 8: 1, Cleminson; 2, Nickson; 3, Cottam; 4, Issott; vhc, Marsh; hc, Metcalf. GREEN CLASSES: SELF OR FOIL VELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Jos. Pyke. SELF OR FOIL BUFF CK.: 1, Marsh; 2, Jos. Pyke; 3, Moss. A.V. GREEN HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Jos. Pyke. A.V. HARDBILL CLASS 17: 1, Goldfinch, H. Marsh. NOVICE CLASSES: CLASS 19, VELL. CK.: 1, Catterall. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, 3, Knowles; 4, Catterall. CLASS 21: 1, Knowles. CLASS 22: 1, 2, Knowles; 3, Catterall. CLASS 23: 1, Catterall; 2, Knowles. CLASS 28: 1, Dent. CLASS 31: 1, Catterall; 2, Dent. Henry F. Marsh, Assist. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Successful show held Feb. 18, at All Saints' Schoolroom, North-street; 194 birds were staged. Quality all through was good, especially in Norwich novice. Yorks. champion classes were a failure, only one class standing, but British were a grand lot, some of the old winners having to stand down to birds making their first appearance on the bench. Pres. Mr. A. Richardson has promised a silver teapot for best bird bred by a member during 1914. Mr. Marshell, chairman, has given a good special for most points gained by a member joining since December, 1913. In addition to which we have three E.P. cups for three highest birds in each section and several other specials. The attendance during the evening was very good. Mr. W. C. Cowgill, Bradford, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. VELL. CK.: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, A. Robinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Humphreys; 2, Thorney. HEN: 1, Thorney; 2, 3, Humphreys. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Humphreys. HEN: 1, 3, Humphrey; 2, Robinson. NOV. VELL. CK.: 1, Jessop; 2, 3, Cass. BUFF: 1, Carolin; 2, Robinson; 3, Jessop. HEN: 1, Robinson; 2, Jessop; 3, Cass. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Drew; 2, Cass; 3, Drew. HEN: 1, Drew; 2, Carolin; 3, Cass. YORKS., UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Sayles. NOV. VELL. CK.: 1, Shepperd; 2, Marshell; 3, Hearing. HEN: 1, Marshell; 2, Hearing; 3, Cass. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, Marshell; 3, Shepperd. HEN: 1, Hearing; 2, Shepperd; 3, Carolin. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Sayles. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Thorney; 2, Sissons; 3, Zimmermann. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Jefferson; 2, Zimmermann; 3, Sissons. A.O. FINCH: 1, 2, Thorney; 3, Jefferson. BUNTING: 1, Thorney; 2, Pool; 3, Sissons. BRIT. HEN: 1, Jefferson; 2, Sissons; 3, Pool. FOR.: 1, Zimmermann; 2, Sissons; 3, Sissons.—V. G. Zimmermann, Hon. Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Annual table show and judging competition held Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate, Feb. 14. Entries were a shade down, but quality was of a high order. The Scotch Fancy class was cancelled, which is a pity, as bringing them to such shows might induce fanciers to invest in a pair of that variety. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged. While he was judging, monthly meeting was held in the side room. Agreed to hold annual show 2nd Saturday of Nov., same hall as last year. Also agreed to insure staging and screens to the amount of £20 against loss by fire. Sec. Intimated a donation of £1 1s. from Provost Smith. Mr. Dewar was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. Afterwards the members took their turn at judging, and Mr. Wm. Walls was declared the winner with a total of 68 points, entitling him to hold the Dewar Challenge Cup for a year; 2, Mr. Mainland, 64; 3, D. Moffat, 59. The "cake" for lowest score was secured by Mr. Percy West.

NOR.: 1, Forrest; 2, Weir; 3, 6, Walls; 4, 5, Black. BORD.: 1, 4, Duncan; 2, 5, Lumsden; 3, Weir; 6, Brown. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Walls; 2, 3, Milne. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Ferguson; 4, Craft; 5, West; 6, Allan. LINNET: 1, Allan; 2, Sayers; 3, West; 4, Weir; 5, Brown. GREENF.: 1, 2, Allan BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Allan; 4, Brown; 5, Galloway; 6, Mainland. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 6, Allan; 2, Galloway; 3, Sayers; 4, Mainland; 5, Milne. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Mainland; 2, Brown. MULE: 1, Allan; 2, Moffat; 3, Brown. All first prize winners received a special, while the 2nd and 3rd in judging competition received money prizes. Next meeting, Liberal Club, Hopest., Mar. 14, at 7, when classification for annual show will be settled.—G. W. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER.

The Leicester Hand-in-Hand and the Leicester C.B.S. held a combined show of Canaries, hybrids, and British and foreign birds at the Vaughan College, Feb. 14, in aid of the Children's Hospital. There was an entry of nearly 300, and many well-known winning birds were staged. Norwich and British were of great interest to the many fanciers who visited the exhibiton. Mr. E. Nonkes judged Canaries, and Mr. W. Judd the remainder.

NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, Leavesley. VELL.: 1, 3, Holder; 2, Freestone. BUFF: 1, Day; 2, Gilbert; 3, Hulse. GR.: 1, Boulter; 2, Day; 3, Kilsby. VELL. HEN: 1, Freestone; 2, Hulse; 3, Day. BUFF: 1, Sarson; 2, Day; 3, Gilbert. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Hulse; 2, Holder; 3, Kilsby. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Day; 3, Hulse. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, 3 Gamble. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Foster; 2, Gilbert. MULE: 1, Kilsby; 2, Cayless; 3, Heighton. HYBD.: 1, Cayless; 2, Brooks. GOLDF.: 1, Brooks; 2, Allen; 3, Wood. BULLF.: 1, Brooks; 2, Heighton; 3, Laundon and Start. LINNET: 1, Freeman and Burbidge; 2, Brooks; 3, Butler. GREENF.: 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Butler. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, Hunt; 2, 3, Mrs. Bremner. SISKIN: 1, Mrs. Bremner; 2, Wood; 3, Brooks. FOR.: 1, 2, Hardbattle; 3, Mothersole. NOV. NAT. COL.: 1, Crane; 2, West; 3, Parnell. NAT. COL. HEN: 1, Laundon and Start; 2, Butler; 3, Suffolk. YELL. CK.: 1, Laundon and Start; 2, Gamble; 3, Sturgess. BUFF: 1, Hennes; 2, Pole; 3, Herbert. GR.: 1, Gamble; 2, Moores; 3, West. YELL. HEN: 1, Gamble; 2, Laundon and Start; 3, Hulbert. BUFF: 1, Herbert; 2, Gamble; 3, Moores. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Pole; 2, Barrett; 3, Laundon and Start. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, Sturgess; 2, Cobley; 3, Hewitt. HEN UNFLIG.: 1, Sturgess; 2, Herbert; 3, Moores.—A. Freestone.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 12, "Duke of York," when F. J. Weaver presided over a good attendance. First item on the agenda was the settling of dates and judge for open show. It will be held Jan. 21 and 22, Mr. J. Robson judge. Officers elected for the year: Mrs. H. Stanley Hill, pres.; F. J. Weaver chair; R. Willoughby, vice-chair; E. Canfield, treas.; W. Harrison, sec.; and J. Gibbons, Press corresp. Mr. F. J. Weaver, the chairman, next presented the members' cup to winner, J. Gibbons, and said how sorry he was to hear of secretary's retirement, but was pleased to note that Mr. Harrison was willing to fill the gap. J. Gibbons, on receiving cup, responded, and said he regretted to have to give up secretarial duties, but business pressure compelled him to do so. Two new members were elected: Dr. Morris (Wednesbury), and P. C. Hepworth (Albrighton). This brought a good meeting to a close. J. Gibbons, Press Corresp.

SKIPTON C.B.S.

Last show of season held Feb. 21, Friendly Society's Hall. Over 60 were staged, and some excellent quality was to be seen. Mr. J. Miller won cup most points champion, and Mr. R. Hudson cup most points amateur, the silver cup for best young bird bred by a member having been previously won by Mr. J. Hodgson. Mr. W. Moorby exhibited best Yorks., a grand buff cock; Mr. R. Hudson, best Norwich, a fine buff hen, also best foreign; Mr. E. Smith, Bradford, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Waddington; hc, c, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Moorby; 2, Wear; 3, vhc, hc, Hodgson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Miller; 2, Hodgson; vhc, Hudson; hc, Greenwood; c, Waddington. BUFF: 1, Wear; 2, Hodgson; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Moorby. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Wear; 2, hc, Miller; 3, Moorby; vhc, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, Wear; 3, vhc, Miller. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Miller; 3, vhc, Hodgson; hc, Hudson; c, Moorby. BUFF: 1, Wear; 2, Waddington. A.O.V. YORKS. CK.: 1, Waddington. HEN: 1, Miller. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, vhc, Hudson; 2, Hodgson. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, vhc, hc, Jackson; c, Hodgson. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Jackson. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Miller. FOR.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Hudson; 3, Gallagher.—Gill and Hudson, Joint Secs.

BEDFORD UNITED C.B.S.

Pair show held headquarters, Feb. 17, when a number of very choice specimens were on view. Mr. H. Markham judged. YELL. NOR. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Netley, extra good cock, rare type, lovely qual., and good stout hen; 2, Keech, fine big cock, longer than winner, with lovely hen, full of qual., very typical; 3, 4, Keech, very fine mkd. cock, excels in head, col., and type, with another charming hen; vhc, c, Beanland; hc, Wilmot and Johnson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Keech, mkd. cock, correct type, with one of the very best hens we have seen lately; 2, Keech, similar cock to first, with very smart typical hen; 3, Notley, mkd. cock, rare subs., with smart tkd. hen; 4, hc, Beanland; vhc, Johnson. MULING PAIRS: 1, Notley, smart, rich coloured Siskin, with good cl. yell. Nor. hen; 2, Wilmot, excellent foreign Goldf., with large yell. Nor. hen; 3, Wright and Mayo, cock Goldf., fine rich col. blaze, and yell. gr. Nor. hen; 4, Notley, capital cock Greenfinch and large yell. Nor. hen. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Greenaway, smart cock Redpoll and nicely pencilled hen Linnet; 2, Notley, smart cock Goldf. and fine large hen Bullf.; 3, Wright and Mayo, good cock Goldf., with very nice hen Bullf., our choice for first. NOV. CLASS: 1, vhc (2), hc, Valentine, fine big yell. Nor. cock, trifle long in flights, with nice, short, typical, mkd. hen, suitably matched, although we preferred the vhc; 2, c, Crawford, buff cock, with rare subs., and very nice mkd. yell. hen; 4, vhc, Hudson; hc, Simons. JUNIORS: 1, Thompson, heavily mkd. yell. cock, of good col., with nicely made clear buff hen.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Annual pair show held People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, Feb. 5, and proved very successful, 97 pairs being staged. Borders as usual were the feature of the show, the two novice classes bringing out 26 pairs. Novice Norwich also did well with 21 pairs, and in these and the champion classes some very fine birds were on view. Special for best in show went to the Rev. Soames, with a nice pair of Borders. Owing to the illness of Mr. Meades, the awards were made by Mr. G. Hill, who gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (5): 1, Hall; 2, 3, Pope; vhc, hc, Laccohee. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Hall; 2, hc, Laccohee; 3, vhc, Pope. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Fairman. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Fairman. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Burton Bros.; 3, Rev. Soames. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Rev. Soames; 2, 3, Burton Bros. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (12): 1, vhc, hc, Fuller; 2, 3, Gardner; c, Deane. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Deane; 3, Fuller; vhc, c, Gardner; hc, Weston. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN.: 1, vhc, Fuller; 2, 3, Martin. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Fuller. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, 2, Kay; 3, hc, Martin; vhc, Green; c, Preece. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (16): 1, 2, Kay; 3, hc, Martin; vhc, Ford; c, Williams. CRESTS: 1, 2, Ford. MULING PAIRS (10): 1, 2, c, Weston; 3, Deane; vhc, Fuller; hc, Pope. SELL. (8): 1, c, Fairman; 2, vhc, hc, Deane; 3, Weston. Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Pair show held Feb. 14, Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge. Mr. J. H. Harrison, Hebden Bridge, judged 18 pairs of novice exhibits, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell; 4, hc, Senior; vhc, c, Magson. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (8): 1, 4, hc, Mitchell; 2, 3, Senior; vhc, c, Magson. NOR., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Magson; BUFF CK. AND YELLOW HEN: 1, Magson

Results of competitions at the series of shows are:—Open section 1st and cup, E. Stobart, 58 points; 2nd, F. Walker, 35; 3rd, W. Highley, 33; 4th, E. Crossley, 26; Priestly, 23; Pickles, 16; Graham 12; Sunderland, 7; Tattersall, 2; Novice, 1st and rose bowl, C. Senior, 113 points; 2nd, Mitchell, 102; 3rd, T. Magson, 78; 4th Wild 67; E. Sutcliffe 39; J. Hardy 26; J. Lamb 19; S. Parker 6. Will members kindly let me know all once if any error. The smoker's cabinet, value £2 2/-, for most entries at the June, July, October, and January shows, Mr. T. Magson, a novice exhibitor, wins with 32 entries. Mr. Magson made 66 entries throughout the season; if we had more exhibitors of this stamp the society would gain thereby. Presentation of prizes, supper, and social, Feb. 26, at Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge; supper at 7; tickets 1/6. Members, fanciers and friends desirous of attending kindly inform me not later than Feb. 23. A special invitation is given to the judges of the past season to attend.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec., 46, Eldon Place, Hopwood-lane, Halifax.

GUISBOROUGH PRIORY C.B.S.

First annual pair show, held Victoria Hotel, Lingdale, Feb. 21. Over 50 pairs faced the judge, Mr. T. Hill, Thornaby-on-Tees, who gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Allison; 2, hc, Halls; vhc, Weston; c, Cook. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Cook; 2, Weston; 3, Allison; vhc, Hall. NOR., YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Cook. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Mays; 2, Cook; hc, Hall. NOV., YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Wilson; 2, vhc, Marsey; 3, Warnker; c, Harrison. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Marsey; 3, c, Wilson; vhc, Waraker. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Waraker; 2, Marsey. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Marsey; 2, Waraker. OPEN, BRIT.: 1, 2, Weston; 3, vhc, Harrison. MULING PAIR: 1, Mays; 2, Cook. A.V.CAN.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Starling; vhc, c, Hall.—W. Waraker, Hon. Sec.

EAST LOTHIAN C.B.S.

Final table show for season, held Feb. 20, for matched pairs; over 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. John Wood, Newtown, who gave general satisfaction. C. Barrie won sp. for Norwich, and J. Fairgrieve sp. for Bords, also sp. for best Border in the show, and Geo. Steel the sp. for best Muling or Hybrid pair.

BORD.: CL.: 1, 3, Fairgrieve; 2, Ramage. VARIEG.: 1, Steel; 2, Scott; 3, Grant; 4, Fairgrieve. GR. OR CINN.: 1, sp. Fairgrieve. NOR.: 1, sp. 2, 3, 4, Barrie. MULING: 1, 2, 3, Barrie. HYBRID: 1, sp. 2, 3, Steel. BORD. CK.: 1, Grant; 2, 3, Fairgrieve. HEN: 1, sp. Fairgrieve; 2, Ramage; 3, Scott; 4, Grant; 5, Fairgrieve. BRIT.: 1, Barrie; 2, Steel; 3, 4, Stodart; 5, 6, Grant; 7, Steel. A.O.V.: 1, sp. 2, Barrie.—J. Fairgrieve, Sec.

S. SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held Feb. 21 in the club room. Members staged about 100 pairs, and Brit., Nor. standing well away from other classes. Special features of the show were Mr. Woodhouse's Black Redstart, staged in faultless condition, and the nov. pairs, the quality all round being the best ever got together by the members. Mr. S. Smith judged. Principal prize-winners.—NOR. AND YORKS: 1, Winter and Son; 2, 3, Richardson; 4, hc, Thompson; vhc, Watson; c, Addison. A.O.V.: 1, Richardson; 2, Winter and Son; 3, Greaves. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Fail; vhc, Holliday. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 4, Ridley and Curry; 2, vhc, Woodhouse; 3, Holliday; hc, Watson; c, Thompson. LINNET: 1, Woodhouse; 2, Howden; 3, Fail; 4, Addison; vhc, Richardson; hc, Winter; c, Ridley and Curry. GREENF.: 1, Woodhouse; 2, 4, Ridley and Curry; vhc, Addison; hc, Howden. A.O.V.: 1, Woodhouse (Black Redstart); 2, 3, hc, Ridley and Curry; vhc, Fail; c, Addison.—W. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW W. OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Annual pair show, held Jan. 31, Nelson Temp. Hotel. Fully 50 pairs were staged. The judges, Messrs. Taylor, Lappin, and Craig, whose awards gave every satisfaction, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close of show.

CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, J. Nimmo. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, 4, W. Hutchison; 2, 5, Rankine. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, W. Hutchison; 2, Begg; 3, Wood. GR. OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Jackson. GR. OR CINN. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Whitelaw; 4 H. P. Hutchison. BORD., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, D. Whitelaw; 2, 3, C. Pollock; 4, 6, H. P. Hutchison; 5, Jno. Pierce; 7, A. Wyllie. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, H. P. Hutchison; 2, Pollock; 3, Pierce; 4, Wyllie; 5, Graham. YORKS., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Martin. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, C. Martin. MULING PAIRS: 1, Graham; 2, Pierce; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Rankine. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, Watson; 2, 6, McAlvon; 4, Graham; 5, Rankine. Mr. D. Whitelaw was successful in winning points special with 13 points.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Annual presentation of prizes at the "Fleece Hotel," Stanningley, Feb. 14. There was a good company of members and friends present, and a good evening was spent. Mr. A. Noble (pres.) was unable to be present, being ill in bed. Chair was taken by vice-pres., J. Towler. The secretary read the report of the past show season. The entries have not been as good as in 1912. 265 birds have been shown by 16 members, an average of 16 per member, and 50 per show for each of five shows. Norwich section has been poorly supported, only two birds being shown during the whole season. W. Richmond wins 1st prize for the fourth year in succession, with 101 points. W. Ackroyd, 2nd 90 points; and H. Raistrick 3rd, with 72 points. First prize novice, Master H. Noble, 27 points; C. Noble, 2nd, 21 points; B. Wood, 3rd, 18 points. Prizes were presented by Mr. J. Chambers (Leeds). A vote of thanks to Mr. Chambers was proposed by Mr. J. Butler. Messrs. Noble, Casson, Tetley, Ingham, Etherington and Hargreaves kept the company alive with songs, etc. Mr. Emsley Sharpe accompanied.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held in Queen's Hall, Wimbledon, Feb. 16. Entries were exceptionally good, over eighty pairs being staged. Yorks. and Bord. were most in evidence, Nor. being only poorly represented in numbers, but making up for the deficiency in merit. Yorks. were divided into two classes, the winner in the yell. cock class being staged by Mr. J. Heath. It was a grand bird, and had a big, romping buff hen for partner. Messrs. Owen and Son were close up, with another good pair. In the buff cock class Mr. H. Smith, the popular secretary, held the trump card. The hen in this pair was very much admired. She had a grand lengthy partner with her. Another bird that took the fancy was Mr. Bailey's yell. hen in the nov. class. She was considered by many to be as good as any in the hall. The champion Bords. numbered eighteen pairs, Mrs. Thyune staging the winners. The class was particularly remarkable for the various types of birds put down, which is very confusing to young fanciers. No doubt the Southern B.F.C. will soon decide upon a model, then breeders will know what to breed for and exhibit. A few good Hybrid pairs and British made up an interesting collection. The special for best pair went to Mrs. Thynne's Crests and C.B. Mr. Robson judged. The show was well attended by visitors.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Saunders. YORKS., BUFF CK. AND Y. HEN (12): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Harris; vhc, Truelove; hc, c, Owen and Son. YELL CK., BUFF HEN (13): 1, Heath; 2, Owen and Son; 3, hc, Smith; vhc, Truelove; c, Newley. BORDS. (18): 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Thynne; 2, c, Pegg; 3, Saunders. NOV., NOR (12): 1, Randall; 2, c, Miss Edwards; 3, vhc, Hamilton; hc, Gossling. YORK, BUFF CK. (3): 1, 3, Bailey; 2, Stevens. YORK. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Bailey; 2, Randall; 3, Young. BORDS. (6): 1, vhc, c, Gossling; 2, 3, hc, Simmonds. CREST: 1, Mrs. Thynne. PAIRS, HYBRID: 1, Simmonds; 2, Mrs. Hobden; 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne. FINCH: 1 Hobden; 2 Newley.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T PAGE F.Z.S

GREEN PARROT (C.W.C.). It is not easy to assume the exact nature of the sweating, but if they are hard, painting daily with tincture of iodine, so long as the skin remains unbroken, should give relief. It will be well at the same time to keep the bowels moving quite freely by occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia or one teaspoonful in the drinking water as often as may be required—at the same time the excreta must not be allowed to remain watery loose. When not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. You state nothing as to how you are dieting the bird. In addition to seed mixture it can have ripe fruit, nuts, plain cake, biscuit, stale crusts, dry potato, and green food (lettuce, seeding grass and cereals as in season), grit and cuttlebone must also be regularly supplied, as also should be pieces of wood for the bird to cut up. When using the iodine be careful that it neither runs into the ears or eyes, at least it should not be used freely enough to run at all. Report progress in a month.

MORE HANDSOME THAN FESTIVE (A.J.). You must pardon me, but I did not go the full length of your statement. I wrote: "Words fail me to eulogise suitably this gorgeous species, although it is rivalled in beauty by over forty species of the same genus." When one names such as Black-throated, Superb, Tri-coloured, Back-backed, Black-cheeked, Sported Emerald, Turquoise Blue, Yellow, Dr. Marent's, etc., all belonging to the genus *Calliste*, and all equalling, if they do not surpass (matter of individual taste, this) the Festive, even such extravagance of expression as that quoted is fully warranted, for it is no exaggeration. I take it you want a beautifully-plumaged and interesting cage pet; if such is your need, without hesitation. I say a Gold-fronted Green Fruitsucker. It is a bird of gorgeously beautiful plumage, tame and confiding demeanour, for it soon becomes finger tame, can be allowed a considerable amount of liberty, and possesses a good power of imitating the songs and calls of other birds. It's a case of taking them when you can get them; watch our adverts., or claim one at some show, or get one from the Southport Zoo. If I have not fully met your need, please repeat query.

WHAT PARROT (E. W. Moss). It is, so far as one is able to judge of a young bird, a Red-fronted Amazon, which is a very uncommon species. The bird may, however, develop a changed plumage when it matures, and if you send me details after the next month, I will either confirm or correct. All Amazons require similar treatment, and the following seed mixture should form the staple dietary: One quart each canary, white millet and oats; one pint each hemp, sunflower and paddy rice, and half-a-pint of shelled pea nuts, the whole to be well mixed together. Also ripe fruit daily, pieces of biscuit, plain cake, stale crusts, and a little green food—a walnut or Brazil nut also forms an agreeable change. Grit, cuttlebone, water, and pieces of wood must be regularly supplied. As yours is a young bird, I should boil a tablespoonful of maize daily; this only keeps fresh one day, prepare as follows: Boil till soft, but each grain should remain whole, drain away all water, dust with flowers of sulphur and supply to the bird when cool. A half-teaspoontful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking-water will also be beneficial, every other day while the bird is growing. The bowels should be kept moving freely, not watery loose, by an occasional laxative; one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water is as good as anything, but making the water just saline with Epsom salts will meet the case. When tame and quite at home with you, a daily fly round the room will be to its benefit.

WHAT IS IT? (Constant Reader).—It is a Ring-necked Parrakeet, a species among which occur many talkers, but they usually require a lot of teaching. So soon as the bird is properly tame, and it is not scared at all when you are round about its cage, fuss about with it, at the same time offering it some dainty, talking to it the while, and repeat distinctly some word or short sentence as a beginning, and when it has picked upon it, then start upon another; some individuals are months before they respond, but, once their interest is fully aroused, they pick up many things for themselves. The range of the dietary covers: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, biscuit, plain cake, stale crusts, and greenfood; grit, cuttlebone, water, and wood for it to exercise its beak upon should be treated as part of the daily menu.

BUDGERIGARS (Bird Lover).—I should say your bird has had a chill and had some difficulty in getting rid of her egg; if she is no better when you get this reply you had better give her two drops of castor oil direct to the beak, and subject her to a dry heat for a couple of days, then keep her in a fairly warm room till March is past, when they should all go to nest and duly bring up young. Note, the above special treatment is only required for the ailing bird. You should have told me just how and where you were keeping them, and the extent of their accommodation, as it is impossible to give a really helpful reply without such data. Keep a millet spray hanging in her cage; this will find her exercise in picking out the seeds, and do not omit to supply grit, cuttlebone green food, and water regularly. If you have not our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," get it, it will help you, 2½d. post free from our Manager.

IS IT AN AVADAVAT? (Beginner, Wealdstone).—You are evidently unacquainted with the cocks of both Avadavats and Golden-breasted Waxbills; in such case the size should help you, as the former is half as large again as the latter. However, from your description, I should say there is little doubt but that it is a hen Avadavat, but the above test should enable you to verify it; though both are small birds, the difference in size of the two species is most marked, and the Golden-breast is a much greener-brown above than the Avadavat, in which the green tinge is very slight.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Sudden.—Bird died as the result of haemorrhage from the lungs, induced probably by fright.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

YORKSHIRES; 2 yellow cocks, 8/6 each; 1 buff cock, 7/6; 4 buff hens, 5/- each; 42/- the lot: John Fenwick, 66, Rochdale-rd., Shaw, nr. Oldham. (1376)

PAIR high-class Yorkshires, cock in full song, prize strain, 12/6, bargain, proved breeders: Claremont, Cavendish-rd., Merton. (1383)

YELLOW green Yorkshire cock, 9/6; buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6; winner; yellow Lancashire cock, 7/-: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley. (1378)

FEW good cocks and hens; cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6 upwards; inspection invited: H. Brownhill, 29, Mercer-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1370)

YELLOW Yorkshires, winner 1st open, 25/-; 3rd, same class, £1; others very cheap: Smith, 3, Torquay-villas, Rosmeach-st., Hull. (1380)

YORKSHIRES; cocks, 8/-; hens, 3/6; lady's cycle, 25/-; or exchange for pair of Norwich: Redfern, 9, Brydon-st., Ardwick, Manchester. (1370)

LONG stylish cocks, full song, frim 8/6; hens, breeding condition, 5/-, cold room; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill. (1377)

WHAT offers in high-class Yorkshires or Rollers for a lovely pair of White Orpingtons; no rubbish: J. Lloyd Edwards, Haverfordwest. (1373)

YORKSHIRES: Three clear buff cocks, three clear yellows; winners; cheap to clear; approval, stamp: Cattell, Hampstead-rd., Newcastle. (1381)

PAIR Yorkshires, cock first in class of ten, 12/6; three big Linnet Mules, Linnet song, 7/6 each.—Hingley, Central Quarry Bank, Staffs. (1283)

SHACKLETON'S typical 1913 yellow cock, buff hen, breeding condition, double breeding cage, 15/-: Haytock, Florence-st., Rochdale; offers. (1370)

BARGAIN; champion pair Yorkshires, variegated yellow cock, buff hen, winner two firsts, £1; approval, deposit: Jones, Vaynol, Harlech. (1377)

A FEW good Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford. (1376)

YELLOW Yorkshire Canaries, healthy, 1912 hatched, two pairs at 10/6 each and one pair 12/6: Mrs. Mossop, The Shrubbery, Ketton, Rutland. (1370)

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SALE, 3 Dutch rabbits, 15/-; exchange; also set of fishing tackle, reel, lines, etc., 10/-; exchange Yorkshire cock, anything: James, Market-st., Hednesford. (1379)

BARBER'S celebrated Yorkshire Canaries, colour fed, grand type and quality, cocks 7/6 upwards; hens 3/- upwards: James Barber, 31, Sydney-rd., Enfield. (1336)

HIGH-class Yorkshire hens, bred from winners, from 7/6, upwards; state wants; approval with pleasure: F. Coulson, 163, Albert-st., Millom, Cumberland. (1380)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 10/-, upwards; hens, 5/-, upwards; bred from prize-winners; satisfaction guaranteed: Reed, North Cross-st., Leadgate, Co. Durham. (1379)

1913 YELLOW three-quarter Belgian cock, grand bird for improving Yorkshires, 15/-; yellow Yorkshire hen, 3/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland. (1385)

GOOD buff Norwich cock, 17/6; yellow cock, 15/-; variegated yellow cock, 15/-; others from 7/6; wins Glasgow and Paisley: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (1379)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires for sale, salmon buff cocks, 10/- upwards, winners; pairs, same strain, for breeding, from 13/-: A. Gasson, 62, Avondale-rd., Kettering. (1310)

GRAND unflighted Yorkshires, Bennett's strain, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; sacrifice to clear quickly; removing; inspection invited: Thomas, 15, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1382)

CHAMPION Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks 5/-, hens 3/-; no fancy prices and 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: Taylor, Temperance House, Osset. (1386)

NOTICE; grand lot high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

TYPICAL Yorks., good colour; cocks, full song, 6/6; hens, 3/-; three big muling hens, 3/-; exchange hen Bullfinches; deposit: Devine, 20, Maple-avenue, Convent-lane, Hull. (1377)

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare a few good birds, bred from the best blood in the Fancy; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval: J. Cliff, 78, Brook-st., Selby. (1378)

REALLY good Yorkshires, grand breeding strain, guaranteed cocks, 5/6, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; well-matched pair, 8/6; healthy, reliable: Pastell, 24, Vicarage-rd., Watford. (1377)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has two lovely yellow Yorkshire hens, fit to win, two yellow cocks, won 2 firsts and second, bred from his challenge cup winners; cheap; approval. (1383)

CHAMPION strain of Yorkshires to clear cheap, including winners, cards sent; cocks, 10/6 to 17/6; hens, 6/6 to 10/6; approval: Breeder, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, London N.W. (1337)

76 FIRSTS, 56 SECONDS

Fifty-five thirds, and over seventy specials and diplomas, at all the leading shows this season with Yorkshires only, not all varieties. I have also won the Yorkshire Canary Club Challenge Cup, the Green Marked Trophy, and gold medal, second in Yorkshire Union Competition, and other honours too numerous to mention this season. This is not a one-season's wonder, as I have won far more firsts every season for years than any other exhibitor, and have sold birds to my customers that have won continually at all the leading shows. The numerous repeat orders I receive are ample testimony of the birds I send out. Read following, received Feb. 29/14, from 21, Albert Bridge-rd., Belfast: Birds received in grand condition. I have had several pairs from your city, but none please me so well as these. Kindly send another pair for enclosed amount, and shall send all future orders to you.—J. L. Gibson to L. Dykes. Another, from Birkwood-st., Dalmarnock, Feb. 20. Please send another pair of Yorkshires. The pair I had some weeks ago give every satisfaction.—A. Hamilton. Another, from 1, Burrow-rd., Preston, Feb. 21. I received birds quite safe, and am pleased to say that they are quite up to expectations.—J. C. Higinbotham. These are only a few samples of what I receive from almost every customer. I have still a fine collection of high-class Yorkshires, bred from and related to my noted winners, that for type, style, length, and quality cannot be equalled. Champion Yorkshire cocks, on full song, yellows or buffs, at 6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards. Fine feathered racy hens, just the stamp to breed winners, yellow or buff, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs, properly mated to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. Clears, ticked, or marked, and all cold room bred and kept. Travelling cage, 3d. extra. Inspection invited at any time. Or birds sent seven days' approval, at my risk; cash or deposit with Editor. Kindly state wants; easy payments to any reliable fancier: L. Dykes, Reliable Aviaries, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

BRED from my winners; long typical yellow and buff unlighted hens, 5/- each, 7in. variegated buff cock 15/-; worth double: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin-avenue, North Kensington. (309)

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1913, cold-room bred, cocks, 6/-, 6/6, and 7/6; hens, 3/- and 3/6; 4 days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London. (1349)

RADLEY'S champions, 2 buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-; 2 yellow cocks, 15/- £1; buff hen, 10/-; bred from my winners; approval, deposit: Frank Radley, Elm-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1385)

FORTY grand Yorkshire yellow and buffs; cocks from 6/6; hens, 3/-, can be seen at any time; not less than two hens sent by rail: W. Stiles, 52, Ashbrook-rd., Upper Holloway, London. (1379)

THREE high-class buff Yorkshire 1913 cocks, one clear, 10/-; two marked, 8/6 each; strong, healthy, cold aviary bred; carefully packed: Wood, Wharncliffe-view, Oughtibridge, Yorkshire. (1369)

JUDSON has for disposal the following Yorkshires: 5 buff cocks, 10/6, 7/-, 6/- each; two yellow cocks, 6/- each; seven buff hens, 3/- each; approval, carriage paid: Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale, bred from my winners at all the leading shows; cocks from 10/-; hens from 7/6; approval; cash or deposit: Ed. Deighton, Bewicke-rd., Willington Quay-on-Tyne. (1370)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, grand type and quality; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1373)

BENNETT'S Champion Yorkshires, 6 yellow and buff unflighted hens, 3/-; 6 ditto cocks, 6/6; fine, lengthy, typical birds, related to my noted winners; approval; inspection invited: 17, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1382)

OBSERVE, grand upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly matched, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cold-room kept; 4 days' approval; Particulars: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

TYPICAL Yorkshires; cocks on full song, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; unflighted; have them on seven days' approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited by appointment: Gater, Breeder, 6, Jones-square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1372)

CHANCE of a lifetime. 26 grand Yorkshire cocks, 5/- to 12/6 each; 20 lovely hens, 4/- to 10/- each; many cheap at 25/-; must sell, room wanted; satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly: Alfred Watts, Driffield, East, Yorks. (1382)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from cup and medal winners. Champion yellow stock cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; lovely buff hens, standard length, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (1379)

YORKSHIRE cocks, bargains, all 10/- each; approval: clear yellow unflighted, yellow marked unflighted, clear buff unflighted, clear buff, 1912; buff green marked, 1912; self green, 1912; hens 4/-, 7/6, 10/-: Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (1380)

YORKSHIRES, prize bred, two yellows, two buff cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; 4 yellow hens, one buff, 5/- to 7/6; three feeding hens, 3/- each, ready for breeding; worth double; approval: Jones, 15, Mellorgrove, Old Trafford, Manchester. (1368)

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SPECIAL notice; yellow cock, first prizewinner, clear buff hen, magnificent pair, 25/-; clear buff cock, second prizewinner, with clinking yellow hen, 30/-; genuine bargains; full particulars; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

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TICKED yellow cock, plenty length and leg, nice feather, 10/6; clear buff hen, nice quality bird, 7/6; foul-marked buff-green cock, good upstanding bird, 8/6; smart clear yellow hen, stands up well, 7/6: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire. (1387)

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CHAMPION variegated Yellow cock, 1st under Battye, extra long, slim, well drawn, leggy, 20/-; also ticked Yellow hen, unflighted, redhot, 10/-; both good quality; can win again; cheap at double the price; approval: Potter, Thoresly-st., Hull. (1384)

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GRAND Buff Yorkshire cock, over 7in. long, winner of 3 firsts this season, make a real good stud bird, 17/6; worth three times the money, with unlighted yellow hen to match, also winner, 10/-, or pair to clear, 25/-; approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 177, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1387)

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MR. A. L. HAWKES must sacrifice immediately, owing to want of room, rich deep-fed yellow unflighted upstanding leggy Yorkshire cock, gem for length, type, and style, winner of several honours, accept 15/-; also typical deep-fed buff cock of equal merits, real gem, 15/-; teeming with quality, worth treble for either showing or stock; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1357)

T. P. BAXTER, late of Runcorn, must sell immediately his remaining stock noted winning Yorkshires, all unflighted, Yellow and Buff cocks, £1 each; hens, 12/6 to 15/-; ridiculous prices; any bird can win open competition; Buff Norwich cock, 10/-. My business prevents me breeding. Cash with order; seven days' approval. Note change address: 72, Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry. (1384)

EXCEPTIONAL offer to novices and amateurs; must sacrifice immediately for want of room; typical rich-fed deep yellow Yorkshire cock, also deeply colour-fed buff cock; both are of exceptional merit, and of rare length, upstanding, leggy specimens, both won honours at local shows; accept 10/- each; in faultless condition; approval anywhere; worth treble for stock or showing purposes: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1384)

HAVE to clear well-known exhibitor's Yorkshires; direct from his Palace winners, including many fine exhibition birds; some excellent yellow cocks, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each; fine yellow hens, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; fine buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, and 17/6 each; ditto hens, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; some well-matched breeding pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/- a pair; many of these birds worth 40/- to 60/- each. This stud of birds were got together regardless of cost, and must be sold at these working men's prices; show cages and cases all to go; approval with pleasure: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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MR. HAWKES must sacrifice, not having sufficient room to make up, offers exceptionally grand upstanding, long, slim, deep colour-fed Yellow Yorkshire hen, sister to my challenge cup winner and of equal merits, accept 15/-; also deeply fed Buff hen, won honours, 15/-; another Buff and Yellow hens, both taken honours locally, and of exceptional merits, 10/- each; the above are in fruitless condition and worth treble for stock; such specimens seldom offered; approval anywhere: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1384)

WANTED

Will give 4/6 to 5/6 for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries in song; 1/6 hens' Manager, Bird Stores, Wakefield. (1372)

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Typical cocks, fit for exhibition, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; all ten days' on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Stanfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1360)

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OFFERS wanted (cage birds) for stud brindle bulldog, cost £8; accept birds to value £5 10/-. This is no humbug, but a genuine bargain; mutual approval; letters answered: H. Pearce, 24, Station-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (1375)

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WANTED, for export, good Canaries, mostly Norwich and Yorkshire, cocks and hens, also house-moulted Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Skylarks, cocks only; take any number; must be cheap; approval: Marshall, Springfield, Chelmsford. (1375)

WANTED large fed yellow Norwich cock or hen for cash, or exchange winning buff cock or lady's silk cover, silver-mounted umbrella, value 12/6, or E.P. silver challenge cup or rosebowl, value 21/- each; new goods: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (1383)

WANTED, Canaries, any quantity; will give 6/- per pair for Yorkshires, 7/- per pair for large Norwich; will also buy mules, Borders, Rollers; will deposit cash with Editor, or will exchange British or Siberian Goldfinches and large Siberian Bullie hens or cocks: John Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull.

GRAMOPHONE and records, Yorkshires, Norwich, flights, breeders, etc., stocked. Would exchange "Picturesque Palestine, Sinai and Egypt," 5 volumes, new, about 1,000 illustrations (wood and steel engravings), cost £7 7s. Offers invited. No dealers: A. Spenser, 5, Providence-row, Wilbert-lane, Beverley, Yorks. (1374)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3; long ones, 1/6; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens, every kind of birds, British and foreign, kept in stock, cocks and hens. Splendid large tame red and grey Parrot, talking, with large cage, sell 21/-; also some large Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/- each; state wants, will sell or exchange. Same address 26 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (1370)

WANTED—CANARIES

Mules and British birds. Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

WANTED YORKSHIRES

colour-fed; will give 7/6 pair; cash deposited; stamp reply; also Norwich, British, Mules: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton, N. (1323)

CANARIES

WANTED, any quantity cocks, also pairs: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (1357)

Wanted for Export.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS. Will give 7/- per pair for large birds. Am also open to purchase good Exhibition Norwich. I also require Crests and Crestbreds, and will give **10/-** per pair for good birds. Am also open to take any number Yorkshires, Rollers, Lancashires, Mules, Borders, etc. Send full particulars and stamp for reply. Will deposit cash with Editor.

H. GLEDHILL, Fleet Lane, Queensbury, BRADFORD.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

WILL exchange six Blue Tits for a breeding pair of Budgerigars: Jones, Sheriffhill, Gateshead. (1583)

TWO Linnets, hen Canary, exchange pair Bullfinches; offers: Locke, Glencoe-cottage, Honiton.

ONE Redpoll Crest hen Canary and cock Linnet, exchange for cock Canary: Cole, 24, Foss Bank, Lincoln. (1376)

COCK Goldfinch, caged when Greypale; exchange for fishing-rod or anything useful: B. Wilson, 53, Albert-st., Spalding. (1369)

COCK Greenfinch, warranted breeder, two young cock Mules from him, 10/- lot; exchange: Beacon, Hayle-pl., Maidstone. (1374)

WANTED few good Norwich cocks and hens, exchange good F.-M. British to value: Drowley, jun., Maybury-rd., Woking. (1382)

EXCHANGE small brown Owl for good cock Goldfinch, yours first: J. Haywood, 7, Mellons-row, Hucknall Tkd., Notts. (1371)

GRAND 1913 hand-reared Thrush and cage, 10/-; exchange Lark, Canary cock, or Goldfinch: 86, Townsend-rd., Southall. (1262)

MAGPIE cock, 1913, talks, whistles, healthy, 7/6; exchange young Roller cock in song to value: Butler, Plumber, Southwell. (1376)

TAME, hand-reared cock Thrush, large wire cage, exchange for good Roller, or offers: Hainsworth, 1, Nevett-st., Preston. (1376)

TWO moulted Linnets, bred Mules, 4/- each; six fierce singing Linnets, 1/6 each; exchange Canaries; offers: Cutler, High-st., Walsall. (1375)

1913 VERY large promising cock Goldfinch, 7/6, exchange good Linnets, Bantams; yours first: Stone, 8, Watling-st., Leicester. (1369)

WINNING Chaffinch, 30/-, or exchange for three large 1913 muling hens; yours first: Burrows, Aldersgate Chemical Works, Southall. (1379)

WANTED two large yellow Cinnamon hens, young, exchange two house-moulted Goldfinches; mulers: George, 17, Chandos-rd., Staines. (1383)

GRAND cock Chaffinch, hen Greenfinch, large cock Linnet, hen Bullie, exchange Norwich or feeding hens: H. Pinnell, Warminster. (1376)

EXCHANGE good young cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, sure muler, for good young Norwich cock: E. Osborne, Swayfield, Grantham. (1379)

TWO selected f.m. cock Goldies, 5/6 each; or exchange hen Canaries, store cages; approval; yours first: Gardener, Vicarage, Llandovery. (1368)

PAIR pedigree racing homers, £1; pair 12/6 Sandow developers, nearly new, exchange cage birds: Leigh, 44, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1375)

BRAMBLEFINCH and non-fed Norwich cocks, £1; or exchange for four Yorks hens, or winning Goldfinch: Greaves, 81, Richard-st., Mardy. (1378)

SIX cock Goldfinches, grand blazes, caged 8 months, singing; exchange pair of Norwich: Reg. Dallman, Market-pl., Melbourne, Derby. (1376)

GOLD and Silver Lizard hens, 4/- each; exchange exhibition cock Siskin-Bullfinch. Offers hardbills: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (1371)

GOOD cock Goldie, bred mules, 7/-; two good field-moulted, nicely blazed, 7/6: exchange Canaries: Rogers, 12, Provident-place, Bridgwater, Som. (1365)

H.M. Greenfinch, bred Mules, 8/6, or will exchange for a good yellow Norwich hen, or Bullfinch hen: Greaves and Richards, 88, Richard-st., Mardy. (1379)

EXHIBITION young Welsh cock Goldfinch; will exchange for good yellow Norwich hen; approval: Roberts, 79, South Penrallt, Carnarvon, N. Wales. (1380)

COCK White Blackbird, Palace winner; exchange Norwich Canaries, quality and type; or offers: Hakes, Wood-lane, Stapinhill, Burton-on-Trent.

GENUINE selected Linnets, Larks, Brambles, Greenfinches, 1/- each; 3, 2/6; wanted, gent.'s dark suit; on approval; new or second-hand: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1385)

WILL give grand twice house-moulted Goldfinch, white legged, and genuine Yorkshire hen, in exchange for good sized Norwich cock: Lynch, Baker, Bantry, Co. Cork. (1370)

TWO dark cock Goldfinch Mules, young birds, Finch notes, 8/-; or exchange good singing cock Goldfinch, h.m., or two young ones: Oriel, Castle-st., Neath. (1365)

TWO light pied Goldfinch and Canary mules; sex unknown, price 12/-; wanted, Norwich Canaries: Miss Billingham, 68, Junction-rd., Kingsley Park, Northampton. (1374)

EXCHANGE one cock Snow Bunting, house-moulted; one Bullfinch hen, house-moulted; four cock Twites, for a Norwich yellow cock: McAdam, 8a, Land-st., Keith. (1366)

GOLDFINCH mules, 1 cock, 6 hens, cock Linnet, house-moulted, 5 cock Greenfinches, take 12/- lot; exchange Goldfinches or hen Canaries; Squire, 2, Diamond-rd., Exeter. (1373)

HOUSE-moulted Greenie, breeder, hand-reared, hen ditto, lay and set, equal Canary; offers large early caught hen Bullies; yours first: Davies, 48, Frederick-st., Cardiff. (1376)

STEADY Siskin cock, 3/-; 1913 Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, 5/-; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, large, singing, 2/-; exchange Norwich hens: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton. (1375)

EXCHANGE fine H.M. 1912 cock Goldfinch (sure muler), and cock Linnet (steady), for pair 1913 Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries, sell 10/6: Harpham, Printer, Spilsby, Lincs. (1367)

HOUSE-moulted Welsh cock Goldfinch, muler, good size and colour, will exchange clear yellow or ticked 1913 Border cock: Roberts, 24, South Penrallt, Carnarvon, North Wales. (1372)

TWO Canary-reared cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; good field-moulted cocks, 3/- each; picked birds; exchange yellow Norwich hens; approval: Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants. (1375)

WANTED, breeding pair Budgerigars, yellows, exchange exhibition Twite, 1st Bristol, other honours, 10/-; lovely colour Bullfinch, 3/6, exchange cage fronts: A. Hawkins, 192 Ilnish, Yeovil. (1383)

EXCHANGE cock Redpoll, hen Greenfinch, 3 hen splashed Canaries, 7 flying homers, for Canaries, Rollers preferred; yours first, or mutual approval: Wheeler, 73, Harrington-rd., South Norwood. (1372)

EXCHANGE for anything, performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for sect, thimble for water, with new cage and detachable fittings, or sell 4/- each; approval: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (1380)

FIVE Bullfinches, three cocks, two hens, well on seed, sell 5/-, or offer; Edison-Bell phonograph and 110 records, all in good order, sell 22/-, or offer: H. Lock, Rayne Lodge, Cottages, Braintree, Essex.

SPLENDID cock Linnet and hen Bullie, large square blazed Goldfinch and hen Bullie; exchange typical pair Yorkshires or Norwich; no rubbish; stamp reply: Bowerman, Williams-bldgs., East Quay, Bridgwater. (1374)

TWO grand house-moulted yellow cock Siskins, full song, both mulers; exchange 1913 yellow Norwich cock, or cock Waxwing, or pair Grosbeaks; mutual approval; sell 7/6 each: Tucker, 61, Clarke-rd., Northampton. (1380)

A. S. BANHAM, Aviaries, East Lexham, Swaffham, Norfolk; Goldfinches, 3/6 pair; two pairs Siskins, 4/- pair; hen Siskins, 1/-; cock Bullfinches, 1/6; exchange 1913 Norwich hens, for muling; no dealers wanted. (1374)

EXCHANGE, two Bullfinches, H.M., by big winners, or sell 22/6; York. hen, 4/-; two feeding hens, Nor., 5/-; lot, 30/-; wanter, two good Nor. hens, yell. and buff; no rubbish entertained, none offered: 44, Howard-rd., Mansfield, Notts. (1379)

EXHIBITION cock Hawfinch, 12/6; giant English cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last year, 10/-; giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, 7/6, 10/- each; large English cock Siskins, 5/- each; exchange Canaries, Mules: Randle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (1383)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, mating, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or Foreign birds; note, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard st., Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Canaries.

FOR sale, 1 cock, 2 hens, Canary, 12/-; exchange poultry: T. Durn 10, Hog-lane, Didsbury. (1372)

TWO cocks, four hens, feeders; exchange for a pair good Norwich: 34, Christchurchrd., Southend. (1379)

FOR sale or exchange, four yonng hen Canaries, 2/6 each: Salmon, Rosslyn, Linkfield-st., Redhill, Surrey. (1379)

EXCHANGE a pair of good Yorkshire for pair good Norwich: Smith, 2, Newfoundland-st., Darlington. (1370)

EXCHANGE 4 buff hens for 1 good yellow Norwich; yours first; or sell 10/-: West, Britannia-st., Aylesbury. (1370)

EXCHANGE Crestbred cock for a good Crested cock, or sell for £5: Hutchinson, Hairdresser, Skelmanthorpe. (1379)

EXCHANGE concert flute, eight keys, for Norwich, Cinnamons, or Greens: Particulars, J. McRory, 8, Orr-st., Paisley. (1365)

NORWICH and Yorkshire cocks, 6/-, hens 3/6, good strains, or exchange: Avis, 90, Beresford-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1381)

PAIR of Sherriff's unrelated Silver Greys, doe a winner, 12/6; exchange Canaries: Bennett, 43, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1379)

WILL exchange cock Canary, in full song, for parcel children's clothing: Mrs. Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (1382)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules, mutual approval: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (D.B.)

CHAMPION Yorkshire Terrier dog, six months, 50/-; exchange Canaries: Smart, 129, Lornans-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham. (1374)

TWO Crestbred cocks, make good stock birds, 22/-; exchange foreign birds; offers: Shuttleworth, 7, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1377)

EXCHANGE young buff pied Scotch Fancy hen for three yonng feeding cocks, or sell 15/-: Wright, Newtown, Lesmahagow. (1374)

WILL exchange splendid tone mandoline, 25/-, for pair of Yorkshire Canaries: Fowler, 140, Dunstan's-rd., East Dulwich, S.E. (1371)

EXHANGE Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, and cages, for cycle, poultry, gramophone, camera: Bentley, 35, Broughton-av., Blackpool. (1386)

CRESTBRED cock, 1913, bred from winners, sell 10/-; exchange Borders; approval: Bewick, 94, Belford-terrace, North Shields. (1369)

TYPICAL heavily marked yellow Norwich hen, cage, seed mill, new Fillup Feeder, lot 8/-: 26, Silton-street, Moston, Manchester. (1383)

ROLLER hen, two splendid Greenies; exchange for double breeder, large hen, or Roller cock: Fisher, Henlow, Biggleswade, Beds. (1375)

WANTED, four hen Canaries in exchange for Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canary, warranted full song: Coplin, Fancier, Falmouth. (1387)

WILL exchange a pair of Borders, cold room bred, for Seifert Roller cock, singing; or sell 7/6: Roney, 4, Vernon-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (1377)

EXCHANGE yellow green Roller songster, for yellow or marked Norwich, or large muling cock: Outtrim, Hurst Cottages, Limpsfield. (1367)

MONSTER Buff marked Crestbred cock, grand stock bird, full song, 15/-; worth double; exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere. (1377)

WANTED cock Siskin or Bullfinch, exchange 1913 deep yellow Border hen from winners; sell 3/6: Richards, 18, Margaret-st., Exmouth. (1383)

FOUR hen Canaries, two 1912, good breeders; two 1913 Yorkshires; 10/-; exchange two cocks: Laurence Stone Row, Coalville, Leicestershire. (1376)

FIVE hen Canaries, Borders; cock Chaffinch; two single breeders; lot 8/6; bargain: Jackson, Victoria Cottages, Southampton-st., Reading. (1375)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers for scrap brass, copper, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley, Yorkshire. (1384)

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock and cock Goldfinch, exchange for clear Norwich hens, offers: Rawlings, 284, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (1367)

WANTED, good Siberian cock Goldfinch or Norwich hen; exchange for good Norwich cropper hen: Davidson, 408, Hamilton-rd., Cambuslang. (1382)

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich Plainheads for poultry, young, laying, hens preferred; offers to: Woodhouse, 63, Marshall-st., Grangemouth. (1369)

EXCHANGE grand Buff unflighted Yorkshire cock for Buff Norwich cock or two Yellow hens; or sell 12/-: yours first: 6, Tancred-rd., Walkley. (1377)

EXCHANGE Cinnamon Norwich cock and hen for two Yellow Norwich hens or a good pair Crests; approval: French, 28, Seymour-ave., Plymouth.

PAIR Yorkshires; exchange Yellow Crestbred cock; also 14-inch Stanley Bed Rock finishing iron plane; offers; yours first: 81, Beaconsfield-st., Darlington. (1377)

WANTED, offers in Canarics or cock Goldfinches, for all-wool new pair blankets, 25/-; or suit length, 25/-; approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas. (1374)

PAIR of good yellow unflighted Norwich, will exchange pair good Rollers; approval both ways: Pierce, Greenland House, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry. (1366)

EXCHANGE yellow, even-marked Border cock and buff hen, for two large yellow Norwich hens; approval; sell, 12/6: Kirkhope, Bootmaker, Sanquhar. (1365)

UNFLIGHTED cinnamon marked buff Yorkshire hen; exchange child tricycle, boots; sell 16/-: Ormondroyd, Aberdeen-terr., Lidget-green, Bradford. (1372)

YELLOW Norwich cock, £1, or will exchange for two good Norwich hens, yellows, must be of good type: Greaves and Richards, Richard-st., Mardy. (1379)

LARGE yellow Siskin, proved muler; H.M. Linnet, two F.M.; hen Canary; exchange Borders: Geo. Henderson, 29, Land-st., Buckie, Banffshire. (1384)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks, Norwich or British, for block tin, copper, or brass, scrap (see other adverts): North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1387)

EXCHANGE for Lancashire hens or clear Crestbreds, for Rippingale paraffin oil stove, new condition, cost 15/, sell 10/; yours first: R. Aitken, Long Eaton. (1317)

EXCHANGE for cock Canaries, or anything useful, 18/6, Crystal Palace aviary, in splendid condition, 3 dome: Humphrey, Connaught-ave., Frinton-on-Sea. (1371)

YELLOW Green Norwich cock, unflighted, 14/-; Yellow Lancashire hen, 2/6; steady cock Chaffinch, 3/6; approval: Spofforth, Upper Raglan st., Todmorden. (1376)

WANTED, 1913 Crest hen; will give in exchange four prize-bred Border hens, 1913; approval both ways: George Livie, Fisher-st., Broughty Ferry, Scotland. (1384)

1912 YELLOW wing marked Yorkshire cock, very long, 1913 yellow green hen, 25/- pair; exchange Crests, Crestbred; offers: Leigh, 44, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1375)

TWO Yellow, one Buff Yorkshire hens, Linnet Mule, oilskin, cycle cape, cost 12/6; exchange singers; offers, Norwich; yours first: 81, Beaconsfield-st., Darlington. (1377)

WANTED, Airedale pomeranian, gentleman's watch, or offers; exchange 2 Rollers, cocks, and 2 German hen Canaries and cages; yours first: 83, Wellfield-road, Preston. (1374)

YELLOW unflighted 1913 Norwich cock and good F.M. cock Goldie, both full song; exchange large clear unflighted Norwich hens: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth. (1376)

WANTED, good cinnamon or green Borders, or good cinnamons, Norwich type; exchange clear and marked Borders; on approval: Saunders, Sunnybank, Sutton, Surrey. (1379)

EXCHANGE cobby yellow Norwich hen for unflighted cobby buff Norwich hen, good head and wings; approval, yours first: Farler, 29, Maycroft, Weymouth. (1372)

LARGE unflighted buff Norwich cock, winner, 25/-; Corn Bunting, winner, 12/6; exchange for large Yellow Norwich, cocks or hens, approval: Wilson, Wybrow-terr., Workington. (1365)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; Clears, Greens, Cinnamons, and Green-marked, 12/6 to 25/6 pair; exchange bicycle, camera; other offers invited: Berry, 99, Selborne Grove, Keighley. (1375)

WILL exchange magnificent drying cage by Mallet, solid mahogany, stout copper tank, for large Yellow Norwich hens, unlighted preferred: Walker, Holborn-rd. School, Victoria Docks, E. (1377)

ONE pair Norwich, 10/6; two good buff hens, 5/- and 3/6; three buff Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each (all clears); write particulars; wanted yellow Cinnamon hen: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset. (1312)

WILL exchange four pairs of good Yorkshires, with case and four show cages, for good cycle, Raleigh preferred, 22in. frame; or sell £4; yours first: R. Mason, 2, Havelock-st., Lancaster. (1374)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or Foreign birds; give good value in new single and double breeding cages; all with movable fronts: McKeand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (1272)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport. (1146)

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, will exchange his selected British or winning Borders for Crestered or Norwich hens; must be good and young; approval, stamp. (1382)

WANTED, pair Norwich or Yorkshires, on approval, in exchange for quarter-plate camera, hand or stand, holds twelve plates, bag and stand, value £1: Dunning, 44, Poplar-st., Hirst, Northumberland. (1372)

THREE cock Canaries, Canary-reared cock Linnet, seven hen Canaries; exchange for Blue-fronted Amazon and cage, give little cash for good one: Gould, 7, Yardley-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (1368)

WILL exchange two large Crest Canaries, one variegated hen, one grizzle Crest cock, clear body, for Modern Brown-red Game Bantams, or will sell for 30/-: R. Eland, 22, St. Sepulchre-st., Scarboro'. (1385)

CANARIES, eighteen hens, 4 cocks, double breeding cage, aviary, 3 single cages, breeding appliances; 6 nest pans, 5 egg drawers, £4; exchanges entertained: Buckingham, 62, Eastwood-st., Streatham. (1384)

WANTED, stout, thick-set Norwich cock, also yellow hen; exchange lady's or gent.'s umbrella, value 12/6, or E.P. silver challenge cup or rosebowl, value 21/-; new goods: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (1383)

GRAND Norwich, 2 unflighted, clear buff and foul green, 7/6 each; clear yellow, 10/6; 2 dark Goldfinch mules, 7/6 each, or 35/- lot; cocks, grand birds: Addison, Brynwhelach, Llangyfdach, Morriston, S.W. (1373)

GIVING up: Seven Canaries, Norwich and Borders, one nine-compartment cage, three double breedsr, one single, and one flight cage, appliances; price, 45/-, or offers: Apply, Miss Musgrave, Botcherby Hall, Carlisle. (1380)

WANTED typical clear Norwich Plainhead yellow hen, also pair high-class Rollers, exchange two pairs good exhibition Flying Homers, or 40 6d. parts "With Flag to Pretoria": E. Owen, Hatton-rd., Tutbury, Staffs. (1387)

VARIEGATED Goldfinch mule, Finch's notes, 1913, 10/-; exchange good yellow Norwich cock. Unflighted buff Yorks hen, cinnamon ticked, breeding condition, 5/-; exchange Canary, songster: Jones, 32, Henwalia, Carnarvon. (1371)

H.M. singing cock Goldfinch, with special constructed cage, draws own water, pulls up waggon on lines, and opens lidded box; sell, £1; or exchange. Stamp particulars: Harrison, Tasal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1372)

EXCHANGE two dark yellow Siskin Mule cocks and hen; H.M. Siberian Goldie cock; twice H.M. mealy cock Canary-reared Redpoll hens, for large cinnamon or variegated Norwich, or offers: Hardie, 129, Linthurn-st., Galashiels. (1380)

EXCHANGE two unflighted Norwich cocks, buff and yellow; three times house moulted Greenfinch cock, proved Hybrid breeder, for two good clear buy Norwich hens, unflighted; sell 18/-; offers: Demain, 20, Brook-st., Clitheroe. (1368)

LOVELY Crested cock, splendid bird, 15/-; Yorkshire, winner 1st, 10/-; exchange scoop scales, Crestbred or Norwich hens; what offers Norwich hens for two pairs Greenfinches, hatched and reared by Canaries?—A. March, Evesham. (1386)

GOOD gramophone, two records, 20/-; several cases stuffed birds from 2/6 to 12/6 each; pair old English Bantams, 5/-; exchange for Canaries, foreign or British, for outdoor aviary; approval both ways; send offers: Sam Adams, Retford. (1378)

CRESTED Yellow cock, 25/-; exchange for good Crestbred Buff cock; two good Norwich Plainhead hens, one Yellow, one Buff clear, 15/- each; or 25/- two; or exchange either for a good Yellow cock; approval: Nichols, Canary Fancier, Wymondham, Norfolk. (1376)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE yellow cock Budgerigar for yellow or ticked Border cock; yours first: Martin, 25, Highcraigends, Kilsyth, Glasgow. (1382)

YELLOW Budgedigar hen, 3/6; cock Ringneck Parrakeet, 5/-; cock Greenfinch, 6/-; exchange 1913 Norwich hens: H. Grandfield, Portishead. (1381)

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries for splendid Indian Rock Parrot; also Indian Parrakeet, started talking: Smith, 111, Hessle-rd., Hull. (1380)

EXCHANGE two pair Cutthroats, one pair Bengalese, outdoors, cock Hawfinch, slightly damaged, 3/6, for hen Budgerigars or Norwich; offers; approval: Horne, Southover, Lewes. (1368)

PAIR Cockatiels, 12/6; two pairs (three yellow, one green) Budgerigars, £12; pair White Javas, 7/6; Grey, 2/6; exchange for Rosecomb Bantams, Wire-hair Fox Terrier bitch: Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge. (1280)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, to exchange violin and bow with case, for talking Parrot: Benton, 508, Old Kent-rd., S.E. (1336)

EXCHANGE new china clock set for a Yorkshire or Norwich cock: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1379)

GOOD violin, cost 21/-, exchange for Crested Norwich Canaries: J. M. Kidd, High-st., Kingussie, N.B. (1304)

WILL give pair woollen blankets for three cock Canaries, full song: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1384)

GENT'S B.S.A. cycle, good condition, 35/-; exchange Canaries, Mules: Smith, 100, Brandon-st., Walworth, S.E. (1382)

FULL sized all-wool blankets, new, for Canaries, sell 18/6 pair: Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow. (1384)

EXCHANGE good Buff Orpington cock for cock and hen Canary, or offer: A. Tucker, 13, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1382)

WANTED, Crests, Norwich and Light Mules; exchange first-class dandies: W. Lockhart, Wysely, Ecclerechan. (1380)

WHAT offers for first-class gun, with shot bag, powder flask; sure killer; sell 10/6: Pavier, 51, Hempshill-lane, Bulwell. (1372)

EXCHANGE good 1912 Buff Orpington cock, 15/-, for good Norwich Canaries; approval: Higson, 56, Pinnco-rd., Clitheroe. (1369)

EXCHANGE black and tan does for two cock Canaries, or sell 15/-, have won 2nd: Belcher, Bury-st., Abingdon, Berks. (1381)

WHAT offers for 80 Hobbies' Fretwork Designs, or exchange Rollers: Eady, 18, Mount st., Lettmal Green, London, E. (1383)

VIOLIN, bow, and case, perfect order, suit learner, exchange foreigners, anything: Nason, 159, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (1371)

EXCHANGE good steel garden spade and fork, for Norwich cock Canary, or two hens: Whitlock, 11, Eastgate, Lincoln. (1367)

WHAT offers? Five Jacobins, good stock, for Roller Canaries; or sell best offer: Pridmore, 62, John-st., Worksop. (1378)

WHAT offers in jewellery for nine books on birds, etc., new, value £1: W. G. C., 38, Azenby-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (1363)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankers, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1376)

WANTED, two Border cocks for Dark Linnet mule, in brass hanging cage, 15/-: 11, Duke-st., Swinton, Rothernam. (1378)

FOR sale, 4 red self tumblers, 5/-, or exchange for Canary: Apply, David Breckenridge, Mansfield Village, New Cumnock. (1365)

EXCHANGE 12 yards fine wire-netting, 48 inches wide, for adult hen Green Budgerigar: "Holmwood," Micheldever-rd., Andover. (1368)

EXCHANGE pair of steel ice skates for large yellow Norwich hen, sell 5/6, approval; yours first: Elliott, Button-st., Frome. (1384)

ENGLISH lever watch, in good going order, 12/6; pair of Bantams, hen laying, 3/6; exchange: Hopkins, Swaffham, Norfolk. (1376)

EXCHANGE 3 double breeding cages, new, last season, for Dutch rabbits, or sell: R. Sowerby, Institute-st., Byers Green. (1378)

WANTED, Roller Canarics in exchange for a ferret and carpenter's trying plane: Gilbert, 15, Waterlow-rd., Dunstable, Beds. (1376)

UMBRELLAS, ladies', 6/6 each; or exchange cock Goldfinch mule, good whistler: J. Pask, Umbrella Maker, East Kirkby, Notts. (1370)

EXCHANGE soldiers' tunics for Canaries, British, or cages, or sell, red 5/-, white 3/-: W. Botterill, 3, Addington-st., London, S.E. (1373)

EDISON Gem phonograph, almost new, 50 records, case, 30/-; no postcards; exchange Canaries: Austen, 227, Camberwell-rd., London. (1369)

EXCHANGE 3 ring Doves for yellow hen Canary; other birds for sweep's brush and canes: Hart, Photgrapher, Ellesmere-Port. (1373)

MOTOR leather belt, ⅜, 8ft., new, also electric bell and fittings, for Canaries: Jackson, Kershawlane, Audenshaw, Manchester. (1368)

TALKING Parrot wanted in exchange for fawn pug bitch, splendid pedigree, or sell £2: Apply, 204, Tamworth-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1364)

EXCHANGE Harmsworth "History of the World" for Canaries or Goldfineh Mules; stamp: S. Archer, 18, Long-st., Hackney-rd., London. (1381)

LARGE drawing-room imitation marble clock, 14/6, cost 32/6, or offers in cock Canaries in song: Steele, 137, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1373)

SEVEN cock Chaffinches four mealy Polls, cock Linnet, 7/6; exchange two large cock Corn Buntings: Hendrie, 211, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1371)

WANTED, Canaries or young chicks; exchange male white Swan, also bronze male Turkey, sell 25/-: Carr, 59, Haydon's-rd., Wimbledon. (1382)

HOBBIES' fretwork machine, nearly new; or exchange for cage birds or anything useful: C. A. Paine, 54, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (1385)

PAIR of scales, fruit, tobacco, or sweet shop, perfect condition, accept 10/-; exchange birds. Stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1370)

EXCHANGE good double breeder for large muling H.M. cock Goldfinch, good blaze; approval: E. S. Eastment, Ford, Wiveliscombe, Som. (1379)

EXCHANGE Grey Wagtail (winner) for Norwich cock, or sell 7/6; also grand Borders for sale: Kennoway, 86, Leonard's Place, Dunfermline. (1369)

EXCHANGE variety of garden plants, for Canaries, Linnets, or Goldfinches; approval: Muncey, 8, Old-rd., Enfield Highway, Middlesex. (1364)

CANARY dummy eggs, 1/6 per gross, exchange entertained taking 6 or 12 gross, carriage paid: H. Hughes, 44, Wellington rd., Hanley, Stoke-on Trent. (1365)

EXCHANGE pen Partridge Wyandotte Bantams (cock, 2 hens), Entwistle's strain, for Canaries: offers: Tom Hawken, Bore-st., Bodmin. (1377)

PUPS, greyhound-terrier, fawn and brindles, 3 months, make toppers, 12/6 each; exchange class birds: Handley, Armagh vale, Litherland. (1370)

VARIOUS coloured mice, rats, cavies, rabbits, cheap; price list, 1d. stamp: Gardiner, Lindrick rd., Bishop Auckland. Exchanges entertained. (1380)

WANTED exchange offers for genuine Hartz cock Canaries, warranted full song; seventy to each, or sell 7/6 each: Coplin, Importer, Falmouth. (1387)

GENT.'S brown golf shoes, brogue wing toe cap, size 6, price 12/-; exchange Norwich Canaries: Wright, 20, Great Russel-st., Northampton. (1365)

240 COPIES "Cage Birds," "Shepherd's," "Feathered Life," "Poultry World," 1910 to. What offers?: Moore, 60, Cromwell-rd., Wimbledon. (1367)

EXCHANGE pair black Magpie pigeons (Warner's strain), for good British birds, or offers; sell 10/- Keighley, 61, Norman-st. North, Ilkestone. (1377)

PHONOGRAPH records, 25, for Canaries; sell 7/6, Old English Shepherd pup, 5/6; crossent saw, 4/; offers: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton, Stamford. (1380)

WHAT offers in birds, any kind, for Buck rifle, excellent condition, cost 25/, sell 15/-; yellow hen wanted: B. Youngs, Bridge-rd., Oulton Broad. (1380)

SITTINGS, Pile Leghorns, Palace strain, also Archangel hen; offers, Crests, Bullfinches, cage utensils, etc.: Stevens, Manor-rd., Guildford. (1382)

5/- HOLLOW ground razors, two, for singing cock Canary, Mule, Goldfinch, or 3 hen Canaries: Slee, Hairdresser, Main-st., Pembroke: mine first. (1385)

TWO large cock Chaffinches, caged 3 months, 4 each; what offers in exchange, two cock Linnet preferred; approval: S. Allsopp, Carcroft, Doncaster.

EDISON standard phonograph and 50 records, equal to new, accept 50/-; or exchange Canaries: J. Sheard, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (1375)

MODERN Practical Farrier, sixteen 2 numbers, cost 8/6 binding, exchange anything, or best cash offer: Coulthard, Station-hill, Wigton, Cumberland. (1377)

WANTED, Canaries; exchange three Buff Bantams, four Bullfinches, cock Linnet Mule, grandfather clock: Westrope, North-st., Bumpstead, Haverhill. (1382)

EXCHANGE, splendid blue racing homer, ring N.U.R.P., for good Yorkshire hen; also offers for Kruger half-sovereign: Jones, Stallington, Eastgate, Lastingwold. (1371)

PHONOGRAPH, cost £6 10s., 200 records, everything perfect; pen Wyandottes, £2: offers Canaries, cycle; approval: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (1377)

2,000 different; British, foreign, and colonial stamps, in Strand album, to hold 12,000, sell 5/-; or exchange 1913 Crests: H. Wilkinson, Queen-st., Spilsby, Lincs. (1372)

WANTED, pair Yorkshire Canaries; exchange Sandow 5-spring dumbbells and 10/6 concertina instructor: S. Jones, Saddler, Aibury, Hadham, Herts. (1376)

EXCHANGE, fishing rod, reel, landing net, live bait, can, wallet containing lines, etc., for Yorkshires or Rollers: Preston, 30, Randolph st., Levenshulme. (1377)

VERY large bitch ferret, warranted healthy, and good worker, 5/6; large Bullfinches, 3, pair; exchange cock Canaries: Underwood, Metheringham, Lincoln. (1377)

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in case, for good Roller or Yorkshire cock; approval: H. Edwards, Cleavers-cottage, London-rd., Brandon, Suffolk. (1376)

WILL exchange six volumes of the "Modern Plumber and Sanitary Engineer" for good pair of Rollers, or sell £1: Hayward, Gas Office, Coombe Martin, N. Devon. (1380)

EXCHANGE portable 2-tier oak pigeon or chicken house, with wire run, for 2 smart Buff Yorkshire hens; or sell £1: Hodson, 175, Haydon's rd., Wimbledon, S.W. (1378)

WANTED, Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets or tweed suit length, gent.'s travelling rugs, sell 25/-, or Canarics for cash: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow. (1385)

EXCHANGE Sandow's developers and pair of Indian clubs for exhibition Yorkshires, or cash, or anything: Kinnear, 7, West High-st., Buckhaven, Fife, Scotland. (1384)

LADY'S handsome silver watch and silver albert, splendid timekeeper, nearly new, sell 17/6, or exchange poultry: George Eves, 42, Casterton-st., Hackney, N.E. (1382)

TWO new sets goat harness, nickel and brass mounted, 10/6 set, cost 35/- set; exchange Canaries, British, provisions, clothing: Ryder, 2, Chaston-st., Kentish Town. (1329)

EXCHANGE lady's gold watch, splendid condition, for 4 cock Canaries, value 35/-; sell 30/-. Particulars on application: Evans, Grocer, 8, Chariwood-st., Pimlico, London. (1370)

EXCHANGE set carvers, hand forged, shear steel blades, good quality ivorine handles, for good cock or three hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1380)

EXCHANGE set of carvers and six dessert knives, value 18/6, for pair of Norwich Plainheads; approval; yours first.—Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1385)

GENT'S silver watch, new, 25/-; good timekeeper; solid silver heavy chain, 12/-; pair mackintosh cycle leggings, 5/-; exchange Canarics: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea. (1374)

SILVER Waltham lever watch, 10/-; exchange hand-reared Bullfinch hen and muling Linnet, or good Norwich cock: Shepherd, 46, High-st., Old Fletton, Peterborough. (1368)

WHAT offers, anything useful, for 30 good cylinder records, pair of scales and weights, suit shop, and gent.'s silver watch: Particulars, Goldsmith, 45, Woodbridge-rd., Ipswich. (1379)

TWO pairs Racing Homers, rung 1913, trained 95 miles; also Black-red Bantam cockerel, 12/6 lot, or exchange pair Norwich Canaries: Allen, 9, Emily-rd., S. Yardley, Birmingham. (1387)

SALE, 2 young hens, cock Black-red Bantams, laying, 7/-; White Leghorn cock, 1913, 3/6; 22-bore rifle, twisted barred, very powerful, 10/-: Stubbles, Pinkney Green, Maidenhead. (1383)

SALE or exchange small model perpendicular steam engine, about ½-horse power, 1¼in. cylinder bore; price £1; only needs re-packing: Charlton, 9, Cambridge-st., Clayton, Bradford. (1386)

EXCHANGE good pair carvers, or six table or dessert knives, ivorine handles, or six best nickel-silver forks, for two good hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1380)

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THREE Himalayan, three Dutch, two Belgian rabbits; will exchange any or all of these for British cage birds or Canaries; no rubbish offered and none wanted: P. Tooke, 740, Old Kent rd., S.E. (1368)

WILL exchange one pair of gent's or ladies' best roots, or one suit length or dress length, for 2 cock Canaries in song, or what offers in mixed British birds: Cummings, 4, Richmond terr., Leeds. (1372)

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives, six nickel forks, six teaspoons, and hollow ground razor for two cocks or five hen Canaries; mutual approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1385)

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WANTED, offers of jewellery or anything useful, for exhibition or stock Norwich or Yorkshires; also few winning British and Hybrids; particulars on application: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1384)

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EXCHANGE sittings Buff Orpingtons, White Wyandottes, good strain; wanted, pair Bullfinches, Goldfinches, yellow Norwich hen, or offers; yours first: Young, Loanrigg, Stamannan, Stirling-hire. (1377)

EXCHANGE ½-plate hand and stand camera, to hold 12 plates, for pair of good Rollers; sell 15/-; also green Norwich cock for Roller cock; approval: Fritz, 9, South Church-lane, Bishop Auckland. (1375)

EXCHANGE American spiral brace and drills, value 15/-, and also keyless watch, value 5/-, both new, for good Norwich cock or two hens: yours first: C. West, New-row, Oakenshaw, Willington, Durham. (1372)

SELL or exchange for toy Pom., pen White Wyandottes, cock, three hens, £1; 4 homer pigeons, 5/-; 2 Norwich cocks, 6/6; emery wheel, 7 x 1¼, for 2 hen Canaries: Massingham, 213, Hitchin-rd., Luton, Beds. (1368)

EXCHANGE 9 like-best flyers, red and blue chequers, several winners, cost pounds; sell 25/-; pair red self tumblers, winners, 6/-; show homer cock, won 2nd, 4/-: T. Jasper, Stuart-st., Dunstable. (1377)

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EXCHANGE good gent's cycle, in good order, 3-speed gear, and free wheel, worth £2, for exhibition Yorkshires or cash, anything; approval both ways: Kinnear, 7, West High-st., Buckhaven, Fife, Scotland. (1384)

WHITE Wyandotte cockerel and three pullets, April 1913 hatched, Cooks' laying strain, 30/-, or exchange pair unflighted Yorkshires, or gent's cycle, on approval both ways: Wm. Hancock, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton. (1335)

SALE or exchange, 2 gramophones and records, quantity phonograph records, new Crystal Palace aviary, Bissell carpet sweeper, accordion, 2 cages; wanted, good Cockatoo stand and talking Parrot: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley (1374)

EXCHANGE large chest of tools, containing new brace, 10 bits, 2 planes, 12 chisels, mallet, 2 hand hammers, 7, 9, and 14lbs. sledge hammers, large saw, files, wedger, etc., for 4 cock Canaries in full song: Steele, 137, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1310)

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GENT'S cycle, in perfect running order, Coventry made, free wheel, 17/6 for quick sale; worth double: Pavier, 51, Hempshill-lane, Bulwell. (1372)

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POTATOES, seed-potatoes, epicures, 6/6; King Edwards, 3/9; evergoods and eaters, 5/3 per cwt.: Dawson, West-st., Chatteris. (1317)

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EXCHANGE fox terrier bitch for 4 variegated hens, Norwich, or sell, 10/6: Robert, Newbridge-on-Wye. (1373)

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EXCHANGE black and white Pomeranian bitch, good pedigree, for lady's bicycle, or pen of Bantams: Taylor, 129, Marlboro'-rd., Bedford. (1376)

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ENGLISH concertina, by Lachenal, 48 keys, in oval box, with case, 20/-; bargain: Davis, Impington, Green, Hinckley, nr. Wigan. (1378)

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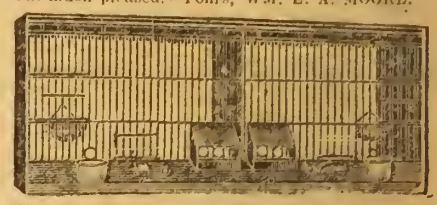

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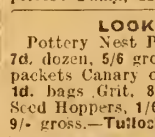

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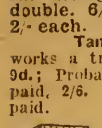

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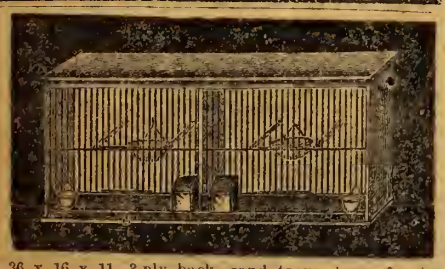

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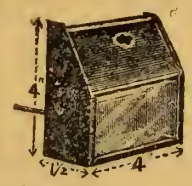

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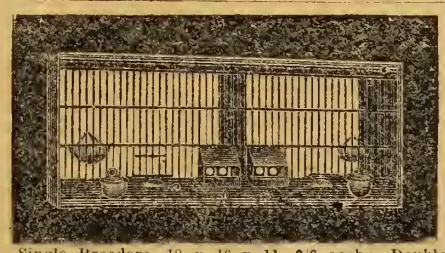

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CHAMPION Lizards, stock or show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; cock or hen; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1345)

HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Palace winners, Gold or Silver cocks, 8/- each; ditto hens, 6/- each; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield. (1372)

1912 and 1913 Gold and Silver cocks, 7/6 and 10/6 each; pairs, 12/6 and 15/- per pair; no better blood; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

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Lancashires.

MASSIVE Lancashire Plainheads, 10/6 each, cock or hen, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1310)

WANTED, unflighted yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, cheap for cash; approval, deposit: Couper, 101, Taylor-st., Methil, Fife. (1403)

WANTED, from Lancashire, one clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, one clear yellow Lancashire coppy cock, reasonable: Wells, College Green, Bristol. (1395)

BIG buff coppy cock, 1912, 15/-; yellow coppy cock, 1913, 12/6; buff Plainhead hen, 1913, 10/-; buff Plainhead cock, 10/-; approval, deposit: John Swallwell, 33, Widdop-st., Oldham. (1406)

Cinnamons.

WANTED, Cinnamon Crests, particulars, age, size, lowest price; approval: Edwards, 2, Murray-place, Inverness. (1409)

CINNAMON Canaries for sale, 5 cocks, 2 hens, cocks 7/6, hens 2/-: Mr. Hulett, 10, Millhams-st., Christchurch, Hants. (1402)

GIANT foul cock, 15/-; ditto hen, 12/6; self hen, 7/6; retiring; approval, deposit: Morrison, Sedburn, South Woodford, Essex. (1409)

HAVE in stock some good cinnamon-marked cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1399)

CINNAMONS, Norwich type, bred from winners, to clear at price of songsters; room wanted: Brown, 15, Wembury Park, Peverell, Plymouth. (1409)

THREE pairs, Norwich type, 15/- per pair; two cinnamon-marked hens at 5/- each; approval, deposit: F. Barrett, West End, Sedgefield. (1396)

GRAND pairs of Cinnamons, and some giant odd cocks, also Cinnamon marked Norwich and Yorkshires, state wants, or list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

CINNAMON and Plainhead Norwich, single cocks or hens, from 10/-; pairs, from 20/-; inspection invited: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn. Approval, stamp. (1314)

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STRONG, healthy 1912, 1913 yellow and buff cocks, 5/6; hens, 4/-; pairs, 12/-; cold-room: Miss Fooks, Brentwood. (1393)

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Vernees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

BELGIANS, two large yellow hens, also pairs, and several cocks; must clear; room wanted: F. Baker, Brooklands, Totnes. (1378)

THROUGH bereavement, the who'e of my Belgians must be sold within a month: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1414)

FEW grand young birds for sale, same strain as my Palace winner; reasonable; approval: A. Baker, 35, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (1413)

CHAMPION Belgians for sale, including my L.C.B.A. Palace winners; cheap; approval; must clear: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1399)

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A FEW good Greens for disposal from this famous stud: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Greens, six pairs, 10/- pair; odd hens, 4/- each: Rawsthorne, 20, Beech-grove, Seaforth, Liverpool. (1395)

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GIANT Norwich hen, good muler and feeder, only 3/6, cash or deposit: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1412)

A FEW pairs of high-class Norwich cheap: Apply to Peter French, 7, Second-terrace, Kilbowie, Clydebank. (1366)

TWO large clear, warranted, unflighted hens, 4/- each, 7/- the two: S. Wright, 18, Gold Hill, Shaftesbury. (1390)

SIX pairs Norwich, Mackley's strain, male birds 7/6 each, hens 3/6: Miss E. Fox, 63, Benford-st., Leicester. (1402)

CLEAR buff cock, 15/-; variegated, 7/6, 8/-, and 10/6; hen, 3/6; others cheap: Jolly, Post Office, Johnshaven. (1396)

NORWICH, two 20/-; pairs buff cocks, yellow hens, buff cocks, 10/-, 12/- each; approval: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1410)

THREE Norwich cocks, one hen, buffs, good heads and necks, 10/- each; approval: Naylor, 1, Roundst., Bradford. (1399)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, has a few very superior Norwich for disposal, bargains; all have won. (1332)

ILLNESS; Norwich cock, buff, vhc, 8/6; hens, buff, hc, Boscombe, 4/6; pair 12/-: Hames, 30, South-rd., Bournemouth. (1409)

NORWICH 1913 cold-room bred, healthy; cocks from 6/-; hens 2/6: 38, Beversbrook-rd., Mereersrd., Holloway. (1395)

TWO good Norwich hens, buffs, 10/- each; approval, deposit: A. J. Smith, Whittemoor-lane, Belper, Derbyshire. (1406)

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E. GODLEY, Richton, Blackburn, has for sale Norwich cocks or hens, from 17/6; matched pairs from 17/6; stamp, approval. (1372)

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VARIEGATED colour-fed buff Norwich cock, lovely stock bird, 1912 bred, 12/6; approval: L. Ferguson, St. James Green, Thirsk. (1398)

COCKS and hens, Hodder's strain, nearly ready for nest, cold room, no Sundays after 5: Salmon, 5, Arundel-place, Barnsbury. (1408)

NORWICH, yellow and buff cocks and hens, prize bred; cheap; apply after six: Macerystal, 16, Langlands-rd., Govan, Glasgow. (1402)

TWO winning buff Norwich cocks, value £3 10/-; exchange hens, or tradesman's cycle; approval: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester. (1410)

1912 yellow Norwich hens, one clear, one variegated, 10/- each; another, 7/6; cost 16/- each; approval: D. Betty, Goodwick, Pem. (1397)

AVIARY bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, 6/- and 7/- each; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; week's approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Wallingford. (1391)

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FEW Norwich cocks, full song, 7/- each; or exchange for anything useful: F. Creathorn, 22, Longford-st., Gorton, Manchester. (1403)

WILLIAM MORRIS, 15, Castlewood-rd., Stamford Hill: Yellow and buff cocks from 10/- to £1; buff hens, 10/- to 15/-; approval. (1407)

HENS, hens, hens; two good yellows, 3/6 each; four buffs, 3/- each; approval, deposit: Smith, 18, Newton-rd., Burton-on-Trent. (1411)

NORWICH, two large buff cocks; exchange two Yellow cinnamon hens, Norwich type; yours first: Black, 24, Tennant-st., Leith. (1408)

A FEW large cocks, related to my winners, splendid type and quality, cheap to clear: Harris, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, N. (1109)

BIG non-flight buff cock, fine head, lovely type, bred from champions, 17/6; approval, stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1109)

SEVEN high-class yellow variegated Norwich cocks, colour-fed, 10/6 each; hens, 6/-; approval: Bond, Saddler, Bulwell, Nottingham. (1401)

TWO pairs Norwich, 1913, Roberts' strain, 8/6 pair, to clear, worth more; cash or deposit.—Wheeler, Griffins Wood, Epping. (1382)

NORWICH Plainhead, related to my Palace and Diploma winners, four buff cocks, 15/-, 20/- each: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne. (1379)

HANDSOME yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 4/-, two 7/6; hens, 2/6: Franklin, Briden Villas, Feltham. (1404)

UNFLIGHTED clear buff cock, large bird, winner, 15s.; unflighted clear yellow cock, 6/-; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-ter., Plymouth. (1397)

HIGH-class typical birds, cold-room bred, colour-fed, cocks from 9/6, hens from 3/6: J. Shrimpton, 47, Link's-rd., Tooting Junction, S.W. (1367)

YELLOW Norwich cock, 5/-, also Norwich Roller cock, 5/- each, both full song, or 9/- the two: Robt. Mackenzie, 23, High-st., Kingborn. (1405)

PRIZE bred Norwich, 9 cocks, 5 hens, owing to misfortune, what offers, cold room, 1913: Burchell, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (1397)

FOUR unflighted, two flighted, 5/- each, 25/- the six; two unflighted cocks, 10/6 each, 20/- the two: Leadbetter, Marston Gate, Stafford. (1403)

FOR sale, 3 yellow hens, 3/6 each; 3 buff hens, 3/- each or best offer for lot: E. Flowers, junr., Guide-lane, Hooley Hill, near Manchester. (1397)

HAVING kept more than I require, have five grand Buff hens for sale, tight as wax, 5/- and 7/6 each: Taylor, 53, Walsgrave-rd., Coventry. (1412)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

ONE buff Norwich hen, 6/6; one ditto, 10/-; yellow cocks, 8/6 and 10/6, 1913, colour-fed; state wants; bargains: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1392)

WANTED, 2 unflighted clear yellow Norwich hens, for muling, give 5/- each; no dealers; approval, deposit: Evans, 37, Tydraw-st., Port Talbot. (1393)

STANDARD type champion strains (Howes, Vardys, Seeds), breeding buff hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (Note address.) (1276)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

READY for breeding, large Norwich hens, guaranteed healthy, parents excellent feeders, 2/6 each: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1407)

NORWICH-PLAINHEAD from winner, fed, perfection, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (1389)

PRIZE-bred Norwich hens, splendid quality, splendid quality and type, at 5/- each, some worth 10/-; must be cleared: Stott, Albert-st., Whitstable. (1404)

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TEN pairs high-class Norwich, 15/- pair; several odd cocks, 10/- each; hens 4/-, 5/-; ready to nest; Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex. (1401)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich colour fed, three buff hens, 6/6 each; four, 5/6 each; large birds, from winners; approval: Thomas Yates, 5, Albany-rd., Reading. (1403)

UNFLIGHTED variegated yellow cock, 10/-; unflighted buff variegated, 10/-, half price to clear; approval: John Young, 76, Burn-rd., Rutherglen. (1400)

A FEW 1913 typical Norwich yellow and buff cocks, strong, healthy, finely feathered birds, all non-fed: Mrs. James Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth, Scotland. (1337)

GRAND non-flighted yellow ticked buff and variegated Norwich hens, 3/6 to 5/- each; cocks from 10/-: George Blows and Son, 8, The Clyde, Ilford, Essex. (1395)

MR. HAWKES offers few massive stout thick-set Norwich hens of exceptional merits, 7/6 and 10/-; cheap at treble; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

WANTED, two typical yellow hens; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch and handreared Linnet; give little cash for good birds: Murden, The City, Beeston, Notts. (1395)

LARGE unflighted yellow and buff young Norwich hens, 10/6 to 50/-, pairs from 15/6 up; state wants. C. Roberts, Breeder, Staunahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1412)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold-room bred, cocks, in full song, 6/6; unflighted hens, 3/6; sex guaranteed; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1374)

HENS, yellows and buffs, unflighted, 8/6 each; breeding condition; yellow cock, unflighted, 7/6; buff, 6/-; approval, deposit: Harris, 50, Undine-st., Tooting. (1413)

NORWICH unflighted buff cock, 15/-; clear yellow cock, 15/-; variegated yellow, 15/-; others cheap; see wins, Glasgow and Paisley: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (1400)

BARGAINS, marked buff cock, 15/-; buff hen and yellow cock, breeding condition, 20/-; room wanted; approval winners: H. Rhodes, 20, Reginald-st., Luton, Beds. (1411)

EXTRA grand 1912 yellow variegated hen, cost 25/- from Robert Hall, 12/6; several good, well-bred, unflighted yellow and buff hens from 4/6: Watson, Croft, Shepshed. (1396)

GIVING away prices, to clear quickly; yellow cocks, 12/6 each; big buff cock, 10/6, related to my winners City and Suburban: Cobb, 3, Kendal-rd., Neasden, London. (1408)

AFTER mating up can spare clear yellow cock and clear buff cock, both one year bred, 20/- each; approval to known fanciers: William Allison, 3, Burnett-pl., Aberdeen. (1400)

UNFLIGHTED ticked buff hen, good head, perfect type and quality, clear buff hen, sister to my winning cock, 10/- each to clear: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1409)

LATEST success at Palace with six entries, one first, 2 seconds, one 4th, 2 vhc's, a few good birds to part with, cocks and hens: Bewick, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1408)

WANTED, extra large yellow unflighted cock, variegated preferred; also a good big clear unflighted yellow hen, no rubbish, good price given: Angus, Chemist, Lancaster. (1404)

Obliged to give up half my stock so have really good typical birds in fine condition for disposal; cocks, from 10/-; hens from 5/-: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (1346)

GOOD Norwich Canaries for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/- each; also 2 flight and 5 breeding cages, lot or separate, seen any time: Webb, 61, Inville,rd., Walworth, London. (1400)

SPLENDID Norwich, unflighted cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, hens 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; cold room, cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station. (1406)

QUANTITY fine young Norwich hens in large aviary, healthy, splendid condition, 2/6 each; few extra large buffs, 4/- each, grand birds, satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1398)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, correct type, cold-room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; nice lot yellow hens, 7/6, 10/- each; buff hens, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1413)

BARGAINS to clear, large buff cock, 20/-, yellow hen, 7/6; buff cock 10/6; yellow hen, 5/-; variegated buff hen, 5/6; variegated yellow cock, 10/6; approval, deposit: Thomas Herbert, South-st., Reddltch. (1398)

FOUR handsome large clear Norwich cocks, proper shape, grand heads, necks, full song, compulsory sale, 7/6 each, worth double; six good Norwich hens, 3/6 each, 18/- lot: Eassam, 37, Club-st., Kettering. (1406)

HAVING selected own breeding stock can spare few grand buff cocks, 7/6 each; clears and variegated, same strain as my winners at Stamford, Nottingham, Bradford, etc.: Welsh, Reform-st., Stamford. (1400)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, 10 unflighted hens, 3/- each to clear; room wanted; three unflighted variegated buff cocks, also one clear, 10/6 each; short, good type, bred from winners; cold-room: Lynn, 21, Bower-st., Maidstone. (1396)

HIGH-CLASS typical Norwich, unflighted, variegated buff cock, short and thick, winner, price 40/-; unflighted buff, can win in good company, price 35/-; nothing better bred; approval, cash or deposit: Devoy, George-st., Stranraer. (1387)

TWELVE Norwich cocks, nine unflighted, seven yellows, five buffs, 8/- to 15/- each; bred same way as my winners at Warrington show; inspection by appointment; approval; stamp: W. Weston, 11, Station-rd., Padgate, Warrington. (1400)

SPECIAL offer.—Grand, typical unflighted cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, as I have won with; also some grand flighted cocks, 20/-; flighted and unflighted hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; call and see these any day: Askew, 24, Chelsham-rd., Clapham. (1410)

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, 1913 bred, good head, large size, real Bullfinch type, a bargain, only 12/6; a few smaller cocks, 8/6 each; real good breeding hens, 5/- each; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

RARE large stock yellow cock, price 50/-; two splendidly bred unflighted buff cocks, 10/- and 20/-; every 50/- and 40/- buff hen I advertised has gone. I only offer birds I can recommend, and they are quickly snapped up: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1397)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers grand collection Norwich Plainheads, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair; the 8/6, 10/6 are tip-top value; fine stock cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; excellent healthy, breeding condition; cold-room bred, 1912, 1913 birds; approval; packed free. (1377)

EXCEPTIONAL offer; must clear immediately; want room for breeding; two large typical fed Buff Norwich cocks, accept 10/- each; also several hens, 4/6 and 6/- each; Hawkes' strain and bred from specimens purchased from Palace and L.C.B.A. fixtures: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

HIGH-class Norwich, best blood in the Fancy: 1913 yellow and buff hens, buff cocks, good size, good heads, grand feather, Bullfinch type, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; several pairs, to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair, worth double; 35 years breeder; judged at 100 shows; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1395)

PRIZE-bred Norwich: Yellow cock, 1912, marked on wing, £1; clear buff cock, unflighted, good stock bird, 15/6; ticked buff cock, 1912, 15/6; clear yellow hen, 12/6; also a few more good ticked yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, unflighted, for sale, from 8/6 to 10/6; type and quality; on approval, deposit: G. Andrews, Mason House, Headless Cross, Redditch. (1370)

WHO wants a massive Norwich Plainhead hen or so for stock? Try the following 1913 bred, big-headed and stout hens:—Clear yellow, 12/6; clear yellow, 8/6; marked yellow, 11/6; variegated yellow, 10/6; clear buff, ticked buff, variegated buff, all 10/6 each; these are good ones, bred from great winners, best blood extant; first orders to hand secure them; send early for these: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1412)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, offers large unflighted ticked buff cock, massive bird, 15/-; clear buff cock, grand head, deep chest, fine bird, 20/-, worth double; another, clear buff cock, unflighted, slightly smaller, 17/6; unflighted buff hen, a real gem, good size, 12/6; two-year-old buff hen, grand feeder, large size, 10/-; all yellows sold. (1402)

TO breed winners you must have right blood. You cannot get anything finer than my winning strain, the result of twenty years' breeding. Have bred and supplied several well-known exhibitors with winners this season. Following, closely related to recent Palace winners, marked buff cock, grand head and type, 15/-; large yellow cock, matched to good buff hen, 20/-; massive headed buff cock and typical yellow hen, 20/-; all unflighted and exceedingly cheap; approval: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop. (1405)

CHAMPION Norwich.—Few real good stock and exhibition Norwich Plainheads now ready for immediate showing, plenty of size, good colour, large head and full necks, rare type and quality, of feather; yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £3 each; yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £5 pair; all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous, and in tip-top show condition; for size, type, and quality, I defy competition; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1357)

CHAMPION Norwich; I can offer some of the finest in the South; see wins this season at Crystal Palace, L. and P.O., Bournemouth, Hastings, Lewes, Chichester, Boscombe, Portsmouth, Oxford, etc. (1) Grand grizzled tail buff cock, immense size, good in head, neck, substance and feather, a winner, will make a grand stock bird, 55/-; (2) unflighted clear yellow cock, winner of several prizes in keen competition, 40/-, can soon win cost; (3) clear buff cock, always in the money, good in all respects, a real Norwich from head to tail, 40/-; also several good hens, the same strain, from 7/6; all these birds are genuine, and will send on approval willingly: C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Emsworth. (1399)

FOUR grand stock pairs of my champion Norwich, own breeding, and related to my big winners, 40/- per pair, worth double; also (1) wing and head marked unflighted yellow cock, immense size, grand head, a grand bird, 40/-; (2) unflighted variegated yellow cock, rare shape, short flights and tail, bird with a future, 25/-; (3) unflighted clear buff cock, big winner, this one 30/-, not requiring him for stock; (4) ticked head buff cock, 1912 bred, a big one and no mistake, champion stock bird, 25/-; (5) clear buff cock, 1912 bred, fine stock bird, 15/-; (6) marked buff hen, perfect head, good size, 15/-; (7) variegated yellow hen, fine shapely stock hen, 15/-; the best blood living, you know that; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1413)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice the following Buff cocks; these are of exceptional merit, and such specimens rarely, if ever, offered in these columns. Not having the hens is cause of selling; massive framed slightly grizzle, marked one flight only, otherwise clear, unflighted rich fed Buff cock, giant of a Norwich, with deep chest, massive head, short neck, thick-set, chubbiest specimens one ever wished to see; accept 40/-; worth £5; full of quality, winner. Also another typical, rich deep colour-fed Yellow unflighted Norwich cock, winner, real gem, accept 20/-; also unflighted very rich colour-fed Buff cock, with grand substance and of Bullfinch type, winner of four honours, 15/-; another exceptionally good all-round Buff cock, very chubby and thick-set, 2nd Stratford, Newtown, 12/6; also another rich fed Buff cock, nine months, plenty of size, large broad head, short neck flights, tail, and deep-chested specimen, full of quality, 10/6; great sacrifice; approval; such specimens seldom offered: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

RETIRING FROM THE FANCY

Norwich, winners and stock birds, cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-; inspection invited: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1406)

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

is still well stocked with Norwich cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

STEPHEN TWEDDLE

Wimberley-st., Blackburn, breeder of high-class Norwich. I have a few good birds for sale, all my own breeding; stamp reply. (1323)

NORWICH CANARIES

Cock, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

STRIKING TESTIMONY

from well-known fanciers; quite unsolicited, all received quite recently. I never publish names and addresses, but anybody doubting these testimonials, originals can be seen. Galashiels, Feb. 27, 1914. Dear Sir,—Birds arrived all right, am highly pleased with them; they are birds that ought to breed good ones, well matched and well worth the money; yours truly. Carluke, Feb. 1st, 1914. Dear Sir,—Received birds all right, none the worse for journey; they are grand birds; enclose P.O. £4 10/-. Yours truly—. Glasgow, March 1st, 1914, Dear Sir,—Birds arrived Friday night, they are a very likely pair; please find P.O. £2; they are good value for the money. Yours faithfully—. Gillingham, Feb. 28, 1914. Sir,—Birds arrived safely, very satisfactory. Yours truly—. Sevenoaks, Jan. 23, 1914. Dear Sir,—Received birds safely; am very well satisfied with them. Yours, etc.—. Scarborough, Feb. 1, 1914. Dear Sir,—Received Norwich in grand condition, highly satisfied with same, shall send for more when I get a larger place. Yours truly—. Alloa. Dear Sir,—Birds to hand. Thanking you very much for fair dealing and your offer to wash my birds; with pleasure I enclose £2 10/-. Yours truly—. Lowestoft, Jan. 3, 1914. Dear Sir,—Yellow cocks to hand; am very well pleased with them; enclose the amount. Yours, etc.—. Plymouth, Jan. 30, 1914. Buff hen arrived in splendid conditon, very pleased with her, many thanks. Yours truly—. Newport, Mon., Feb. 24, 1914. Dear Sir,—Received bird safe, very pleased. I think he is a grand bird; the fact is I could have sold him but would not part; when I want more birds shall know where to send; shall certainly recommend you to my friends as a straightforward fancier. Yours truly—. Smallbridge. Jan. 27, 1914. Dear Sir,—Please find P.O. 20/- for unflighted hen. She has grand feather, nice wing carriage, short and cobby. I am extremely obliged for the straightforward manner you have treated me by sending on appro. before payment. Yours truly—. I could fill column after column with this sort of letter. Bounce is not necessary. I have the finest stud of champion Norwich living; note the address: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1413)

Value in Canaries.

R. HANDFORD'S Noted Strains

This week's bargains to clear surplus stock: **NORWICH,** large cobby cocks, 7/6 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Hens, ready for immediate breeding, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6. Correctly matched pairs, ready for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 17/6, 20/-. Cages, 3d. extra. **YORKSHIRES,** long and typical, same prices.

MY OFFER: All birds on approval at my risk. Cold-room bred, pink of condition. For several years I have specialised in Canaries. I breed, exhibit, and export. Cash or deposit with Editor. Money returned if not satisfied. Illustrated list free.

R. HANDFORD,

The Canary Specialist, 263, Osmaston Road, Derby.

H. HUMPHRIES

can spare the following Norwich: Large clear yellow cock, 1912, 30/-; also large variegated buff hen, 30/-; variegated yellow hen, 25/-; approval, stamp: The Lodge, Acomb-rd., York. (1370)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

LARGE typical cocks 1/0, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich Specialist, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known winning strain; winner of numerous cups, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright (three years in succession); can spare few grand birds, correct type, rich in colour and quality, plenty of substance, judiciously bred, and correctly matched pairs, 30/-, upwards; odd birds from 10/- each; approval with pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; satisfaction guaranteed.

BRED FROM THE BEST

At clearing prices to make room for breeding; will send on approval; buff cocks, 8/6, 10/- each, worth double; for my winnings see previous advertisements: Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (1402)

PURE NORWICH

Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens. Yellows or buffs from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the original testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

At Last Horticultural Hall Show

My Norwich won **2 diplomas, 4 firsts, and other honours.** See reports of best shows this season. Several nice birds still left at **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/- upwards. My birds are too well known to need further comment.** Approval.—**J. Hodder, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.**

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.

H. DIMMOCK.—Deep Glucke and Water-Glucke Rollers, same strain as my cup winners. Cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-; cages 4d. extra. All B.R.C.C. rung: 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (1096)

THOS. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Champion Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers: 6, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (1120)

1913 ROLLER cocks, singing, 3/-, two 5/6: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1406)

ROLLER hens, buff and cinnamon, 3/6 each: Burkhill, Cross, Buckley, Chester. (1412)

PURE Seifert Rollers, Club rung 1913, 10/- to 15/- pair: R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescot. (1407)

WANTED, a large quantity of Rollers, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1401)

FEW Seifert Rollers, cocks from 6/6, grand hens, nesting, 2/6; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall. (1405)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks 12/6, one 8/6; grand hens 2/6 and 3/-: J. Cavis, 17, Roman-rd., Preston. (1402)

SEIFERT Rollers; cocks, full song, 6/-; hens, 2/6, to clear: T. Hoyle, 134, Sapling-rd., Daubhill, Bolton.

SEIFERT Rollers, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens 2/6; cold-room: G. Beese, 17, Pitfield-st., Kates Hill, Dudley. (1401)

FEW high-class Rollers, hens, club rung, Fould's strain, 5/- each, 9/- two: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham. (1377)

SIX good single breeding cages, 9/- lot; or exchange for good Roller cock: Hopkinson, 164, Leeds-rd., Nelson. (1402)

ROLLER hens, Randall's strain, 1913 rung breeding condition, 3/- and 4/- each: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham. (1399)

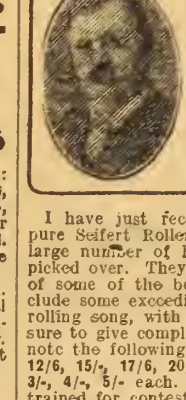
TRAINED Rollers, bred from 25/- birds; cocks, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 2/6; worth double: Byron, 89, Harold-rd., Leytonstone. (1396)

1913 Glucke Rollers, B3 rung, 10/-, 15/-, and one 18/- to clear: Smith, 10, Lichfield-rd., Newinventon, Wolverhampton. (1402)

TWO 1913 Rollers, glucke hens, cold-room bred, 2/- each: J. Leadbetter, Marston Gate, Stafford Common, Stafford. (1403)

ROLLER cock Canaries, 4/-, 5/6, and 6/6; hens, 2/-; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1413)

GLUCKE Rollers, bred from my last year's winners, cocks from 15/-, hens 5/-: Brown, Tisford-rd., Langley, Birmingham. (1408)



400 Champion Rollers in Stock.

I have just received a magnificent collection of pure Seifert Rollers, consisting of 400 cocks, and a large number of hens. These birds have not been picked over. They have come direct from the rooms of some of the best breeders in Germany, and include some exceedingly good birds. They are in full rolling song, with a good variety of tours, and are sure to give complete satisfaction anywhere. Kindly note the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Hens, same pure strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each. Genuine schoolmasters, specially trained for contest singing, 20/-, 25/- 30/-, 35/-, 40/- each upwards. Travelling cages 3d. extra in all cases.

I am also offering a limited number of hens bred from some of the best strains in England, at 7/6 and 10/- each. These are worth treble to any breeder. All B.R.C.C. rung. I invite fanciers requiring Rollers to come and hear these birds, and make their own selection. To those who cannot come I offer to send one or more birds to any address in the Kingdom at my sole risk, on 10 days' approval, and undertake to return cash in full, if not absolutely satisfactory. Is it possible to make a fairer offer?

JOE THOMAS, BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR,

Ambler Thorn, Halifax, Yorks.

(Established over 35 years at same address.)

GRAND Seifert Rollers, cocks full song, 7/6, 8/6; hens, rung, 3/-, 3/6; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury. (1401)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens for sale from 2/- each; overstocked for breeding: Vickers, 6, Ormskirk-rd., Newtown, Wigan. (1403)

HARTZ Mountain Roller Canary and cage, 3/-; Parrot, 10/-; Skylark and cage, 1/-: Vernam, 298, Lillie-rd., Fulham. (1411)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Roller hens, Randall, Spencer's strain, price 4/- each; cocks all sold: Carrington, Bridge-st., Bakewell. (1405)

ROLLERS: Hens, hens, hens, 4/-; cocks, 8/6; approval; note new address: Wright, 21, Tilbury-mount, Elland-rd., Leeds. (1376)

1913 GLUCKE Rollers, full song, 8/6, 10/6; exchange one or Roller hens: Ancott, 67, Springdale Cottages, Attleborough, Nuneaton. (1400)

HIGH-CLASS Hartz Rollers, cocks 7/6 to 8/6; hens, 3/6 to 4/6; approval; cash or deposit: Wm. Lay, 89, Byron-st., Northampton. (1385)

CHAMPION Seifert Rollers, cocks in full song, from 7/6, hens, breeding condition, from 2/-; approval: Bennett, Snelston, Ashbourne. (1402)

ALL cocks sold, only five hens left, 3/- each, 5/6 couple; Willows, Roehl's, given away: Collyer, Burwood, Queens-rd., Wimbledon. (1400)

ROLLERS, cocks, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6; full week's approval: Watson, 6, Paradise-st., Tunstall, Staffs. (1413)

SEIFERT Roller cock, in full song, day or gaslight, many sweet changes, 8/6, or exchange anything: Saunders, 2½, Clarence-st., Gravesend. (1414)

HIGH class Seifert and Glucke cocks, 7/6, 10/6, hens 2/6, 3/6; cold room, on approval; cash or deposit: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (1326)

HIGH-CLASS water Glucke Rollers, cocks from 10/-; hens from 4/-; only few left; approval: Watkins, 22, Eden-st., Astley Bridge, Bolton. (1406)

GRAND lot pure Seifert hens, in breeding condition, cold room bred, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1413)

FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmasters 10/-, hens 3/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)

FOUR champion Glucke cocks left, all winners, 20/- each; ten hens all pure Randall strain, 3/6 each; worth treble: Short, 328, High-st., Cheltenham. (1401)

TWO high-class Seifert Roller Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/- each; approval, cash or deposit: D. Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1403)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, British Roller Club rung; cocks, 10/-, 7/6; hens, 5/-, 3/6; breeding pairs, 14/- and 10/-; approval: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

ROLLERS, Roehl's glucke strain, cold room, cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 5/-; approval, deposit: L. Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W.; letters only.

ONLY a few Roller cocks left, which must be sold owing to removal, he Leeds, 25/-; the Grimsby, 30/-, or nearest offer: Davis, South View, Collingham, nr. Leeds. (1411)

TWO German Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, excellent songsters, 7/6 each; 14/- the two; approval willingly: Miss E. Coplin, Erisey, Falmouth. (1414)

ROLLERS, without any doubt the best in England, price 20/-; cash or deposit; approval with pleasure: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1412)

TEN Roller hens, Fould's pure strain, 2/6 each; also four mothers of above, 1912 B.R.C.C. rung, good feeders, 3/6 each: Edgerley, 5, Francis-st., Monton, Manchester. (1403)

FOR disposal Roller Canaries, Randall's strain, day and gaslight songsters, cold-room bred; prices, cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6; approval: Hill, 59, Green-st., Stourbridge. (1399)

NOTICE; grand lot Roller Canaries, full song, day and gaslight, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

HIGH-class Rollers: A few to clear, to make room for breeding; matched pairs from 10/6; Schoolmaster, 15/-; hens, 3/6; B.R.C.C. rung: Gooding: 38, St. Luke's-rd., Westbourne Park. (1409)

HIGH-class Rollers, Tweed's, B.R.C.C. rung, organ and Schoolmaster trained, splendid songsters, cocks 10/6, hens 3/-, 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby-Stephen. (1405)

RANDALL'S water Glucke Rollers, the finest strain in England; few grand B.R.C.C. 1913 hens of this noted strain, 5s. each: Hoyle, Kitchen-ter., Grimsargh, Preston. M.B.R.C.C. (1405)

ROLLERS, Rollers: Lovely songsters, six cocks, buff and buff ticked, cold-room, own breeding, 5/6 each; 30/- lot; singing all day long; approval: O. Beach, Monnow-st., Monmouth. (1401)

SEIFERT Rollers, Roehl's strain, cocks 8/6, 10/6 12/6 and 15/- each; hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/- each; cold room; approval; deposit: N. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (1288)

(Roller advts. continued overleaf.)

Be Your Own Judge

By having on approval, and hear the birds for yourself.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS.

The finest quality for money in all Europe to-day. Singing Cocks, 7/6. Hens, 3/- each. Pairs, 9/6, 10/6. Matched for breeding, good songsters. Grand Seifert Trained Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Hens, same strain, 3/6, 4/-, and 5/- each. Pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cages, 3d.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

WANTED, a first-class Glucke Roller Schoolmaster, 1912 bred, must be Club rung, will exchange pure bred poultry; apply: Boden, 15, Cambrian-sq., Hanbadarn-rd., Aberystwyth, Wales. (1398)

PURE Randall's water glucke cocks, 12/6, 15/- each; 1, 24pts. Provincial Show, £1; hens 12/6, 15/- bred from winners, 4/6 each; approval, deposit: Wilson, 421, Weelsby-st., Grimsby. (1350)

GREAT sacrifice; noted winning cock Chaffinch, won Windsor, Enfield, Stratford, etc., accept 8/6, including show cage, worth treble for songster: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-d., Leytonstone. (1413)

PURE glucke and water glucke Rollers, few good birds left for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited; all B.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 15/-, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds. (1402)

PURE Randall's, cocks all sold, few hens left to clear 3/6 each only; B.R.C.C. rung, 1913; pay what you like, you can't get better; approval, deposit: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston. (1396)

GIVING up the Fancy, four grand Seifert Roller stock cocks, Randall and Fisher strain, perfect health, full song, 12/6 and 15/- each; approval, deposit: Davies, 18, Lower Hill-st., Stourbridge. (1403)

FOUR pairs Seifert Rollers, three hens, muling Goldfinch and Linnet, portable aviary and cages, £4; can be seen by appointment; stamp reply: Docherty, 57, Evelyn-rd., W. Silvertown, London, E. (1239)

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can now supply a few high-class water glucke hens, pure Randall's, all B.R.C.C. rung 1913, 4/- each, 7/6 couple: Wignall, 203, Ribbleston-lane, Preston.

WILLOWS' celebrated Glucke Rollers, my well-known winning strain, a few good cocks for sale, at 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each; bargains, must clear before breeding commences: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury. (1411)

GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room English bred, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-rd., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (1373)

SUPERB songsters with full sweet changes, Randall's strain; rung 1913 cocks, 8/6; reliable breeding hens, matched, 3/6; same as offered at double the price: Mrs. Anion, 5, Sewardstone-rd., Victoria Park, London. (1413)

A LADY, for many years a breeder of Hartz Roller Canaries, has for disposal a few 1913 cocks in full song and breeding condition; all cold-room bred; prices from 10/6 each; approval, deposit Editor: Miss Gyles, 26, Cumberland Mansions, West Hampstead, N.W. (1406)

ROLLER, schoolmaster, with numerous tours, splendid deep hollow runs, no harsh notes, will sing anywhere, only 10/6, approval willingly; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6 each; contest singers earnestly requested to try above: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1412)

WINNING strain. Bargains, to clear, Wolverhampton, 2nd, two specials; Leeds, 1st, special; Wakefield, 3rd, two specials; Manchester, 1st, special, he, c; winner of six specials, three large silver medals, young bird classes this season; cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 6/-; approval: Morris, 56, Dale-st., Wrexham. (1339)

HIGH-class Rollers for sale, Randall's and Fould's strain, winner of cup and medal; I have five young cocks, 1913, also one 1912, all rung B.R.C.C., also 1912 hens of the same strain; cocks, 10/6; hens, 5/6; to clear; three days' approval; cash or deposit: R. Roberts, Poplar House, Maderia-hill, Wrexham.

RANDALL'S water glucke, prize-winning strain; young cocks, full song, club rung, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; B3.898 scored 22 points Bolton Roller contest, 20/- only; B3.3410 scored 25 points, commended, Bury contest, 22/6; worth double; Randall hens, 5/-; can breed winners; approval, deposit: Atherton, R.B.R.C.C., 36, Christian-rd., Preston. (1380)

CANADA, Canada, your last opportunity has now arrived. Only four 1913 cocks left, 7/6 each; two schoolmasters, 10/6 each; eleven hens, 3/- each or 31/- for four; all cocks guaranteed full song, day and gas light, with deep bass runs, silvery trills, etc., and sent on seven days' approval on receipt of postal order: Wesson, Acia Road, Smethwick, Worcestershire. (See last week's advertisement.) (1412)

GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS

in the country; cold room bred; trained under Roller organ; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; seven days' approval; hens, 2/6; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, 15, Fairfield, Kidderminster; established 27 years.

SEIFERT ROLLER COCKS

in full rolling song; on seven days' approval, 7/6, 8/6; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/-: E. Wilson, 407B, West Green-rd., London. (1322)

ROLLERS, WHOLESALE

Dealers, please send for trade prices. Only birds in full song sent out, and all on approval. Cheapest and most reliable importer in England: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1024)

PURE ROLLERS

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SCOTCH Fancy, buff pied cock, good bird, young, cheap: John Robertson, 102, Raeburn-pl., Edinburgh.

PAIR Scotch Fancies, 25/-, cocks from 10/- to 60/-, winners; cheap: J. Strachan, 30, Manle-st., Arbroath. (1410)

SCOTCH Fancies, stylish 1913 buff foul cock, vhc in class of 16, 40/-; approval: Renwick, 126, Ingleby-drive, Glasgow. (1399)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, thirteen cocks, yellows and buffs, very cheap; offers for lot: Howden, 67, Cochrane-place, Leith. (1326)

TWO yellow cocks, 2 yellow pied cocks, 1 yellow hen, 4 buff pied hens, 1 green hen: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead. (1324)

SCOTCH Fancies, pairs or single, to suit, from high-class strain; moderate price; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns, Ayr. (1390)

WANTED, good yellow cock, exchange yellow pied hen, nice top and neck, good hen; approval: Burnside, Elmbank, Lesmahagow. (1409)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale: Two clean yellow cocks, buff piebald hen, yellow piebald hen, clean yellow hen: James Little, 25, Glen-st., Paisley. (1340)

EXCHANGE buff pied Scotch Fancy, 1913 bred, in splendid order, for buff or marked hen; approval: Craig, 17, Grey-st., Wallsend-on-Tyne. (1396)

NOTICE; grand lot scotch Fancies, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

SCOTCH Fancy yellow cock, buff green cock, both young, seen any day after three o'clock; price reasonable: James Main, 4, Mitchell-st., Langloan, Coatbridge. (1346)

SCOTCH Fancy: Yellow piebald cock, buff green cock, buff green hen, young; approval; 20/- each to clear; good cheap birds: James McGregor, 24, Queen-st., Tayport. (1381)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, few birds, mostly cocks, best of blood, cheap to clear, owing to removal recently I am compelled to reduce stock: James G. Millar, West Drumagan Farm, Govan. (1328)

GOOD Scotch Fancies, one yellow green cock, one buff green cock, 1913 bred, 12/6 each, worth double the price; will exchange one for good buff or yellow piebald hen: Fellows, 44, Hill-lane, Southampton. (1408)

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YELLOW Yorkshire cock, full song, price 6/-: Cooke, 122, Craig-st., Darlington. (1403)

1913 YORKSHIRE cocks, singing, 3/-; two, 5/6; 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1406)

YORKSHIRE, yellow, buff, cocks 6/6, hens 3/6, 1913: Miss F. Bird, Farcet, Peterborough. (1404)

WANTED, a large quantity of Yorkshires, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1401)

YORKSHIRES, cocks 7/-, hens 2/6; pair, 9/-: G., 41, Swallfield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth. (1383)

BUFF Yorkshire hens, clear and marked, 3/6 to 10/6: W. Clements, The Mall, Bungerford, Berks. (1395)

UNFLIGHTED Buff or Yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/6; seven days approval: R. Williams, Burgess Hill, Sussex. (1400)

YELLOW cock, full green hen, 1913 birds, 12/6; approval, deposit: Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Weeshpool. (1412)

THREE matched pairs Yorkshires, good strain, ready to nest, 8/6 pair: Adams, 65, Leeds-rd., Ilkley, Yorks. (1397)

THREE pairs good Yorkshire Canaries for sale, 12/6 pair: Kirkland, 24, West End, Bentley-rd., Doncaster. (1402)

GOOD yellow cock, also hen, good pair, buff cock and yellow hen, 15/- lot: Brocock, Mytholmes, Haworth. (1411)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, yellow and green, cocks (no hens) 3/6, in fine breeding condition: 55, Ermine-rd., Lewisham. (1339)

YORKSHIRES, several good cocks, all colours, from 8/6, ditto hens from 1/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1195)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 7/-; hens, 3/6; matched pairs, 10/-; genuine birds: 11, Walter-st., West Gorton, Manchester. (1405)

YORKSHIRES, variegated cock, 7/-; green hen and variegated hen, 3/- each: A. Toft, 77, Stanley-rd., Grays, Essex. (1393)

TO clear, yellow, buff, or marked cocks, from 7/-; matched pairs from 12/6; typical birds; related to my winners: Richards, Aston-fields, Bromsgrove. (1401)

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For stock birds, exhibition birds, and songsters, my Yorkshires cannot be equalled at the prices quoted. All in grand breeding condition, and on seven days' approval at my risk to any part of England, Ireland, or Scotland. Grand selection in clears, ticked, and marked, colour-fed or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold-rooms bred and kept. Just one testimonial out of scores received lately, from 56, Middle-row, Browney Colliery (Co. Durham), Feb. 21st, 1914. "Pleased to inform you that I won first, second, and third prizes with the three birds you sent me. Will recommend your birds to all I know. Wm. Hunter to J. Taylor. Grand yellow Yorkshire cocks at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; buff cocks at 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song and standard length. Pairs, matched to breed own winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pairs. Extra good, lengthy, smart buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Yellow hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All on seven days' approval.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; cold-room bred; approval: R. Trewhitt, 12, Jefferson-st., Goole. (1401)

WANTED, good long yellow Yorkshire hen, 1913, give splendid air rifle, cost 25/-: White, 118, Brandon-rd., Brixton. (1400)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires; hens from 4/6; cocks from 6/6: A. Goodwin, Breeder, 156, Wareham-st., Kennington, S.E. (1395)

PALACE train; good buff cocks from 8/-; buff hens from 4/6; approval: E. E. Helliwell, 149, Claremount-rd., Halifax. (1398)

FIVE days' approval: Buff Yorkshire cock, 6/-; three yellow hens, 3/6 each: J. Appleton, 11, Cambridge-st., Hebden Bridge. (1405)

SIX high-class Yorkshire cocks, in full song, from 7/6; 5 hens, 3/6 each: G. Hutchings, 32, Clonmore-st., Southfields, S.W. (1389)

PAIR Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, 10/6 pair; Norwich, 7/6; on deposit: Blythe, Park-av., Mansfield, Woodhouse, Notts. (1402)

WINNING buff cock, yellow hen, 30/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 30/-; approval, cash or deposit: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle. (1414)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6, matched pairs for breeding: Harris, 9, Whiteross, Richmond, Surrey. (1408)

ONLY two left; typical unflighted hot-fed yellow hens, sire great winner, sacrifice, 2/6 each: Gibbon, 142, High-st., Stourbridge. (1396)

PAIR Yorkshires, 10/-; Norwich cock, 6/6; others from 5/-; hens from 2/6; or offers: Williamson, Mount Pleasant, Riddings. (1400)

FOR sale six pairs high-class Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; 65/- the lot; approval; deposit: W. Shepherd, 20, Cygnet-st., York. (1404)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich cocks for sale, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, upwards; hens from 3/6: A. E. Raynes, 34, Beechfield-rd., Doncaster. (1382)

YORKSHIRES: Four hens, feathered like wax, 10/- each; yellow unflighted cock, buff hen, 21/-: Mundell, Carlisle-pl., Bradford. (1375)

YORKSHIRE cocks in full song, guaranteed bred from my show birds, 10/-, 15/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (1404)

CHAMPION pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, cock big winner, 15/-; real bargain; approval: Perry, The Denes, Winsford. (1407)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 1913, 15/-, for good long yellow Yorkshire hen; approval, yours first; Robinson, Crescent, Amfield Plain. (1400)

CLEARING out: Yorkshire Canaries from 8/6; hens 3/6; cold-room; or exchange for boots: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (1402)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some 7in., from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (1306)

1913 LONG race Yorkshire hens, clears, bred from cup winners, 5/- each, others, 4/-; approval: Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester. (1413)

BARGAIN.—Five Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; also few Norwich hens and cocks; approval; cold room: Phipps, 16, Millplatt, Isleworth. (1412)

SIX yellow cocks, clears, ticks, variegated, best strains, winners Plymouth, Paignton, etc., 10/- each: Reed, 23, Neath-rd., Plymouth. (1403)

LONG stylish cocks, full song, from 8/6; hens, breeding condition, 5/-, cold room; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill. (1377)

YORKSHIRES, yellows, buffs, variegated, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, pairs 10/-; room wanted: Miss Balls, Rockclymount, Clapham Park, S.W. (1409)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, Bennett's strain, hens 3/6, cocks 6/6, must clear, removing; inspection, approval: Thomas, 15, Hartley-rd. (1410)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens from 2/6: L. Lamb, 1, Taskers Villas, Church-lane, Carcroft, near Doncaster. (1393)

YORKSHIRE greens and variegated cocks and hens from good strains: Hampson, Kimberworth, Heywood Road, Wavertree, Liverpool. (1414)

A FEW good Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford. (1376)

SURPLUS stock to clear: Four cocks, six hen Yorkshires, 1913, 32/6; or separate, cock 5/-, hen 2/6: H. Summers, Snenton Hill, Nottingham. (1404)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, one ticked yellow cock, 20/-; grand bird, one clear yellow, 8/6; two yellow hens, 8/- each, 1913: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1393)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires: I have still a few yellow and buff cocks to spare from my winners, price very reasonable: L. Yates, 74, Rushes-rd., Pudsleigh.

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BARBER'S celebrated Yorkshire Canaries, colour fed, grand type and quality, cocks 7/6 upwards; hens 3/- upwards: James Barber, 31, Sydney-rd., Enfield. (1236)

HIGH-class Yorkshire hens, bred from winners, from 7/6, upwards; state wants; approval with pleasure: F. Coulson, 163, Albert-st., Millom, Cumberland. (1380)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 10/-, upwards; hens, 5/-, upwards; bred from prize-winners; satisfaction guaranteed: Reed, North Cross st., Leadgate, Co. Durham. (1379)

CLEAR yellow cock, winner 2nd, 12/6; green hen, vhc, 5/-; buff cock, winner first, special, 17/6; cards sent; approval, deposit: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms. (1405)

YORKSHIRE Green Yellow hen, 1913 bird, Bailey's strain, only 5/6; Buff variegated hen, Crisp's strain, nice hen, 4/6: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1412)

UNFLIGHTED Yorkshire hens, two yellows and two buffs left, Dyke's and Heggie's strain, 10/- each to clear, worth double, approval: Devoy, George-st., Stranraer. (1387)

NOTICE: grand lot high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding: prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, three hens, 3/6 each; or exchange for good singing Yellow Norwich, 1913, cock; approval: Saunders, Gardens, Little Bassetwood, Southampton. (1408)

MACROBIE'S high-class Yorkshires, grand type and quality, sort to breed winners, cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 8/6 upwards; few matched pairs, 10/6: 11, India-st., Partick. (1387)

UNFLIGHTED Buff Yorkshire cock, 3rd South Birmingham, members', 8/6; ticked yellow cock, 8/6; few hens from 4/-; approval: Rees, 30, Bordesley Green-rd., Birmingham. (1402)

TEN unflighted Yorkshire cocks, in full song and good condition, 7/6 each; 6 larger unflighted cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; approval: Robert Elliott, Butterknowle, Durham. (1398)

I HAVE a few splendid yellow and buff, show and stock bird for sale; also a few yellow hens; stamp reply; inspection invited: Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st., Great Horton, Bradford. (1405)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has two lovely yellow Yorkshire hens, fit to win, two yellow cocks, won 2 firsts and second, bred from his challenge cup winners; cheap; approval. (1383)

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1913, cold-room bred, cocks 5/6 and 6/6; hens 3/-; 4 days approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London. (1398)

CHAMPION strain of Yorkshires to clear cheap, including winners, cards sent; cocks, 10/6 to 17/6; hens, 6/6 to 10/6; approval: Breeder, 84, Chichelerd., Cricklewood, London, N.W. (1393)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, two unflighted yellow cocks, 10/-, 25/-; 1912 yellow cock, 35/-; unflighted buff cock, 25/-; approval, deposit: D. Radley, Savillerd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1403)

YORKSHIRES, same strain winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, Bradford; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens, 4/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1379)

BENNETT'S champion Yorkshires, fine lengthy hens, 3/6; cocks from 7/6 rare length, quality, bred from my winning strain; inspection invited; approval: 17, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1410)

FOR health reasons reducing breeding stock, must clear, grand Yorkshires cheap; cocks, 10/-; hens, 6/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: O'Reilly, Breeder, Nunthorpe-av., York. (1406)

EXCEPTIONALLY good yellow cock, grand bird, 30/-; another, 15/-; buff cock, fine stamp, 15/-; from exhibition stock; cheap to make room: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1396)

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, grand type and quality, two pairs unflighted, 12/6, 15/6; five buff cocks, 10/6, 7/-, 6/-; approval; carriage paid; Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1405)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, ready for breeding, few good cocks, 8/6, 10/6; several good hens, 3/6, 5/-, 6/6; genuine bargains; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; two Buff marked unflighted hens, 10/- each; buff hens, 5/- each; yellow hen, 5/-: Ogden Bros.' and Radley's strain; approval, deposit: Wood, 72, Southgate, Gloucester. (1142)

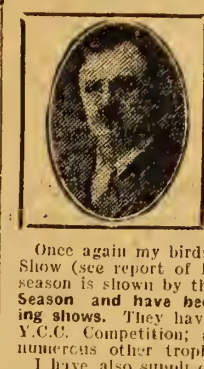
LONG, upstanding Yorkshire, correct type, cold-room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; yellow or buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, giving up Yorkshires, has following: Two yellow hens, four buff hens, one yellow cock, one buff cock, one wing-marked buff cock; don't miss these nine birds, 35/- lot. (1403)

GRAND Yorkshire hen, feathered like wax, correct type, and perfectly healthy, ready for nesting, 3/6, 4/6 each; six days' approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, grand type and quality; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1412)

SELL following high-class Yorkshires, 9 cocks, bulls and yellows, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; 7 smart hens, 5/6, 6/6; no better strain obtainable; letters only: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-terrace, Bradford, Yorkshire. (1407)



Crystal Palace, 1914.

SILVER CUP,

4 Firsts, 2 Thirds, Etc.

Once again my birds have wound up the show season by securing highest honours at the Great National Show (see report of Palace Show in this issue). That they have won consistently all through the season is shown by the fact that they have secured **76 Specials, 89 Firsts, 74 Seconds, and 60 Thirds This Season and have been shown in open champion classes only, in hottest competition at all the leading shows.** They have also won the N.P.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. Competition; also several Silver Cups and Bowls, Gold and Silver Medals, Diplomas, and numerous other trophies.

I have also supplied birds that have won highest honours for my clients, including winners of this year's Palace show, in very strong classes. I have letters filed here for anyone to see in proof of this; also a large number of letters from fanciers who have bred winners from stock bred and sold by me.

These are **FACTS**, needing no comment. They speak for themselves, and they cannot be disputed. I am now offering marvellous value in the following varieties:—

CHAMPION NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN.

Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding, winners, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- to 100/- per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain of winners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Grand cobby hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Matched breeding pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/- per pair.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Grand, lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position, and in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Erect, racy hens, feathered to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Matched pairs, personally selected, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES.

I have a few specially good birds ready for immediate breeding. Cocks or hens, in clears, ticks, or marked, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Also a few specially matched pairs, bred from the best blood in the Fancy, and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. I have also a few of this season's open winners for sale at a working-man's price. Write for particulars.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

See my Special Announcement under Rollers on page 211.

MULING HENS, FEEDING HENS, ETC. ETC.

Grand, healthy, Sib. hens, for muling, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; Linnet Mules, in full song, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each.

FEEDING HENS.—Good sound healthy feeding hens, 3/-, 3/6 each. No breeder should be without. Travelling Cages **3d.** extra in all cases.

I have also a splendid selection of Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, etc., etc.

Kindly remember, I issue an open invitation to all fanciers to call at any time and inspect my stock. You need not announce your visit; come at any time (except Sundays). You will be sure of a hearty welcome and will be shown round my rooms whether desiring to purchase or not.

Any fancier requiring stock is invited to come and make his own selection. To those unable to come I am prepared to send one or more birds to any address in the kingdom at my sole risk. I will send on 7 or 10 days' approval anywhere, and will guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer or cash returned in full.

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JOE THOMAS,

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Established over 35 years at same address.

TWO even wing marked buff Yorkshire cocks, Cinnamon marked, bred for markings, 8/6 each; exchange good type Norwich cocks or hens; no rubbish; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1397)

YORKSHIRE hens, typical, exceptionally fine in feather, the right kind for those needing something to improve quality; prices reasonable; approval, cash or deposit: Jeans, Hendford Station Cottages, Yeovil. (1403)

OBSERVE, grand upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly matched, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cold-room kept; 4 days' approval; Particulars: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers few lengthy upstanding buff and yellow Yorkshire hens which are of exceptional merit and real gems, 7s. 6d., 10/-, 12/6 each; cheap at treble; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

GIVING up Yorkshires: Several good stock pairs, from 15/-; also several good yellow Yorkshire hens, from 5/-; also several extra good buff Norwich hens, from 5/- each: Teasdale, 15, Valmar-rd., Camberwell, London, S.E. (1409)

E. DEIGHTON has 40 high-class Yorkshires for sale in the pink of condition, bred from my winning strain; cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6; approval, cash or deposit: Bewicke-rd., Willington Quay-on-Tyne. (1403)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from cup and medal winners; champion yellow stock cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, £1; lovely buff hens, standard length, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; pairs from 10/6; approval: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (1404)

PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires; 50 pairs, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, pairs 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; dealers supplied with large or small quantities; satisfaction guaranteed; terms cash or deposit; travelling cages 3d.: 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford. (1309)

WANTED, Yorkshires in exchange for Edison Standard phonograph, two reproducers, plays two or four minutes, two horns, 75 amberol, 54 two-minute records; splendid machine; offers for whole or part to: H. Adams, 101, Norroy-rd., Putney. (1402)

YORKSHIRES.—Having purchased surplus stock of well-known breeder, can offer exceptionally good cocks and hens at low prices: seen any time or on approval; deposit; cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/6: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1413)

T. C. CRAWHALL, breeder, exhibitor high-class Yorkshires; winner at all the leading shows, including Crystal Palace, can spare a few more at reasonable prices, single or pairs; state wants; approval, deposit: 121, St. George's ter., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1380)

CLEAR buff Yorks. cock, winner this season, over 7in. long, make grand stock bird, will accept the low price of 12/6 to clear; yellow hen to match, 5s. 6d.; honestly worth double for one nest alone; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

FOUR unflighted cocks, yellow and buffs, 10/- each; four yellow hens, 5/- each; buff hen, 10/-; all unflighted, related to my winners Gillingham "C.B." 10/- cash and diploma winner (champion sec.); also winner of Chatham cup 1911, 1912, and 1913: Wickham, Boatswain and Call, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (1393)

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CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, in full song, winner of three firsts this season, a bargain, 17/6, worth three times the money; green-marked buff cock, winner in the hottest open competition, 35/-, worth £4; hens to match both cocks, 10/- each; six days' approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

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MUST sacrifice immediately, not having sufficient room to mate up; five rich, deep, fed yellow, upstanding, leggy Yorkshire cocks, 8/6, 9/6, and 10/6 each; four typical buff cocks, grand length, 7/6, 8/6, and 9/6 each; three buff hens, 4/- and 5/- each; all are related to my prizewinners, and are in full song and breeding condition; cold-room bred: approval: Huggins, 130, Myddleton-rd., Bowes Park, London. (1411)

HAVE to clear well-known exhibitor's Yorkshires; direct from his Palace winners, including many fine exhibition birds; some excellent yellow cocks, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each; fine yellow hens, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; fine buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, and 17/6 each; ditto hens, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; some well-matched breeding pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/- a pair; many of these birds worth 40/- to 60/- each. This stud of birds were got together regardless of cost, and must be sold at these working men's prices; show cages and cases all to go; approval with pleasure: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice clear rich deep fed unflighted Yellow Yorkshire cock, rare upstanding legged specimen, bold head, full neck and of rare length, one of the best and smartest I ever offered during my 33 years in the Fancy; full of quality and of exceptional merit; great winner; accept 40/-; cheap at £5; also another deep-fed yellow unflighted upstanding leggy Yorkshire cock, gem for length, type, and style, winner of several honours, accept 15/-; also typical deep-fed buff cock of equal merits, real gem, 15/-; teeming with quality, worth treble for either showing or stock; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

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With careful study for years I have mastered the want its hens require; Yorkshires in breeding condition from 3/6; cocks, full song, from 6/-; satisfaction guaranteed: Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1410)

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Try one of our matched pairs, sure to give satisfaction, at reasonable prices, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, upwards; odd birds proportionately; all bred from or related to our winners at all the leading shows; cash or deposit; approval; state wants to 123, Parkside-rd., Bradford. (1213)

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Royal Masonic Institution, Croydon, Feb., 1914

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On the look out for something useful, and that will prove profitable to breed from with ordinary luck, should have a pair of any of the following on approval; all scientifically matched to produce best results. Prize-bred Norwich, Yorkshires, or Border Fanciers, 8/6, 10/6 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; all cocks guaranteed on song; Crests, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. Travelling cages, **3d.**

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

LOOK HERE FOR YORKSHIRES

Clearing sale for breeding, cocks 5/-, hens 2/-, pairs 7/6; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1376)

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winners amateur Cinnamon marked competition, can spare a few choice pairs at 12/6 a pair upwards; state wants; inspection invited: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford. (1375)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Typical cocks, fit for exhibition, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; all ten days' on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1160)

MIDGLEY'S WINNING YORKSHIRES

Still have a few choice Yorkshires related to winners Crystal Palace, L.C.B.A., Sunderland, Blaydon; every bird staged own breeding, not bought winners; extra good yellow and buff cocks for sale; state requirements: 10, Victoria-st., Clayton, Bradford. (1401)

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Important; 3 birds price of 2. Having disposed of surplus, undersized Yorkshires to wholesale dealer, have several more hens than cocks left. Rather than accept dealers' price for same, will give purchasing customers for pairs the benefit by including cock with two unrelated, suitably matched hens, at my usual ordinary pair prices, viz., 12/6, 15/-, to 20/- the 3, until surplus hens are disposed of; all cold-room bred, reared and kept; all on usual approval; cash or deposit; see previous advertisements: Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. (1384)

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES

make valuable birds for breeding; also few good stock birds, prices 7/6 to £1 each; cages, all accessories cheap; approval: Henry Butler, Gardener, Bradford-rd., Batley, Yorkshire. (1405)

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has a few good select Yorkshires for sale, for breeding purposes, at very reasonable prices; can be sold singly or in matched pairs, ready for breeding; some real good Yorkshire stock birds left over, both yellow and buff, from 10s. upwards; satisfaction guaranteed: 15, Settle-ter., Thornton-lane, Bradford. (1377)

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Yorkshires, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, Cinnamon, green marked and clears, from 10/6 each: 35, Gap-rd., Wimbledon. (1398)

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I can spare a few good pairs, also single birds, from this noted stud; come and inspect them, home all day: 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

25s. WORTH FOR 12s. 6d.

IN order to make room for the breeding season, I offer six pairs of Yorkshires at 12/6 pair; three yellow cocks, three buff cocks, over 7in. long, and in full song, with three buff hens and three yellow hens to match; these pairs would cost 25/- at least if purchased elsewhere; have any of them on six days' approval, and be convinced; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

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Yorkshire Specialist, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield: well-known winning strain; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner outright (three years in succession). Can spare few extremely choice specimens, possessing true position and style, very lengthy, well on leg, and superbly feathered; judiciously bred and correctly matched pairs, 30/- upwards; odd birds from 10/- each; approval with pleasure; inspection cordially invited; satisfaction guaranteed

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LARKHALL C.B.A.

Pair show, Feb. 21, in Y.M.C.A. halls. There was a grand turn out, quality being the best the club have had. Mr. D. Marley won sp. for most points. Mr. W. J. Blackwood and Mr. R. H. Hamilton both gave satisfaction as judges. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, McEwan; 2, Campbell; 3, Rundell. BUFF CK.: 1, McEwan; 2, Rundell; 3, Kennedy. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Pollock; 2, Rundell; 3, Marley. BUFF CK.: 1, Marley; 2, McGhie; 3, Rundell. YORKS.: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Ferguson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Thomson. MULING PAIRS: 1, Campbell; 2, Thomson; 3, Perrie. HYBRID, BULLIE HEN: 1, Perrie; 2, Thomson; 3, Kerr. HYB., A.O.V.: 1, Kerr; 2, 3, Thomson. FOR., PAIRS: 1, McLean; 2, Boag; 3, Campbell.

Next meeting, March 7th, Y.M.C.A. halls, 7. Annual general meeting, election of office-bearers, etc.—Allan Thomson, sec.

CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY C.B.A.

Table show, Feb. 26, Three Tuns, Peas Hill, when the committee were rewarded with an excellent entry, many of the birds being of good quality. Mr. J. J. Gifford judged, and his awards were unquestioned.

NOR. CK.: 1, Williams; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Hart (Meldreth). HEN: 1, 3, Nichols; 2, Allington (Barley). PAIRS: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Williams; 3, Manning. YORKS. CK.: 1, Hart; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Langley. HEN: 1, Langley; 2, Hart; 3, Bishop and Son. PAIRS: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, 3, Langley. NOR., 1913: 1, Hart; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Allington. YORKS., BRED 1913: 1, Langley; 2, Bishop and Son. NOV., NOR.: 1, 2, Manning; 3, Bryant. DITTO YORKS.: 1, Ridgewell. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, 3, Manning; 2, Williams. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Nichols; 2, Hart.—M. Ridgeon, hon. sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Annual show, Feb. 24, Dartmouth Hotel; 88 birds putting in an appearance. Nor. and Brit. were the feature of the show; some grand specimens in both sections were on view. Yorks were a failure in point of numbers, although the few staged were up to the usual standard. A good number of fanciers was present, and the show proved one of the best ever held. Mr. G. Baker (Birmingham) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Collier and Day; 2, vhc, hc, Barnsley and Palmer; 3, 4, c, Tayor. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor; 2, Collier and Day; 3, 4, vhc, Barnsley and Palmer; hc, Cooper. MKD. 4): 1, Cooper; 2, Collier and Day; 3, Barnsley and Palmer; 4, Taylor. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Collier and Day; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, Barnsley. UNFLIG. HEN (6): All Taylor. HEN (5): 1, Collier and Day; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Taylor. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Beck and Digger. BUFF (1): 1, Beck and Digger. MKD. (1): 1, Beck and Digger. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Beck and Digger; 2, Andrews. UNFLIG. HEN (1): 1, Andrews. HENS (1): 1, Andrews. NOV. HEN (3): All to Amos. BRIT., GOLDIE OR BULLIE (9): 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Tonks; 3, vhc, Barnsley and Palmer. LINNET (3): All Tonks. GREENIE. (5): 1, 4, Tonks; 2, 3, Barnsley and Palmer; vhc, Cooper. LESSER REDPOLL OR TWITE (7): 1, 4, vhc, Tonks; 2, 3, Barnsley and Palmer; c, Cooper. CHAFFIE. OR BRAMBLE (6): 1, 2, 4, Tonks; 3, vhc, hc, Barnsley and Palmer. NOV., HARDBILL (13): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Amos; 3, hc, c, Povey.—W. G. Andrews, hon. sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Monthly meeting and show of matched pairs held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Feb. 13, Mr. A. Hendry presiding over a good attendance. A grand lot of business was got through in good time. Prize-money to the amount of £7 16s. 8d. for annual show Nov. last was divided amongst members exhibiting and each share in proportion, was paid out to members present. Seven new members were enrolled: J. Booth, J. Glass, G. Hislop, T. Mackay, A. Law, A. Mitchell, and J. McGarry. Entries for matched pairs were as good as previous years, and the quality par excellence, some grand outstanding birds being amongst them. Mr. John Young (Rutherglen) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Many thanks to him for his obliging kindness in coming to judge. A number of specials were kindly given by the following gentlemen: G. McGown, W. Hamilton, Geo. G. Henderson, D. Lunn, and P. Allan. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton. NOR.: 1, Henderson; 2, Campbell; 3, Allan. BORDER: 1, 2, 3, Lunn; 4, 5, sp., Campbell; 6, 7, Sellar. YORKS.: 1 3, 4, sp., 5, 6, Cochrane; 2, sp., 7 Hendry. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, sp., 4, Lunn; 5, Allan. MULING PAIRS: 1, Henderson; 2, Allan; 3, Campbell; 4, 5, Gillespie. HYB. PAIRS: 1 sp., Henderson. Next meeting and table show of British Mar. 13, in St. George's Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, at 8.—William Prondfoot, Sec. and Treas.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Pair show, Feb 28, "Lamb Hotel." Borders came up very strong, and some splendid pairs were staged, both in champ. and nov. Mr. Madagan and Mr. Short were the chief winners, putting down some beautiful birds. We were glad to see more Crests than at recent shows, and noticed several excellent pairs, especially the winning pair of Mr. Hamlin, who showed a wonderful Crestbred cock which would have held its own in any company had it been sent out during the season. Norwich were not up to the average in quantity except in the Nov. section, where competition was fairly keen. Mr. Pounsett undertook all arrangements, and had everything in capital order for Mr. Payne, who judged. The attendance during the evening was very good, and the society is very fortunate in having such a splendid room for its shows. Birds were nicely staged at convenient heights on green covered staging, which shows up the colour of the exhibits.

CREST COCK, C.B. HEN: 1, Hands; 2, Mrs. Mawnseley. C.B. HEN, CREST CK.: 1, 2, c, Hamlin; 4, Hands; vhc, Mrs Mawnseley. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Pounsett. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Pounsett. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Madagan; 4, vhc, hc, Short. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN: , 2, 3, Madagan; vhc, Short; 4, Hands, jun. A.O.V.: 1, Madagan; 2, H. Elston; 3, 4, vhc, Short; , Hands, jun. HYBRIDS, BRIT. and CAN.: 1, 4, Brown; 2, Pounsett; 3, Mitchell. TWO BRIT.: 1, , Brown; 2, Pounsett; 3, Madagan; 4, vhc, Elston. FOR.: 1, 2, Treasure; 3, Machonochy. NOV. CRESTS: 1, James; 2, Miss Dent. NOR.: 1, vhc, James; 2, 3, 4, hc, Mitchell; c, Whate. BORD.: , 2, 3, 4, Beard; vhc, c, Hope; hc, Miss Dent; , Pounsett.—A. J. Treasure.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly painted with KEATING'S POWDER, especially hen hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

BATHGATE.

GRAND FINAL GATHERING OF BRITISH.

Held Feb. 28 in Corn Exchange, an ideal venue, and on this occasion looking extra well, being tastefully decorated with flowers, etc., the residue of a ball held the previous evening. Entries were well up, being well over 500, which for a show catering almost exclusively for British must have been gratifying to the management, than whom a more painstaking and energetic crew could scarcely be mustered, each vieing with the other in his zeal for the welfare of their various sections. The worthy president, Mr. Bald, had perforce to take the duties of adjudicator, owing to a sudden and painful illness of the allotted judge, Mr. McQuiston, Mr. J. Maddison, of Newcastle, taking even numbers after he had judged classes 1 and 2 during wait for a judge. The genial secretary, Mr. Nicol, had everything well in hand, and cards were up and marked catalogues out in good time. Situated as Bathgate is between the Lothians and Lanarkshire, the show is always well patronised by visitors, and on this occasion it must have eclipsed all previous records, but the floor space quite precluded overcrowding, and the plentiful provision of seats might be copied by many managements, as they were indeed highly appreciated. Quite a few well-known winners were here relegated to the ranks of the also rans; no doubt some were showing the results of a strenuous season and were not looking their best, but in some instances surprise was expressed at such recognised toppers going down. Bathgate enjoys a reputation for Greenfinches, and these again topped the list, a total of 86 being forward, of which 33 in the field-moulted class topped the record in strength.

LIGHT MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, 5, Martin and Archer, well known cl. Linnet leading, rather frayed in wings, yet a good win, greatly admired; 2nd, light var. Goldie, better feather, looking its best here, well placed; 3rd, Greenie, peculiar foul marks, smoky tinge, pity, as this mars an otherwise champion, grand size and condition; 4, Heron, wing mkd. Goldie, very massive, put down in grand order; 6, Hughes Bros.; 7, Brown. HYB. (7): 1, Martin and Archer, well-known Greenie-Chaffie, in grand order, its 26th 1st; 2, Dr. M. Wilson, Canary-Bullie, hot one, nice cobby shape, in grand order, must have pressed; 3, 7, Juman, Goldie-Bullie, excels col., satin-like texture, topper of this cross; 4, Heron; 5, Hughes Bros.; 6, Allan. DARK GOLDF. or LINNET (11): 1, Gilchrist, well known Goldie, rare flush, excels body, with a little more skull might be considered the acme of Mules; 2, Bell, Linnet, often described, hard to find fault with, A1 order; 3, Roy, Goldie, fails col. and subs. to leader, excels cond.; 4, 5, Dr. Wilson; 6, Husband; 7, Heron and McNairn. A.O. DARK (12): 1, Lyall, Siskin, rare size and subs., young breeder's first attempt, Glasgow winner, will improve; 2, Dewar, Greenie, teems with col., grand shape and cond., well placed; 3, 5, Dr. Wilson, Redpoll Can., rare size for cross, well balanced, topping order; 4, J. W. Heron; 6, Roy; 7, Webster. BULLF. CK. (16): 1, Dr. Wilson, grand density and expanse of cap, good subs. and col., in A1 order, excels shape; 2, Sykes, even better subs., hardly depth of breast, hard to separate, shining order; 3, Jameson and Johnson, slightly broken in breast colour, nicely cut cap, excels wings, could be improved; 4, Roy; 5, Palmer; 6, Wallace; 7, Henderson. HEN (7): 1, Nicolson, grand size, nice tone and cap, wins well, excels cond.; 2, Strachan, another nice one, beaten head and front here, yet not disgraced; 3, Hawkes, excels shape, too dark in tone, indistinct, in good order; 4, Caunt; 5, Watson; 6, Ewing; 7, White; a somewhat disappointing class for here. SISKIN, NON-FED or F.M. (19): 1, Gentleman, nice spangle cap, excels tone and flanks, no bib, in grand order wins; 2, White, had been having a bath; 3, Hope, good size and shape, fails col., drops wings a bit, excels cage; 4, Jobling; 5, Muir and Adamson; 6, McCallum; 7, Brownlei and Cook; No. 11, gem of a hen, we made wrong class, pity. FED (11): 1, Calder, good all points, often described, wins nicely; 2, Stuart and Dalling, nice one, beaten flanks and wings by leader, excels cond.; 3, Conkeil, gem for col. and cond., nice body, bit pinched in head; 5, Henderson; 6, Irvine; 7, Sykes. GOLDF., H.M. (15): 1, Wallace, nice face, good subs., excels moonings and tans, in good order; 2, Guthrie, very similar, beaten expanse, quite equal condition; 3, Chalmers, best tans, fails depth of blaze, good wings; 4, Jeffreys; 5, Allan; 6, Stuart and Dalling; 7, Brown; No. 9, Pringle, best blaze in class, rather thin, but might have led some here, National and Palace winner (?), if so, not up to form here. F.M. (18): 1, Strachan, nice size, excels moons and depth of blaze, steady; 2, Metcalf, better shape of blaze, grand tans and wings, pressed; 3, Jobling, nicely squared, good tone, rather pinched in head; 4, Bell; 5, Irvine; 6, McKizen; 7, Nicholson. LINNET, H.M. (18): 1, Strachan, right away, nice cone shape, good size, excels tone and pencilling, A1 order; 2, Junnan, another nice one, beaten front, work and subs., nice bloom; 3, Stuart and Dalling, shade dark, yet excels pencilling, rare bloom and condition, our choice for 2nd; 4, Dr. Wilson; 5, Campbell, might have gone up; 6, Calder; 7, Sinclair, some real good birds cardless here. F.M. (25): 1, McGavin, good shape, excels breast work and cond., refuses to face front of cage; 2, Stewart and Milne, nice colour, rather open front, good cond.; 3, Irvine, better size, rather open front, fails work and tone; 4, Robson; 5, Harper, monster; 6, Calder; 7, Sinclair; some good birds cardless also, many liked No. 6. Brown, for a prize card. GREENF., COL. FED (8): 1, Stuart and Dalling, well-known, often described, with a little rise on skull would be ideal; 2, Henderson; scarcely subs. of leader, rather frayed left wing, excels col. and head; 3, McGregor and Boyd, hot one, better condition, hardly subs. or skull of 2nd; 4, 5, Cowan; 6, Law; 7, McLean. NON-FED (16): 1, 7, Sykes, leader grand shape and subs., excels tone and cond., well placed; 2, Pickles, hardly equal subs. or col. of leader, in grand order; 3, Jeffreys, better col., rare bars, just beaten skull, yet we preferred; 4, Gentleman; 5, Doolan, some fancied to go up, a good one; 6, Muir and Adamson. F.M. (33): 1, W. P. Campbell, fair size, shape and col., bit lucky to win in such a class; 2, Gibb, better shape and subs., nice wings, pinched in skull; 3, Showler, better head and colour, excels cond., wild; 4, Allan; 5, no name; 6, Law; 7, Palmer; a grand lot of Greenies out of the cards. GREENF. HEN (13): 1, Craig, good size, prominent sharp keel; 2, Sykes, rare size, teems with quality, we liked for 1st; 3, Gentleman, another good one, better than leader in all points but size; 4, McGregor and Boyd; 5, Nicolson; 6, Irr; 7, Campbell. MEALY 'POLL or TWITE, H.M. (13): 1, Conkie and London, Twite, rare tone, nice breast, size and cond., well placed; 2, Johnstone, 'Poll, big one, might be better in flank markings; 3, Nicolson, Twite, falls work to leader, better head, bit sluggish, nice size; 4, R. F. Campbell, 'Poll, good size, teems with work, A1 order, our choice for 2nd; 5, Gentleman; 6, Quinn; 7, Hdham. F.M. (26): 1, 3, Nicolson, Twite leading, nice tone and pencilling, rare order, very steady for a F.M. bird; 3rd, 'Poll, big one, excels cond.; 2, McGavin, 'Poll, rare cap, excels bib and lacing, well placed; 4, Bell; 5, Juman; 6, R. T. Campbell; 7, Craig. LESSER 'POLL, H.M. (11): 1, Conkie, wee gem for col. and subs., nice shape, excels work, well placed; 2, Stuart and Dalling, nice one, just falls flanks, in grand order; 3, Brownlie and Cook, best head in class, nice flanks, beaten by leader in bloom, but our choice for 2nd; 4th, Dale; 5, Sykes; 6, Dr. Wilson; 7, Doolan. F.M. (25): 1, Jeffreys, right away in all points, a model 'Poll; 2, Davidson, another good one, hardly size or bloom of leader, well placed; 3, Lyall, little don, just falls size, hard to separate, a good 3rd; 4, Lloyd, better shape, rare bloom, just beaten work and bib; 5, Connochan; 6, Gentleman; 7, Palmer; really good class. BUNTING, H.M. (10): 1, Law, good col. natural, nice head marks, fails subs.; 2, Dr. Wilson, Meadow, rare tone, delicate markings, splendid order; 3, Henderson, black head, fails mantle and tone, good cond.; 4, Stuart and Dalling; 5, 7, Russell; 6, Strachan. CHAFF., H.M. (11): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, well known trio; 3rd drooping wings a bit; 4, Spence, grand breast and cond., rather pinched front of head, excels bloom; 5, Dr. Wilson; 6, Jeffreys; 7, Elliott. BRAMBLE, H.M. (9): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, famous trio, often described, leading well here; 4, Linton; 5, Jameson and Johnston; 6, Conkie and Loudon; 7, Robertson. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, Cowan, Bearded Reedling, nice order, well staged, Continental specimen; 2, no name, Blackstart, good col., hangs wings; 3, Anderson, Black cap, nice order, well staged; 4, Erskine. LARGE, A.V. (6): 1, 3, Sykes, Chough leading, looking well and improving greatly; 3rd, grand Hawfinch, needs no description; 2, Brucc, Song Thrush; what a trio of toppers, how happy we could be with either; 4, Henderson, grand Waxwing, eclipsed in such company, well put down; 5, Connelly; 6, Malcolm. HARDBILL HEN, SMALL (14): 1, Craig, Corn Bunting, nice size and breast work, steady, excellent order; 2, Gentleman, Yellow Bunting, rare size, grand work and bloom, well placed; 3, Nicolson, Corn, hardly up to size or bloom of leader; 4, Strachan; 5, Metcalf; 6, Carr; 7, Jeffreys; some cocks in this class, properly passed. SMALL HARDBILL, F.M. (17): 1, Allan, Bramble, strangely tame for a F.M., good subs., excellent flanks and breast, well placed; 2, Pointer, Corn Bunting, another miracle, quite a pet, nice breast work, feather perfect, good 2nd; 3, Sykes, Chaffinch, rare breast col., excels cap, A1 order; 4, Nicolson; 5, no name; 6, Forster; 7, Hayter. NOV. BRIT. (5): 1, Crawford, Hawfinch, not large, rare tone and condition, steady, well placed; 2, Hardie, Goldie, nice face and tans, rather rakish; 3, Strachan, Greenie, nice size and col., fails condition; 4, Hardie; 5, Mitchell. MULE or HYB. PAIR (11): 1, Nicolson, nice Siberian Goldie and yell. varieg. Nor. hen, latter could do with more subs., we preferred 2nd, Strachan, Goldie-Bullie, both Siberians, former rare col., size and cond., on good terms; 3, Steven, Canary-Bullie, latter best foreign in class, an ideal pair, Canary fails to 2nd, Goldie, well placed; 4, no name; 5, Gentleman; 6, McGavin; 7, Brown. FOR. GOLDF., H.M. (6): 1, Henderson, grand tone and expanse of blaze, excels size and cond., well placed; 2, Pringle, close up, beaten tans and tone, no disgrace against such a topper; 3, Sommerville, scarcely square in blaze, beaten subs.; 4, Guthrie and Son. F.M. (8): 1, Wallace, nice blaze, massive size, in good order, wins; 2, Henderson, even better subs., hardly tone of leader, good 2nd; 3, Shields, fails shape and cut of blaze and size, good order; 4, Roy; 5, Brown; 6, no name; 7, McKizen. FOR. SMALL (13): 1, 2, 4, 5, Arnott, well-known Purple Sugarbird leading, in grand order, wins nicely, the centre of attraction; 2nd, Tricolour Tanager, often described; 4th, Gold-fronted Fruitsucker, in good form; 3, Montague, Sugarbird, scarcely fit. FOR. BULLF. (7): 1, 6, Brown, ck. leading, good size and depth of breast, grand skull, yet we preferred 2nd, no name, hen, giant for size excellent shape, nice tones, well defined; 3, Muir and Adamson, ck., nice cap and col., fails size; 4, Ildham, similar stamp.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

First members' show, Feb. 25, Kingsland Assembly Hall. The hall, a very comfortable one for a show, was hardly large enough for the number of visitors who visited it during the day. 150 birds were staged, quality was good, and competition very hot. Some grand birds were seen in the Yorks. section, and in the For. class Miss M. Bousfield's (Bournemouth) Superb Tanager was much admired. Mr. Martin Cook (Bournemouth) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Welch; 2, 3, Schneider. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Schneider; 3, Vale. HEN (4): 1, Page; 2, 3, Schneider; vhc, Welch. 1913 (6): 1, Welch; 2, vhc, Schneider; 3, White; hc, Foyle; c, Page. NOV. YELL. (3): 1, Welch; 2, Foyle; 3, Welch. BUFF (5): 1, Page; 2, Welch; 3, Vale; vhc, Havill; hc, Welch. 1913 (12): 1, White; 2, Love; 3, vhc, Welch; hc, Hockley; c, Foyle. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Bousfield; 2, vhc, Hayter; 3, Gamble; hc, Egerton; c, Holliday. BUFF (7): 1, Egerton; 2, Gamble; 3, c, Holliday; hc, Bousfield; vhc, Etheridge. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, 3, Gamble; 2, vhc, Holliday; hc, Pack; c, Etheridge. 1913 (14): 1, Holliday; 2, 3, Gamble; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Etheridge; c, Snowden. NOV. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Peckham; 2, Egerton; 3, Havill. BUFF (3): 1, Peckham; 2, Winter; 3, Snowden. 1913 (8): 1, 2, Winter; 3, Snowden; vhc, c, Pack; hc, Egerton. GOLDF. (14): 1, Foyle; 2, Vale; 3, Washer; vhc, White; hc, Chandler; c, White. BULLF. (8): 1, Bousfield; 2, Vale; 3, White; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Boyce; c, Foyle. LINNET (6): 1, Vale; 2, Mellmish; 3, Bowyer; vhc, hc, Aldersladc; c, Boyce. REDPOLL (3): 1, Bousfield; 2, Hart; 3, Slawson. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, vhc, White; 2, hc, c, Vale; 3, Boyce. MULES, LIGHT (3): 1, 2, 3, Hartnell. DARK (7): 1, Bousfield; 2, hc, Broomfield; 3, Welch; vhc, Foyle; c, Page. FOR. (9): 1, 3, Bousfield; 2, vhc, Slade; hc, Welch; c, Havill.—W. L. Page, hon. sec.

CROYDON F.A.

Members' pair and Brit. bird show, Feb. 25, Ruskin House, West Croydon. Mr. F. Easterling judged.

PAIRS NOR., YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, Saunders; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Halhead. NOR., BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Saunders; 2, Gunnell; 3, vhc, Halhead; hc, Rev. Soames; c, Smith. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, c, Soper; 3, Ramsey; vhc, Last; hc, Truelove. YORKS., BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Truelove; 2, Last; 3, vhc, hc, Soper; c, Clark. CAN.: 1, 2, Saunders; 3, vhc, Last. CAN., UP TO 20s.: 1, 2, Soper. A.V. CAN. AND BRIT., OR TWO BRIT.: 1, 2, Gunnell. A.V. BRIT. (SINGLE): 1, Gunnell; 2, Gilbert; 3, vhc, Rev. Soames. Ten members took part in the judging competition, which was won by Mr. Halhead.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

Annual members' show held St. Paul's School, Bennett Street, Jan. 31. The room is an ideal one, being lofty, free from draught, and well lighted. Entries numbered 248—a big improvement, no doubt brought about by the spirited competition for the silver cup presented by the president, Mr. S. T. Oldham. Mr. F. Hayward, the sec., quick and ever courteous, always there when wanted, untiring in his efforts, and attending to every detail in quite a masterly fashion, is decidedly the right man for the secretarial office. Mr. J. Raynes and the worthy president also rendered valuable assistance. Stewards, who worked efficiently and judiciously, were Messrs. J. Ascroft, J. E. Massey, and F. Robinson. Management throughout was excellent, and everything passed off smoothly. Prize money was paid out at the show. Special winners were: Messrs. S. T. Oldham, J. A. Vint, W. H. Tansey, J. McTurk, and E. Raper. Special for best bird was won by Mr. S. T. Oldham with his noted hybrid, shown in the pink again. Mr. W. H. Battye judged, and gave general satisfaction.—W. H. Tansey, Assist. Sec.

PRIZE LIST.

LIZ. GOLD. (1): 1, Bradley. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Bradley. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Broughton; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Kearns; vhc, Potts. BUFF (6): 1, Kearns; 2, 4, Dooley; 3, hc, Broughton; vhc, Potts. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, Dooley; 2, Wilkinson; 4, Potts. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Kearns. YELL. CK., 1913 (2): 1, Dooley; we, Potts. BUFF (2): 1, Broughton; 2, Potts. HENS 1913 (6): 1, Broughton; 2, Potts; 3, Kearns; 4, Dooley; vhc, hc, Wilkinson. NOR. YELL (4): 1, 2, Raynes; 3, 4, Turner. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Turner; 2, Raynes. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Coldbank; 2, 3, Turner. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Turner. YELL. CK. 1913 (2): 1, 2, Turner. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Turner. HENS, 1913 (2): 1, 2, Turner. NOR. GR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Raynes. BORD. GR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Coldbeck. A.V. NAT. COL. (1): 1, Lewis. AMAT. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, A. Taylor; 2, hc, S. Taylor; 3, Musgrave; 4, Tansey; vhc, Oates. BUFF (7): 1, Tansey; 2, Musgrave; 3, hc, Oates; 4, S. Taylor; vhc, A. Taylor; c, Moorbey. YELL HEN (5): 1, vhc, Musgrave; 2, Brown; 3, 4, Appleton. BUFF (5): 1, Tansey; 2, Musgrave; 3, Humphreys; 4, Brown; vhc, S. Taylor. YELL. CK. 1913 (7): 1, hc, Tansey; 2, A. Taylor; 3, Humphreys; 4, vhc, Brown; c, Moorbey. BUFF (6): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Tansey; 4, Appleton; vhc, Moorbey. HENS 1913 (8): 1, Brown; 2, A. Taylor; 3, Appleton; 4, Tansey; vhc, Musgrave; hc, Oates; c, Humphreys. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Vint; 2, Hayward; 3, Rev. Wragg; 4, Brucc; hc, Sykes. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Sykes; 2, 3, Rev. Wragg; 4, Bowden; hc, Vint. YELL HEN. (2): 1, Rev. Wragg; 2, Vint. BUFF (2): 1, Bowden; 2, Sykes. YELL. CK. 1913 (3): 1, Rev. Wragg; 2, Vint; 3, Bowden. BUFF (4): 1, Rev. Wragg; 2, Vint; 3, Bowden. HENS 1913 (5): 1, Vint; 2, Hayward; 3, Wragg; 4, vhc, Bowden. LIZ. GOLD (4): 1, 3, Moorbey; 2, 4, Millington. SILVER (3): 1, Moorbey; 2, 3, Millington. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Bruce. NOV.: YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, McTurk; 2, Ashcroft. BUFF (6): 1, Howarth; 2, Ashcroft; 3, vhc, Williamson; 4, hc, McTurk. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Williamson; 3, McTurk; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Ashcroft. BUFF (4): 1, McTurk; 2, Howarth; 3, Ashcroft; 4, Wilkinson. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Howarth; 2, Ashcroft. BUFF (4): 1, McTurk; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Ashcroft; 4, Riley. HENS 1913 (3): 1, Howarth; 2, 3, Ashcroft. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, James; 2, Robinson. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Raper; 2, James; 3, McTurk. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Raper. BUFF HENS (4): 1, James; 2, Raper; 3, 4, Robinson. YELL. CK. (1): Raper. BUFF (1): Riley. NOR. HEN (1): 1, James. OPEN AND AMAT. BRIT. CAN. HYB. (4): 1, Morgan; 2, 3, 4, Oldham. HYB. (2 Brit.) (4): 1, 2, 4, Oldham; 3, Lewis. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, Oldham; 2, 3, hc, Hope; 4, Lewis; vhc, Hubbard; c, Moorbey. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Oldham; 4, Hope; hc, c, Morgan. LINNET (5): 1, vhc, Oldham; 2, 3, 4, Fairhurst. A.O. HARDBILL (9): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Fairhurst; 2, Huhbard; hc, Morgan; c, Oldham. FOR. (7): All Hubbard. NOV. CAN.-HYB. (3): 1, Massey; 2, Fletcher; 3, Riley. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (2): 1, 2, Raper. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Massey; 2, Fletcher; 3, 4, vhc, Sutton; hc, Raper. LINNET (2): 1, Fletcher; 2, Raper. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, 4, Raper; 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, hc, Massey; c, Robinson. FOR. (1): 1, Hubbard.—W. H. Tansey, hon. sec.

SOUTHEND C.B.S.

Annual pair show, "The Blue Boar" Hotel, Prittlewell. Mr. Claude (Westcliffe) judged.

CL. TKD. OR MKD. YELL. CK AND BUFF HEN C. YORKS.: 1, 3, 4, Hume; 2, vhc, c, Cundy; hc, Pattrick. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Hume; 2, 3, Pattrick. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN NOV. YORKS.: 1, Deer. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Deer. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN NOV. NOR.: 1, Deer; 2, 3, Blows. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Deer; 2, 3, 4, Blows. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Cundy; 3, Hume; 4, Blows. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, 2, Deer. BULLF.: 1, Deer. LINNET: 1, 2, Hume; 3, Deer.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual show of pairs matched for breeding, Globe, Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road. Mr. T. Wright judged, and gave every satisfaction. Our silver cup was won by Mr. Bell for the second time with his famous Nor. Plainheads. This cup has to be won three times before it becomes the property of the winner. Mr. T. Wright is giving a handsome case of stuffed birds to the member who makes most points duriug the year. Mr. Bell came out top with 11 points, R. J. Pretty 5, Shakespeare 3, Gilbert 3. Other awards were as follows: NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Bell. NOV. NOR.: 1, 2, Harrison. YORKS.: 1, W. Shakespeare. NOV. YORKS: 1, 3, Gilbert; 2, Green. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, R. J. Pretty; 2, 3, W. Shakespeare. BULLF. AND CAN.: 1, Shakespeare; 2, Green. A.O. SPECIES OF FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Shakespeare; 2, Green; 3, Bell. ANY SPECIES OF TWO BRIT. BIRDS: 1, Green. Sp. for best muling pair and most entries was won by Mr. Shakespeare. Altogether the show came quite up to expectations, and a good collection was made for sp. in the young bird show.—G. G. Stubbs.

LUTON C.B.S.

Table show, Feb. 24. Classes for muling pairs, Brit., For. Entries numerous and of good quality. Three new members enrolled. Awards were placed by one of our old members, Mr. F. Martin, as follows:—CAN. CROSSES: 1, Messrs. Litchfield and Sons; 2, Smith; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Bent, Reader; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, c, r, Arnott. CROSS BETWEEN TWO BRIT.: 1, Bloomfield (Goldfinch and Redpoll), many thought these two cocks; 2, 3, Smith (Goldfinch and Bullfinch, and Goldfinch and Chaffinch). GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, George, nice Goldf.; 2, Smith, do. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Smith; 2, George (ought to have won); 3, Bloomfield. A.V. FOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, 4, Meadowes.—E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec.

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe

By J. TOMLINSON

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How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

ON the other hand, were two birds mated, each bred from parents singing different faults, it would be introducing faults of both parents into the blood of the progeny, and what is in the blood will come out in the song. An instance in contradiction could be given to this on the cock's side, and would be where it had acquired the faulty passage by being kept in company of others that were singing it, and in this case its offspring should not sing it unless they also get it by tuition.

There is another matter of equal importance to the above, and much heartburning will be avoided, together with a great deal of inconvenience, where it is desired to purchase two cocks. In addition to health and age, due consideration should be given to the faults these two cocks are singing, because it is undesirable that the contemplated purchases should have different faults, unless you could keep them apart, and entirely out of each other's hearing.

The majority are quick to acquire anything objectionable, adding it to their own song, and so deteriorating, rather than maintaining, their market value. In case this should not be explicit to any, I will assume your desire is to purchase two cocks, and you choose one that sings an Aufzug, and the other bad flutes. Now, if these two birds were to be kept together in the same room, or in separate rooms where they could distinctly hear each other's voice, they would ultimately learn to sing each other's faults, and you would then have two cocks both singing an Aufzug and sharp flutes.

What is the result? Your birds are not so valuable as when you purchased them, because each one is singing two faults, whereas at the time you bought them, they only sang one; and unless they had an extra good variety of tours they would not be suitable to use as tutors. You would not then be working on the correct lines to cultivate or better the quality of your birds' song, and you would show a deficit on your year's working instead of a profit. Consequently, I would advise that if two cocks cannot be procured that have the same objectionable song passages, be content with one bird, and choose the best the purse will allow.

I was asked by a friend a short time ago, "Did I consider myself a bit of a fad on bad faults?" I explained that I was quite willing to accept a fault in a bird that had a variety of tours to compensate for it. But there are faults and faults; some are more objectionable sounding than others, and if I could minimise the fault or obtain in another an equally good variety of tours with a less objectionable fault I should be better satisfied. But I would not lose a good bird, or even a good tour, to eradicate a fault unless it was most objectionable.

I have pointed out that there is not much to choose from in purchasing cheap birds, as there is much of a sameness about them, and the price leaves little scope for fancy song points; and as the majority of these birds are imported from the Continent, nothing can be learned of their parentage. Similar methods would be employed to cultivate the song of these, as would be used for better class stock, the advantage the latter have is that some idea can be formed beforehand what they would be likely to produce, whereas with the cheap imported birds the only policy is to "wait and see."

The first step will be to notice whether any of the young cocks are able to sing equal to, or a little better than their sire. A great improvement cannot be expected in the first cross, yet it may be that the young are able to sing the good tours of their sire; in this case the good qualities of the old birds would be evenly matched. On the other hand, should any be found that are superior to the sire on any of the other good tours, you would desire to ascertain from which side this has been derived.

The following year pair this young cock to its dam, in the event of there being more than one young cock, then a nest from each in turn should be taken. The young hens bred in the same nest as this selected young cock should be paired to their sire, and a note should be made from which parents the good qualities are again obtained.

(To be continued.)

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Annual supper and concert, Feb. 21, "Horse and Groom" Hotel. After supper, company settled down to an excellent programme. A large and able company of amateur artistes had kindly offered their services. The chair was taken by Mr. Gibbins, who made a few remarks on the society's progress. Mr. F. W. Everett, a splendid accompanist, presided at the piano, carrying each singer through in grand style. Mr. C. Warren led off with a capital song, "Nobody's Satisfied," which was well received, and for an encore gave "My First Derby" (in character). Our veteran member, Mr. J. Allen, who was on his top note, sang "Tailor on the Spree," receiving a hearty encore, with which he complied. Mr. E. Brooks sang "Isle of Wight." This gentleman has a fine voice, and knows how to use it. Mr. E. Hulse recited with fine dramatic effect. Mr. W. Miller sang "Mother Love," and as an encore "Comrade's Sake." Mr. F. W. Everett obliged with "Glorious Devon," and Mr. W. Richardson with "Tipperary," both securing a storm of applause. Messrs. McCarter, Rice, and others also gave us good entertainment. A vote of thanks was given to chair, artistes, and to Mr. C. B. Day, who arranged the concert. "Auld Lang Syne" ended a most enjoyable evening.—A. Freestone.

SOUTHERN B.F. CLUB.

Meeting Feb. 26, Mr. Norman presiding, and a good number present. Five new members nominated for election at next meeting. Letter received by Mr. Madagan (Cheltenham) from sec. of Swansea show, re the disqualification of one of Mr. Madagan's birds was read, and sec. instructed to write to Swansea for further particulars. Letter read from Pres., Rev. H. A. Soames, and sec. instructed to thank him for accepting Presidentship and for the interest he is taking in the club's welfare. Applications for patronage received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden for his autumn show, and from Bournemouth C.B.A. Decided to let both applications lie until next meeting, when it is hoped to fix up all patronage. Applications should be forwarded at once to Sec., at 91, Forest Road, Dalston, giving names of judges, amount of entry fee and prize money fixed. Decided to extend the classification for current year, and clubs desiring patronage will be asked to put on the following classes: Champ., cl. or tkd. buff ck., yell. ck., buff hen, yell. hen, uneven mkd. yell. or buff ck. or hen, Gr. or Cinn. ck. or hen. Nov., A.V. buff ck., yell. ck., A.V. hen. A discussion arose as to the advisability of drawing up a model for the guidance of members. The chairman kindly offered to draw up and submit designs, and to collaborate with Mr. Plank, who kindly gave us the diplomas last year, so that the model selected might appear on this year's diplomas. Discussions arose on various schemes for the benefit of our "Wee Gems," and it is evident that the members intend to spare no efforts to place the club in a prominent position this coming year. Vote of thanks to chair brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—F. W. Burton, Hon. Sec.

WOOD GREEN F.S.

Programme for 1914, four table shows, four lectures, young stock cage birds July 4th, annual show Nov. 21, judges Messrs. Hodder and Shakespeare. Four members elected, Feb. 24. W. H. Shillito elected treasurer. Subs. due for 1914; new members invited, sub. 2s. 6d. If any small error should appear in my reports there is no need for anonymous "informers" to rush into print, as I am not infallible.—T. Callegari.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting headquarters Feb. 25. 12 evening shows arranged for 1914. Valuable cash specials, knives, spoons, and medals offered for points in various sections. New members: Messrs. C. W. Mead, J. L. Giles, G. C. Firth, A. W. Davis, and J. Simmons. First evening show of cage birds, March 25, judge Mr. C. H. Cooper. Mr. G. A. Parker offers 2/6 special for most points. May 27 lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarke, on "Bird Life." Secretary pleased to correspond with fanciers with a view to joining.—A. Wasey, hon. sec.

WOOLWICH F.S.

Meeting, Feb. 26, headquarters, Mission Hall, Rippolson Road, Plumstead. After usual business a nice show of cage birds was staged, Mr. W. Hazell judging. Judging competition by members followed, finishing up with a very interesting and instructive lecture by Mr. W. Pavey. Vote of thanks to judge and lecturer was carried unanimously. Next meeting March 19th, headquarters.—Geo. Eves, hon. sec.

SANDY LANE C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 24, Victoria Hotel, Sandy Lane. There was a splendid muster. Officers elected for 1914: (Pres.) A. Hanson, (vice.-pres.) S. Ratcliffe and S. Hardaker, (sec. and treas.) S. Moore, (assist. sec.) M. Moore, (auditors) S. Ratcliffe and J. A. Whitwham, (delegate) J. Wilson.—S. Moore, sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual show, Naish Royal Stores. This was one of the best shows ever held, the quality and number in Nor., Yorks., and Bord. being exceptionally good. Many well-known winners were on view. The British section was a failure. This is hard to understand in a city like Cardiff. There was a keen struggle for best exhibit in the show, Mr. Maggs winning with his well-known unflighted Nor. yell., Mr. Dugmore's unflig. yell. Yorks. being runner-up. Mr. Maggs also won sp. for best pair, Mr. Smith, sp. most points; Mr. Raymond, most points Nov. Yorks.; Rev. C. B. Jolliff, most points Nov. Nor.; and Mr. Peterson in Nov. Brit. Total entries were 145. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

NOV. NOR. BUFF. CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Phillips; 2, 3, Townsend; hc, Rev. Jolliff; 4, Phelps; vhc, Hopson. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Dugmore; 2, 3, James and Wells; 4, Smith. BUFF CK.: 1, Weeks; 2, Dugmore; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Smith and Wells. HEN: 1, 3, Dugmore; 2, Smith; 3, Weeks. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 4, vhc, James and Wells; 2, Smith; 3, c, Dugmore; hc, Weeks. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Dugmore; 2, vhc, Weeks; 4, Smith; hc, c, James and Wells. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Charles; 2, 4, c, Merritt; 3, hc, Raymond; vhc, Gooding Bros. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Raymond; 2, Gooding Bros. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Raymond; 2, Merritt; 4, Charles. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Maggs; 2, James and Wells; 3, Thomas. BUFF: 1, 2, Maggs; 3, Mrs. Weeks; 4, Gardiner; vhc, Thomas; hc, James and Wells. HEN: 1, Slocombe; 2, Maggs; 3, vhc, Thomas; 4, James and Wells. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Maggs; 2, Thomas; 3, vhc, James and Wells; 4, Mrs. Weeks; c, Gardiner. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Thomas; 2, Maggs; 3, James Wells; 4, Gardiner; vhc, Slocombe. NOV. YELL. CB.: 1, Williams; 2, Rev. C. B. Jolliff; 3, Phillips; 4, hc, Merritt; vhc, Merry. BUFF: 1, Williams. HEN: 1, 3, Rev. C. B. Jolliff; 2, Williams. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Phelps; 2, Merry; 3, Gardener; 4, Rev. C. B. Jolliff; vhc, Williams; hc, Jepson. NOV. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, vhc, Raymond; 2, Jepson; 3, Gooding Bros.; 4, hc, Merritt. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, c, Raymond; 2, 4, hc, Merritt; 3, Dene; vhc, Gooding Bros. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, hc, Smith; 2, Raymond; 3, Pearce; 4, Merry. BUFF CK.: 1, Merry; 2, Smith; 3, Pearce. NOV. BRIT.: 1, 2, Peterson. FOR.: 1, Thorne. BORD. HEN: 1, hc, Smith; 2, Raymond; 3, Pearce; 4, Merry; vhc, Williams. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Pearce; 3, Merry. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Merry; 3, Pearce. CAN. MULING PAIRS: 1, Phelps. HYB.: 1, Pearce. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Ball; 4, Davies. LINNET: 1, Davies; 2, Manning.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Pair show, Feb. 26, Trinity Schools, Woolwich. There were the same number of entries as last year, and a fine lot of birds. Great credit is due to the nov. section, and with a fairly good breeding season there ought to be some very keen competition at our annual show. Mr. Campbell judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (3): 1, Shiers; 2, Pavey; 3, Smith. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Shiers; 3, hc, McLennon; vhc, Pavey; c, Smith. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (6): 1, vhc, c, Shiers; 2, 3, hc, Hartland. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, hc, Shiers; 3, vhc, Hartland. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (10): 1, Thorn; 2, Jelley; 3, G. J. Smith; vhc, hc, c, Moore. BUFF CK. & YELL. HEN (12): 1, Weston; 2, vhc, Moore; 3, c, Thorne; hc, G. J. Smith. NOV. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Barnett. BORD. (3): 1, 3, Shiers; 2, Hartland. A.O.V.: 1, Barnett. GR. YORKS: 1, 2, Barnett.—F. Botell, hon. sec.

STOCKSBRIDGE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, National Schools, Feb. 14; Mr. Wm. Moore chair, and a good number present. Three new members were enrolled. After business was over pres., Rev. W. C. Edginton, took the chair, and the question of holding an open show was gone into. Finally decided to hold one in Nov., if possible, date being left with the sec. to avoid clashing with other societies in district (Now fixed for Nov. 28.). Decided to have the date announced in "Cage Birds" Dates Fixed Column. Pres. promised a donation of two guineas towards the show fund. He also promised to arrange a lantern lecture in March, proceeds to be given to the fund. All Canary classes were guaranteed by the members. Sec. promised a silver cup, value five guineas, for most points in nov. Yorks (to be won outright). Sec. was instructed to obtain various judges' terms. Officials elected: Pres., Rev. W. C. Edginton; chair, Mr. R. Bradshaw; vice., Mr. F. Bainbridge; committee, Messrs. F. Bainbridge, W. Webb, J. Evans, F. Clapham, F. Hodge, E. Oates, W. Hoyle, F. Elliott, Geo. Drabble, F. Hoyle, H. Day, — Webster; hon. secs., G. H. B. Sampson and Wm. Moore. A hearty vote of thanks to the president concluded the best birdy meeting ever held in Stocksbridge. Geo. H. B. Sampson, hon. sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Feb. 18, Mr. R. Topping chair, before a good number. Mr. J. Morrinson, Newcastle, and Mr. J. H. Hutchins, Dudley Colliery, elected members. Medals were selected, and the following are to receive same: Champ. cup and gold medal, W. H. Butler; silver medals, F. W. Laidlow, J. Pierson, H. Wellsbury, C. Snowdon, and W. M'Ginn; Nov., R. Topping, gold medal; S. Lindsey, J. Wood, J. Lumley, J. G. Hodson, R. Hope, silver medals. In respect of the fund for a young bird cup, and specials for novices, a letter was read from our worthy president, Mr. W. H. Butler, enclosing a cheque for two guineas towards the fund—a splendid start, and the thanks of all were given Mr. Butler for his generous gift. The cup to be competed for as follows: Birds to be 1914 bred, and to be bred by exhibitor, to be won three times before becoming the property of exhibitor. Value of cup left over until later date; if any member can help us subscribing towards same, however small, sec. will be pleased to receive; also funds towards getting a novice trophy to encourage the novices of the Norwich Plainhead in the north. We give an open invitation to all Norwich fanciers in the northern counties to join us, as that is the only way we can help the variety by joining together; anyone wishing to join us can do so by sending along to me at 55, Colston-street, Benwell, Newcastle, or to any of the members. Pair show held, Mr. W. M'Ginn judge. Mr. R. Topping gave 2s. 6d. for most points, which was won by J. Morrinson. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Willsbury; 2, 3, Morrinson; vhc, Holden; hc, c, Pierson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, c, Morrinson; 2, Wellsbury; 3, Pierson; vhc, Curry. The judge gave satisfaction to all, and thanks were given him. Next meeting (annual) March 18.—F. W. Laidlow.

BRAMLEY O.S.

Prize distribution and successful smoking concert held Globe Inn, Bramley, Feb. 21, when about 40 members and friends were present. Mr. H. Mitchell, chair. After songs by Messrs. Dickenson and Eastwood, the Chairman introduced Mr. Rudd, who had kindly consented to present the prizes. Winners were: 1, Mr. W. Richmond; 2, Mr. F. Page; 3, Mr. B. H. Willson; 4, Mr. W. H. Steel; 5, Mr. H. Mitchell; 6, Mr. Palmer; 7, Mr. R. Hetherington; 8, Mr. R. Jones; 9, Mr. Baldwinson. At the conclusion of the prize-giving, Mr. Rudd stated that he hoped to see the time when Bramley O.S. would be able to hold another open show, for which he offered his entire support, being backed up by another old-time fancier, Mr. J. Hargreaves. After these generous offers the concert was proceeded with. The following gentlemen contributed songs, etc., throughout the evening: Messrs. Leggot, Palmer, Eastwood, and Dickenson; and Mr. Fidler gave some selections on gramophone. Mr. Fowler officiated at the piano. Mrs. W. Thornton rendered "The song that reached my heart" in excellent style, and, in response to loud applause, she gave "In the days of long ago," in which she again brought the house down. As time was now getting far advanced, Mr. Mitchell proposed that best thanks be given to Mr. Rudd for coming to present the prizes, also to all those who had contributed to the evening's entertainment. Mr. Palmer, in supporting, hoped that a ramble could be arranged during the coming spring, and asked all members, with their wives and friends, to join. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close one of the best evenings the Bramley O.S. has ever held.—F. Page, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual tea, whist drive, and social, Feb. 21, West Ward Liberal Club. Close upon 120 members and friends sat down to a substantial tea provided by the steward, Mr. W. Spencer. After a few games of whist had been played a capital programme, including dancing, songs, and a piano solo, was enjoyed by all present. Afterwards there was a presentation of prizes won by the following members during a series of shows: Messrs. Burdekin Bros., Townsend, Wilkinson, Saville, Mottram, Helliwell, Heap, Corney, Lord, Child, Ogden, Jackson, Barnes, Mann, and Thornton. Mr. MacAndrews sang in first-class style, "It's a Long, Long Walk," "Hush-a-bye, Baby," and "Father"; Mr. George Dawson gave "My Little Chicks," and "Old Farmer John"; and Miss Lloyd contributed a piano solo which was well received. Mrs. Dunn presented the prizes, and Messrs. Clegg and Ingham made efficient M.C.'s. Messrs. Sweeting and Barker were responsible for the arrangements.—H. Clegg, sec.

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Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest British Oak, when Mr. Austin gave three prizes: 1, Newton; 2, Robinson; 3, Booker.—L. Robinson, sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Open Linnet singing, Mar. 14, at Canterbury Arms, when Peter Finn, landlord, will give three good prizes. Entrance 6d., commence 1 o'clock.—J. Nugent, Sec.—(Advt.)

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest for time, March 1, George and Dragon, Bridge Street. 25 birds entered for three prizes. Entrance 6d., commence 1 o'clock. Open sing, March 7, for time.—J. Brindley.

ESH VILLAGE.

Linnet singing, Feb. 28, Workmen's Club, when 44 birds faced the judge. 1, 2, Heslop; 3, Bentic. Judge, Mr. T. Farrey (Hollinside); timer, J. Farrey (Lauchester).—J. Ridley, A. McKenna, secs.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest, Feb. 28, Woodman Inn. 32 birds entered for three good prizes: 1, Merrick; 2, Pugh; 3, Jones and Merrick. Open sing, March 1, 41 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Nelson; 2, Jones; 3, Proctor.—S. Pugh, sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality contests, Feb. 28, Skinners Arms. 19 birds sang: 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, Smith. Also March 1, 24 competed for four prizes: 1, Binns; 2, King; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Binns. Judges, Messrs. Clayton and Sellers.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

LEEDS.

Mr. W. Lipman wishes all bird fanciers to know of the opening of a grand Roller Canary Club and Linnet Club at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wandsworth Street, off Kirkstall Road, Leeds. All letters should be sent to Mr. Bickerdyke, proprietor of the above house.—(Advt.).

ATHERTON.

Feb. 28, Hindsford Inn, for time. 32 birds sang for 6 good prizes before a large company: 1, Jackson, 120 secs.; 2, Fairhurst, 128; 3, Benson, 108; 4, Dixon, 106; 5, Shaw, 105; 6, Harrison, 72. Timekeepers, Jackson and Harrison; tappers, Kennedy and Foster; minutes, Caswell; birdman, Corbett.—E. Hickman.

BLACKBURN.

Open contest for quality, headquarters, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, Feb. 28. 26 sang for six prizes; we had some of the best birds in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and some very good singing: 1, Barnes, Wigan; 2, Topping, Blackburn; 3, Sissons Leeds; 4, Ashcroft, Pendlebury; 5, Smedley, Manchester; 6, Bentley, Great Harwood. After the contest Mr. Barnes and Mr. Sissons put their birds in the window and it was a treat to listen to them.—T. Hayhurst.

DOVER.

First of a series of singing contests for Canaries took place, Feb. 27, Barley Mow Hotel, Dover. Mr. G. Hunt, proprietor, had generously provided prizes amounting to about £1 12s. Unanimously decided that Messrs. Eade and Ward should act as judges. About 35 birds, mostly Rollers, faced the judges, who decided that two were of equal merit, and the first prize of £1 was divided. Equal 1, Baker, Decent; 3, Gwyther; 4, Lane; 5, Smith; 6, Cook.—Hy. Teesdale.

LEEDS.

Feb. 28, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, for quality. 1, Laycock; 2, Whitaker; 3, Holt. Judges, Messrs. Lunn and Pyrah. Open contest for quality, March 14, at 3, when the host, Mr. Bowyer, will give a copper kettle as prize.—Wm. Lunn, hon. sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, Feb. 28, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. 19 birds sang for three prizes given by G. E. Gawthorpe: 1, Wood; 2, Johnson; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Mellia, Richardson, Naylor. Also March 1, 36 birds sang for four prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Sissons; 3, Wood; 4, Johnson. Judges, Clegg, Mellia, Naylor.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newtown. 29 birds sang for a good prize: 1, Bribiner; 2, Chippendale; 3, Banfield, 4, J. Chippindale. Judges, C. Loriman and T. Soloman.—R. Ridyard, sec.

Your Birthday Number gets better, if possible, with age.—F. G. Joiner (Portsmouth).

I think your Birthday Number is simply great. I remain yours truly J. Stephenson.

Birthday Number is simply splendid, and the plates are all lovely.—J. Kennedy (Coatbridge).

LEICESTER

Annual Open Show, Easter Monday, **April 13th.** Poult., Pig., Rab., Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds.**—**Sec., P. Barnsley 3, Willowbrook Road, Leicester.**

Twitterings.

The date of the show of the Torbay F. and F.S. has been fixed for Oct. 15.

We hear that Mr. A. C. Brotherhood will judge at Menai Bridge show on Easter Monday.

Gillingham annual open show has been fixed for Oct. 8 and 9, Mr. F. J. Wickham, judge.

We hear that Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, has been engaged to judge at Ashington and Hirst, Nov. 7 next.

Sale open show is fixed for Nov. 27 and 28, writes Mr. A. Whitney, assist. sec.; will other secretaries kindly note date, and try to avoid clashing.

The Coloured Plate given with the grand Palace Number came at a most opportune season, and is just "IT."—W. Middlebrook (Carnarvon."

The Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. has engaged Mr. J. H. Roe to judge Canaries, and Mr. H. J. Chick, British, at its open show on Nov. 19, writes Mr. J. Pitchford, the hon. sec.

Mr. C. Lattimore writes that the date of the annual show of the Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland has been provisionally fixed for Nov. 11-12. Secretaries please take notice, to avoid clashing.

Openshaw, Gorton and Dis. C.B.S. are having a washing exhibition by Mr. Cook, March 11, writes Mr. A. W. Newton, hon. sec. Mr. Gilbert has kindly granted us the loan of his kitchen, at 9, Broughton St., Vine St., Openshaw, for same occasion; see Club Notices.

Bradford West C.B.A. members are holding their annual tea and prize distribution at headquarters on March 14, writes Mr. W. H. Kilburn, sec. Members desirous of attending, kindly send in their names at once. Tea on the table at 5 p.m., 2s. 6d. per couple.

The Amalgamated Yorkshire prize distribution will take place March 7, at Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Hill, sec. Dinner at 5 prompt, 2s. per head; social evening, 6.30, free; excellent talent, distribution of prizes. Hearty invitation to all.

We have a good balance left over from our last show, writes Mr. A. Rhind, sec., Keith C.B.A.; all prize-money and specials were paid out within a week. Our next show is fixed for Nov. 11, Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh, judge; show secretaries please note the date, to avoid clashing.

A lecture will be given before the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S. by Mr. F. Wraight (Tunbridge Wells) on March 18th, at 8.30, at the Royal Oak Hotel, writes Miss Kirk-Bullock, the hon. sec. Subject, "Thirty-five Years' Experience on Bird-keeping." Later there will be a musical evening.

The claim made by Mr. J. Thomas, the well-known dealer, of Ambler Thorn, Halifax, to have won a very considerable number of prizes during the past season, was amply borne out by the contents of a large box which he sent us last week. It was simply packed from lid to floor with prize cards (most of them 1sts, or other money awards) and diplomas secured at leading shows, including three or four very handsome ones, won for best birds in various sections at the Bradford National show. At the last Palace Show Mr. Thomas won a silver cup, in addition to many other prizes.

A White Robin.

There is a white Robin not far from Hartlebury Station, which has attracted a good deal of local attention: it is perfectly white, writes Mr. G. J. Dalton, to the "Birmingham Post."

The Patronage of Socialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of specialist clubs should apply as follows:—Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St., Barnley; Southern N.P.C., F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.; Southern Bord. F.C.C., F. W. Burton, 91, Forest Rd., Dalston, N.E.

The Cup Case at Dysart.

In the cup dispute case at Dysart, defender's witness, Mr. Arnott, should read Mr. Thomas Arnott. Although we live in the same street, we are not connected, but just of the same name, writes Mr. George Arnott (Sinclairtown) and I hope you will see your way to make this clear.

A Fine Result.

I have just wound up my first season of showing birds, writes Mr. F. Sampson, of Bedminster, Bristol. I have won 2 diplomas and 2 10s. specials from CAGE BIRDS, 6 firsts, 9 seconds, 4 thirds, 6 commercial cards, and 5 special prizes. I may say I have found much help from your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

Striking Defence of Bird-Keeping.

Professor Ray Lankester's Views.

"A bombshell has fallen amidst the ranks of the sentimentalists." In "The Daily Telegraph" of March 3 the distinguished scientist and naturalist, Sir E. Ray Lankester, K.C.B., F.R.S., gives his views on the question whether birds should or should not be kept in cages.

Upon the appearance of the article, I sought an interview, and the reply to my telegram was an appointment to call at Sir Ray Lankester's charming house at Putney.

It was not the first time I had had the pleasure of meeting the great scientist, for it was my privilege to conduct Sir Edwin around the British and Foreign sections at the Crystal Palace Show, but I explained that I had called as an ordinary journalist on behalf of CAGE BIRDS to get an interview for publication.

"Very well," said Sir Edwin jocularly, "if you come as a stranger, I won't offer you a cigar." Nevertheless, a box of Coronas was immediately brought in, and the "stranger" notion vanished into smoke. Indeed, no one could feel a stranger in conversation with Sir Ray Lankester. He has a personality so genial that in conversation with him one almost seems to forget that one is talking to a great man, who has done more for the enlightenment of humanity in general than all the poets, novelists, and sentimentalists that have come into this world since the Creation.

"You do not keep birds, Sir Edwin?" I asked. "No;" was the reply, "but I am thinking of so doing. It is my intention to remain in this house, and I shall erect an outdoor aviary, and probably convert a fernhouse into an indoor aviary for a few pet birds."

"What first interested you in the ethics of bird-keeping?" "The letters of Mr. Thos. Hardy and others in the 'Times,' and your own replies thereto." "You are satisfied, after what you saw at the Crystal Palace, that cruelty is not necessarily involved in cage-bird keeping?" "Perfectly; as I have just said in 'The Daily Telegraph'":—

"Cage-birds do not beat their wings against the bars of their cages, except when an untactful person approaches them. They have no power of reflection upon the limitation of their freedom. Their one great trouble in a free life, viz., the insufficiency of food, is removed. Moreover, they are protected from the attacks of their natural enemies who feed on them, and from fierce competition with one another. As to the life of which it is supposed that they have been deprived—the fact is that life is actually conferred on them by their lodgment in a cage, and that had they been left as young birds in their native wilds more than nine-tenths of them would have perished before reaching the adult condition. I maintain that the keeping of little birds as pets, tenderly guarded and furnished with abundant healthy food and water, in fair sized cages or aviaries, is not only one of the most decent, natural, and widely-spread sources of human enjoyment indulged in even by some of the more primitive half-civilised races of man but is one of the not too numerous means by which man enters into friendly intimacy with other living things, and should receive approval and sympathy rather than condemnation from Nature lovers."

In the course of the interview Sir Ray Lankester spoke freely of his impressions of the birds at the Palace. He said he had been pleased beyond his expectations. But, as one outside the world of bird-keeping, he said, he could scarcely appreciate the ambitions of fanciers in the direction of producing abnormally feathered specimens, such as the Dutch Frills and the Crests, or such curiously shaped birds as the Belgians and Scotch Fancies. Neither could he see why in Mule and Hybrid breeding it should be the goal of the fancier to produce clears. He thought the Goldfinch-Canary a prettier bird than either of its parents in markings, and considered it curious that fanciers should endeavour to produce a clear Mule, which was so like a Canary that it needed a fancier to distinguish it from the Canary itself.

I ventured to point out that bird fanciers had a lot of human nature in their composition. It was human to strive after the difficult. Florists tried for black tulips, blue roses, and red daffodils; gardeners hankered after beans 3ft. long; and in every creative hobby it was the difficult which was held to be the most desirable.

Sir Edwin smilingly agreed that there was something to be said for this point of view, although he was unable to alter his own opinions concerning it. These were expressed in "The Daily Telegraph" as follows:—

"The true member of 'the Fancy' has arrived at a point when he cares more for the exhibition of his own skill or luck in breeding strange and often repellant varieties of birds, according to some arbitrary demand set up by judges employed to devise and determine the competitions decided at annual shows, than he does for the natural beauty and qualities of the species of birds made use of. These competitions and the arbitrary puzzles set before the contending breeders are only an excrescence—a serious and vigorous one, it is true—upon the hobby of the lover of 'caged birds,' as are the similar proceedings of horticulturists to the hobby of those who love a garden, and of dog-fanciers to the hobby of those who love dogs."

After a delightful two hours' conversation, I left the pleasant company of the renowned naturalist whose writing had prompted my visit, and I was fully satisfied at the ultimate effect of Mr. Hardy's letter to the "Times," this being the prospective accession to the ranks of kindly bird-keepers of such a celebrity as Sir E. Ray Lankester.

Every reader of CAGE BIRDS should make a point of obtaining a copy of "The Daily Telegraph" of March 3, and of reading the most stringent refutation of the arguments of the sentimentalists that has ever been committed to paper.

H. J. FULLLAMES.

The Palace Show Number beats all records—the report is splendid.—W. H. Simpson (Streatham).

1914's First Swallow.

The correspondent to the "Field" was not the first to see the Swallow this year. I saw three on Feb. 2; one pair had just come across the Channel. I have seen several single ones since.—G. Rosser, Brixham.

The Roberts Cup.

This splendid trophy, offered for competition by C. Roberts, Esq., of Blackpool, so far back as 1903, has now been won outright by Messrs. Evins Bros., of Exeter, writes Mr. John Tyson, hon. sec. of the Crested Canary Club. It was decided at the annual general meeting of the C.C.C. that, in the absence of any protest received in the meantime, I hand over the cup to Messrs. Evins Bros. on the 18th March.

Jealousy at Wood Green.

Some small-minded person, jealous of the success of our society, has written an anonymous letter to the press because I made a small mistake in a report, writes Mr. T. Callegari, of the Wood Green F.A. I would take no mean advantage, and always help the press, in my small way, in their good work. I have run all our shows except two, and attended all monthly and committee meetings for five years, and am now subjected to this treatment. I regret there should be such bad feeling in the Fancy.

Winners for Canada.

I have sold (to Mr. A. N. Smillie, Toronto, that champion unflighted clear buff Norwich, winner 1st Sheffield, 1st Nottingham, 3rd sp. Scottish National, etc., writes Mr. Albert Hirst (Accrington); also buff cinnamon-marked Yorkshire, 1st Stoke, 1st Accrington (members), 3rd Paisley, etc. Mr. Smillie has received these birds, and is highly pleased with them, and states that several of the fanciers declare the former to be the best Norwich ever sent to that country. They take CAGE BIRDS out there, and I have got this particular connection through my advt. in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

I was delighted to see my Goldie-Mule on the front of CAGE BIRDS; many thanks for the honour. The £10 10s. prize was a greater surprise, but that all comes of reading your valuable paper, in which every branch of the hobby is catered for. I wish you even greater success with your scheme next year.—W. Levick.

The publicity in your correspondence columns re Roller branch of our society, writes Mr. J. Whitehead, Sec., Ashton-under-Lyne O.S., "met with a hearty response, and I am pleased to say that lectures, etc., appertaining to this particular branch are being arranged. The committee hope for still further support, as we hear that the district contains fanciers of this variety who are not as yet connected with any society.

We have received the syllabus of the Walkley C.B.S. Something interesting seems to be provided at each meeting. Besides four table shows, N.F. show, and annual show, arrangements are made for egg-food and colour-food competitions, lecture by Mr. P. Walsh on British birds, paper by Mr. C. Tomlinson on "Seeds and their uses," and other attractions. The hon. sec. is Mr. C. Tomlinson, 95, Winter Street.

The Canary's Egg Explained.

Metropolitan fanciers have an opportunity on Monday next, March 9th, of gleaning information, which, we understand, promises to be instructive and somewhat unusual, concerning the mechanism of an egg, when Mr. G. E. Weston lectures before the City and Suburban A.C.B., in the hall of the Church Institute (the society's headquarters), 60, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone (near Baker Street). The subject is "The Egg Within the Bird," and will have special reference to the egg of the Canary, reasons for its fertility and infertility, etc. Part 2, "The Bird Within the Egg" will be given at a later meeting. Commence 8.15 p.m.; visitors are cordially invited. As the breeding season is so close upon us, Mr. Weston's topic should prove specially attractive.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/ must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.** (T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.B., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) H.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** (A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.** (Bonsfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Hesseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L. Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.)

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Bracken Moor, Deepcar.)

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.).

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) B.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).** (J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr., N. Kingstown.)

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Geo. Dix, that I have to announce that one of our oldest fanciers, Mr. Geo. Baker, of Belgian fame, and the pioneer of the Belgian Fancy in the West, lost his wife on Feb. 23 after a long illness. I am sorry to state that Mr. Baker is, and has been, in ill-health for a number of years. I am sure all who know Mr. Baker will join me in offering the deepest sympathy to him and his family in their sad bereavement.

An Express Tragedy.

The driver of the Flying Scotsman from Euston to Carlisle had a remarkable experience in the early morning of Feb. 19. While the train was travelling at sixty miles an hour near Leighton the look out glass on the engine was suddenly smashed to atoms. Pieces of broken glass flew in all directions, one wounding the driver under the eye. The startled driver had not far to look to find the cause of the accident. Lying at his feet was the dead body of a large Owl, which, dazzled no doubt by the lights of the engine, had flown in front, and crashed through the plate-glass.

BIRD-ROOM APPLIANCES EXPLAINED.

By H. NORMAN (Carshalton.)

(Continued from page 135)

IN the fitting up of the single-breeder the first thing to consider is the wire front, some of these are not made quite to a fancier's liking, they are sometimes put together by men who are not practical breeders, for instance, some I purchased once were made with the doorway so small that it was impossible to take the nest-pan out without tipping it on one side, the consequence was that in doing so I unfortunately managed to break a couple of eggs from a choice pair of Canaries. After that experience I felt that I was strong enough with the aid of a billet of wood to smash those fronts to save other breakages. The ordinary nest-pan measures three and five-eighth inches, therefore the doorway should not be less than four inches, in order to allow one to pass the pan in and out quite freely.

The position of the door in the single-breeder should of course be in the centre, and if the Fancier is a breeder of Yorkshires he should see that the cross-bar is not placed very high, so that the perches which run from back to front will be rather low, thus allowing plenty of head room for the birds to keep a good position. Some makers of breeders have a separate slot at one end on purpose for the egg-drawer, others place them under the door, Fig. 6 shows both in position. Many Fanciers prefer the side slot, as the one under the door is rather in the way when a bath is hung on for the old birds to take a dip. One should see that the perches are easily removable to allow for cleaning purposes, and a duplicate set, although not absolutely necessary, is nevertheless very useful

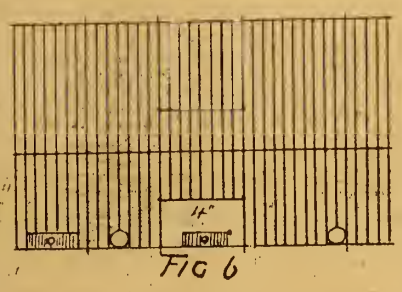


FIG 6

There is a type of single breeder made rather larger than the one described, this generally measures twenty-two or twenty-four inches in length, and is constructed on a little different principle (Fig. 7). It generally has two doors in the wire front, one of them in the usual place, and the other on the left-hand side above the cross-bar; the purpose of this is to allow free access to the nest pan.

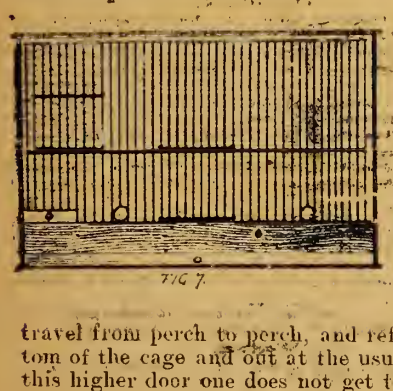


FIG 7.

The side door is also extremely useful when it is required to run a bird into a small cage; he hops easily from the perch to the door opening, and thus into the new cage. Some birds are very tiresome when being changed over; they will continue to travel from perch to perch, and refuse to go to the bottom of the cage and out at the usual doorway, but with this higher door one does not get this trouble; being on the same level they easily find their way to it.

In every well arranged bird-room one should find one or two flight cages, either put together in the usual way as part of the stock furniture, or made so that they can easily be taken to pieces. Now in the construction of flight cages there are one or two things that require particular consideration. The main object of a flight is to allow young birds to develop their frames by exercise, therefore our perches should be placed with a view to the birds taking full advantage of the size of the flight. When in other fancier's rooms I often see the perches in a flight placed in practically the same position as they are in the ordinary stock cage; consequently the birds get no more real exercise than they would if left in them. Place the perches at each end, then the birds have a real good fly from one to the other, and this undoubtedly does them a world of good, develops their frames and improves the wing carriage.

Fig. 8 is a drawing of a flight I recently saw in a breeder's room. It was 6ft. in length, and placed underneath the breeding cages, and so constructed that it could be divided into four compartments, the end one near the door being particularly useful for catching the inmates or running them into a small cage.

In these large flights one should be very careful to have plenty of seed hoppers and drinking vessels, or some of the less sturdy birds will soon lose flesh and go back instead of forward.

Fig 9 is a flight use in my own room, and is easily constructed. It is 60 inches long, 24 high, and 16 deep, and is made out of ordinary tile battens with a width

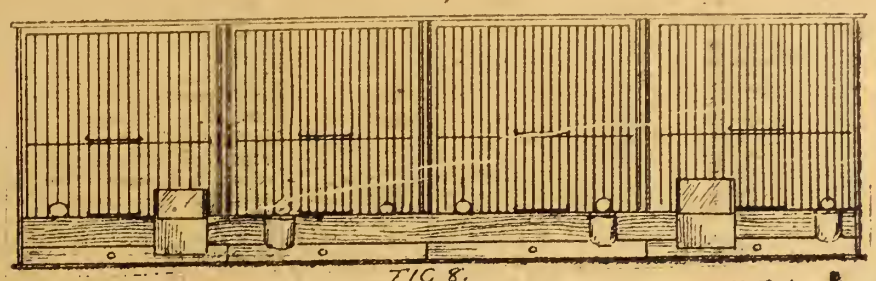


FIG 8.

of floor board nailed on the two sides, one end being boarded up, and the other covered with an old wire front, the door raised an inch to allow the birds to get at the seed hopper, which is hung opposite. The frame is covered with half-inch wire netting, and in my case is usually placed on the floor of the bird room, it has no bottom to it, but of course one could be easily put in if desired. When not in use it is placed outside in the garden to sweeten The wood work is creosoted so that the weather does not hurt it. The wide floor board all round the bottom prevents the draught getting to the birds.

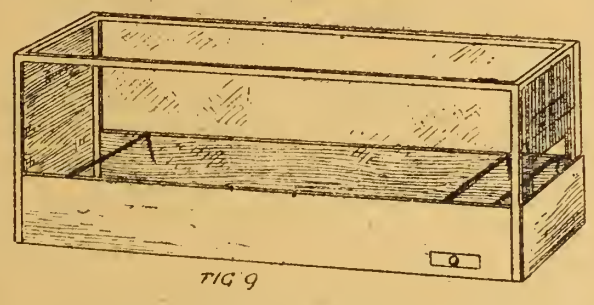
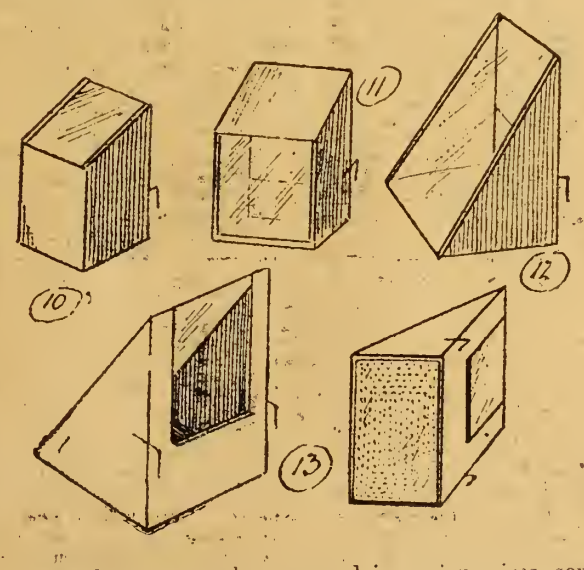


FIG 9

Of seed hoppers there are many kinds, some made of metal, others of wood and glass, each admirable, and generally well made. The oldest of these is the wood and glass as depicted in Fig. 10. Unfortunately the red mite sometimes take a fancy to it, and use it as a breeding home, so of late years various patterns of metal feeders have come into use.

Fig. 11 shows one with a glass front, so that one can see at a glance how much seed the hoppers contain. Fig 12 is another pattern somewhat more simple in construction; the glass front slides up to allow of getting at the interior for cleaning purposes.



These hoppers can be procured in various sizes, some of them long enough to be used for two cages or compartments. This saves time when attending to the birds. Admirable as all these are they are not quite perfect, the great fault in them is the waste of seed that constantly goes on, and at the present price of canary seed this is a big consideration.

Fig. 13 shows a hopper that meets this want, but is not obtainable from any maker that I know of, unless one asks specially for it, and sends a description or drawing. It will be seen that it is constructed with an extra piece of material up each side of the opening, this prevents the seed being thrown out at the sides, and a small "lip" in front also stops it from getting between the hopper and cage front. The bottom is a piece of perforated zinc, and allows the dust from the seed to fall through. The front is glass and slides out in the same manner as in Fig. 12.

For the large flights and aviaries we require something upon a rather larger scale—birds in flights should never be short of seed. There is the self-filling hopper which can be bought at most bird shops, it is constructed on the following principle:—As the seed is taken away from the bottom, other grains fall from the top, and take its place so that the birds have always seed in front of them, while there is any to fall down. The condition of the hopper is seen at a glance through the glass front. Fig. 14 shows the hopper, with a sectional view depicting the principle upon which it acts. These can be either made by the fancier or purchased in different sizes.

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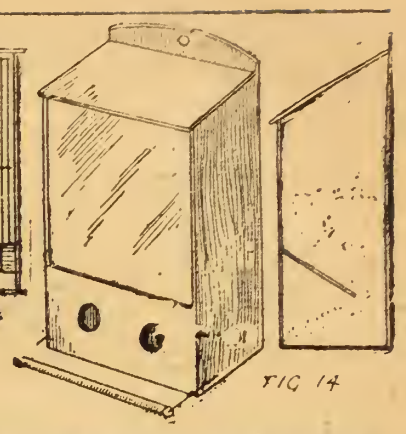
FIG 14

A GROUP OF BEAUTIES FROM FOREIGN CLIMES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(Concluded from page 101.)

The Rainbow Bunting (Continued.)

TRY to imagine a feathered Sprite, less than five inches in length, with a crown of apple-green; cheeks, back, wings and tail of turquoise-blue; throat and underparts of clear lemon-yellow, with a band of delicate orange across the breast! His mate, who follows him so faithfully and listens to his pitiful song so admiringly, has the greens and yellows in softened, indistinct hues. Altogether they are charming little birds, living in a region where their beauty falls only upon the unappreciative eyes of Vultures and Crows."

So far it has not proved so hardy as the better-known Nonpareil and Indigo Buntings, but would do well in a natural garden aviary during the summer, going into indoor quarters for the winter—doubtless it could be successfully wintered out of doors, providing the aviary had a snug shelter into which it could be driven and shut during winter's cold nights and any specially arctic period. It does well as a bachelor in a roomy cage on quite a simple menu; the following will be found to meet all its needs:—Canary, white millet, Indian millet, spray millet, and a pinch of some good "finch mixture" thrown on cage tray for them to pick over; green-food, a couple of mealworms daily, also spiders and smooth caterpillars, when obtainable. One is tempted to linger over personal experiences, but space forbids, and I have written sufficient—more would be wearisome.

The Long-Tailed or Giant Whydah (*Chera procne*).

Our last figure is a bird of another type, and the only African species on the plate. It belongs to the huge Weaver group, which indulge in a specially gorgeous garment for the breeding season, being somewhat commonplace in appearance during the winter months, when they are spoken of as being out of colour. My notes of this species need not be lengthy, as though not common, it is pretty well known, and its requirements fairly well understood; moreover, Mr. Goodchild's fine drawing skilfully portrays all the details of its nuptial or breeding plumage. I need merely remark that the long tail plumes, only worn during the breeding season, vary from 16 to 18 ins. in length. In winter, when out of colour, the male resembles the hen, a streaked brown bird, somewhat about the same size, and also pattern of plumage, as the English Corn Bunting. It does well in a cage, but it must be a large one when the bird is wearing its long tail-plumes, and the menu is a very simple one, as they touch little but canary and white millet, or visit a millet-spray; they take a little green-food, and are usually very fond of mealworms, of which they may have several per diem; mealworms may be given more liberally during the moult and when they are donning breeding plumage.

Though Whydahs are hardy birds, I have found it better to bring them indoors when our worst winter weather begins, for they usually moult during this period, and if not thoroughly fit in every way (few birds are at moulting time), there is a risk of them going under. Mr. W. E. Teschemaker has successfully bred this species in his Teignmouth aviaries, and Mrs. Anningson has bred the Pin-tailed and Red-collared Whydahs in her Cambridge aviaries. They are very obstreperous birds when in full colour, but usually do no more than disturb; however, to turn a Whydah in full dress into a mixed aviary is to create a wild panic, which does not soon pass away either; therefore, it is best to leave them to assume their nuptial dress in the aviary, and the birds thus gradually become accustomed to it.

In a state of nature these birds frequent marshy ground, or the near vicinity of water, where reeds are abundant, and build a nest in the grass or reeds near the ground. Travelling naturalists report them as roosting together in the reedy morasses in huge numbers, and that the females usually outnumber the males ten to one. Now my task is finished, and I trust these rough notes may interest and prove of some little practical help to some of my readers.

Special Canary Breeders No. NEXT WEEK

A Noted Fancier of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries Interviewed.

Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, the well-known judge, breeder, and exhibitor tells of his method and management.

WHEN it is a question of amusing oneself Sheffield is about the poorest imitation of Paris one might come across in a wide experience. But if it cannot claim to be a gilded city of pleasure it is not without a certain attractiveness for bird-lovers. The cutlery capital prides itself on the great number of bird-breeders in its midst. It is proud of the splendid annual show, and of its fine feathered gems which never fail at the various members' functions. Many "toppers" have first seen the light of day in its neighbourhood, and we can only hope that there are others yet to come. But the "soupy" atmosphere of "Steelopolis" fed liberally by the many factory chimneys induced the writer to leave its murky precinct for an outlying district where the air was more respirable.

Mr. J. C. Barnes was the fancier I proposed to track down. This gentleman is not only well-known as a popular and versatile judge, but also as a most successful breeder and exhibitor of Norwich and Yorkshires. I had the good fortune to find Mr. Barnes at home when I knocked at the door of his house at Walkley—a breezy district reached by a short tram-ride from the city.

He greeted me in a most fancier-like spirit, and after showing me his imposing collection of plate and other trophies, gained at one time or another at shows all over the country, led the way to the bird-room. On entering a truly fine sight presented itself. What a spectacle to be sure! one I shall remember for many a day to come. I was quite prepared, knowing the success Mr. Barnes has everywhere met with, to see a fine stock of the "chubby" and "lengthy" ones, but it would be heavily on my conscience if I failed to record the wonder with which I looked upon so many beautiful creatures. Such marvellous symmetry, such delightful feather, and colour, combined with abundant substance, surpassed my most sanguine expectations. It was truly a noble collection.

In the Bird-room.

The word "unique" would hardly be out of place in describing the bird-room. It is about 20 feet long by 14 wide, and has a large window facing south-east, and is thoroughly up-to-date as regards ventilation. The floor is covered with green oilcloth, and upon the walls, distempered salmon-pink, I noticed a number of Cage Birds' plates.

The cages are excellent—60 single-breeders of uniform size, viz., 21½ x 16½ x 11ins. They are enamelled a bluish-green inside, the outside being decorated imitation walnut. Along with these there are 16 very large flights, with green interiors and stained mahogany outside. These are capable of accommodating some 30 birds each, still leaving ample room. There are plenty of bath and nursery cages, and many other accessories pertaining to bird culture are ready for use.

The Norwich Plainheads.

Now to the birds. Let us take the Norwich Plainheads first. One is almost at a loss to describe adequately so superb a stud. Men have various ambitions. Some are satisfied with moderate attainments. Not so Mr. Barnes—nothing but the highest and best is good enough for him. The result is that his stock fills with admiration the most exacting critic. The cocks were in every way a magnificent collection. Massive build, exquisite shape and carriage, fine depth, and bright colour—all these proclaimed them to be in the best possible form. Not a bird did I see that was not in the pink of condition. No one need wonder that with so much good blood to experiment with Mr. Barnes is able to produce the right stuff.

Most of the large flight cages housed the hens. In one cage I noticed twelve of the grandest yellows (mostly clear) that it was ever my privilege to see. They were an illustrious body of beauties and no mistake. In another cage were thirteen unflighted hens, yellows and buffs, of a loveliness that was fascinating. Moving towards a further cage I saw twelve elegant buff hens. There was not a mediocre specimen among them. A matter of ten variegated yellows and buffs tenanted another compartment—all good—as exquisite as were their neighbours, some greens.

Replying to my various comments, Mr. Barnes dwelt very strongly upon one point, i.e., that good hens are essential—far more important than the cocks for the production of good progeny. Of course if one has the advantage of possessing good cocks—so much the better.

The Yorkshires.

It was not without some reluctance that I moved away from the Norwich Plainheads and turned my attention to the Yorkshires. Among them I observed some of rare length (more than seven inches) and possessing clinking position. They were feathered as though chiselled out of marble. Rich colour, sweet heads and expression, well-filled necks, tapering wedge-shaped bodies, grand backs without hollowness, delightful carriage of flights and tails, solid fronts without frills, long legs showing plenty of daylight between them—these were the points which distinguished Mr. Barnes' Yorkshires. They were a sight to see—a truly choice lot.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SITS MOPING (R. H.).—The bird is suffering from digestive derangement. Treat as follows for three or four weeks, if necessary, until it resumes its normal appetite. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape in the seed-box. In addition give separately a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a pinch of maw seed every second day. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle seed. Give a small spray of watercress, if available, four times a week. Limit the diet to this for the time being. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another fortnight.

FIVE IN ONE (E. B.).—(1) The bird has probably had its foot caught and held fast temporarily by some object, and caused a little strain in struggling to free itself. Do not attempt any interference, but keep bird as quiet and restful as possible until it resumes the normal use of its foot. Keep an eye upon the foot to see if the toes show signs of curling underneath, and if they do, write again and describe just how they are. (2) With a bird in normal health, and liberty to fly about a room, there is no harm whatever in allowing it to bathe daily if it desires to do so. (3) Depends upon what the tit-bits consist of. Flesh, fat, dripping, gravies, rich, spicy, sweet or fat cakes or biscuits, etc., are much better avoided. Green salads, sweet fruits, plain biscuits, egg, sponge cake, bread and milk, raw or boiled carrot, or other vegetables may be given in limited quantities, and rather more freely, to a bird with liberty to fly about room than to one more closely caged. (4) Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple, and in addition a little of one or other of above safe tit-bits as may be seasonable. A little mixed seed, such as you buy in packets, may be given once or twice a week as a change. (5) The slight looseness is of no importance. Should it become unduly loose give half a teaspoonful of good, sound hemp daily for a few days.

INJURED LEG (A. W. G.). If not actually broken it is most likely the leg has been badly strained, probably through the bird getting the foot temporarily fast around the wires or a perch. In any case bathing will do no good, and it is much better to avoid all handling or manipulative treatment. See if the claws are overgrown, and if they are trim them back to a proper length. Then keep the bird caged alone for a few weeks, and see that cage is fitted with nice soft wood perches of a proper size and shape for bird to grip easily; that they are placed quite conveniently, and firmly fixed so as not to wobble about when bird moves on them. Having done this, keep bird in a quiet place and disturb it as little as possible until it begins to use the leg again voluntarily.

BARE PATCHES (X Rays).—You should certainly remove these birds and the cage they occupy from your birdroom. Keep them in a bright and healthy place. Examine birds closely for the presence of grey lice. Whether the latter pest is present or not handwash the birds twice, with an interval of a week between, and in the first two waters used mix a little creolin, obtainable from most chemists, in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of water. Whilst the birds are drying, thoroughly wash out the cage with a solution of creolin twice the above strength. When birds are dry, slightly moisten the bare places with sanocyllin, and apply it close up to margins of bare spot, but do not daub plumage unnecessarily.

HEN ALWAYS SOFT (H.M.T.).—Limit the diet solely for a fortnight to canary seed, with a good sized spray of watercress, or two crisp dandelion leaves daily. During the first week add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day. For the next fortnight afterwards give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. If this does not cure, write again and refer to this reply.

IS HE TOO OLD? (A. M. F., Novice).—(1) No, the Norwich cock which is in good health and vigorous song is not too old to mate at eight years old. Many birds older than this breed very successfully. Health and condition are of more importance than mere age, and your bird seems to be all right in this respect. (2) As regards the waste of seed, this may be due to the growing excitement of the approaching spring, or to slight digestive trouble, assuming, of course, that your seeds are of good sound quality, and sweet. Try giving a morsel of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and each day two crisp young dandelion leaves.

MOVING STOCK DURING BREEDING SEASON (Nemo).—As you appear to be quite certain that the necessity to move your stock to the outdoor room will come about early in the season, I would advise you, if at all possible, to prepare the new room and move the stock when you are about mating them up for the first round, even if it is not quite compulsory to move them just at that time. By doing this you might save yourself much worry and anxiety, and the birds should do very well indeed if moved during a spell of mild weather at the end of this month or early in April, which is quite early enough to start breeding. If you wait until you are compelled to move them, there is no reason why it should put them off breeding at all. Cover over the cages when the birds have settled down to roost, and quietly transfer them to their new quarters, removing the covers an hour or two later. If the birds are in good breeding condition, and the hens good feeders, they will resume their duties, at whatever stage they may be, at sunrise next morning.

BARE HEAD AND NECK (Mrs. L. Mills).—These cases are often most persistent, and difficult to cure, but there is no reason why the hen should not breed successfully, beyond, of course, the risk there may be of perpetuating the trouble in the progeny. Many of these hens breed well and make excellent parents so far as performance of duties goes. You might try the following treatment for a month, but stop it before mating the bird, in case you do mate her. In addition to the staple seed diet give a little egg-food slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days dissolve as much chlorate of potash as will cover a three-penny-piece in the water. Give a little green-food four times a week, and a pinch of mixed seed twice a week. Stop all other items you have been giving. Slightly moisten the bare skin twice a week with sulphur ointment, but avoid unnecessarily daubing the plumage.

STILL SQUEAKS (Idwal).—(1) I take it you have done all you can to remove the exciting causes of this condition, as mentioned in last reply. Continue the same method of feeding for a few weeks. Add twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water daily for three days, and after this substitute five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and syrup of tolu every second day for a fortnight. A mealworm a day, if available, would do good. Unless the bird gets quite rid of this wheeziness I cannot advise you to breed with her at all. (2) This bird will doubtless soon become louder in song. You may give half a teaspoonful of egg food with half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day for a week or two. The only way by which you can hope to improve his song is to let him hear a good free singer for the next few weeks.

IN SOFT MOULT (A.T.).—I have not a copy of "Our Canaries" handy at the moment, but I think you would certainly find full details of treatment for this trouble therein. See that the bird is quite free from cold draughts and damp. In addition to seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHAT SEED? (G. Dove).—I am not particularly well up in dried seeds, but the sample sent appears to me very much like the seeds of the corn marigold, a daisy-like plant growing among the crops, particularly on chalky soil. Nearly all our captive birds will eat it.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Broadrake).—I would advise you to turn in any of the British Finches and Buntings all cock birds, or in pairs, and if the latter only one pair of each, as accidents sometimes cause odd birds, and these quite upset the harmony of the aviary. If you would like to have a few Foreign birds, try some of the Waxbills, Avadavats, Orange-cheeks, St. Helenas, Cordon Bleus. I have lost the dimensions of your aviary, but as a general rule a bird to every two feet of ground space is not overcrowding.

WHITE BLACKBIRDS (Robert Mills).—White Blackbirds are not at all uncommon, and are frequently exhibited at our leading shows. The light plumage is caused through lack of colouring pigment in the blood. (2) They are bred in a wild state in this country.

GREENFINCH HYBRIDS (Chag).—Yes, remove the eggs as laid until the hen has laid three and commenced to sit, when replace them. (2) Colour-feed the young hybrids in the same manner as Canaries; particulars are printed upon the tin containing the colour-food. Commence to give it some time before the moult. (3) You can please yourself about colour feeding your Greenfinch. I do not think it improves him myself; but then tastes differ. If you do colour-feed, do not give much.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (B. K.).—I would not advise you to put the Robin into your aviary with the other birds. Why not add some hen Canaries, and another cock bird or two, say Siskin and Redpoll; you would then be almost certain to produce something. They all make good singers, and are saleable, and there is the possibility that you might produce a good show specimen.

GREENFINCH AND BRAMBLE (R. Boyce).—Give your Greenfinch plenty of young dandelion leaves and the seed pods as they ripen. Can he exercise and bathe? (2) You must have patience in steadying your Bramble; continue to do as advised. If you feel you cannot be troubled, you had better give him his liberty.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY (Hardbill).—Yes, you can put your Goldie with the Roller if you only want to breed singers, as the young birds will probably be too small for exhibition purposes. You had better not put them together until the Goldfinch is quite fit. That is, singing to the hen, and his beak quite clear. The hen should be bouncing about the cage from perch to perch, and in fact ready to nest. Tie a piece of string on the wire front when the Finch is ready; if the hen is also, she will tug at the string and want to build with it. You could then draw the slide of the cage and let them run together, giving nest box and building materials. They need not remain together many days, and during that time you must feed the Goldie in the usual manner. The hen will, of course, eat some of the seed, but that you cannot prevent. It will be a bit stimulating, but that will not matter just then. Put her on her usual diet when you take him away.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (Crabshaw).—Full grown mealworms turn into small beetles; these lay eggs which in time hatch out into mealworms. If you breed more than you need, you can always sell them. There is a steady demand for them among the Softbill fanciers. They are bred in boxes with layers of sacking, brown paper, meat, crushed oats and bran, the sacking and paper are sprinkled with beer, and some of it slightly saturated with treacle. A pint of worms are then tipped in and placed in a warm corner until they have gone through the cycle of reproduction.

FEEDING WAXWING (A Novice).—The food you are offering your Waxwing is hardly suitable as a staple food, but will do nicely for a change. Procure some brand of well-known insectile mixture, damp it with a little scraped raw carrot or boiled potato. Occasionally add a little chopped hard-boiled egg or a spoonful of preserved egg flake. A little chopped lettuce or watercress will sometimes make a change in the mixture. He will eat plenty of fruit, bananas, sweet orange, apple, chopped figs, dates, etc. Be careful that he does not get too fat and keep perfectly clean; let him have a big cage and a bath frequently. Mix the currants and raisins in with the soft food. He will eat it in time, when he gets the taste. The flights will be richer as the bird comes into condition; you could improve them by giving a little colour food at the next moult.

HYBRID MATTERS (J. W.).—Your suggestion re live food is quite the correct thing, nothing better than green fly and live ants' eggs, given as they are, the squeezed mealworm makes a good substitute to which you should not object if you aspire to rear Hybrids. Very young Hybrids are not so easily fed by the Canaries, they require careful watching without interference to see how they are progressing, if badly, transfer to other hens, or assist by hand feeding. Yes! your Siskin will probably breed, if healthy and in full song, the best sign of vigour.

THRUSH ILL (J. W. P.).—You have omitted to send your name and address, as per rules. Will you please do so on a postcard. The cause of the trouble with your bird is in the feeding. The food you are giving is all very well for a change, but hardly good enough as staple food. You will find best quality chicken meal or crushed puppy biscuit better. Take sufficient for the day and add a spoonful of meat meal, soak in hot water, and give when cold. Procure some high-class insectile food and mix with scraped raw carrot; let him have this three times a week. Give him an aperient once a week until better. Dissolve as much glauber salts as will cover a shilling in his drinking water, and give early in the morning, removing at night. Let him bathe frequently. Our Nutshell Booklet No. 4 on the Thrush would tell you how to keep him in song.

BIRDS IN AVIARY (F. R. B.).—I certainly think you have been too venturesome in putting your birds outside so early. The first week in April would be quite soon enough. I would advise you to catch up the hens and keep them inside, or you will very likely lose some of them either from egg-binding or other causes. We are having good weather now, but we may get something quite different before the month is out. You appear to me to have an excess of cock birds. You will find the half-dozen Linnets practically useless; a single bird would be much more likely to fertilise eggs, and then probably with only a single hen. Cannot you take out the other cock Linnets and introduce a Siskin-Greenfinch or Redpoll, and remove them for your second round, as you suggest, as by that time all your Goldies may be particularly "rank," and when in that condition would probably fertilise plenty of eggs for you. A good Goldie will pair with several hens. Your idea about the Bullfinch hen is a good one.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Goldfinch-Redpoll).—Yours is a large aviary to be devoted to Hybrid breeding, and unfortunately the size of the place does not always assure one of success; in fact there are more good Hybrids bred in cages and large flights than in aviaries. If your Goldfinch and the two hens were the only inmates it is quite possible that he would put both of them to nest. I think you will do well to procure a hen Bullfinch, and then put in a cock Greenfinch and a cock Linnet. You have room for several more pairs, but I hardly see how you are going to make them up; the difficulty is that if you have two cocks of the same species (say Linnets, as an instance), they fuss about after each other and neglect the hens. You could turn in a couple of Norwich Canaries if you like with a view to breeding dark Canary Hybrids.

BULLFINCH MOPY (R. S.). No matter how well you treat your birds, you are bound to have an individual among them that is difficult to manage and maintain in the pink of condition, and the Bullfinch is not the easiest bird in the world to do for. I fear all your trouble is caused through an indifferent moult, but if you can manage him well during the coming summer, he should regain his health, pass through his next moult, and be a fairly robust bird. Your management should consist of a roomy flight, frequent bathing, and wild seeds ad lib. Now as regard seeds, you give me no proportions, but I presume they are as frequently advised to readers. You appear to be rather shy of sunflower, which I have found to be almost the most useful seed for the Bullfinch; I would advise you to increase it, especially as you will be giving him plenty of green food. As regards the latter, you can now collect plenty of fresh young dandelion leaves, and a little later on the seed pods, of these you cannot give him too many; and then there is chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, and a host of other good things coming on. If you can manage to get hold of the cuttings of gooseberry, currant, or any other fruit trees, he will relish the buds. You say he will not bathe properly. Take away his drinking water and hang in the bath and let him drink from it, then some sunny morning put a known bather in the cage with him, he will no doubt follow the good example set him by the other bird. A course of Chemical Food would be beneficial to him now. Give a small teaspoonful in the usual drinker. Boil the water first.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

YELLOW BUDGERIGAR (Crawford).—I must assume that the bird has been kept in a cage, as lack of flight exercise often brings on a similar state of affairs. Give two drops of castor oil direct to the beak on receipt of this reply and repeat this as often as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely without being watery-loose. Keep the bird in a warm place, lying on hay or peat moss litter, till it regains the use of its legs, and bathe these in hot water (not hot enough for discomfort); dry with a soft cloth and paint with neat whisky daily while the trouble lasts. Keep the food vessels on the ground alongside it; it must have access to grit and cuttlebone. Supply the usual seeds, and, if it will take it, let it have a little sponge while ill. Give it two drops of cod liver oil once or twice daily till it is on its legs again, and put half a teaspoonful of sprup of phosphates into the drinking water daily. If you keep a millet spray lying on the cage bottom by it, it will be able to get easily at it. Report progress about a fortnight hence, but if it is really paralysis, I fear any improvement will be but temporary.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (S. R.).—I think you might stop the syrup of buckthorn now and give it one drop of tincture of opium direct to the beak daily for three days, and then after another three days repeat if necessary. The stimulant in drinking water is quite in order. I should keep the bird warm for a time, but the heat should be as regular as possible day and night. Give it two drops of cod liver oil daily, for a fortnight at least, and in the meantime supply the ordinary diet, with the addition of a little sponge, if it will eat the latter. I should give the bird room a sweep up and wash over with a carbolic acid solution, and the cage the bird occupied with others should be thoroughly scalded out in every part and washed over with carbolic solution, and then given 24 hours at least in the open air, then when dry it can be used again. You may have revived the ailing bird in time, but if any of the others show signs of sickness promptly put in sick quarters and treat as above. As regards the ailing bird, it would be well to remove voidings at once and burn. Should be pleased to hear how bird progresses.

CONSERVATORY AVIARY (W. G., Watford).—I should make the aviary the full length and the full height, with the exception that the aviary should have a wooden top and be six inches below the glass roof of conservatory. It will be better if you can let base overhang the stage three inches and thus give you a floor space two feet wide. You will have to cover all glass in the aviary on the inside with wire netting (half-inch mesh). The whole front should be wire netting, but it would be better to cover the back (conservatory glass) with wood, say, three boards down from the top. It will most certainly be best to put an outside extension, but the extension should go down to the ground outside and reach to the same height as the inside enclosure. You will have to reach a conclusion as to what kind you will keep—in such a narrow aviary you must not keep Budgerigars, Lovebirds and Finches together, and you must not overcrowd for breeding. Here are two selections. You cannot mix them; you must choose one or the other:—(1) Pairs each of Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Black-cheek Lovebirds, and a cock Red-crested Cardinal. (2) Zebra Finches, Cutturoats, Silverbills, Bib Finches, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, and Alario Finches. For No. 1 you would have to supply hucks and small barrels for nest receptacles; and for No. 2 rush nests and small boxes.

BUDGERIGARS (G. R. Cooper).—I gather you have not kept these birds before; if not, then get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free from our manager. It will give you all details. All the items of diet you name are correct, but you must also supply grit and groenfood (lettuce and sweet apple now; flowering and seeding grass later), and, of course, water. Give them a large cage, and they should do well, but they would be better in a sitting-room than the kitchen, as in the latter the temperature is usually very variable. Make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and repeat same once a week till they are toned up a little. It will also be well to put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water every other day, but not at the same time as the salts. Madagascar Lovebirds and Budgerigars will agree together if the cage is large enough, but you must not mix the above with Finches in a cage. The Budgies and Lovebirds are more mischievous than malicious, but usually maltreat the Finches when confined with them in a circumscribed area.

LEMON-CRESTED COCKATOO (B. H.).—The first moult in this country is usually a very protracted one, and after it has once thoroughly moulted out things may become normal. If it will eat boiled maize, give it about one tablespoonful daily. It only keeps fresh one day—boil till soft, but grains should be whole. Drain off all water and then dust with flowers of sulphur. Keep the bowels moving freely, not watery-loose, by giving an aperient as required (one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water is best), and on other days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water for a month at least. In addition to the regular seed mixture, supply such ripe fruit as it will eat, nuts, pieces of biscuit, plain cake, dry crusts, and keep grit and cuttlebone continually in the cage, also wood for it to cut up. The latter finds it occupation, and it also helps to keep its beak in order.

FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (Inquisitive).—(1) The two best ramblers for the purpose are Hiawatha (crimson with white centre—single flower), Dorothy Perkins (double pink), and the White Dorothy—all are strong growers, floriferous, and highly decorative. Honeysuckle, hops, and wild clematis are also all good. (2) Cockatiels and all other Parrakeets, when confined in an aviary, will mischievously cut to pieces (strip off leaves) every tree and bush in their enclosure; only ground herbage (grass, cereals, etc.) is allowed to live. (3) Yes, the birds will use them providing they are tall and bushy enough to provide cover for them; put in bushes 5ft. high, such as privet, cupressus, fir, euonymus, box, elder, etc. (4) Yes, over a score of Red-headed Finch and Cutthroat hybrids were reared in English aviaries last year, (5) The Red-head is very variable in different aviaries, ready enough to go to nest, but bad incubators, and only a small proportion of eggs laid are hatched out and young reared; when they hatch out supply them freely with live food—gentles, live ants' eggs, mealworms, beetles, spiders, caterpillars, etc.—and you will have a fair chance. In some aviaries, by the vagaries of luck, they have done well. It is the unexpected that happens mostly.

WHAT PARROT? (Barridge).—It is a Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo; the price varies according to number on sale, about 7s. 6d. upwards.

RIBBON FINCHES, ETC. (P. H. C.). (1) Yes, but it is not much favoured by the foreign Finches. Indian (French) millet and spray millet is a more agreeable variety for them. You can supply red millet, but only use it in a proportion of 1 in 20. (2) The cage is very narrow and you must not keep many in it if you want any to breed. Perhaps the best course would be to put in six pairs of small birds and leave nesting results to chance. Zebra Finches, Cordon Bleus, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Firefinches, and Bib Finches would be a pleasing variety, both as to colour and demeanour. Enamel the interior of the cage pale sea green; then cover the back with fine birch (or similar) twigs. Hang up on the back of cage, behind the twigs, about a dozen small rush nests. When stocking your cage with birds, it should be kept in some quite warm room till the birds have become established, after which no special heat is required. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., and Nutshells, "Avadavats" and "Waxbills," 2½d. each, all post free from our manager, would assist you and give you full directions as to treatment, etc.

GREEN PARROT (F. R. H.).—When a bird begins to get thin there is generally something seriously wrong with it, but you give me no details as to how you have been keeping it, etc., and it is almost impossible for me to assist you without. You had better repeat query with full details so soon as you see this reply, and in the meantime give the bird three drops of castor oil direct to the beak from the end of a quill, so as to move the bowels freely; one dose should suffice. Give four drops of castor oil on a small piece of bread, biscuit, or sponge cake, according to the bird's taste two or three times a day. Put half a teaspoonful of the following mixture—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine—in the drinking water daily till you get the biter reply. You must not use a metal drinker when giving drugs.

AILING AMAZON (N. F. A.).—Before I can give a really satisfactory reply I must know how the bird has been fed and generally treated how long you have had it, etc. I can only say keep it warm, cover up the sides of its cage at night. Give four drops of castor oil on a small piece of bread, biscuit, or plain cake, according to the bird's taste; one dose should suffice. By the same means give four drops of cod liver oil twice daily. From the end of a small stick put a little honey and borax into its mouth twice daily, also ten drops of oxymel of squills into the drinking water, till you get further directions in response to your details. You must not use a metal drinker when giving drugs. Vide rules re replies by post.

WILL THEY LIVE OUTDOORS? (R. B. C.).—Yes, all you name will live out of doors all the year round, providing you do not live in the extreme North. You would, however, require quite a roomy aviary for them all to live together, and the Parrakeets you name would have to be in a separate aviary, and even then Parrakeets are not very amiable with each other at breeding time. Note.—If a pair of Turquoisines were to suddenly appear on the market they would be worth considerably more than their weight in gold; it has been some years since these have appeared, save a very occasional stray one. Foreign birds need more accommodation (room) than Canaries if you are to have breeding luck with them.

IS IT A TALKER? (Mr. Sherratt).—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, and most of these birds talk more or less; some become really talented. Get a bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia and some syrup of phosphates from your chemist, put one teaspoonful of the former into the drinking water once a week, and half a teaspoonful of the latter on other days. Get the following and mix them well together for your seed mixture: One quart each canary, white millet and oats; one pint each hemp, sunflower and dari; and half a pint of shelled pea nuts. Also supply any kind of ripe fruit it will eat; pieces of biscuit, plain cake and stale crusts. Cuttlebone, grit, and pieces of wood must be treated as part of the daily menu. Report progress in a month.

AFRICAN GREY (F. Baxton).—I should keep this bird in a warmish room for a time, and cover the sides of its cage up at night while the cold weather lasts. Get some glyco-thymoline; for use, dilute with an equal quantity of water, and bathe or spray the nostrils twice daily for a fortnight. Get the following mixture—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; use half a teaspoonful of the mixture to a fluid ounce of water (sufficient for a day's supply) till the breathing becomes easier. Keep the bowels moving quite freely by giving an aperient as may be required, but the excreta should not be permitted to remain watery loose. Report progress in a fortnight, unless there should be unfavourable developments, in which case write again at once with full details.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Nemo.—The birds which were to be coloured by our readers in the painting competition were Norwich, Lizard, Yorkshire, and Crested Canaries.

F. A. Southerley.—Your letter is well meant, doubtless, but contains matter which in the present state of the law of libel it is not possible to publish.

Anxious.—To say that "Canaries breed consumption" is absolutely nonsense. As a matter-of-fact no case of consumption occurring in Canaries has ever been established. The proper keeping of birds entails no danger of any kind whatever to the health of human beings.

Some Replies unavoidably held over.

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"Concerned."—Canary was suffering from inflammation of the bowels.

W. H. Williams.—Bird died from rupture of a blood vessel on the brain, induced by a fit. It was a much too plethoric subject, full of fat, and in a condition conducive to arterial disease.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30. Fixing first feather show; also presenting schedule for our open show, and other important business.—George Broome.

Anfield and Everton.—Mar. 11, headquarters, 8. Extraordinary bus., new officers; lecture by J. W. Metcalfe. Old members please turn up or send your addresses.—Robinson and Burns.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Mar. 12, "Horse and Jockey" Hotel, 8. Lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," by Mr. J. Perry.—E. Johnson.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Special general meeting; all members urgently requested to attend.—F. Gelder.

Barrington and Choppington S.C. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Social Club, 7.30. Classification; other important business. Members and intending members please attend.—H. Seely.

Barrow C.B.A.—Mar. 11, Gardner and Richards, 7.30. Pair show of Borders; medal for best pair.—A. Hudson.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S.—Mar. 9, 26, Prebend Street, 8. Business: British bird show, etc.—A. Simons.

Birmingham South O.S.—Mar. 4, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. "The Yorkshire Canary," paper by Mr. J. Burke.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton R.C.S.—Mar. 10, Joiners' Arms, 8. Club business.—Jos. Kilshaw.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Mar. 11, Market Tavern, Bradford. Election of officials, applications for patronage, judges, and other important business. Fanciers interested in this show are earnestly invited to attend.—H. Hill.

British R.C.C.—Mar. 10, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Monthly meeting; important business.—J. W. Norris.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Mar. 11, headquarters, 8. Table show: 16 classes. Preceded by committee meeting. Will H. Gibb.

Buckhaven C.B.S.—I.O.R. Hall, 6.30 (date not stated.—Ed.).—Wm. Foster.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. G. E. Weston, "The Egg Within the Bird." Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Mar. 7, Village Hall, Juniper Green, 6. Election of judges, and washing exhibition by Mr. G. W. Brown, of Leith.—James Napier.

Craghead C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Mr. R. Lawson's Black House, 6.30. Election of officers, paying out of prize-money, and other important business.—Aif. Dawson.

Crewe O.S.—Mar. 10, Burton Hotel, 8. Judges, etc.—N. L. Croft.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 8. Paper on "British and Hybrid Breeding."—H. Legg.

Darvel C.B.C.—Mar. 10, Town Hall, 7. General business; pairs table show.—J. Robertson.

Darwen F.A.—Mar. 10, Albion Hotel, 8. Show arrangements.—J. T. Riley.

Denton C.B.S.—Mar. 9, headquarters, 8. Lecture on "Pairing and Breeding," by Mr. Schofield, Failsworth; all fanciers and friends invited.—W. Hopwood.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, 7.—Jameson and Johnson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, and other important business.—L. Barker.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Black Swan, 7.30. General business and enrolling new members. Local fanciers given a hearty invitation to join us.—H. Cockrem.

East Ham C.B.S.—Mar. 12, East Ham Town Hall, 8. General meeting. Subs. now due.—F. Onslow.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Mar. 7, Fountain Inn, 8. Yorks. Union rules, etc.; arranging members' schedule re shows, etc. Will members try and come.—S. Wilcock.

Edmonton F.A.—Mar. 12, Charity School, Church Street, 8.30. Discussion on breeding and feeding. All fanciers welcomed.—W. H. Jackson.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. General business. Pair Show: Nor., Yorks., Rollers, Mule and Hyb. Entry 6d. Fanciers and friends welcome. Admission free.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S.—Mar. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. General meeting and table show; 7 entries and 3 competitors to form a class.—Geo. Garbutt.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Mar. 11, headquarters, 8. Business special.—P. Curry.

Glasgow and W. Counties C.S.—Mar. 7, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Monthly meeting and pairs show. Classification: (1) Clear Norwich, (2) Var., (3) Clear Bord., (4) Variegs.; (5) Crest; (6) Can., A.O.V. Prospective members invited. Agenda: Fixtures for season, rambles, picnic, shows, and other business.—G. Bannerman.

Glasgow and West of Scotland O.S.—Mar. 7, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting and nomination of judges for annual show.—W. Hutchison.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Mar. 10, J. H. Senior, High Street, 8. Balance-sheet for half year, also election of officers for the year. All members please attend.—A. Berry.

Grangemouth C.B.S.—Mar 11., Rechabite Hall; election of judges and classification.—J. Woodhouse. No time stated (Editor).

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Mar. 14, Grange School, 7.30. Lecture, "A Chat on Pairing of Yorks. Canaries," by A. Holden. No meeting on March 7 owing to the yearly Yorkshire prize distribution.—A. Firth.

Halifax O.S.—Mar. 7, Plimmet Line Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, balance-sheet, and other business.—H. Clegg.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—Mar. 9, headquarters, 8.30.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Table show and general business.—W. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—Mar. 10, "Hare and Hounds," 7.30. General business. All intending members cordially invited.—C. W. Town.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Mar. 10, No. 2, Goth, 6. Replies from judges, etc.—A. Dickson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Election of officers and other business.—J. Bostock.

Leeds R.C.C.—Mar. 7, Lockhart's, 7.30. Secretary's report re Trinity Church for annual contest. Birds at meeting.—H. Best.

Leeds C.B.S.—Mar. 14, postponed meeting. Usual pair show will be held. This is the first of the series to count for the Hattersley specials.—E. Norton.

Leith O.S.—Mar. 14, Liberal Club, 7. Classification, etc.—George W. Brown.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Coffee House, 8 prompt. General business, and arrangements for first feather show. All members and intending members please attend.—Jno. R. Windle.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Mar. 12, Oldham Hall, 7.30. Drawing up of syllabus for 1914 and British bird night show, 6 classes.—J. Lloyd.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Mar. 7, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8.30. Distribution of prize money.—G. G. Stubbs.

L.C.B.A.—Mar. 10, "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Adjourned annual meeting. Discussion on "Mating," opened by Mr. John Robson. Visitors cordially invited.—F. Knight.

Manningham C.B.A.—Mar. 7, Mowbray's Arms, 8. Classification for members' shows; judges.—H. Grange.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Mar. 12, "Pied Bull" Hotel, 8.30.—H. A. Waddington.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Mar. 10, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Election of judges, specialist clubs' support, and important show business.—Wilkinson and Royce.

Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Drawing up of syllabus for 1914.—Jas. Cope.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.C.—Mar. 11, 9, Broughton Street, Vine Street, Openshaw, 8.30. Washing demonstration and general business.—A. W. Newton.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, 8. British table show.—F. Botell.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Mar. 10, Mission Room, Hall Street, Rawtenstall, 7.30. Show and meeting. A.V. C.B. Ck., ditto Hen; A.V. Brit. Ck. or Hen; A.V. C.B. Ck. or Hen, 7s. 6d. Judge, Mr. John Rukin. Fanciers in the district are cordially invited to be members.—H. Kersbaw.

Sale C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, 8. Election of judges for open show. Will all members please turn up?—H. Whitney.

Sandy Lane C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. General business and pie supper. All members please attend.—S. Moore.

St. Quintin Pk. Kensington F. and F.S.—Mar. 12, Headquarters, 8. Fixtures for 1914.—A. J. Foy.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 14, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 7.30. Adjourned general meeting. Business important. Committee to meet half an hour earlier.—J. R. Meikle.

Skipton C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Election of officers and balance-sheet for last show.—E. Gill.

Southend C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Blue Boar Hotel, 8.30. Judges for First Feather show, and arrangements for champion cup.—Dean and Cundy.

South London Col. and F.A.—Mar. 12, "Royal George," Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E., 8.30.—Geo. Burton.

So. Shields C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Cyprus, 7.30.—W. J. Smith.

S.W. London C.B.A.—Mar. 12, New Guild Hall, Wandsworth Road, W., 8.30. Table show of Norwich cocks, distribution of prizes for pair show. All fanciers welcome.—H. Freeman.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Wharfe Hotel, S.B., 8. Annual general meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 7, National Schools, 8. Questions and answers, lecture arrangements, etc.—Sampson and Moore.

Swansea C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Match pair show; judge, Mr. Harry Jenkins.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Universal Club.—Mar. 7, Universal Club, 7.30. Election of officers, receiving contributions for the show, and other business.—Jas. Smith.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Mar. 10, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Mule and Hybrid pair show, new members enrolled.—A. H. McLean.

Walkley C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Egg-food making competition. Please note change of date for this meeting.—A. Lawton.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne Association.—Mar. 10, Station Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather show date and judge. New members invited.—G. Greenwell.

Wandsworth F.S.—Mar. 12, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Discussion re annual show.—W. Lightfoot.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.30. Receive prize money, schedule for open show.—W. G. Andrews.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Horse and Groom, 8.—H. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. General business.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' show arrangements, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wood Green F.A.—Mar. 10, Assembly Rooms, 8.30. Cage-making demonstration by Mr. Mead. Egg competition starts. All welcome.—T. Callegari.

Wyke Regis F.S.—Mar. 7, Wyke Hotel, 8.—A. R. Coggins.

York C.B.S.—Mar. 9, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Very important business; will all members make a special effort to attend.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

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A Society for Altrincham.

Sir,—A preliminary meeting, of which notice was given in your columns, was held on February 16th, at 4, Shaws-road, Altrincham, and was well attended, about 30 bird fanciers being present. A discussion took place on the advisability of again forming a C.B.S., and good business was done. A further meeting was arranged. At this second meeting there was a good attendance, and all present were made members. Officers for the year were afterwards elected. The meeting was fortunate in having Mr. T. Harrison, the well-known fancier and judge, amongst those present, he being unanimously elected to the chair. Mr. A. Broadbent as treas., and Mr. C. Bailey as sec., were also elected. Before closing, a meeting was arranged for March 11 at 8, in the Rigby Memorial Schools, Navigation-road, Altrincham, to discuss general business, club rules, etc. Those who were notified and did not attend the second meeting, and any intending members, are heartily invited to be present.

Chas. Bailey, Sec.

6, Oak Road, Hale.

A Hawfinch in a Class for Softbills.

Sir,—I thought it an understood thing now that a bird found to be in its wrong class should lose whatever prize it might have won. I know there is a rule to this effect at the Palace Show. Perhaps we are not yet sufficiently enlightened in Liverpool to follow such an excellent rule. I agree with Mr. Carlisle that it should have made no difference because the judge happened to have gone home. I think he has been badly treated if no notice has since been taken of the matter—he promptly drew the secretary's attention to the error.

Liverpudlian.

Who Won the Shield of the Sheffield C.B.S.?

Sir,—Will Mr. Woolhouse, or some official of the above society, please say, through your valuable paper, who won the shield presented by Mr. Jones, the president, for most points gained in any sections at all the season shows, including all table shows, nest feather, open, and members' shows, as I see no mention of it in the report published Feb. 27th?

Jim.

The Need of the Novice.

Sir,—Please allow me to ask M. Rainford what a local secretary of a Cage Bird Society can do in helping the novices? Has a secretary to go to every fancier in his town or city and knock (or walk in), and say, "Hey, Bill, art thou a novice?" I am afraid he would soon be told to mind his own business, and, perhaps, something else if he was bigger than the secretary, or his wife a suffragette. The general cry of the novice is about professionals showing in novice classes, but this cry of Mr. R.'s is something quite new. As for the birds dying, surely it is not only novices that lose birds? An expert on birds informs fanciers in last week's Cage Birds of the death of his winning Bullfinch. Now, Mr. R., when next time you buy a bird from a distance use Cage Birds deposit system, and if you think it is not healthy return the bird, and the Editor will return your cash; a sure safeguard for a small fee. But some novices are never satisfied; they get a decent bird off a good strain, and if it is not a world beater—my word, the seller is in for a ragtime! Some won't be said, led, or driven, but sell their best birds just when they should be holding on to them. Again, if secretaries had to be their advisers, one would be saying to the other, "Hey, Jake, Secretary Smith is pulling Harry Jones's leg."

John O'Gaunt.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Rainford, my advice is for a novice to get a few pairs of surplus stock, and breed with them for a year or two, gaining experience as he goes along, not like a lot of novices, paying a big price for birds which he knows nothing about, and putting them on the show bench thinking of winning all before him. If he fails he is then selling out, and giving up disheartened, and he tells his friends that bird keeping is not a paying hobby. I have known novices pay from £1 to £3 for birds not worth 5s. each, all for the want of experience. I should say that if a novice gets two pairs at 7s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. a pair, this is quite enough. Also buy Cage Birds weekly (there is a lot to be learnt from it), and get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," then novices might sail on a little further without sinking.

A. Hargreaves.

A Recipe for Making Egg-bread.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. George Colwin and Mr. Boscawen, I have used this egg-food for years, rearing 32 youngsters from their eggs, Yorkshires and Rollers, last season, but the food must be used sparingly, and you can add colour food, or a little maw seed, or a few drops of Augier's Emulsion. To dry the egg-bread for keeping, after you have baked it in a moderate oven for three hours, cut it in four lumps or pieces; put a wire through each and hang it on a nail to dry for a week, then grate it on a sheet of paper. When it is grated it is nice to the taste, and smells sweet. The longest I have kept this bread is three years, and it was then still sweet. It will keep 12 hours after being moistened for the birds. I give all my birds this egg-food at least once a week. Being a cake and biscuit baker I know the value and keeping properties of this egg-bread. It has been a well kept secret of mine for years, for although I have made some up for one or two fanciers, this is the first time I have made the recipe known. I find my two Linnets, which I hope to Mule with, are very fond of this egg-bread. In 1911 I reared on this egg-bread a nest of young Dippers, which I found on the bank of a stream.

Thomas Chiswell.

Sir,—I would like to give my experience with egg cake, as "Boscawen" suggests. A year or two ago, in your paper, someone gave a recipe for making a cake with Indian meal, and it set me experimenting on my own. I first made one or two with pollard and Indian meal, mixed equal parts, 1½ cupfuls (breakfast-cup), 1 cupful of sugar, and a tablespoonful of honey, and two eggs. This did not bake very nicely. A good part of it would not crumble up. Anyhow, I fed my hen Canaries up with it, or as much of it as would break up, and it had no bad effects. The next one was made from oatmeal and Indian meal in equal parts, again with a spoonful of honey, about half-cupful of sugar, and two eggs. This made a much nicer cake, cleaner looking than the pollard. We had this one baked longer to make it hard, and my word it was hard; we had to break it with a rolling-pin, and then roll it to crumbs. With this one I have fed young birds; it was mixed with the usual hard-boiled egg, in place of bread or biscuit, and damped with milk, if too dry. I fed them altogether on the cake, well softened with milk, after they were a week old. The Indian meal alone (made as No. 2) makes a nice light, crumbly cake, but I thought was not nourishing enough for young birds; it suits the old birds all right, in small quantities, same as egg-food, or as a medium for colour food. The trouble with these cakes is to get them the proper consistency, so that they will crumble easily, like sponge-cake, or bread. They are always either too solid or too sticky. Perhaps some baker or confectioner would tell us how to remedy that. My wife was about tired of wasting good stuff, at times, making these for me. I would not be in the least afraid to use a cake made anywhere like bread, light and easy to crumble. I think the best cake will be made from oatmeal, and wholemeal, eggs, honey, and milk, quantities to suit, which I am going to try this coming season, and hope someone more able will find the true quantities to make an excellent cake. I can assure anyone it will be both safer and more economical than the ordinary egg-food. Both grains are natural foods for birds, so why not find ways to use them?

Ragtime.

Everbody's Satisfied.

Sir,—In my letter, "Our Busy Season is at Hand," a week ago, I advised fanciers who had any surplus stock to dispose of to insert a small advt. in our valuable paper, Cage Birds, and it would do the needful. In the same issue I had a "small," and the advice I gave "came home," or, to be correct, the money asked "came home." The bird has been disposed of; the buyer has written saying he is satisfied; I am writing to let you know I am satisfied; on receipt of this card you will be satisfied; future advertisers will be satisfied; in brief, everybody will be satisfied. And being in this happy frame of mind, we can look forward to the coming breeding season with satisfaction and with hope.

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"Please thank all those who wrote re my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, as I could not reply to all." JAS. WILSON (Norton Malton).

The Status of the Novice Exhibitor.

A Novel Scheme Proposed by The Crested Canary Club.

Sir, For some time it has been felt that the generally accepted definition of the status of a novice has been seriously prejudicial to the progress of the Crested Canary Club, and I am requested to publish what is believed to be a much more reasonable definition, and to solicit the co-operation of all specialist clubs seriously to consider the advisability of adopting the new suggestion. It was the idea of my select committee, which met last Tuesday that, in the absence of any governing body, the respective specialist clubs combine and depute, say, two from every club, to meet and discuss any items of general interest to the Fancy. That a governing body is necessary is certain, but as to its constitution opinions may be divided; anyway, it seems to me that the specialist clubs are the proper persons to act, as under such an arrangement no variety would receive greater consideration than another. The following is the new suggested definition of a novice, viz.:—

1. That a novice shall exhibit in this section for a period of three years.

2. Any member at the end of three years whose birds, in his opinion, are not of sufficient merit to compete in champion classes may apply for an extended period in the novice section.

3. Any member having competed unsuccessfully in the champion section may apply to the C.C.C. for re-admission to the novice section. The only exception to this rule shall be where a member's birds are obviously of sufficient merit to compete in open competition, in which instance any novice member may appeal to the committee of the C.C.C. to have such member promoted to the champion section.

On the question of revising the counting of points, as suggested by Mr. G. C. Ley, the select committee, after considerable deliberation, decided to suggest the following for confirmation by the general committee, viz., That specials, value 42s., 21s., 15s., and 10s. be offered for those making most entries and scoring the least number of points. No member eligible to compete unless he exhibits at least at four patronised shows.

The following specials are also suggested: That specials, value £3, 30s., 20s., and 10s. be given for most points throughout the show season, and no member can win the £3 oftener than once in three years. The following is suggested for novice competition only: That a special, value 10s. 6d., be offered for most points scored at each supported show, and that no member win more than one during the season, and that there must be not less than three competitors for any special to be awarded.

It was decided that the draw specials be abandoned, the feeling being that they had not proved to be of any advantage. In view of the fact that all specials are offered solely with the idea of increasing entries at all supported shows, it has been decided to abandon the insurance scheme. Before these items are submitted for the confirmation of the general committee, I shall be very pleased to have the opinion of any existing or prospective member, or, as a matter of fact, any suggestions which might have a more advantageous effect than the foregoing.

John Tyson.

169, Sloane Street, London.

The Value of Milk Powder.

Sir,—If you want to do amateurs and readers of Cage Birds a really good turn, recommend the use of dried milk in powder form, mixed with the ordinary egg and biscuit-food. I have received a number of good tips from Cage Birds, and out of sheer gratitude tell you the above. I reared a grand collection of Norwich last year, not losing even one, and all as strong and healthy as possible. In fact, the results are marvellous. I got the idea from continually seeing bread and milk recommended in your paper, as a panacea almost in all cases for sick birds. I am so well pleased at the result of my season's experience that I give you the information freely for the benefit of your numerous clientele, and I venture to say that no one using dried milk will have cause to regret it, and you will have given an invaluable tip to those who cannot afford fancy prices for patent foods. Dried milk can be bought at most chemists in tins at about 9d. a pound.

E. J. Lloyd.

The Border Fancy C.C. and Rung Birds.

Sir,—I noticed in reading the report of the annual general meeting that a resolution was passed to the effect that "any member exhibiting birds wearing rings should be disqualified." In view of this, and in the interest of fanciers, I should like to submit the following question:—If a society should have the patronage of the above club, and also of the Green Canary Association, what would be my position, if as a member of both societies I exhibited birds wearing rings in the Green classes? To my mind I consider that the mark has been over-stepped in making such a drastic rule. I think, personally, that it should be left to the discretion of the breeder as to whether or not he rings his birds. Again, I contend that a vital matter like this should be submitted to each individual member before anything decisive is arrived at. I feel confident that out of the 300 or more members at present on the books, there would not be one-third who would have any say in the matter, as it is not a question for one or two, but for the club generally. I think that a ballot should have been taken, and the views of members who could not attend the general meeting properly ascertained, before making a final decision. I would also like to ask those who are opposed to rung birds competing, what their objections are? Members who had the opportunity of attending the general meeting will perhaps give the less fortunate their opinions. I think it would be appreciated by many.

Anxious.

Early Youngsters.

Sir,—In a holly bush in a cemetery just outside London I found, on February 22, a nest of young Thrushes. The birds were then some four or five days old. I am requested not to name the place, as the church authorities are very anxious that the young birds should not be interfered with by the boys of the neighbourhood.

A Constant Reader.

The West of Fife C.B. League.

Sir,—I was greatly surprised to read the letter under the heading of "West Fife C.B. League," and I must congratulate my friend Mr. Cordery for introducing me to the Fancy in this piquant and breezy fashion. The meeting in question was, I believe, held under the auspices of the West Fife C.B.L. Unfortunately I was not present; I am indebted to the assist. secretary, therefore, for anything which was reported. Since appending my name to the said report I have found out that Mr. Cordery was present. The general idea, I am led to believe, was to impress upon the Fancy the fact that Lochgelly had really come out on top for the season, and been proclaimed cup winners. Our Kelty friends, however, headed by Mr. Cordery, can only have taken offence on the score that we might apparently be trying to earn for Lochgelly a little publicity. Although the meeting was rated as an annual general meeting, in the true sense it was little more than a social for the purpose of handing over cup, trophies, etc. Lochgelly had a clear 50 per cent. majority over any other districts represented, and were entitled to the bulk of the benefit or honours in the report. I, of course, signed this in an entirely official capacity, which was seen by my affixing "Sec., Lochgelly C.B.S.," to signature. Readers will note that I say Kelty friends in real earnest; Mr. Cordery in endeavouring to hold me up to the public as little better than an impostor, has shown his hand clearly.

R. Muir,
Sec., Lochgelly C.B.S.

[Considerations of space compel us to condense Mr. Muir's letter.—Editor.]

Young in Plenty Every Time.

Sir,—I wish your grand paper, Cage Birds, the best of luck, as mine has been in the three years in which I have been in the hobby. The first year I had one Linnet and two hen Canaries, and bred fifteen Mules. The second year, from the same birds, I bred thirteen Mules, and also had one Goldfinch up, from which I had four Mules, all cocks. The Goldie was a greypate (young one), and I only had one nest from him. This year I have made a good start. I bought a pair of Rollers. They were kept in my kitchen, and got forward in condition, and paired up. On February 16 six eggs hatched, and I had five young. All my success has come from studying your valuable paper, Cage Birds.

Nottingham. G. Bradshaw.

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The Future of the Cinnamon Canary.

Sir, Considering the number of shows held last season entries have come in fairly well, also most varieties, except two or three, seem to be making headway. There is one variety which I love, namely, the Cinnamon, Norwich type, which has not advanced, and, if not going backward, certainly seems to have come to a standstill. I think it is one of the grandest Canaries that has ever graced the show bench. When one looks at the grand cinnie in your Birthday Number (which does your artist great credit,) one can only hope that many will be induced to take up the breeding of the Cinnamon. I was very disappointed when having a look round the Cinnamon classes at the late Palace Show. I remember the classes of years past, the colour, quality, and size of the birds which we saw in days gone by, and I compare them with the birds of this year, and wonder what can be the matter. What can be done to help this variety of Canary? Excepting two or three birds this year the rest were not much; they failed in head, size of body, and were poor in colour, very poor indeed to what we have had the pleasure of seeing in the past. Now, Cinnie fanciers, don't let this grand bird drop out of our shows altogether. Cannot some of the breeders let us have a few suggestions how to help their own variety, or are we to go on year by year the same as this last few years? CINNAMON.

Sir,—I have read Mr. Bentley's letter with interest, also the letter of "A C.C.C.-ite," which certainly touches the spot. Show committees would only be too pleased to provide suitable classification for cinnamons if there was a reasonable chance of the classes being filled. The classes provided at the Palace Show, with a specialist judge, and that judge a vice-president of the C.C.C., failed to fill, a result that will certainly not encourage show committees to cater liberally for the cinnamon Canary. Mr. Bentley must induce his fellow members to be more liberal with their entries if he wishes to see the cinnamon Canary again brought to the front. ANOTHER C.C.C.ITE.

The Norwich P.C. Invites Suggestions.

Sir,—With a view to assisting the committee to settle the classification, specials, etc., of the Norwich Plainhead Club, correspondence about which has from time to time appeared in your columns, it is proposed to hold an extraordinary general meeting of the club in Manchester at an early date, when it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Before, however, fixing the exact date, it would perhaps be as well to invite some further correspondence on the subject, and as it would no doubt be of interest to all exhibitors of Norwich Plainheads, I shall be glad if those members who have any suggestions as to classification, or the way of arranging shows at which our patronage is to be given in future, or the way of allocating specials, or any other suggestions which may tend to benefit the club, will make such suggestions through the medium of your columns. In this way each and every member will know exactly what the suggestions are, and they can be thoroughly dealt with, and discussed both through your columns and afterwards at the meeting. There is, however, one point which I must insist on, and that is that all letters show the names of the persons who are responsible for them, as anonymous letters will be entirely ignored. JNO. HOPKINS.

New Society at South Moor (Co. Durham).

Sir,—A meeting was held at the South Moor Hotel, February 23, when a good many members were made. It was decided to call the society the South Moor and District C.B.S. Officers were elected, Pres., Mr. T. Oxley; vice-pres., Dr. J. Johnson, Mr. A. Swinburn, Mr. W. Elliott, Mr. W. Scott, Mr. J. Caul, Mr. Parkinson, Mr G. Greener, Mr. G. Oxley; chair, Mr. G. F. Bates; treas., Mr. W. Elliott; vice-chair, Mr. J. Teadale; committee, A. Dawson, W. Laxson, J. Clark, A. Redhead, R. Goodchild, J. W. Robson, T. Nicholson, J. Teadale; sec., C. Davison, 15, Rose Avenue South Moor. Decided to have a table show March 28. Classes, Mules, Bullf., or Goldf., Greenf., Redpoll, Linnets, F.M. or H.M., Hardbill, Pairs, Softbills. Judge, Mr. J. Teadale. Birds staged at 6.

CHARLES DAVISON, Sec.

Birds Always Shelling Seed

Sir,—I have a bird which cracks all its seed in the bottle, and never takes the shells out as the other birds do, so the bottle is always full of husks. Maybe it is a case like mine that "Yellow Green" refers to. If so, I should like a cure for it, because it means some waste, as it is at present. What I do now is to empty his bottle into those of the other birds, which pick the shells out for me. Still that is not altogether fair to the other birds. I hope some reader will propose a cure for these "careless" birds. W. J. GULLY.

Sir,—In answer to "Yellow-Green" re birds shelling their seed, I have had birds do the same, and this is how I cured them. First remove the cause; don't give them more than they can eat in one day, and include in this a nice hard hempseed or two that the other birds have thrown out, unable to crack. Then I think you will find them cured. RAG-TIME.

Ramsden's Autumn Show at the Crystal Palace.

Sir,—I have considered Mr. Findlay McGillivray's suggestion, and decided to give a class for Any Variety Hen Mule or Hybrid at above show. I hope the class will fill, and prove of interest.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

Blindness in Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—May I ask brother fanciers if they have had any of their Canaries go blind? Unfortunately I have had five cocks and two hens go totally blind this last breeding season. They were all unflighted, with the exception of two cocks, which were over year birds (Norwich Plainheads). I have bred Canaries fifteen years, and never had such a thing happen before. I am treating them just the same now as I have always done. They are bred and kept in a nice dry room, in the house, facing west; window open mostly every day, except when very cold or wet. I have no cat, and they have never been frightened. I am anxious to find out the cause before I pair up my birds. If I cannot, I shall be forced to give them up, and it will be like giving up old friends. It is also a great loss, for they were my best birds.

A FIFTY

THE WORK OF THE BREEDING SEASON.

Good Advice from a South-country Fancier.

A lecture given by Mr. W. Ellis before the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.

I WILL endeavour to take you through the breeding season as briefly as I can. Any ideas or hints that I may give you in the course of my lecture have been gained in a good many years' practical experience, during which time I can claim to have been as successful a breeder and exhibitor as any fancier in the South.

As most of you know, my strain originaled from Mr. Bellamy's, one of our oldest members, and at the present time practically the whole of my birds are blood related. I can, with confidence, advise any of you that may be starting in the Fancy, to place yourselves in the hands of a reliable breeder, who breeds his winners, and procure from him two or three pairs of stock birds. Never mind if they do not show a lot of face value. You cannot get face value (show birds) unless you have a deep pocket. Procure the best stock you can get for the money you have to lay out and work up your strain from it. You may not breed anything for a season in the way of show birds, but by pairing back your birds for a season or two, keeping your eyes well open as to where the good points come from, I am certain you will be following the only royal road to success.

A Gold Mine!

I have at the present time one of my old stock birds. To look at him you would not "spring" 10 shillings for him, but he has bred me, in the last ten years, stock to the value of £100. This particular bird has been a marvel for breeding to type, and has bred winners every season. My four-pointed Yellow cock that I am showing now was his last son.

As regards the keeping of the birds I haven't any particular fad. We are not all blessed with a room at our disposal. A corner of a spare bedroom, or in a scullery or kitchen will do, as long as your cages are out of draughts, and below the gas, if there is any. If I had my choice of a room, I should prefer a north-east aspect, as you then get a little morning sun, which I think is beneficial. But I am no advocate of a lot of sun, as my present bird-room faces due north, and I can claim as good an average of youngsters as most during the last ten years. You can keep a more even temperature and a brighter light.

When a South Room Lost.

Last season we happened to have a south room vacant, with sun all day. After promising the wife numerous fur coats and presents, that I never gave her, she consented to let me try the birds in it for the breeding season, with disastrous results, as I had the worst breeding season I have encountered since I have been in the Fancy. I trooped back to my north room, a wiser but sadder fancier.

I advise running birds together about the 21st March, giving them nesting material, nest pan, and a little egg food about three times a week. Let them get right away with it. Providing you have given your hens a good fly during the last two months, and a little niger seed about three times a week, there should be nothing to worry about.

If all goes swimmingly, let your cock stay with the hen until the third egg is laid, when take him away and set your hen, letting her sit and bring up young, if she will, until about the 19th day, when replace him. If he takes to feeding as well, let him stop. Should he "cut up rough" and start throwing things about, you will have to separate them, running him in occasionally (evening for preference) when you are there. No doubt you will find he will pair with her all right, and she will go to nest again.

Should you be troubled with egg binding (if you have followed my instructions you should not be), try the following: Fill a jug half-full of hot water, cover top with piece of flannel, well oil vent of hen, and give a few drops of weak olive oil (preferred), and lay her over this, being careful not to scald. If this has not the desired effect in a few hours, you can reckon you will soon have one less to keep.

A Grave Mistake.

If the youngsters go on all right, do not be in any hurry to force them on to hard food, as I consider this is a grave mistake. I never take my youngsters off egg-food till after the moult. I do not mean keep them on strong egg-food. Weaken it somewhat and give bread and milk for a change two or three times a week previous to putting on colour-food, when drop the bread and milk.

You will be very lucky if you escape having a few youngsters queer at from five to eight weeks old with that dread complaint "going light," so I advise keeping a very strict look-out on any promising youngsters.

Having spotted them quickly enough I have pulled several round with the following method: Feed them up on strong egg-food, and give four or five drops of Angier's Emulsion direct in beak three times a day, and a little Parrish's Chemical Food in water or scalded milk. You can generally spot this disease by youngsters beginning to sleep a lot. If you have any suspicion, take them up (you will find their breast bone like a razor and very thin), and treat by my method. If they are too far gone, it is best to put them out of their misery.

Keep an Eye on Water.

Inflammation is another complaint to guard against, and as prevention is better than cure, I advise keeping cages as clean as is possible. I do not say it is necessary to clean them out every day, by all means, if you have only to tell someone else to do it. Also keep an eye on water, as youngsters will drink a tremendous lot, especially if they are a bit queer. Make it objectionable with just a spot of tincture of gentian, or Condy's Fluid.

Should you, after taking all these precautions, have a case of inflammation, try the following: (I use a small nursery cage.) Cover the bottom with sawdust—no perches. Oil the stomach with camphorated first, then paint with turps, place in nursery cage, and stand on hob of stove, where it will get a good heat. Of course, you must use discretion, and not overdo it. I am a great believer in heat for inflammation, and have gone as far as putting them in the oven wrapped in flannel, and pulled them round. This is another one of those complaints where you have to be cruel to be kind.

I conclude my remarks by impressing on you not to overdo it by getting too many pairs for a start, and making a burden of what should be a hobby. Gradually work your way up, and by perseverance and grit, and a skin like a rhinoceros, you will come out on top in the end.

The Clashing of Show Dates in the South.

Sir,—I see in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that Cardiff and Portsmouth are clashing, and have the same dates as we have fixed. I think we were the first society to fix the dates (Nov. 18 and 19) and notify same in your paper. As we are all applying for the patronage of the specialist clubs, I think it will make us all short in entries. I hope societies will study one another better than this. The judges at our annual open show are Mr. J. W. Rennie and Mr. J. Wright Dewhurst.

G. DEER and F. CUNDY,
Hon. Secs. Southend and Dis. C.B.S.

A Disclaimer.

Sir,—In your issue of February 21 there appears a report of the Edinburgh and District C.B.S., in which it states that a Mr. Bishop has been expelled the above society for showing old birds in young bird classes. Since the report I have been asked several times if I was the Mr. Bishop referred to. To all concerned, I may say I have no connection in any way, and never have had, with the above society, neither do I know the Mr. Bishop mentioned in the report.

St. Ninians, Stirling. WM. BISHOP

Returning to the Fancy.

Sir,—I was pleased to see the name of Mr. A. E. Cheney amongst the correspondents in your last issue, but regret he has lost his winning Bullfinch. May I ask Mr. Cheney where he has been these last seven years? I may ask the same question of Mr. H. J Chick (Nottingham), Mr. W. F. Lloyd-James (Pantsaison), Mr. R. Browning (Plymouth), and many other exhibitors whose names were so prominent a few years ago. Let me be understood, Mr. Editor. What I mean is that it is very gratifying to see these fanciers surviving; I thought they must have left the Fancy. No doubt some have done, and others have taken their places, but I feel sure that by the old cracks coming out again the young fancier will doubtless benefit. Mr. Cheney, no doubt, has good experience behind him as regards British, and, if I remember rightly, Mr Lloyd-James is an exception for staging Yellow Buntings. Would it be too much of me to ask these gentlemen for two articles—Mr. Cheney on the Goldfinch, and Mr. Lloyd James on the Yellow Bunting? I am certain scores of young fanciers would like a tip or two, through your paper, from these well-known exhibitors. J. KERSHAW.

SPECIAL CANARY BREEDERS' NUMBER NEXT WEEK

NEWCASTLE EAST END C.B.S.

Meeting and nov. table show, Feb. 25, Foster's Cafe, Shields Road; Mr. Hutchinson presided over a good attendance. Mr. J. Farrer (East Boldon), Mr. F. Bewick (North Shields), and Mr. Stephenson (Wallsend) were elected members. Mr. Hutchinson and the sec. reported that they had been able to secure the use of the Leighton Memorial Schools for future shows. The date for next show was fixed for Nov. 27 and 28. The following gentlemen have honoured us by becoming vice-presidents: Messrs. J. Maling, J. Parrish, W. Nevin, J. Ellis, G. Armstrong, C. McCulloch, W. J. Taylor, W. Harvey, and T. Robson. Mr. G. W. McPartling elected to chair, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson vice-chair, and Mr. Morrison to committee. There are already three half-guinea specials promised for our show, and members are advised to see that no grass grows under their feet in regard to this matter. Decided that no judge residing within a radius of 25 miles be chosen. Mr. Harvey said he though it would take two judges for our show, and said if we elected two he would willingly give 10s. towards expenses. Sec. was instructed to write to several judges for their terms. Mr. Robson and Mr. McGinn judged. NOR. PAIRS: 1, 3, Scott; 2, Reed; 4, Gilfillan; vhc, Doughty; hc, Cleminson. YORKS.: Marmion. BORD.: 1, Reed; 2, Doughty. A.O.V.: 1, Doughty. MULE OR HYBRID PAIR: 1, 3, Coltman; 2, Scott; 4, Harrison; vhc, Matthewson. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hutchinson and the judges. Mr. Robson has promised to lecture at next meeting, so it is to be hoped that members and friends will turn up in good numbers. Meetings in future will be held in the Leighton Memorial School, Heaton Road.—J. W. Coutts, sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Second annual social, Feb. 18, St. Thomas's School, Ardwick. We had a record number of 120 members and friends present. We were pleased to see present so many friends from Manchester and N. C.O.S. We were all sorry our worthy president, Dr. Twigg, was not with us, but his duties took him elsewhere. All the same he gave us to understand his heart was with us in our efforts on behalf of the society. Our ever-ready chairman, Mr. Robinson, stepped into the breach, surrounded by the social committee, viz., Messrs. Fulcher, Greaves, Spencer (sec.), Booth, Thorpe, and Boothman. We had a grand variety of pianoforte solos songs, and recitations. Previous to supper our genial sec., Mr. Spencer, gave us an interesting 15 minutes speech on the record of the society, which showed how we had risen from a membership of 11 to the present record number of 62 members in the short space of four years. He also stated the financial position of the club, and showed what a healthy position we are in. Mr. Thorpe was responsible for the supper arrangements, and was ably assisted by a number of the members' wives. During supper the music was still kept going with a swing through the agency of Mr. Booth, who had kindly taken the trouble to bring a large gramophone. It would be very unfair to single out any for special mention, as all had willingly given their services. But the following artists gave a very good account of themselves, and helped to make the social the high success it was. Pianoforte solos, Mr. Smith, L.V.C.M.; quartet, Messrs. Hope, Halliwell, Jones, and Smith; songs, Miss Hunt, Miss Galloway, and Messrs. Halliwell, Hope, Jones, Turner, Robinson, Hall, Hunt, and Shaw; recitations, Mr. Robinson—every one giving of their best. Our worthy pres., the Rev. Gaul, moved a vote of thanks to the artists for their kind assistance. Several members wished a further vote of thanks to be given since they had enjoyed themselves so well; and as they would not be denied Mr. Masherder proposed, seconded by Mr. Holland, that the best thanks be also given the committee for the able manner in which they had got together such an array of talent. So ended a most enjoyable evening.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Show held Feb. 14, Fairhaven Institute, and a nice show resulted. The seed-eating Britishers were of nice quality, though not quite so numerous as usual here. Yorks. pairs—paired both ways—were very good indeed, and competition was very keen. Yorks. Greens were excellent for quality, and noted champion birds were paired up here. The novice pairs were led by a few very promising pairs. There were 99 birds in the show. The season's specials won as follows:—Cup, Messrs. Benson and Young; 15/- cash, Morton; 10/-, Barker; 5/-, Alston. Novices, —7/6 cash, Walton; medal, Simmons; British spl., Barker. Chas. Houlton judged, and gave satisfaction.

GOLDF., BULLF., ETC.: 1, Walton, nice size, good cap and stout shape, nice colours and level condition; 2, hc, Alston, good size Chaffinch, and a smaller Bullf., both in nice condition; 3, Goode, good blaze, moons, bars, and tan, wants a little more substance; vhc, Barker, cobby Chaffinch, beaten in head. GREENF., ETC.: 1, 2, Barker, very good Greenfinch, and nicely finished Yell. Bunting; 3, c, Walton, good Greenf., nice quality and tight condition; vhc, L. Walton; hc, Goode. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Jones, good steady Linnet, nice shape and markings; 2, hc, c, Goode, pretty Siskin, nice bib, etc.; 3, Barker, neat, good shape Twite; vhc, Walton, pretty Lesser Redpoll. PAIRS, CANARIES. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (9 pairs): 1, 2, 3, Morton, fine stroke of work, with a fine trio of pairs; vhc, Alston; hc, c, Benson and Young. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (8 pairs): All here of very high merit and very hard to separate indeed: 1, Benson and Young, exceptionally well-balanced pair, in grand all-round form; 2, 3, vhc, Morton, another storming trio of pairs, plenty ground here to breed lip toppers; hc, c, Alston. YORKS. GREEN, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN. 1, 2, vhc, Benson and Young, a champion trio of pairs in all respects; 3, hc, Cooper, big bouncing yell. ck. and very fine buff hen, good col., etc. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, vhc, Benson and Young, another trio of the very best possible to match up for prospective champions, all in the pink; 2, c, Cooper, leaders a grand pair all round, and ought to do some good; hc, Hodgkins. NOVICE PAIRS. A.V. YELLOW COCK, BUFF HEN: 1, Simmons; 2, 3, L. Walton; vhc, Walton. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Simmons; 2, L. Walton; vhc, J. Walton.

A wild-caught "Linnet-Greenfinch" hybrid was brought to the show-room for inspection, and was generally accepted as a genuine cross. The general opinion appeared to be that it was one of a number which had somewhere been bred in confinement and afterwards escaped, or been turned out into the open. It seems highly improbable that its parents have come together and bred a hybrid in the open wild state. After judging, Messrs. Benson and Young engaged with another couple in a four-hand game of billiards, and though much earnestness was shown, they had to fight hard to keep in front. Mr. Barker engaged Mr. Houlton in a single-hand game, 100 up. After an exciting game, full of incident, Mr. Houlton ran out the proud winner by 100 to 99—a very close finish.—Chas. Houlton.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual supper, social evening, and presentation of prizes, Feb. 26, Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge; when 24 members and friends sat down to a supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. Leytham Taylor, host and hostess of headquarters. The social evening and presentation followed under the chairmanship of the pres., Mr. C. Pickles. The following artists proved their ability: Messrs. Crosfield (tenor), Dawson (baritone), Dale (humorist). The Misses Brook and Tollen gave songs and a duet, and Mr. Hilton recited "Little Jim," and "The Village Blacksmith." Mr. J. E. Priestley as usual proved an able accompanist. All were in fine form, and their efforts made the success of the evening. Mr. E. Sutcliffe kindly presented the prizes as follows: OPEN SECTION, 1st prize and cup Mr. Stobart; 2nd, 2nd most points, Mr. Walker; 3rd, Mr. Highley; 4th, Mr. Crossley. NOV. SECTION, 1 15s. and rose bowl, Mr. Senior; 2 and 2nd most points, Mr. Mitchell; 3, Mr. Magson; 4, Mr. Wild. Oak smoker's cabinet value £2 2s. for most entries, kindly given by Mr. A. Sutcliffe, was won by Mr. Magson (nov. exhibitor). Vote of thanks was proposed, Mr. Sutcliffe saying how pleased he was that Mr. A. Sutcliffe, the sec., had come forward and helped the society in the past few years. He had been a thorough worker, and the society was greatly indebted to him. Mr. Magson seconded. Replying, Mr. Sutcliffe said he was sorry that cabinet this year had not brought the entries up higher, but attributed it to the fact that the members had had a poor breeding season. During the four years that he has given these cabinets there has been much better competition. Mr. Senior proposed, and Mr. Walker seconded, that the thanks of the meeting be given to the host and hostess for the splendid supper, and to the artists and accompanist for the entertainment. Mr. Taylor replied on behalf of the host and hostess, and Mr. Dale for the artists.—A. Sutcliffe sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Feb. 28, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester. Mr. G. Wareing (Bury) presided over a much better attendance. Six new members from Blackpool, Wigan, and Nelson elected. Next meeting March 28, 4.30, to be followed by annual dinner at the Old Boar's Head; ladies invited. Friends are especially invited, the dinner not being confined to members alone. Further particulars will be sent to each member. Anyone wishing to be present will kindly notify me. The cup and medals will be presented, and I shall be much obliged if members will send in their lists of points for the young bird competition (champ. and nov.) as early as possible so that I can check them.—Andrew Percival, hon. sec.

PELTON FELL AMALGAMATION.

Meeting, Feb. 28, Mr. Waugh's, Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, to try and amalgamate the local clubs in club shows, instead of running open shows. We had a good company present, representing Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street, and Birtley clubs. Mr. Lindsay, of Birtley, was chairman. Several schemes were put forward, and discussion of 1½ hours resulted: Mr. J. Redpath moved, and Mr. Hodgson seconded, that we amalgamate Pelton Fell, Birtley, and Chester-le-Street Clubs, which was unanimously carried. Subscriptions were then dealt with, and it was carried that subs. be 7s. 6d. per year for old members, and 8s. 6d. for new members, which includes 1s. entrance; this subscription covering all three clubs, viz., six shows in the year, three nest feather and three annual. Fanciers may pay their subs. to either of the club secs., as each club will manage the shows held in its district. Under this scheme an exhibitor cannot join one only of the above clubs, he must join all three or none. But I may remark that the sub. for the three clubs is only a trifle more than one club's sub. under the old method. The idea is this, we divide the subscriptions, get three times more members, a club show three times as large, and good competition under this new scheme, and no debt risks. Moved by R. Ward, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, that we restrict our radius to six miles of bridge end, Chester-le-Street; this radius does not interfere with old members of either clubs. Decided that closed rings be sold by sec. at 2s. per dozen to members, profits to go into a prize fund for rung birds only at each annual show. To make competition keener and also fair each member's rings will be checked by sec. Next amalgamated meeting at Chester-le-Street, March 14, for the settlement of show dates, etc., and we would like to see a good turn out of members.—Wm. Foster, Sec. Pelton Fell C.B.S.

PORTSMOUTH & S. COUNTIES.

Meeting, Feb. 25, headquarters, a pair show was held. Members staged 35 pairs in Norwich, Yorks., and Mules and Hybrids. Mr. H. Young, Southsea, judged. Messrs. Olding, Bickel, and Hoskison were the winners. A judging competition was held amongst the members, which proved the soundness of the judge's awards. Decided to hold a table show for British, Mules, and Foreign April meeting night. Annual open show fixed for Nov. 18 and 19. Members please note that subs. are now due.—G. T. Hall, hon. sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting and pair show, Feb. 26, Blythswood Halls, Gt. Western Road; Mr. Gibb presiding over a crowded meeting. Although numbers were somewhat down quality was all there—some very fine birds being staged. Mr. J. Crawford, who judged to the satisfaction of every one, had his work cut out for him, especially in the Yorks., Bord., and Hybrid pairs. Mr. Swanson's time was taken up by the Scotch Fancies and A.O.V. Can. pairs, and his awards were well received. Nominations for membership: Messrs. H. Thomson, P. McLelland, M. Gallacher, Wm. Jackson, H. Swanson, Mr. McCaldish, C. Pinnock.

NOR.: 1, Holliday; 2, Stewart. YORKS.: 1, Findlay, junr.; 2, 4, 5, 6, Pinnock; 7, Gibb. BORD.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Loan; 4, 6, Phillips; 5, 7, Findlay, snr. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 3, Phillips; 2, Stewart. MULING PAIRS: 1, Stewart; 2, Houston; 3, Gibb. HYBRIDS: 1, Adams; 2, 5, Loan; 3, Holliday; 4, Gibb; 6, Manson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Stewart.

We would again invite fanciers in the surrounding districts to join the club, where all varieties are catered for. Particulars from Wm. Loan, Northbank, Coachhouse, Kelvinside Gardens, N, secretary.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting, Feb. 28, "The Flying Dutchman," before a moderate attendance. Decided to hold six members' shows as in previous years. Classification and dates were fixed, but we had to leave time over till next meeting, March 28, when it is hoped the result of the Yorks. Union Ballot Paper will be known. Members please note that there will be no meeting March 14, it being decided to leave this night free so that any member wishing to attend Laisterdyke's Social can do so. Mr. W. H. Symes, sec. of Laisterdyke, came to our meeting with a special invitation to all our members to attend, and he assures everybody they will be well repaid.—W. Helliwell, sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Feb. 12, Oldham Hall, Mr. J. Abbott (chair). One member elected, five nominated. Discussion on the use of Green versus Cinnamon took place, the Green taken by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, and Cinnamon by Mr. Raynes. This turned out to be the best discussion we have had for some time, as it did not finish before 10.30. The rest of the business, drawing up of syllabus and night show of British, six classes, had to be left over for next meeting, March 12. Two cups will be given for most points Brit. throughout the season, one nov., one champ. Vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. J. W. Metcalfe and Raynes.—J. Lloyd, sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEYS.

First general meeting, The Aviaries, 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, where a good start was made, enrolling 20 paid-up members first night. By the time this is in print we shall have enrolled about 50 members. All fanciers in the Rhondda valleys should take advantage of this fine opportunity by joining us at once, entrance fee 1s. Mr. John Shipland, an old fancier, has been elected sec., so we shall soon be having some Linnet and Roller singing competitions, also a members' young bird show, with a few British classes thrown in. The club is open to all Wales. A few of the members enrolled are:—Mr. B. Hillman, Mr. T. James, Mr. Smart (Roller fancier), Mr. and Mrs. Carp, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Downs, Mr. Legg, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Shephard, Mr. Davis, Mr. Thomas, all keen fanciers. Officers elected: Vice-pres., Mr. F. T. Smart; sec., Mr. J. Shephard; treas., Mr. Davis. Every member acts as a committeeman in case of need. A set of rules was supplied by Mr. Shephard and carefully gone into. Same will be read at meeting March 7, for confirmation. The annual subscription will be lowered to 3s. Five members present can carry on any business, and as long as a quorum remains the association shall not be dissolved. (Carried). Meetings will be held Thursday and Saturday nights at 7, at the Aviaries until further notice.—J. Shephard, sec., 9, Woodfield Terrace, Trehafod, South Wales.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Annual social and prize distribution, Feb. 28, headquarters; Mr. W. Hellar (chair). Mr. J. Ward kindly gave the prizes to the winners. The society's cup and gold medal went to Mr. E. Neesom, Mr. J. Powell second (alarm clock) lost the cup only by one point; Mr. S. Varley (gold medal) 3, Mr. J. Pearson (pair of vases) 4. The following won our host's sp: Messrs. Newton, Powell, Grange, Varley, Graham, Huddleston, Neesom, A. Grange, Darwent, Ward (sp for best unflig. birds), Lunn, and Grange. The fol-artists contributed to the social part of the evening: Madame F. Grange, Messrs. Clarke, Kinder, Jossie, Peasegood (baritone), Beedom, Schofield, and Hellar. Mr. A. Huddleston proposed vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. F. Darwent, to the artists, chairman, and Mr. Ward. Mr. E. Neesom replied on behalf of the artists, and a pleasant evening closed. —H. Grange, sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey).

First annual meeting new headquarters, St. John's Hall, Richmond, Jan. 29. Mr. Phipps presided over a very large attendance. Balance-sheet unfortunately showed small loss, but this was soon put on the right side by a shower of silver coins from the members. Officers elected for 1914: Pres., G. Cave, K.C., M.P., vice-pres., Councillor Wheatley. Messrs. H. Sarney, W. C. Hatton, V. F. Collingbourne; committee, Messrs. Cripps, Springett, Buck, Best, Stevens, Snow, Perrett, Harris, Lallem, Huxley, Keary, Birch; hon. sec., W. Nichols. Mr. F. Collingbourne has promised to give a lecture on the breeding and feeding of Foreign birds at next meeting, so join us at once, this alone is worth the year's sub. We have also other lectures promised by the highest authorities on Norwich and Yorkshires during the season.—W. Nichols, hon. sec.

SCOTLAND GATE AND CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 21, Social Club. Officers were elected: Pres., Councillor Cox; vice-pres., Mr. Moffatt; chair., Mr. Turner; treas., Mr. Donald; sec., Mr. T. Rigg, 6, Third Row, Choppington Colliery, near Morpeth. We got 37 members at this our first meeting, and have several more for our next meeting, which will be announced in "Cage Birds." Subs., 6d. per month; open to all. We will try and make our meetings both interesting and instructive by having lectures, etc. Fanciers join us.—T. Rigg, sec.

MAINDEE F. AND F.S.

Meeting, Feb. 26, Fair Oak Inn. Mr. M. A. Hill (Newport) was elected chairman, representing the C.B. section. Mr. Ballard, sec.; Mr. Bailey, assist. sec.; representing the other sections. Annual sub., 2s, 6d. Fanciers wishing to join please communicate with any of the above officials.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Feb. 17, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road; president, Mr. A. W. Watson, occupying the chair. There was a good turnout of members. Report in connection with smoking concert was read, showing a balance of 17s., which was voted to club funds. Five new members admitted, namely, Messrs. Stevenson, Weir, Frier, Muir, and Tait. The following additional classes have been added to last year's schedule: Even-marked Bord. class, four new classes for Scotch Fancy, Colour-fed Greenf., Chaff., For. Bullf., hen Mule and Hybrid one class each; also seven old bird classes to take form of sweepstake, two for Nor., two for Bord., two for Scotch Fancy, and one for A.O.V. Can., making a grand total of 71 classes for our annual show. The following gentlemen were nominated as judges: Messrs. J. Holmes (Nor.), H. Bennet (Bord.), A. Paterson (Scotch), J. L. Dewar (Brit. and Mules). The services of the first three gentlemen have been secured. Members were reminded of table show for Brit. to be held March 21, 3. The sec. received orders for 7½ dozen B.L. rings, any member desiring to use same kindly notify sec. as to quantity and size.—J. C. Charlton, sec.

BARRY F. AND F.S.

Meeting, Feb. 7, Mr. W. Marshall chair. An excellent lecture was given by Mr. F. Edmonds. In accordance with the postcard vote taken the meeting night has been altered from first Saturday to the second Wednesday in each month. Next meeting 7.30, March 11th, Rossers' Restaurant, Holton Road, Barry Dock; lecture on cage birds by Mr. W. J. Windsor, Barry Dock.—H. P. Thomas, sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 22, Mr. Hy. Kilner (chair) before a good attendance. Decided to remove headquarters to Colliery Hotel, also to have first feather show July 4. Eight members made. Hearty invitation given to fanciers to join us. Future meetings will be held at Colliery Hotel.—George Vipond, sec.

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FINE strong cock Siberian Goldfinch, full song, in cold room since November, 10/6: Rev. Raynor, Hazeleigh Rectory, Maldon. (1391)

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WANTED, hen Canaries, exchange army trousers and tunics to valne, will last a lifetime for mats, etc., or sell red tunics, 5/-; white, 3/-; trousers, 2/6 pair: W. Botterill, 3, Addington-st., London, S.E. (1398)

NOTICE; will give 6. per pair for colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires: also wanted, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Crests; reasonable; cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (1372)

WANTED, from unheated outside aviary, Zebra Finches and Grass Finches; also St. Helena and Gold breasted Waxbills, Cutthroats, Grey Singing Finches, Bib Finches, etc.: Apply St. Cross Mill, Winchester. (1396)

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, also Mules, Rollers, Borders; good price given for good healthy birds; prompt cash, or will deposit cash with Editor for any quantity: Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1399)

WANTED for cash African Grey, Amazon, or Cockatoo (not Australian); must be good talker: on approval first; swearer no objection; fair, but no fancy prices given; particulars, lowest price to: Allison, Market place, Blyth. (1405)

WANTED, for export, good Canaries, mostly Norwich and Yorkshire, cocks and hens, also housemoulted Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Skylarks, cocks only; take any number; must be cheap; approval: Marshall, Springfield, Chelmsford. (1375)

WANTED for cash, surplus Canaries, cocks and hens, Norwich and Yorkshires, business straightforward; deposit, few redbreast cock Linnets for sale, fit for muling, 1/6 each: D. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (1409)

PAIR Yellow Norwich or Crestbred cock, give yellow slim cock and Green cock and cash; offers: Riddington, Mafeking-ter., Newmarket. (1404)

OFFERS wanted, Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid cock, winner Scottish National and Dunbar; 3 Greenfinch Mules, two of them crested, £6 for the four; 6 Scotch Fancies, 2 cocks, 3 hens, £2 for the five; 12 Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, hens from 7/6 to 20/-, or £5 10/- for the 12; or sell the lot separate; seen by appointment any time: R. Allan, Dunbar. (1396)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3; long ones, 1/6; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens; every kind of birds, British and Foreign, kept in stock; cocks and hens splendid large, tame, Red and Grey Parrots, talking, with large cage, sell 21/-; also some large Norwich cock Canaries in full song, 6/- each; also Edison Gem phonograph and 40 records, next to new, sell 20/-; state wants; will sell or exchange; same address 26 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (1396)

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WANTED

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SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

LARGE hen Hawfinch, Greenfinch cock, 1st Norwich; Goldfinch, proved muler: Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich. (1399)

FRED ALLEN will exchange high-class British for cock and hen Canaries: 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1412)

PAIR Hawfinches, caged months, exchange feeding hen Canaries: Hayward, 75, Kings-rd., Halstead, Essex. (1404)

COCK Linnet Mule, in full song, 7/6, or exchange Canaries, hens preferred: Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (1410)

TWO Lessers, two Mealy cocks, two hen Siskins, one hen Bramble, for muling hens or offers: Hope, Fort William. (1411)

WANTED, cocks or hens, Mules or hen Canaries; exchange Goldfinches or Bullfinches: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester. (1405)

JOHN DAY will exchange large Siberian Bullfinches and Goldfinches for Canaries and Mules: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1399)

LINNETS for muling, singing or exhibition purposes, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; week's approval; exchange: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1411)

EXCHANGE 1913 cock Goldfinch Mule for 2 large 1913 Norwich hens, no ruhbish wanted: Philpott, Northfield-st., Worcester. (1412)

WANTED, Border Cinnamon cock, exchange large Variegated Goldfinch Mule (1913), in full song: Weir, 6, Piershill ter., Edinburgh. (1405)

HOUSE moulted Goldfinch and hen Norwich, bred Mules last season, 10/-; F.M. Goldfinch, 5/-: Ayres, 35, Tower-st., Peterborough. (1397)

EXCHANGE Goldie-Greenie cock, fed, for big selected Greenfinches, approval; yours first: McLean, 62, High-st., Bathgate. (1414)

H.M. COCK Lark, on full loud song, also cage, sell 10/; or exchange Goldfinches; anything useful: Edmundson, 6, Wall-st., Blackburn. (1344)

THREE Light Goldfinch Mules, what offers?; particulars stamp; letters only: W. Fairhurst, 17, Linwood Grove, Longsight, Manchester. (1410)

WANTED, Hybrid or Hawfinch, fit for good competition: exchange good Yorkshires to value: Vencss, Battle-rd., Hollington, Hastings. (1392)

GOOD pair Bullfinches, value 7/6, exchange for two good homer hen pigeons, no offer refused: C. Bull, Long Buckby Lodge, near Rugby. (1413)

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EXCHANGE exhibition cock Yellowhammer, winner, Lesser Redpoll, for Goldfinch or Roller cock; yours first; sell 8/-: 121, Cannock-rd., Chadmore. (1401)

EXCHANGE good Redpoll, Reed Bunting, and Yellow Border hen, for Border cock, cinnamon marked preferred: Wallace, Bankside, Mungalend, Falkirk. (1400)

EXCHANGE five Chaffinches, six Brown Linnets, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, all cocks, for three-compartment breeding cage: King, Ludbrook, Grantham. (1401)

HAND-REARED Skylark, 1913, and cage, grand songster, 6/-, exchange Thrush, Blackcap, White Throat, Pekin Robin, or offers: 31, Wilcox-road, S.W. (1414)

FLIGHT cage, 4ft. 6in. long, pair Greenfinches, Mealy Redpoll, yellow Roller hen; exchange Norwich; offers: Thomas Cole, Butchers-lane, Cradley. (1413)

EXCHANGE few selected Britishers, will moult out winners, for Border or Common cock Canaries; approval: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire. (1411)

ONE Siskin, two Linnets, cocks, cage-moulted; pair Greenfinches, Canary-reared, two hen Canaries, sell cheap, or exchange: Ted, 53, Summerley-st., Earlsfield. (1400)

TWO-YEAR-OLD cock Goldfinch, mule breeder, safe with eggs, winner, and best songster in England, 10/6; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere. (1399)

EXCHANGE Dark Linnet Mule cock for Buff Border cock; also C.B. hen and H.M. Chaffinch cock for Norwich hens: 3, Beatrice-ter., Shincy Row, Fence Houses. (1399)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch hen Canary, bred Mules, 7/6, also cock Linnet, hen Canary, 4/6; Redpoll and Chaffinch, hen reared by Canaries, 4/6, offers: Whittaker, 3, Siddon-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1412)

GOOD big Welsh Goldfinch, singing, 7/6; also black Spaniel dog, 3 months, 10/-, or exchange Canaries; approval, deposit: Jones, 18, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare. (1410)

WANTED, H.M. Goldfinch or Yellow Norwich hen, exchange hand-reared Song Thrush, good plumage, or sell, 5/-: approval: F. Nicholas, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (1399)

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, 6/-; H.M. cock Linnet, singing, 3/-; hen Goldfinch Mule, 1/6; exchange Canaries: A. Edwards, 4, Cotman-st., York-rd., Wandsworth. (1409)

EXCHANGE three good cock Goldfinches and muling cock Greenfinch, for a good big yellow Norwich cock; approval both ways; yours first: Blewett, Dilton Marsh, Westbury, Wilts. (1410)

EXCHANGE good cock Goldfinch and hen Canary for part Royal George cable, 11ft. long, 2ft. round, under water at Spithead 50 years, good condition: Clue, 140, Hyde Park-rd., Portsmouth. (1392)

H.M. SINGING cock Goldfinch, with special constructed cage, draws own water, pulls up wagon on lines, and opens lidded box: sell £1; or exchange. Stamp particulars: Harrison, Taxal-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1372)

EXCHANGE performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed, thimble for water, with new bow-fronted cage and detachable fittings, for Canaries, or anything, or sell 4/- each; approval: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (1413)

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, grand bird, splendid breast colour, cap, will take some beating; will exchange for house-moulted cock Brown Linnet, muler, Scotch preferred, or good Unflighted Yellow Norwich hen: Sweeney, Cwthill, Carnarvon, N. Wales.

WANTED, offers in Roller Canaries for the following Hybrid pairs:—House-moulted Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, house-moulted Linnet and hen Bullfinch, also Siberian cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, Linnet and Greenfinch filled eggs last season; all the kept Bullfinches caught since Sept.; all three pairs in the pink of condition; or would sell 22/-: Address Mr. Peter Cunningham, 10, Princess-st., South Bank, Yorks. (1401)

LARGE F.M. cock Chaffinch, good shape and wings, make winner, monster; steady cock Greenfinch: exchange two good Unflighted Norwich Green Cock Canaries: approval: Jones, 10, Norton House, Twmpathcholdy, Brynmawr, Brecon. (1400)

Mainly Canaries.

LARGE Crested buff cock, in full song, 10/6, or exchange anything: Saunders, 24, Clarence-st., Gravesend. (1413)

EXCHANGE stylish Yorks. cock, yellow or buff, for two good lengthy buff hens: Adams, 65, Leeds-rd., Ilkley. (1397)

TWO yellow Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; one Norwich hen, 2/6; exchange lady's silver watch: R. Pinnell, Warminster. (1390)

SPLENDID large Green Norwich hen, exchange good exhibition British, value 10/-, or Mule: Jones, Vaynol House, Harlech. (1405)

GRAND yellow cock and buff hen, lovely birds, with breeding cage, complete, 15/6: 167, Boundaries-rd., Balham, S.W. (1396)

WANTED, large Yellow cock Norwich or hen; exchange pair Yellow Borders, sell 12/6: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1402)

BARGAIN: Two pairs Norwich, Vardy's C.F., sell, 17/-; honestly worth 25/-; offers; approval: 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds. (1409)

EXCHANGE pair Yellow Yorkshires for a good Buff Yorkshire hen: A. Webster, Wingfield Villas, Gale, Littleborough. (1405)

TWO variegated hen Canaries, hatched first nest 1913, 3/- each; one ditto cock, 7/6: Aldridge, Fetcham Downs, Leatherhead. (1395)

TWO pair of Lizards, high-class birds; exchange Yorkshires; offers; approval; yours first: Hargreaves, 4, Keith-st., Burnley. (1404)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules, mutual approval: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (D.B.)

SALE or exchange for Yorkshire cocks or Rollers, ten hen Canaries; particulars: Dodd, Congreve-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (1408)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire Canaries (or cash) for medium size heating apparatus: Pritchards, 54, Hill Top, Hednesford. (1395)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire travelling case, two cages, Pass's, for three Roller hens: Dickens, 22, Elmore-st., Langley Mill, Notts. (1398)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock (won open champion class), for yellow hen, sell £2; hen first: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle. (1414)

WANTED four hen Canaries in exchange for Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canary, warranted full song: Coplin, Fancier, Falmouth. (1414)

FOUR Plainhead hens, reliable feeding strain, 3/6 each, or exchange for 1913 Crested hen: Harvey, Gordon Villas, Woodbridge. (1400)

BORDERS: One yellow cock, two buff hens, prize bred, 12/6: exchange two large Norwich hens: Johnston, 16, Charles-st., Forfar. (1406)

SALE, Yorks. songster, 1913, full song, 7/-, exchange muling British; approval: Edward Slinger, 19, Wm. Henry-st., Saltaire. (1398)

EXCHANGE York. Buff hen, good bird, for York. Yellow hen; approval both ways: W. Hodgkins, 5, Melbourne-st., New Brighton. (1407)

VARIEGATED Goldfinch Mule cock, 15/- or exchange pair Norwich to value: E. Bunn, 5, Long Row, Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. (1400)

WANTED, a good Buff Green Border hen, will exchange a Yellow Cinnamon Border hen: Robert Douglas, 12, High-st., Loanhead. (1402)

EXCHANGE pair of Borders for pair Norwich hens, sell 10/-, approval both ways: Gilmour, 34, Double-row, Kilwinning, Ayrshire. (1396)

WILL exchange pair Border Fancies matched to breed winners, for large Sib muling hen; stamp reply: Briggs, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1398)

NORWICH yellow cock, marked hen, 7/- pair; cocks, full song, Goldfinch 3/-, Goldie-Mule 6/-, Robin 2/6: Weedon, 19, Dorset-st., Luton. (1397)

EXCHANGE Crest-bred cock for good Crest-bred hen, on approval both ways: McIntosh, 202, Stirling-st., Dunipace, Denny, Stirlingshire. (1400)

EXCHANGE good yellow variegated Norwich cock for good big green or buff hen; or sell 12/6; yours first: Hollick, Castle-rd., Salisbury. (1408)

EXCHANGE green Border cock for house-moulted Goldfinch cock, or sell 6/-; approval: Ogg, Maryville Cottage, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire. (1410)

MONSTER green Crestbred cock, 15/-; buff marked Yorkshire hen, winner, 7/6; buff marked cock, 5/6; exchange: Beard, Llandrindod Wells. (1399)

SIX Yorkshire hens and two Crested hens, exchange for cocks; or offers; approval: Smith, 9, River-st., Balsall Heath, Birmingham. (1405)

EXCHANGE Norwich, Yorkshire, and Roller hens, nesting condition, for secondhand gramophone records: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1407)

WHAT offers in Canaries for gent's suit length, tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Scabright, Castle-Douglas. (1393)

FEW good cocks left, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; also one or two pairs; exchange poultry; approval: Woodhouse, 64, Marshall-st., Grangemouth. (1413)

LADY'S wristlet watch, fully jewelled, perfect order, 17/6; exchange for good cock Canary, Roller preferred: Smith, 13, Essex-st., Oxford. (1411)

TWO pairs quality Yorkshires wanted, exchange single 12 bore ejector gun, latest (value £3): T. Richards, Cynwyll, Corwen, North Wales. (1406)

TWO buff Yorkshire hens, 15/-; exchange for good yellow Yorkshire stock cock; yours first: Potter, 71, May-st., Soundwell-rd., Kingswood, Bristol. (1393)

GOOD Yorkshire buff cock £1, exchange yellow cock to value; good quality buff hen, exchange good yellow hen; on approval: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham. (1401)

EXCHANGE yellow, even-marked Border cock and buff hen, for two large yellow Norwich hens: approval; sell, 12/6: Kirkhope, Bootmaker, Sanquhar. (1385)

GOOD young Seifert Roller cock; exchange for fierce singing 1913 cock Goldfinch Mule; approval; yours first: Frank Baker, Curzon-st., Long Eaton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, really good typical birds, yellow cock, two buff cocks, 12/6 each; 3 hens, 7/6 each; cycle wanted: Thomas 387, High-rd., Lexton. (1393)

BUFF cock, unflighted, exchange for yellow cock unflighted Norwich, value 12/6: will give little cash for good bird; yours first: Sands, Canal, Salisbury. (1400)

SHACKLETON'S buff or yellow 1913 cocks, 10/6 pair £1; exchange one for two large Unflighted Buff Norwich hens: Haytock, Florence-st., Rochdale. (1402)

TWO grand pairs Yorkshire Canaries, £1, or exchange Pom, Yorkshire Terrier, anything useful: James Jeffries, 27, Sherbourne-st., St. George, Bristol. (1402)

YORKSHIRES: Exhibition buff cock, 25/-; typical yellow cock, 10/-; another yellow, 7/6; two yellow hens, 10/- each; or exchange any for really good yellow hen; change of blood wanted: Fauconnt and Harrison, St. Mary-st., Stamford. (1402)

Exchange Canaries are continued overleaf.

EXCHANGE two Scotch Fancy cocks (yellow and yellow green) and two crossbred hens for good pair of Norwich, or sell cheap: Dick, Stenhousemuir, Larbert. (1404)

EXCHANGE Crest-bred or Crested cocks, for a typical clear yellow Norwich cock, approval: Armstrong, 3, Park View, Oakenshaw, Willington, Durham. (1394)

EXHIBITION Clear Yellow Border cock, 1913, 1st, sp, Larkhall, McLure's strain, exchange Yorkshires or best cash offers; approval: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (1402)

SEIFERT Rollers, full song, 10/6 each: Yorks.-Belgian cross hen, 5/6; exchange big Norwich cock or British: Tupman, Bootmaker, Camden-st., Middlesbrough. (1410)

TWO four-compartment breeding cages, new, 7/- each; one 6-compartment, well made, 14/-; one pair prize-bred Border Canaries, 7/6: Lloyd, 84, Sydney-rd., Crewe. (1393)

LARGE Buff Norwich cock, commended, 8/6; good buff hens, 4/6; nice Crestbred hen, 10/6; exchange trousers, boots, to measure: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (1405)

EXCHANGE Crest-bred hen, green, for good Crestbred cock; also sell dark Crest, clear body, or hen, 25/-; won the turn: James Kenyon, 45, Chatham-st., Sheffield. (1413)

TWO large yellow Norwich hens, one clear and one ticked on eyes, 7/6 each, or exchange buff hens, no rubbish; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1397)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire cocks, grand birds, for 10/6 each; or useful exchange; no postcards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London. (1399)

NORWICH: Unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; unflighted buff cock, 12/6; or exchange for really good Yellow Norwich hen; approval: Fancourt and Harrison, St. Mary-st., Stamford. (1406)

EXCHANGE two clear buff hens, Norwich and Yorkshire, and variegated Norwich hen, for yellow Norwich cock: W. Huckle, 53, Birkenhead-avenue, Kingston-on-Thames. (1410)

EXCHANGE two Yellow Yorkshire hens, 1911 and 1913 for two Clear Buff Yorkshire hens, unflighted, or sell 5/- each; yours first: Lings, Fenton-st., Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. (1403)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires, Norwich, or British, for scrap brass, copper, block tin, solder (see other adverts): Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

TYPICAL Var. Buff Norwich cock, unflighted, thrice h.m. Goldfinch, mules; Greenfinch cock, muler; wanted good pair Yellow Norwich: Maybury, 116, Percy-rd., Canning Town. (1408)

EXCHANGE two buff Border hens, 1 yellow and 1 buff Border cock, for large yellow Norwich unflighted cock, good head, or sell 15/- lot: Elliott, Outfitter, Waltham Abbey. (1398)

THREE Roller hens, 2/6 each; 6/- for three; one cock in full song, 7/6; one double-breeder, 3/6; or exchange for good young Schoolmaster: Yalden, S. Nicholas Rectory, Guildford. (1399)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or Foreign birds; give good value in new single and double breeding cages; all with movable fronts: McKeand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (1272)

WANTED, good, typical Yellow Norwich hens, will exchange unflighted yellow, unflighted buff Norwich cocks and exhibition Buff Yorkshire cock: Fancourt and Harrison, St. Mary-st., Stamford. (1406)

WANTED, to exchange two pair of Canaries, Crested hen, Green Crestbred cock, pied cock, and Green hen; also two cock Cinnamons, for good gun; approval: Huddy, Gardener, Chesham. (1400)

EXCEEDINGLY pretty black Pomeranian puppy, with four white paws, age nine weeks, ideal pet; exchange Canaries or British, or sell 12/6: F. Nicholas, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (1399)

LARGE cock Mule, 10/-; grand team of British cocks for exhibition, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Lesser Redpoll; sell or exchange, yellow Norwich cocks, hens, toy Poms., Pekingese; yours first; approval: Charles Lewis, Highbridge. (1411)

TWO pairs Greens, pair yellows, 1 yellow hen, Bidgerigars, adults; also young green cock, first and second prize winners amongst them, breeding condition: sell lot 25/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires; approval; also Yorkshire show case for 3 and cages, 6/6, offers: Hudson, 32, Commercial-st., Skipton. (1397)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE nice young Parrakeet and cage for cock Canary; yours first: Mr, Cleall, 9, Henrietta-st., Portsmouth. (1401)

PARROT and cage, talker, 25/-, exchange Canaries or other birds to value; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1405)

WHAT offers in Canaries for a grand Blue-faced Amazon Parrot will make a grand talker, or sell £2: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1399)

INDIA Green Rock Parrot and cage, exchange Goldfinches, Canaries, Mules, Linnet, offers: Tomson, 117, High-rd., Willesden Green. (1410)

WILL exchange Indian Rock Parrot, 6 years, talking, for young Green fronted Amazon or Indian Grey. Joseph Holdsworth, 84, Thorndon-rd., Sheffield. (1392)

HANDSOME Green Parrakeet, orange cap, blue bands on wings, will sell 7/6, or exchange yellow Yorkshire cock to value, mutual approval: Atkinson, Fi herbeck, Ambleside. (1112)

HANDSOME pair Kestrel Hawks, tame, 7/6 each, cheap, or exchange Foreigners, Budgerigars preferred: Indian Parrot, acclimatised, must sell, 10/-, or exchange; genuine: Smith, Booteries, Bingley. (1396)

Miscellaneous.

PAIR red jacobins, six flyers, winners; offers Canaries: Hunt, Island Wall, Whitstable. (1397)

BOOT machine, Bradbury's, perfect order, 35/-; exchange. Swann, 219, Falkner-st., Liverpool. (1404)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for red or green serge tablecloth: H. Summers, Snonton Hill, Nottingham. (1404)

PHONOGRAPH, horn, 10 records, 10/; exchange anything: Pettit, Mossley Fields, Bugsworth, Derbyshire.

FOR sale, 6 single breeders, complete, 12/-, or exchange good Roller cock: 4, Speedwell-place, Leeds. (1409)

EXCHANGE, harp, or twelve 10-inch records, for a pair of Canaries: Fox, 17, Howgill st., Whitehaven. (1401)

DOUBLE-barrel gun, in good order, accept 25/-; approval; or exchange: Jas. Best, Lister-ter., Crook, Durham. (1399)

LADY'S new silver wristlet watch for pair Canaries, new ringers, 22/6, warranted two years, for Canaries: Walter Hathaway, St. Maryhill, Glasgow. (1411)

WHAT offers good silver watch, ditto lady's, gent's gold scarf pin, gent's gold ring: Hatton, George-st., Brighton. (1403)

PAIR of rubber cycle pedals, as new, exchange for pair Borders or Norwich: Coghill, 17, Yeaman-place, Edinburgh. (1392)

EXCHANGE pair lady's hockey boots, size 4, for pair of Canaries or fowl; anything: Wilkinson, Union-st., Tipton. (1406)

GENT.'S Swift cycle, wants one tyre; exchange for exhibition Mule, or pair good Norwich: Hughes, High-st., Carnarvon. (1407)

EXCHANGE, silver-plated cornet and case for Canaries, or good talking Parrot and Cage: Gear, Library-rd., Parkstone. (1401)

EXCHANGE lady's 9ct. gold watch, or zither banjo, for black Toy Pom; offers: Porter, 76, Salop-st., Wolverhampton. (1400)

EXCHANGE set of carvers, value 17/6, for four hen Canaries, sell 10/-; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1405)

EXCHANGE Kodak developing machine for Roller or Norwich cock, or what offers: Bye, 19, Rowena cres., Battersea. (1400)

WANTED, offers pair Yorkshire Canaries and single breeder, 12/-; exchange anything: Hutton, Tow Fold, Churwell, Leeds. (1399)

WANTED, small tent, squares or bell, give cash or good exchange Canaries, offers: Rye, 51, Greenfield-st., Bargoed. (1397)

EXCHANGE new pocketbook on poultry, 5/-, for good Seifert Roller hen: Atkin, 21, Wellington-st., Stapleford, Notts. (1408)

EXCHANGE double breeder for three British show cages; gold ring for Finches or Softbills: Hay, East-st., Chichester. (1404)

WANTED, cock Canary, in exchange for 12 rolls wallpaper, patterns sent: Dean, Paperhanger, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1407)

EXCHANGE gramophone, 14 double-sided records, for birds or fowls, sell 35/-: Bailey, 85, Bentham-rd., South Hackney. (1399)

EXCHANGE anything for bird-room, for spring grip dumb-bells, or anything useful: L. Dale, 9, Parliament-st., Sheffield. (1392)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankers, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1376)

WANTED, pair Norwich Canaries for small black and brass bedstead (5 x 3), sell 10/6: 11, Duke-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (1406)

EXCHANGE good melodeon, cost 8/6, for fast flying pair of short-distance pigeons: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (1396)

ROLLED gold watch, with expansion bracelet, will sell 15/-, or exchange Canaries: Jack Muggeridge, Albion-ter., Horsham. (1403)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, white metal tea urn, good condition, holds one gallon, two taps: Jackson, 51, Shaw-rd., Oldham. (1400)

PATHE Gramophone and 14 double-sided records, sell 15/6, or exchange, any usetul: James Dewars, Convent-st., Arbroath. (1410)

EXCHANGE fitter's ratchet brace, drills, 3 taps, for good talking Parrot, cage: Wallace, 57, Quarry-st., Thornley, Durham. (1388)

GOOD clean cages, double breeders and singles, show cages, all fittings; best offer: Painter, 4, Allanby-st., Scunthorpe. (1396)

SMART turnot, in kid nanny new trap and silver mounted harness, thoroughly broken, £3; offers: 65, Waterloo-st., Tipton. (1406)

LADIES' costume cloth, black or navy, 6 yards, 12/-; exchange Yorkshires or Norwich: Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-st., Bradford. (1398)

PAIR English rabbits from winners; exchange for good house-moulted cock Goldfinch: Harris, 5, Stanley-rd., South Woodford. (1395)

WILL exchange set bowls and jack, for pair of stock Yorkshire Canaries, good length essential: Pye, Astor-st., Liverpool. (1397)

EXCHANGE, five breeding cages and 100 feet of red deal boards, 11 x ⅜, for Canaries: Widson, 6, Kempton-rd., New Ferry. (1400)

EXCHANGE four pair riding breeches, fountain pen, History of Britain, for Canaries, etc.: Fred, 23, Clifden-rd., Clapton, N.E. (1403)

PEN Campines, 1 cockerel, 2 pullets, unrelated, from winners, 25/-, or useful exchange: Rogers, Loxleigh-aven., Bridgwater. (1380)

IMPROVED Rodger's fret-cutting machine, equal to new; exchange Canaries; sell 14/6: Holland, 36, High-st., Homerton, London. (1402)

EXCHANGE plated cycle lamp, football, field glasses, for pair Yorkshires, or offers: Mansey, 70, Hawks-rd., Norbiton, Surrey. (1410)

EXCHANGE gramophone, 31 records, for gent.'s cycle, sell 30/-; yours first: Fawcett, Third Crossrow, Haswell Plough, Durham. (1392)

WILL sell guitar, new recently, cost 3 guineas, 30/-; exchange Canaries; offers; approval: Patey, 9, Victoria-st., Crook, Durham. (1402)

GENT'S hall-marked silver double graduated curb albert, exchange Canaries; anything useful; sell 6/6: Barton, 70, Pope-st., Birmingham. (1404)

EXCHANGE for pure-bred Rollers for breeding, gent's 9ct. solid gold plain, ring; approval: Johnson, Prospect-rd., Stourport, Worcester. (1397)

SILVER English Lever watch, capped, jewelled, and chain, 40/-, cost £6; exchange Canaries: Rose, 152, Wornington-rd. North Kensington. (1400)

LOUD singing Blackbird, 7/6; 2 Dutch does, prize-bred, 5/6, 6/6, winners; exchange hen Canaries: Percival, 46, Burgess-st., Grimsby. (1396)

NEW 5/- hollow ground razor for singing cock Canary, Mule, Goldfinch, or 2 hen Canaries; mine first: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke. (1414)

BRASS hanging cage, hollow ground razor, gent's double albert, gold centred medal; exchange Canaries: Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley. (1404)

BABY'S mailcart, perfect, 12/6, or exchanges; accordion, 19 keys, 4 bases, perfect condition, 10s.; exchange anything: Palfrey, Dronfield. (1408)

COASTER wheel, 26 x 1½, wire-edged; will exchange for singing Roller cock, Bullies, or Goldies: J. Marsden, 4, Harrop st., Clitheroe, Lancs. (1404)

PAIR of scales, suit tobacco, or sweet shop, perfect condition, accept 10/-; exchange birds. Stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1370)

EXCHANGE for either Crests or Rollers, either single or mated, gent.'s shoes, ladies' and children's boots: Redhead, Bootle, Cumberland. (1401)

GOOD pair roller skates, ball-bearings, nearly new, cost 18/6, sell 10/-; exchange Canaries: Rogers, 12, Provident place, Bridgwater, Somerset. (1397)

EXCHANGE 12 volumes "Model Engineer" for Canaries, British or Foreign Birds, or sell, 25/-: Morris, Church Walk, Bridlington, Yorks. (1405)

VIOLIN, complete with quantity music, 30/-; mahogany organ stool, 12/6; exchange Budgerigars, Canaries; offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (1395)

TWO genuine raring homer corks, one winner, Channel blood, what offers Canaries or British: Seedleston, Primrose-terrace, Shrewsbury. (1414)

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E.P. teapot, cream and sugar, Jap fiddle and bow, metrophone, razor hone, American zither harp; exchange: Clark, 82, King-st., Peterhead. (1409)

EXCHANGE pair cream cavies, King and Foster's strain, for upstanding Yorkshire hen; yours first: Lovell, 10, Brook-rd., Fishponds, Bristol. (1403)

QUARTER-plate folding camera (No. 2 Cameo), five slides, 15s., or offers; cock, two hen Canaries, 7/6: Toyne, Wainfleet St. Mary, Lincolnshire. (1408)

REVOLVER, 38 ball cartridges 10/-; four cock Linnets, full song, 6/-; cock Yorkshire, 5/-; exchange Borders: Croom, 12, Ash-st., Gateshead. (1382)

BARGAIN; Bradbury treadle sewing machine, good working order, 27/6; exchange Canaries, cages: Woods, 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester. (1410)

EXCHANGE two new pairs ladies' shoes, black and brown, sizes 2 and 3, for two cock Canaries: E. Millington, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1402)

PHONOGRAPH and 40 records, 10/-; opera glasses, in case, with shoulder straps, 6/; two hen Canaries, 4/6: A. Sturt, Salthrop, Wrighton, Swindon. (1408)

EXCHANGE double-barrel muzzle loader for catcher's outfit, Hardbills, or Canaries: W. J. Turrall, Stretton-on-Dunsmoor, nr. Rugby. (1396)

EXCHANGE two pure-bred White Wyandotte pullets, price 13/-, for pair Norwich Canaries, same value: Strange, Station Hotel, Llandovery. (1400)

WANTED offers, large typical Yellow Green Plainhead cock, exchange quarter plate camera, leather case: Long, Postmaster, Yarmouth, Wight. (1392)

WANTED, Roller Canaries or Norwich (clear bulls) in exchange for five-chambered revolver, cost £1 (Young America): Isherwood, Leadmills, Mold. (1400)

EXCHANGE five-straud Whiteley's chest expander for unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, or anything useful: Castle, Thirstin, Honley, Huddersfield. (1399)

SINGLE bedstead, spring mattress, wool overlay, washstand, mirror, £1 lot; exchange Canaries, offers: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea. (1396)

EXCHANGE 30 2/6 records for Yorkshires, hens and cocks, or cock British, sell 1/6 each, or £2 lot: J. Overton, Atjas-st., Canklow, Rotherham. (1394)

EXCHANGE, new silver keyless watch, value 25/-, for good pair of cinnamon Borders, bull cock, yellow hen; birds first: B., 324, Brockley rd., London. (1404)

OFFERS wanted for new book, Canaries, Hybrids, and British Birds, by John Robson, edited by S. H. Lewer, cost 25/-: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1407)

EXCHANGE six good table knives, ivorine handles, six nickel silver forks, for four good hen Canaries, or offers; approval: Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1410)

WILL give splendid pair heavy white pure woollen raised blankets, for 3 pairs good Canaries or Mules, if cocks full song: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1412)

PAINTERS: Exchange three volumes Journal of Decorative Art, in 36 parts, new condition, for pair of good Yorkshires: Herriot, Lochnell-st., Lochgilphead. (1407)

GENUINE hand-reared cock Blackbird, full song, 5/6; powerful binocular glasses, equal new, cost £5, sell £2; exchange: N. Bourne, 85, Hotlane, Burslem, Staffs. (1410)

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EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors in silk-lined case, also razor strop, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1413)

EXCHANGE set carvers, hand forged, shear steel blades, ivorine handles, for cock or three good hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1410)

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GRAMOPHONE, new condition, 14 10-inch selections, 35/-; exchange young toy chocolate Pom dog, with pedigree: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar, E. (1415)

PAIR September hatched Black-red Game Bantams, splendid birds, 7/6; exchange exhibition Goldfinch to moult; offers: Child, Police, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester. (1405)

EXCHANGE one Norwich cock, two hens, twice H.M. Goldfinch, Crystal Palace aviary, cock Green finch; exchange fowl, or offers: Skeet, 39, Park-st., Aylesbury. (1406)

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RACING homers, 4/- and 6/- pair, flown Retford; exchange cock Mules or good acetylene lamp (cycle), approval; yours first: Somerville, 113, Felixstowe-rd., Edmonton. (1398)

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EXCHANGE either Edison two or four-minute records, new, never been played, for yellow cock and hen Norwich, unflighted: Dawton, Cycle Agent, Bolton-on-Dearne. (1398)

WANTED Yorkshire or Norwich or Goldfinches; exchange dog kennel, iron trough and chain: Towner, 1, Heyford Villa, Hayward's Road, Hayward's Heath. (1395)

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EXCHANGE four Yorkshire show cages and case, two Norwich show cages and case, for British Bullies preferred; yours first: Hargreaves, 5, Victoria-st., Great Harwood, Lancs. (1404)

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WILL give pair of razors, best obtainable, in handsome case, for 2 cocks or 4 hens, good Canaries, or 2 cocks or 8 hen Mules, or 6 cock Goldfinches: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan st., Lowestoft. (1412)

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EXCHANGE melodeon, splendid tone, nearly new; one Norwich unflighted yellow hen, 2 good Roller hens, all anxious to nest, for four yellow unflighted Yorkshire hens; offers: Neal, 123, Cameron-rd., Normanton, Derby. (1409)

COLUMBIA Regal gramophone, 12 double-sided records, lot cost over £7 10/-; exchange for good African Grey Parrot, must be splendid talker, for shop attraction, or offers Canaries: F. Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1405)

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WANTED, good strain buff Norwich Canaries, in exchange; pair gent's 17/6 box calf welted boots, size 8 fours fitting, and pair lady's 10/6 black glace Derby shoes, size 5½, or sell £1 5s.; offers to: F. M. Elliott, 103, King's-rd., Brentwood, Essex. (1412)

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ONE cock and 7 hens, Norwich; 1 house moulted cock Goldfinch; 1 cock Siskin-Canary Mule; hand camera, Fox Terrier pup, gramophone and records, gent's silver lever; exchange common poultry, ducklings, chickens, or incubator; particulars: Gordon, Lightburn, Shettleston, Glasgow. (1409)

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EXCHANGE gent.'s free-wheel cycle, perfect running order, back pedal brake, front rim brake, powerful acetylene lamp, pump, bell, new outer covers, spare new outer cover; wanted, talking Parrot, Canaries, anything; also lady's silver watch, first class order, cost £2, for Canaries, anything: Parker, Hugh-st., Castleford. (1395)

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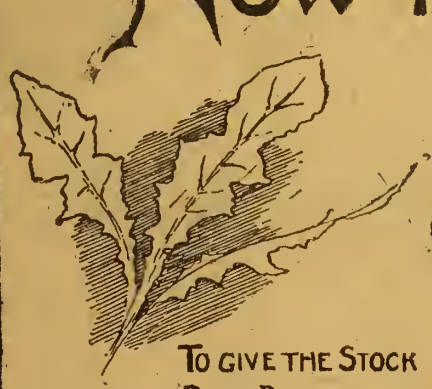

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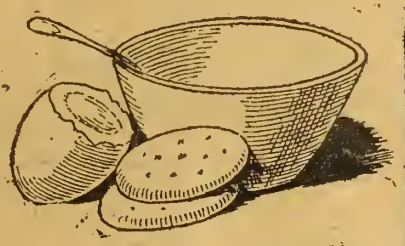

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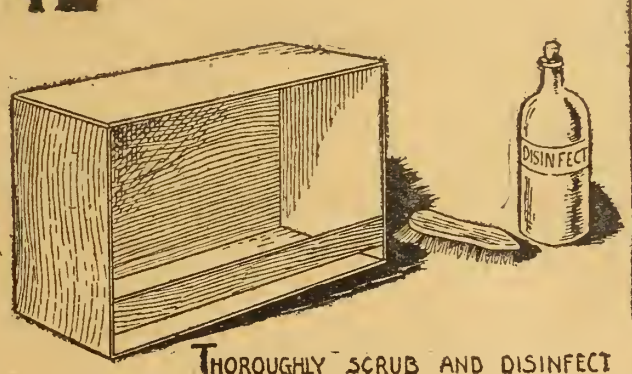

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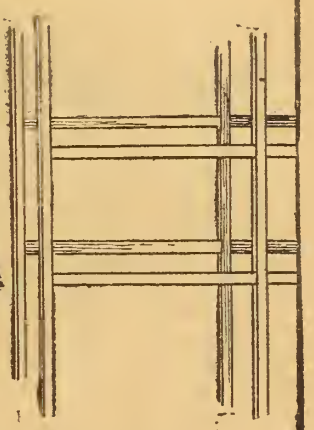

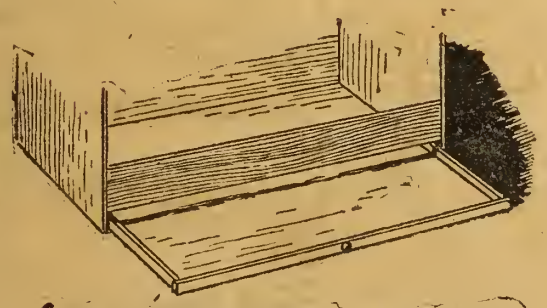

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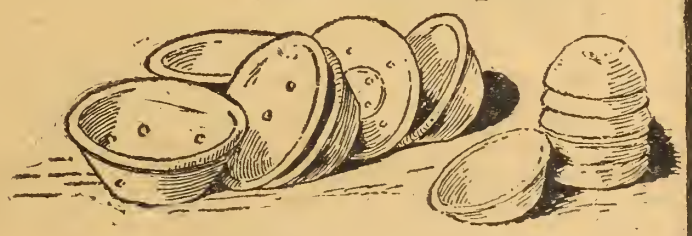

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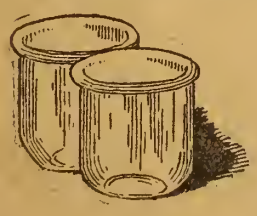

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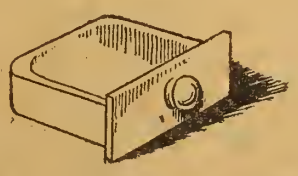

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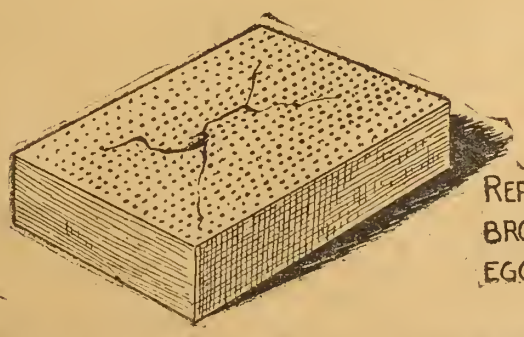

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4.—IMPORTANT POINTS.—The depositor must decide within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the goods whether he will keep or return the same, unless, that is, some other period of approval (of which we must be advised) is agreed upon by both parties. The depositor must at the same time notify us of the fact that he has returned the goods. If the goods are not returned within the said forty-eight hours, we reserve the right to send the deposit to the seller after the expiration of that period. And should the seller fail within three days to notify us of the receipt of his goods back again, the transaction will be treated as ended, and the deposit will be returned to the depositor.

5.—A SATISFACTORY PURCHASE. When a transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of both depositor and seller, both parties must at once return the deposit receipts as a guarantee of its completion. The depositor must at the same time instruct us to pay over the deposit to the seller.

6.—GOODS ALREADY SOLD. If the goods are sold before our deposit note reaches the seller, or if for any other reason he declines to do business, he must at once return the deposit note to us. Failing its receipt, we reserve the right to return the deposit to the sender after the expiration of three days.

7.—FRESH TRANSACTION.—In case no sale be effected, a deposit is available for purposes of a fresh transaction, provided another deposit fee be paid.

8.—GOODS IN TRANSIT.—Goods in transit are at the seller's risk, and any damage or loss sustained on the journey must be borne by the seller. But goods not approved of must be properly packed and returned by the same means as were used in sending the same.

9.—PAYMENT OF CARRIAGE.—The payment of carriage must be a matter for arrangement between the vendor and depositor We do not undertake to settle disputes affecting questions of carriage. But in the absence of other arrangements the purchaser is liable for the carriage of the goods, and if the goods are sent on approval and returned, each party pays the carriage one way.

10.—DISPUTES.—In case of a dispute, the decision of the Editor is final.

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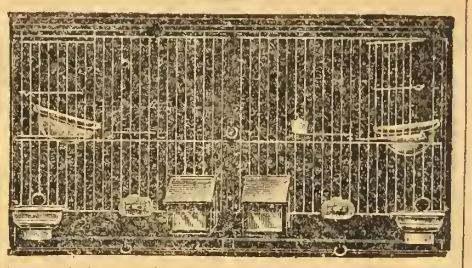

Enamelled blue inside, black outside. Fitted with best eartheuware fittings and metal seed boxes.

No. 23.—Fitted with Sliding Partition.

Sizes: Length		Height		Depth	Price
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36in.	x	15in.	x	11in. double	7/6
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Fitted with Sliding Partition, Best Earthenware Fittings, Metal Seed Boxes, Enamelled Blue Inside, Black Outside.

Sizes:

18in. long, 15in high. 10in. deep. Price 4/-
20in. long, 15in. high, 10in. deep. Price 4/6
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FOR BOX CAGES, SEE PRICE LIST.

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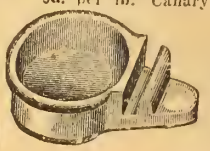
Price 2d. each. 2/- dozen.

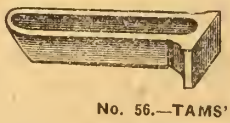
This Nest Pan has an incurved Verge inside, which holds the Swansdown Lining. Made in one size only. A special neat size, suitable for Rollers, Norwich, and Yorkshires.

Wires, 9d. doz.

Swansdown Linings, 1/- doz. Canary Eggs, 6d. doz. Nest Bags, 9d. doz. Moss, 9d. per lb. Purified White Deer Hair, 1/9 per lb. Brown Cow Hair, 9d. per lb. Canary Rings, 6d. doz., 4/- 100.



Egg Drawers, new round partition, 2/- dozen; square partition, 2/- dozen; half circle, under partition, Egg Pan, 1/6 dozen; Hat Fountains, 1/- dozen.



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	Each s.	d.	Dozen s.	d.
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24in. long x 12in. high (1 or 2 doors)	0	10	9	0
30in. long x 12in. high (1 or 2 doors)	1	0	10	6

If none of the above sizes are just what you require, send me a postcard and state exactly the size required, and I will quote you price per return. **Cage Wire,** 7lbs. **2/-,** 14lbs. **3/6. Punched Bars, 1/-** dozen. See Price List for Wood, Nails, Hinges Perches, etc.

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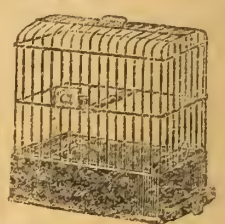

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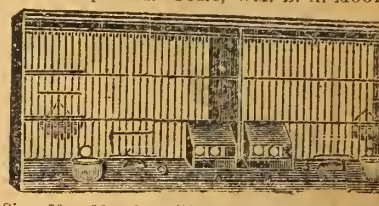

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Non-Splash Baths and wire frame, **8d., 10d., 1/-;** Liuings, **8d.;** Nest-bags, **8d.** dozen; Large Egg Drawers, for sliding doors, **2d., 1/8** dozen; Moss Racks, **2d.;** Sprays, **3d.;** Cuttlefish Holders, **1/-** dozen; Pottery Nest Pans, with perch, edge and strong hanger, **2d., 1/8** dozen; List free.—**B. SAVORY, Cage Works, Great Hampton Row, Birmingham.** (1373)

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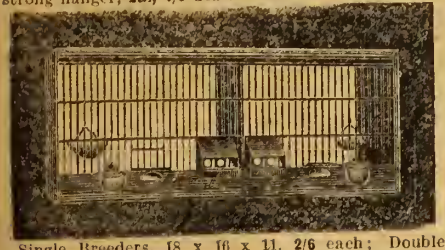

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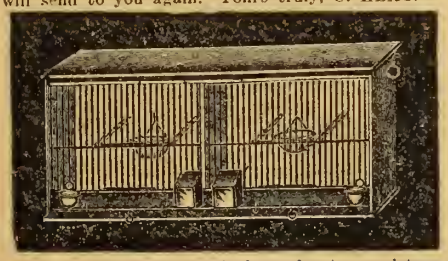

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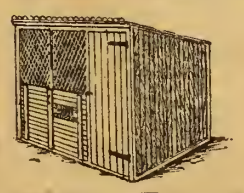

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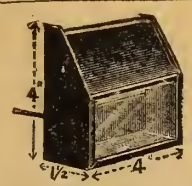

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J. TAYLOR, 37, Stirling-huildings, York-st., Aldwych, W.C. Canaries, breeding and singing, cheap. After 6 p.m.; all day Sunday.

WE buy or exchange Norwich: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. (1292)

GOOD Norwich hens for sale, 2/6 each: Hosford, 42, Hornsey-lane, N. (1429)

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several useful Norwich for disposal. (1378)

HEALTHY Norwich cocks, colour-fed, from 5/-: Twine, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall. (1432)

HAVE still few left, prices reasonable, to clear for breeding season: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1430)

NORWICH, buff, variegated, 1913 cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6: Miss F. Bird, Fareet, Peterborough.

MOVING, must sell, good quality cocks 10/-, hens 5/-, or exchange: Mowle, Dairyman, Canterbury. (1435)

TWO large colour-fed Norwich hens, mad to nest; accept 2/6 each: Vernum, 298, Lillie-rd., Fulham. (1440)

TWO good Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, 7/6 each; one yellow hen, 3/-: Cox, 30, Prince's-rd., Aylesbury. (1434)

NORWICH, 1913, bred cold room, cocks from 10/-, hens 3/6; approval, exchange: Dowell, 4, Beer-st., Yeovil. (1432)

SIX pairs Norwich, Mackley's strain, male birds 7/6 each, hens 3/6: Miss E. Fox, 63, Benford-st., Leicester. (1402)

SOME extra good value in buff stock birds, cocks from 15/-; hens from 10/-: Valentine, St. Mary's, Bedford. (1427)

NORWICH clear yellow hen, 6/6; buff hen, 5/-; 1912, good birds; cash or deposit: Goodall, Aberlour, Banffshire. (1435)

STRONG, healthy 1912, 1913 yellow and buff cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/-; pairs, 12/-; cold-room: Miss Fooks, Brentwood. (1393)

HAVING paired my birds, have few well bred birds for disposal, cheap; approval: H. Simms, 34, Bexley-st., Windsor. (1431)

NORWICH, two 20/-; pairs buff cocks, yellow hens, buff cocks, 10/-, 12/- each; approval: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1410)

PAIRS from the breeder, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; cock, 6/-; hens, 4/-; cash, approval: Girling, Harford-st., Norwich. (1427)

BUFF Norwich cock, 1st Tunbridge Wells, two good yellow hens, 30/-, to clear: Wraight, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells. (1430)

HIGH-CLASS Var. Norwich hen, even flights, 12/-; hand-reared muling Linnet, 3/-: Hammond, Hen-st., Nayland, Colchester. (1431)

YELLOW ticked hen, also buff marked hen, 5/6 each, colour fed, flighted; approval or deposit postal order: Palmer, 3, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts. (1421)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has a few extra good Norwich cocks or hens, bred from winners, cheap to clear. (1405)

TWO Norwich buff hens, 1913 cold room, nesting, 3/- each; yellow hen, 4/-: Stirling, Music Stores, 8, Frith-rd., Croydon. (1437)

E. GODLEY, Richton, Blackburn, has for sale Norwich cocks or hens, from 17/6; matched pairs from 17/6; stamp, approval. (1372)

CHAMPION Norwich cold-room bred cocks in full song, 6/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1435)

PRIZE and prize-bred yellow and buff Norwich Canaries, cocks and hens, stamp reply: McLennan, 16, Market-st., Forres. (1437)

S. TAYLOR, Squires-place, Prescot, has several pairs good type Norwich for disposal; prices reasonable; can be seen. (1427)

NORWICH cock Canaries, 2 yellows, 12/-, 10/-; 1 buff, 14/-; or 28/- the lot: Mrs. Gibbons, Boddington Manor, Cheltenham. (1439)

NORWICH, large buff cocks, 8/6, 9/6; yellow and buff hens, 4/6, 5/6: Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, London, N. (1427)

AVIARY bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, 6/- and 7/- each; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; week's approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Wallingford. (1391)

BIG non-flight buff cock, fine head, lovely type, bred from champions, 17/6; approval, stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1409)

NORWICH, 1 yellow hen, Cinnamon marked, 25/-; 1 clear yellow cock, 15/-; 1 yellow var. cock, 20/-: Thom, Myrtle-avenue, Lenzie. (1418)

CLEAR yellow cock, good head and fine feather, cheap, 15/-; also yellow-green hen; approval: W. Smailes, Radcliffe, Acklington. (1438)

EDWIN MUNDAY, 4, Drummond-ter., Skegness, Lincs.: Several Norwich hens for sale, good feeding and sitting strain, 3/6, 4/-. (1031)

YELLOW variegated, also clear yellows, cocks 8/6 each, colour fed; hens from 3/-, upwards: Buck, 4, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (1434)

NORWICH, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/-; Yorkshire hens from 3/6: Langley, 363, Warliters-rd., behind Marlborough, Holloway. (1426)

WILL give six good cock Linnets for two Norwich hens or one good cock; yours first: L. Pratt, Market-st., Long Sutton, Lincs. (1423)

GRAND marked buff cock, fed, 8/-; winners, Redpoll, Yellow Greenfinch cocks, 2/- each; approval: Brewer, Sandhurst-place, Bedford. (1425)

CHAMPION Norwich cold room bred cocks, in full song, 6/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1435)

HANDSOME rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, splendid songster, 4/-, two 7/6, hens 2/6: Franklin, Feltham, Middlesex. (1433)

EXCHANGE three foreigners, Norwich cock, and two Buff hens for extra large Yellow stock cock: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (1424)

WANTED, good clear yellow Norwich cock; approval; 1913 preferred; no fancy prices: R. Ballam, Excelsior, Langton-Matravers, Dorset. (1431)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

STANDARD type champion strains (Howes, Vardys, Seeds), breeding buff hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (Note address.) (1276)

TWO grand unflighted buff cocks, fed, stock variegated and clear exhibition (has won), 15/- each; room wanted: Olle, 18, Dorset-rd., Lewes. (1438)

HENRY, 13, King Edward-rd., Ponders End: 10 large yellow Norwich hens, cold room, 3/-; few good yellow cocks, 6/6; good strain; cold room. (1430)

THREE well-matched pairs, 21/- pair; or would divide; house-moulted cock Linnet, 2/6: no exchange: Bent, 294, Gloucester-rd., Bristol. (1426)

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow Norwich cock, accept 7/6, worth more; approval, cash or deposit: Bircumshaw, Breach-rd., Marlpool, Derbyshire. (1431)

FED Norwich from winners, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; few extra large stock birds: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (1434)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

ALFRED BREWSTER, Monumental Works, Magdalen-rd., Norwich (Breeder and Exhibitor). Selling his high-class Norwich; approval by arrangement.

W. PHIPPS has six splendid buff and one yellow (1913) Norwich cocks for disposal from 10/-; approval; inspection: 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1439)

SIX young hens, 12/-, not large, but in breeding condition, would exchange for two cocks in full song: Evans, 8, Charlwood-st., Pimlico, London. (1431)

HANDSOME pair Crestbred Norwich Canaries, cock good songster, soon nest, 12/-; several hens, 5/- each: E. Cannon, Surbiton House, Deeping, Lincs. (1424)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich colour fed, three buff hens, 6/6 each; four, 5/6 each; large birds, from winners; approval: Thomas Yates, 5, Albany-rd., Reading. (1403)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, cocks from 7/6 to 15/-; hens from 3/-; all good birds, cold-room bred; breeding condition: Hollin, 51, York-t., Baker-t., W. (1427)

LARGE unflighted yellow and buff young Norwich hens, 10/6 to 50/-; pairs from 15/6 up; state wants: C. Roberts, Breeder, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1440)

HIGH-class birds, cold-room bred, colour fed, cocks from 9/6, hens from 3/6; inspection invited any time: J. Shrimpton, 47, Links-rd., Tooting Junction, S.W. (1426)

MARKED yellow cock, 20/-; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; another, 10/6, bred from my winners; approval.—Muscott, Mount Pleasant, Llandrindod Wells. (1438)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, one yellow, one variegated unflighted, one buff (1912) cocks; cold room; cheap to clear: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1420)

FINE young Norwich hens, from unheated aviary, in garden all winter; splendid condition; chiefly large buffs, 4/- each; approval: Miller, Eyre-cottage, Sydenham. (1420)

WANTED, offers in singing Canaries for good phonograph, 50 records, perfect, cost £7 7s.; for particulars call or write: Garbutt, 8, Countess-st., Stockport. (1425)

THREE buff cocks, 10/- each; Norwich buff cock, variegated yellow hen, 22/6; see wins, Paisley, Glasgow; yellow cock, 15/-: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (1437)

ONE Buff Green Norwich cock, 8/6: one Crestbred cock, cheap for 12/6; one Buff Norwich cock, good singer, 8/6: A. Blinston, 29, Churchill-st., Manchester. (1429)

ONE pair lovely Norwich Canaries, 18/6, another ditto 14/6; also two fine yellow cocks, 8/6 each; one buff ditto, 7/6; particulars: Dymock, Prestfelde, Shrewsbury. (1432)

FOR sale, good Norwich Canaries, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/- each, also 2 flight and 5 breeding cages, lot or separate: Webb, 61, Inville-rd., Walworth, London (1400)

A Marvellous

collection, which must be seen to be appreciated, and I mean both in quantity and quality; besides, you can save

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Compare the quality with anything you can get elsewhere, at much higher prices. It is not what bought-up birds at absurdly high prices have done that matters to you, even if led to believe that they are not so procured. What you want to know is where you can get the greatest value for money. I **sell** the **Winners**, and can easily save you money, and at the same time give you birds that others would reserve.

Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 3/-, 3/6. Pairs, 8/6, 10/6. High-class Cocks, fed, 10/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. Hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/6. 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- to £5 per pair. Many of these include some giants, very strong in head properties. If you don't see what is required, write to me. Detailed list free.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **Norwich.**

ONE pair Norwich Greens, 30/-; two pair Norwich, 25/- pair; one variegated yellow hen, 7/6; approval, stamp reply: Barnes, Factory Row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (1426)

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock, make show bird, 15/-; big buff stock birds, good head and body, 12/6 to clear: Norman, "Bird Artist," Eyric, Carshalton, Surrey. (1440)

A CHANCE for beginners; my whole stock of Norwich, cheap to clear; also breeding stock, flight, show cages and travelling cases; stamp: Muir, 107, Shield-rd., Glsagow. (1419)

CLEAR buff hen, 1912, clear yellow cock, 1913, 10/6; variegated buff cock, 10/6; ticked buff cock, 10/-; unflighted, 17/6 the two: Thompson, Draper, Regent-st., Hinckley. (1429)

TWO large Norwich unflighted buff cocks, 15/- each; house-moulted Goldfinch cock, 7/6; exchange for good Norwich hens; no rubbish: Lingard, 35, Marlboro'-st., Burnley. (1139)

E. MEADES, 56, Conway-rd., Plumstead, is selling out his entire stock of Norwich cocks from 12/6; hens, 7/6; pairs, 12/6; also a few good Yorkshire pairs, 12/6; hens, 5/-. (1424)

THE last three cocks left, a bargain, large var. buff, 15/-; young buff, 15/-; yellow cock, 15/-; two hens, 7/6; no rubbish; approval, deposit: Spriggs, Hairdresser, Stamford. (1430)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, has still for disposal large buff cock, 20/-; variegated buff cock, 10/6; ticked yellow hen, 6/6; buff hen, 4/-; approval, deposit. (1429)

BRED from winners, large 1912 clean buff cock, good stock bird, 20/-; unflighted clean buff cock, 15/-; variegated buff cock, 7/6; approval: Muir, Thomson-st., Kilmarnock. (1417)

YELLOW and buff hens, unflighted, 3/6 each; yellow unflighted cock, 7/6; buff, 7/-; all in breeding condition; approval, deposit; a few small hens, 2/- each: Harris, 50, Undine-st., Tooting. (1434)

SPLENDID Norwich, unflighted cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; cold room, cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station. (1406)

OBLIGED to give up half my stock, so have really good, typical birds, in fine condition for disposal; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (1430)

CLASSICAL Norwich ready to nest: Two big typical hens, clear yellow and buff, 5/- each; tip-top yellow cock, 7/6; all 1913 bred from pair cost £2 5s.: Harrison, St. Mark's-st., Leeds. (1425)

GRAND Norwich: Buff hen, winner 3rd, 10/6 another, 6/6; variegated yellow, and clear yellow hens, large birds, 10/- each; yellow cock, winner 3rd, 10/-: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1426)

TWO pairs left; several clear buff and yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; pairs, 15/-; 1sts and special best unflighted special, best bird; see members' show: Brooks, 44, Wilmington-rd., Leicester. (1440)

CHARLES H. PICKETT'S, Norwich Roller cocks for singing or breeding, large healthy birds, on full song, every bird warranted; my own breeding, 7/6 upwards: Romford Common, Romford, Essex. (1430)

F. J. WEAVER, Paget-st., Wolverhampton, has few good Norwich for disposal; pairs from 10/6; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/- each; mostly unflighted, grand condition and health; bargains to clear. (1428)

GRAND ticked buff unflighted Norwich cock, 3rd Oxford open, 30/-; clear buff ditto, father of above, winner, 21/-; few others, 10/6 each, to clear; approval: Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford. (1439)

SILK'S and Barnes' combined strains; having selected breeding stock, can spare four buff cocks, 12/6 and 15/- each; one yellow cock, 15/-; worth double; approval: Rayner, Fancier, Aylesbury. (1437)

SEVERAL grand unflighted and flighted Buff Norwich cocks and hens cheap to clear; buff hens from 4/- cocks from 15/- no yellow hens approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1424)

EXHIBITION Norwich; large clear buff cock, 25/-; unflighted variegated yellow cock, 20/-; good heads, feather, red-hot; worth double; can win small shows; stamp; approval: Potter, Thoresby-st., Hull. (1439)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, one yellow, two buff cocks, three buff, 1 yellow, hens, 1 buff cinnamon cock, breeding condition, cold room bred; approval, stamp: 34, Wenlock-rd., Limmside, Tyne Dock, Durham. (1433)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, correct type, cold-room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; grand lot of young hens, yellow or buff, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1441)

G. W. SAUNDERS breeds his own winners, and doesn't buy to sell, but finds after selecting his breeding stock he has a few good birds to spare, very reasonable; approval: Sunnybank, Sutton, Surrey. (1433)

WINNING, large framed, deep fed buff Norwich cock, won 2nd Westminster, 3rd Glasgow last week, accept 12/6; in perfect health and condition; worth £2 2/- for stock: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1429)

CAN spare three unflighted Norwich cocks at 10/-, 15/-, 30/- each, bred from winners; see reports: Dearlove, 45, Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. (1428)

IMPORTANT Notice: I will spare two more very fine, large, typical, stock yellow cocks, 1913 and 1912 bred, 40/- and 50/-; unflighted ticked buff, 20/-; great bargain: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1434)

GRAND Yellow Norwich hens, 7/6, 10/6 each to 5/6 each, 1913 birds, colour fed, cold-room bred; the above are bred from the late J. Harper's winners; cash or deposit: Mrs. Harper, 14, Napier-ter., Walsoken, Wisbech. (1426)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers fine collection Norwich Plainheads, really tip-top value, 10/6 pair; few pairs left 12/6; all grand trim for breeding, cold room bred, 1912, 1913 birds; approval; packed free. (1433)

OWING to the death of Mr. A. Brewer am instructed to sell his birds; ten large stock birds, clears and variegated, rare heads and necks; all natural colour; cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1434)

MR. HAWKES offers typical, chubby, thick-set, rich fed buff Norwich cock, unflighted, plenty of substance, with grand style and type, won under Robson, House, Heath; accept 15/-; great sacrifice; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1439)

WANTED, a yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock or yellow green cock, must be good stock bird; exchange two dark Siberian cock Mules, colour fed, and guaranteed both on full song, or will sell, 10/- each: John H. Reid, 26, Park-st., Lochgelly, Fife.

GIVING up the Fancy: Eight Yellow Norwich cocks, four buffs, four yellow; hens, two buffs, untried; buff monster cock, large stock bird, £1; 3rd prize ticked yellow unflighted, £1; cash or deposit, stamp: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (1428)

FOUR unflighted cocks, yellow and buffs, 10/- each; four yellow hens, 5/- each; buff hen, 10/-; all unflighted, related to my winners Gillingham "C.B." 10/- cash and diploma winner (champion sec.); also winner of Chatham cup 1911, 1912, and 1913: Wickham, Boatswain and Call, Rainham-rd., Chatham.

MUST dispose of big ticked buff cock, good neck and head, 12/6; clear yellow hen, splendid head and short, 8/6; clear yellow cock, not large, but good quality, 7/6; foul marked green buff hen, nice head and neck, 6/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1440)

HIGH-class Norwich, best blood in the Fancy: 1913 yellow and buff hens, buff cocks, good size, good heads, grand feather, Bullfinch type, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; several pairs, to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair, worth double; 35 years breeder; judged at 100 shows; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1395)

REAL Norwich bargains. I have a few lovely quality buff and yellow unflighted hens and cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, dirt cheap, to make room. My birds win at best shows. I won silver cup, four firsts, and two diplomas at last Horticultural Hall show; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Lukes, London, E.C.

YELLOW typical hen, £1; few yellow and buff hens, 5/- each; clear buff cock, 10/-; clear yellow cock, 10/-; all unflighted; on approval; related to my winners, winner Chatham cup outright 1911, 1912, and 1913: Wickham, Boatswain and Call, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (1433)

NORWICH Cinnamons. Some of the best, late Judge Dobson's strain; cocks, 15/-, 17/-, 20/-; hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also very large cock Siberian Bullfinch, beautifully coloured, finger-tame, a gem, 4th at the Palace in a class of 24, only shown 3 times, and took 3 prizes, 15/-, worth double: G. A. Parker, 17, Litchfield-ave., Romford-rd., Stratford. (1427)

FOR sale four pairs good healthy Norwich, all clear, except one slightly marked on head, 12/6 pair; one good yellow songster, 5/6; two buff marked Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; one yellow hen, 1/6; all natural colour; or best cash offer lot; or exchange poultry; approval, deposit: James Eachus, 542, Smithriding, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield. (1424)

SPECIAL offer. Unflighted buff cock, half-brother to cup and diploma winner, and bred from my winning yellow hen, grand shape and condition, 15/6; thick-set buff variegated unflighted hen, 7/6; 1912 buff green hen, grand head and substance, deep chest, 15/-; approval, deposit; 2 Crystal Palace aviaries, good condition; what offers good-headed yellow stock cock?: Dean, Cavendish-rd., Matlock.

CHAMPION Norwich. I can offer some of the finest in the South; see wins this season Crystal Palace, L. and P.O., Bournemouth, Boscombe, Portsmouth, Hastings, Lewis, Oxford, etc. Properly matched pairs to breed winners 20/- to 80/-; single cocks, yellow or buffs, 12/- to 60/-; all birds sent on approval with pleasure: C. W. Silk, Glen Rosa, Emsworth. (1430)

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare short, thick-set, good headed yellow variegated unflighted cock, 20/-; clear ditto, 15/-; 2 yellow cocks, 10/- each; 3 buff cocks, 10/- each; every bird honestly worth double; 3 yellow hens, 10/- each; 3 clear, 3 variegated buff hens, 7/- each; from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in fancy; approval. (1439)

GIVING up: Eight high-class Norwich for sale, Mr. Sam Cook's strain direct; four grand yellow hens, one good buff hen, and three buff cocks, one clear and two marked; the two marked birds are unflighted, and one is out of the same nest as his winning unflighted marked buff hen; I only bought these two birds out of Mr. Cook's room recently as January; offers wanted for the lot, or will sell separate; inspection specially invited: Schofield, 1, Hardman-st., Failsworth. (1434)

SPECIAL! Special! Special! Champion exhibition buff Norwich cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, feathered like silk, sure winner in good company, only 25/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone; also extra choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, perfect gem, win anywhere, only 21/-, cheap at 50/-; also several other real good yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £3 each; also yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £2 each; all cold room bred, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1437)

GRAND stock birds; my noted strain; "nuff said." —1, fine unflighted yellow cock, good all over, can win, 30/-; 2, splendid 1912 bred yellow cock, bold bird, good head, 30/-; 3, extra good buff cock, 1912 bred, the right sort to get a winner, 25/-; 4, clear buff cock, 1912 bred, rare big bouncing bird, 21/-; 5, one of the very best buff hens, wing and eye marked, winner anywhere, 30/-; 6, unflighted mkd. yellow hen, sweet shape, nice head and neck, short flights and tail, 15/-; 7, fine big buff hen, rare one to improve size, 15/-; 8, unflighted buff cock, a treat to look at, 25/-. If you do not see what you require, state wants; all sent on approval, cash or deposit. Compare these with any advertised. This strain needs no bounce; see last week's advertisement from delighted customers. Don't forget your "Phosto" (see Foods); Judge Silk, Whitstable.

Read One Opinion.

Llanelly, March 6th.—Sir,—I am very much satisfied with the birds. Have informed Editor to forward you cash. Shall strongly recommend you.—W. Rees to R. Hanford. Don't hesitate, have same satisfaction as above by testing following genuine bargains: Cobby Norwich cocks, full song, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-**; smart cobby hens, **4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6**; pairs, correctly matched, for immediate breeding, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** pair. Long, slim typical Yorkshires, at same prices. Travelling Cages, **3d.** extra. All on approval at my risk. Cash or deposit. Cold-room bred. All in breeding condition; trial solicited. Illustrated price list free. Double Breeding Cages, 5/- each.

R. HANFORD, 263, Osmaston Road, DERBY.

MASSIVE Norwich Plainhead; stock hens; to those whose cock birds have not got the size, try the following:—Clear yellow hen, rare head, chest and quality, 15/6; monster variegated yellow, worth £3, accept 20/-; clear yellow, grand hen, only 10/6; large ticked yellow hen, 11/6; clinking clear buff, ticked, also variegated hens, price 10/6 each; monster marked yellow cock, 35/-; clear yellow, none better living £2 2/-; very large marked buff cock, real gem, 20/-; grandly marked typical yellow cock, only 15/6; above all 1913 bred, perfect health, bred from some greatest winners living; can breed winners anywhere; send your orders and secure above; satisfaction guaranteed: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1439)

RETIRING FROM THE FANCY

Norwich, winners and stock birds, cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-; inspection invited: Roberts, 29, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1406)

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

is still well stocked with Norwich cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

NORWICH CANARIES

Cock, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

LARGE typical cocks 8, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

REAL GOOD STOCK BIRDS

The following are my own breeding, colour fed, and in the pink of condition: (1) clear yellow cock, 1912, not bred with, 25/6; (2) clear yellow cock, 1913, price 13/6; (3) clear buff cock, 1913, price 21/-; (4) clear buff cock, 1912, price 25/6, not bred with; (5) clear buff cock, 1913, price 25/6; (6) wing marked buff cock, 1913, price 17/6; (7) lightly variegated buff cock, 1913, price 14/6; (8) clear buff cock, 1913, price 12/6; also a few yellow or buff cocks from 8/6 to 10/6; on approval; write early: W. Hudson, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax, Yorks. (1441)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich Specialist, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known winning strain; winner of numerous cups, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright (three years in succession); can spare few grand birds, correct type, rich in colour and quality, plenty of substance, judiciously bred, and correctly matched pairs, 30/-, upwards; odd birds from 10/- each; approval with pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; satisfaction guaranteed.

BRED FROM THE BEST

At clearing prices to make room for breeding; will send on approval; buff cocks, 8/6, 10/- each, worth double; for my winnings see previous advertisements: Rev. Nunc, Harrington, Cumberland. (1402)

NORWICH

Vardy's noted winning strain, good clear buff cock, extra good quality and colour, 20/-; unflighted buff, good, 15/-; few nice cobby buff hens, 6/-; all approval: Vardy, Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (1429)

GENUINE BRED NORWICH

Selling cheap to make room for breeding; grand stock birds, cocks and hens, yellows or buffs, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; on approval; only want seeing to please: Poulter, 41, Gill-st., Hoyland, near Barnsley. (1426)

PURE NORWICH

Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens. Yellows or buffs from 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the original testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

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to acquire some of the finest Norwich stock birds in existence. Through unforeseen circumstances I am compelled to dispose of a collection of really high-class stock, birds that have won and sure to breed winners. These were mostly bred by R. Anderton, Esq., Preston, the well-known successful exhibitor, and purchased at great cost. Fine variegated yellow cock, won 1st Preston twice, and father to winner G.C.A. medal, 30/-; clear yellow cock, parents great winners, 25/-; clear buff cock, nest brother to hen which won 1st Preston, 2nd Scottish National, 25/-; fine yellow cock, same strain, 7/6; hens, all either winners or near related to winners; marked buff hen, 15/-; clear buff hen, a beauty, 20/-; var. yellow hen, parent won many 1sts and sold for £6, sacrifice 25/-; heavy var. buff hen, a gem, 20/-; var. yellow hen, parent won 1st Newcastle, and others, 20/-; a few other really choice hens, 10/- each; single and double breeders, joiner-made, at half cost. (1430)

Wamsley, Dalecott, St. Annes-on-the-Sea

CHAMPION NORWICH

To be all sold at once, also cages, as am travelling too much to see to them. Yellow variegated cock, a beauty, £2; hen to match, £4 the pair. Buff cock, eye marked and wing, grand bird, £2; grand yellow hen to match, £3 10s. pair. Variegated buff cock, £1, grand bird; also grand clear yellow cock, £1 10s.; eye ticked yellow cock, grand quality, £1 10s.; buff cock, large one, and short grand one, £1 10s. I have hens to match same reasonable, and a few other pairs cheap to clear at once. These birds are winners, and can breed winners; on approval. These birds are worth much more money. Grand pair of Crested, dark crest hen, variegated cock, £1 10s.: H. Goodland, Bournewood, Knyvcton Road, Bournemouth. (1431)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.

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ONLY two cocks left for disposal, both winners, accept 25/- each: Head, Yorkshire-st., Bacup. (1430)

FEW Seifert Rollers, cocks from 6/6, grand hens, nesting, 2/6; approval: Hiteh, Stafford-st., Walsall. (1405)

CLARKE'S pure Seifert Roller hens, 2/6 each; cocks, 8/6; approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (1440)

ROLLER cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/- and 7/6; hens, 2/-; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1437)

THROUGH removal, must sell, six smart Roller hens, 2/6 each, not rubbish: 14, Arthur-st., Aldershot. (1431)

FOR sale, Roller hens, 3/-; packing cage, 3d.: Miss Hughes, 7, Islington-cottage, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop. (1434)

DEATH, want money: Two grand muling Linnets, one pair breeding Rollers; cash offers 118, Rividge, Blackburn. (1426)

ROLLER hens, Randall's strain, 1913 rung breeding condition, 3/- and 4/- each: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham. (1399)

ROLLERS, cocks 7/6, hens 2/6, cold room bred, must clear: Tuxworth, Thorpe Villa, High Holme-rd., Louth, Lincs. (1430)

TWO high-class Roller cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, 12/6 each: approval: B. Linley, 47, Freedom-st., Hillsbro, Sheffield. (1424)

GLUCKE Rollers, bred from my last year's winners, cocks from 15/-, hens 5/-: Brown, Tisford-rd., Langley, Birmingham. (1408)

ROLLERS, full song 1913, parents cost 30/-, to clear, 7/6 pair: Prosser, 9 Back 195, Victoria-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (1429)

SEIFERT Rollers, cocks, full song, 7/6, 8/6; hens, rung, 3/6; unrung, 3/-; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury. (1432)

1913 SEIFERT Roller cocks, Randall's strain, 10/- each; three hens, 1912-13, 4/- each: Wardle, 9, Flanshaw Hill, Wakefield. (1426)

THREE unflighted Roller hens, 2/- each, 5/6 the three; cold-room bred: James, Abbot's Cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham. (1429)

RANDALL, Willows' strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 25/- pair; awarded gold medal Crystal Palace, 1914: King, 89, York-st., Cambridge. (1421)

1913 GLUCKE Rollers, B3 club rung; cocks, 10/- and 15/- each; approval: Smith, 19, Liehfield-rd., Newinvention, Wolverhampton. (1427)

ROLLERS, cocks, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6; full week's approval: Watson, 6, Paradise-st., Tunstall, Staffs. (1413)

1913 ROLLER cocks, singing, 3/-; two, 5/6; Seifert cocks, full rolling song, 7/6; nothing better: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1425)

GLUCKE strain cock, Lyon's strain, 1913, 8/6; 2 hens, same strain, 2/6 each, or 12/6 lot; approval: Hartley, 13, Blucher-st., Colne, Lanc. (1434)

FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmasters 10/-, hens 3/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)

ROLLERS, winning strain, B.R.C.C. rung cocks, 10/-, 12,6, 15/-; hens from 4/-; or exchange: J. Eccleston, 48, Merridale-st., Wolverhampton. (1423)

TWO pairs grand stock Glucke Rollers, 15/- pair; B3 cocks, 10/6, 12/6: hens, 3/-; all in breeding condition; approval: Hayward, Melksham. (1423)

ROLLERS, cold room bred, Randall's 1913 cocks, perfect health, full song, 7/6 pair, ready for breeding, 10/-: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool. (1432)

CHAMPION Rollers, pure Randall's B.R.C.C. rung cocks, from 10/6, hens breeding condition from 2/6; approval: Davy, Snelston-gardens, Ashbourne. (1431)

ROLLERS, Roehl's glucke strain, cold room, cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 5/-; approval, deposit: L. Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W.; letters only.

ROLLER hens, cold-room bred, strong, healthy birds, 30 for sale, 2/6 each; cocks, 7/6; packed free: J. Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Canton, Cardiff. (1429)

SEIFERT Roller, 1913 cock, 5/-; two variegated hens, 4/6; twice house-moulted Goldfinch, with large hen Canary, 7/-: Stirling, 8, Frith-rd., Croydon. (1437)

FEW high-class Rollers for disposal, B.R.C.C. rung, related to winners, Glucke and Water Glucke; approval: Davis, South View, Collingham, near Leeds. (1439)

CHAMPION Roller Schoolmaster, two 1sts, special (Rossendale, 1912), no faults, 25/-; two cocks, by above, £1 each; offers Holgate, 12, Hannah-st., Bacup. (1426)

NOTICE; grand lot Roller Canaries, full song, day and gaslight, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, British Roller Club rung; cocks, 10/-, 7/6; hens, 3/6; single breeding cages, 1/6; singing cages, 1/-; loose fronts: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop. (1423)

GRAND lot pure Seifert and Glucke hens, cold-room bred, best of blood, in breeding condition, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1441)

HIGH-class Rollers, Tweed's, B.R.C.C. rung, organ and Schoolmaster trained, splendid songsters, cocks 10/6, hens 3/-, 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby-Stephen. (1405)

SEIFERT Rollers, Roehl's strain, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 and 15/- each; hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/- each; cold room; approval; deposit: N. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (1288)

PURE Randall's water glucke cocks, 12/6, 15/- each; 1, 24pts. Provincial Show, £1; hens B2, B3, bred from winners, 4/6 each; approval, deposit: Wilson, 421, Cleethorpe-rd, Grimsby. (1360)

400 Champion Rollers in Stock.

I have just received a magnificent collection of pure Seifert Rollers, consisting of 400 cocks, and a large number of hens. These birds have not been picked over. They have come direct from the rooms of some of the best breeders in Germany, and include some exceedingly good birds. They are in full rolling song, with a good variety of tours, and are sure to give complete satisfaction anywhere. Kindly note the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 10/6, **12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Hens, same pure strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-** each. Genuine schoolmasters, specially trained for contest singing, **20/-, 25/- 30/-, 35/-, 40/-** each upwards. Travelling cages **3d.** extra in all cases.

I am also offering a limited number of hens bred from some of the best strains in England, at 7/6 and **10/-** each. These are worth treble to any breeder. All B.R.C.C. rung. I invite fanciers requiring Rollers to come and hear these birds, and make their own selection. To those who cannot come I offer to send one or more birds to any address in the Kingdom at my sole risk, on 10 days' approval, and undertake to return cash in full, if not absolutely satisfactory. Is it possible to make a fairer offer?

JOE THOMAS, BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR,

Ambler Thorn, Halifax, Yorks.

PURE glucke and water glucke Rollers, few good birds left for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited; all B.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 15/-, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds. (1403)

PURE Randall's, cocks all sold, few hens left to clear 3/6 each only; B.R.C.C. rung, 1913: pay what you like, you can't get better; approval, deposit: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston. (1396)

PURE Water Glucke Rollers, Randall's strain, cocks 12/6, hens 5/-; 1912 cock, 15/-; all B.R.C.C. rung; approval, cash, or "C.B." deposit: Hoyle, Kitchen-terr., Grimrargh, Preston. Member B.R.C.C. (1435)

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can now supply a few high-class water glucke hens, pure Randall's, all B.R.C.C. rung 1913, 4/- each, 7/6 couple: Wignall, 203, Ribbleston-lane, Preston. (1431)

CLASSICAL B.R.C.C. Rollers, bred and trained by schoolmasters of quality; 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/6, 5/-; feeders; pairs, 15/6, 17/6, cheap: Maudsley, Rolling Mill-lane, Sutton, St. Helens, Lancashire. (1422)

1913 HIGH class Rollers; having selected my breeding stock, I have still a few high-class birds to clear; pairs from 15/-, cocks from 10/6, hens 4/-: Whitaker Crossley, 4, Wensleydale-terr., Bradford-rd., Batley. (1419)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, Randall and Roehl's strain, cold room bred, organ, schoolmaster trained cocks, 8/6 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; hens, same strain, 3/6 5/-; approval, deposit: Evans 16, Northgate-st. Aberystwyth. (1425)

GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room English bred, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-rd., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (1373)

WANTED, useful stock Rollers and fanciers' books and pictures in exchange for books, prints, antiques, shells, Pekin Bantam hens, Yokohama fowl, Persian rats, zither harp, etc.: Smith, Bays, Binstead, Wight. (1440)

GLUCKE and water glucke Rollers, a few good birds left for breeding; cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; hens, 5/6 each; or exchange; approval, deposit: satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: Harrison, Church-rd., Bradmore, Wolverhampton. (1438)

ROLLERS, B3 rung; cocks, 10/-, 15/- upwards; winner International Cup, extra 1st, special, commend, Bacup Cup, 1st; other wins four specials, three 4ths, two vhc's; hens, 4/-, 5/-; approval: Broadbent, 80, Alverthorpe-rd., Wakefield. (1426)

ROLLER schoolmaster with deep hollow rolls, good heavy chattering, not one click or jar, truly a perfect song, only 12/6; approval willingly, cash or deposit; also a few hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6 each: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1442)

WINNING strain. Bargains, to clear, Wolverhampton, 2nd, two specials; Leeds, 1st, special; Wakefield, 3rd, two specials; Manchester, 1st special, hc, c; winner of six specials, three large silver medals, young bird classes this season: cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 6/-; approval: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. (1339)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, good stock cocks, 15/- each, hens 5/-; singing cocks three for 27/-, club rung; my birds won last season at Grimsby, 3rd young bird champ. team class; 3rd young bird champion team, Bolton; 2nd young bird champ. team at Scottish Internat., last Internat. big London show 4th in single young bird class; bird bought of me bred cup winners; cash or deposit: Wirth, 1, Knowsley-rd., Bootle, Liverpool. (1440)

GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS

in the country; cold room bred; trained under Roller organ; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; seven days' approval; hens, 2/6; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster; established 27 years.

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For sale, 10 B.R.C.C. rung stock cocks, same strain (Randall's) as my international winner, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; also 12 grand hens, same strain, from 8/6; send for pedigree and full particulars; these I can strongly recommend to anyone wanting change of blood: Arthur Chillcott, 151, South-avenue, Southend. (1420)

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Dealers, please send for trade prices. Only birds in full song sent out, and all on approval. Cheapest and most reliable importer in England: Gore, Goochst., Birmingham. (1024)

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The finest quality for money in the world. Cocks, 7/6. Hens, 3/- each. Pairs, 9/6, 10/6. Matched for breeding, good songsters. Grand Seifert Trained Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. A grand lot of hens in excellent breeding condition. Hens, same strain, 3/6, 4/-, and 5/- each. Pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cages, 3d. Rollers Cages, together with cabinets, from 4/- each.

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T. TURNER

CHAMPION GLUCKE STRAIN

of Rollers; hens for sale; cocks all sold; hens 5/-, 6 for 9/-: 829, Ashton Old-rd., Openshaw, Fife.

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4 Firsts, 2 Thirds, Etc.

Once again my birds have wound up the show season by securing highest honours at the Great National Show (see report of Palace Show. That they have won consistently all through the season is shown by the fact that they have secured **76 Specials, 89 Firsts, 74 Seconds, and 60 Thirds This Season and have been shown in open champion classes only, in hottest competition at all the leading shows.** They have also won the N.P.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. Competition, also several Silver Cups and Bowls, Gold and Silver Medals, Diplomas, and numerous other trophies.

I have also supplied birds that have won highest honours for my clients, including winners of this year's Palace show, in very strong classes. I have letters filed here for anyone to see in proof of this; also a large number of letters from fanciers who have bred winners from stock bred and sold by me. These are **FACTS**, needing no comment. They speak for themselves, and they cannot be disputed. I am now offering marvellous value in the following varieties:—

CHAMPION NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN.

Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** to **100/-** per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain ofwinners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Grand cobby hens, **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-** per pair.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Grand, lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position, and in full song, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-** each. Erect, racy hens, feathered to perfection, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Matched pairs, personally selected, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair.

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES.

I have a few specially good birds ready for immediate breeding. Cocks or hens, in clears, ticks, or marked, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each. Also a few specially matched pairs, bred from the best blood in the Fancy, and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at **15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. I have also a few of this season's open winners for sale at a working-man's price. Write for particulars.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.—See my Special Announcement under Rollers on page 235.

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Grand, healthy, Sib. hens, for muling, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, in full song, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-** each; Linnet Mules, in full song, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6** each.

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I have also a splendid selection of Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, etc., etc.

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Any fancier requiring stock is invited to come and make his own selection. To those unable to come I am prepared to send one or more birds to any address in the kingdom at my sole risk. I will send on 7 or 10 days' approval anywhere, and will guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer or cash returned in full.

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YORKSHIRES, cocks 7/-, hens 2/6; pair, 9/-: G., 41, Swallehl-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth. (1383)

CANARIES, 1913 Yorkshire cocks, singing, 3/-; two, 5/6: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1425)

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GRAND pair Yorkshires, winners, 37/6 pair; see wins City Glasgow: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle: (1437)

TWO Yorkshire hens, 1 yellow 1 buff, cold room, 3/- each; approval: Haye, Gamekeeper, Woodford, Bramhall. (1435)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, yellow and green, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, in fine breeding condition: 55, Ermine-rd., Lewisham. (1369)

TWO Yorkshire hen Canaries, 2/6 each; and double breeding cage, in good condition: Holmes, Bowness-on-Solway. (1435)

YORKSHIRES, several good cocks, all colours, from 8/6, ditto hens from 4/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1195)

LONG slim ticked yellow hen, 7/6; big buff cinnamon marked cock, 8/6; offers: Seeney, 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (1439)

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SHACKLETON'S 2 yellow and 2 buff hens, eager to nest, 4/6 each: Haytock, 30, Florence st., Rochdole; or offers. (1441)

PRIE-BRED Yorkshires; hens from 4/6; cocks from 6/6: A. Goodwin, Breeder, 135, Warham-st., Kennington, S.E. (1395)

NICELY marked slim yellow cock, 6/6; three buff hens, 3/- each; approval, deposit: Blakesley, Walton House, Hinckley. (1431)

YELLOW and buff cocks, 7/6 each; yellow and buff hens, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 10/-: Burkhill, Cross, Buckley, Chester. (1438)

GIVING up; one Yellow Yorks cock, three Buff hens, four single breeders, 16/- lot: Brown, 15, Calcutta-st., Bradford. (1420)

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6, matched pairs for breeding: Harris, 9, Whitecross, Richmond, Surrey. (1408)

FOR sale six pairs high-class Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; 65/- the lot; approval, deposit: W. Shepherd, 20, Cygnet-st., York. (1404)

WANTED, long, slim, leggy Cinnamon Ticked Buff Yorkshire hen, unflighted; approval: Walker, Tailor, St. John's, Tunbridge Wells. (1427)

WANTED, surplus stocks Yorkshires for export order; any quantity; send on or write with lowest price: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs.

PRIZE and prize-bred Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, pairs from 10/6: Wraight, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells. (1430)

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YORKSHIRE cocks in full song, guaranteed bred from my show birds, 10/-, 15/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (1404)

BELGIANS, several good cocks and hens, suitable for Yorkshire crossing, cheap to clear: F. Baker, 2, Brooklands, Totnes. (1438)

1913 LONG racy Yorkshire hens, clears, bred from cup winners, 5/- each; others, 4/-; approval: Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester. (1441)

JAMES THOMAS, Bugle, Cornwall, for Yorkshire cocks, 10/-; hens 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval; bred from my champion cups winners. (1425)

LONG, stylish cocks, full song, from 8/6; hens, breeding condition, 5/-, cold room; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill. (1427)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; yellow cock, 6/6; buff, 6/-; yellow and buff hens from 2/6; pairs 7/6: H. Hunt, 25, Swinegate, Grantham. (1424)

TWO young yellow Yorkshire cocks, 7-in. long, two hens to match, 12/6 pair, also few Norwich: Harrison, Regent-st., Bebden Bridge. (1430)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens from 2/6: L. Lamb, 1, Taskers Villas, Church-lane, Carcroft, near Doncaster. (1393)

A FEW good Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford. (1376)

OFFERS wanted few cocks and hens, must clear, overstocked; stamp; inspection invited: H. Brownbill, 29, Mercer-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1437)

MRS. BISCOE SMITH, Garsdale, Emsworth, has some splendid Yorkshires, both sex, her own breeding, best blood obtainable, cheap: approval. (1433)

BUFF cock, 12/-; yellow cock, 12/-; two buff hens and two yellow hens, 8/- each; or exchange: Barraclough, 4, Lime-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford. (1425)

GRAND Yellow Yorkshire cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, related to my cup winner; approval willingly: Smith, 3, Torquay Villas, Rosmead-st., Hull. (1429)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires: I have still a few yellow and buff cocks to spare from my winners, price very reasonable: L. Yates, 71, Rusbes-rd., Petersfield.

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FIVE pairs typical Yorkshires from my winners, 20/- pair or will separate; also a few hens, cheap; breeding condition; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (1440)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 10/-, upwards; hens, 5/-, upwards; bred from prize-winners; satisfaction guaranteed: Reed, North Cross st., Leadgate, Co. Durham. (1379)

NOTICE; grand lot high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

YORKSHIRES

For stock birds, exhibition birds, and songsters, my Yorkshires cannot be equalled at the prices quoted. All in grand breeding condition, and on seven days' approval, at my risk to any part of England, Ireland, or Scotland. Grand selection in clears, ticked, and marked, colour-fed or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold-rooms bred and kept. Just one testimonial out of scores received lately, from 56, Middle-row, Browney Colliery (Co. Durham), Feb. 21st, 1911. "Pleased to inform you that I won first, second, and third prizes with the three birds you sent me. Will recommend your birds to all I know. Wm. Hunter to J. Taylor. Grand yellow Yorkshire cocks at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; buff cocks at 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song and standard length. Pairs, matched to breed own winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/ per pairs. Extra good, lengthy, smart buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Yellow hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All on seven days' approval.

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Grand stock of large Norwich Plainheads at same prices as my Yorkshires. Also Sib.-bred hens, Norwich or Yorkshire type, for light or dark Mule breeding, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Specially selected Yorkshire or Norwich songsters at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, on song by day or gaslight. Inspection invited. All on seven days' approval. Only and old address

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TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1913, cold-room bred, cocks 5/6 and 6/6; hens 3/-; four days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London. (1433)

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GRAND Yorkshire hen, feathered like wax, correct type, and perfectly healthy, ready for nesting, 8/6, 4/6 each; six days' approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, Bennett's strain, hens 3/-; few odd cocks cheap; large two-compartment cage, 4/-; exceptional offer owing to removal; inspection invited: Thomas, 15, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1586)

OBSERVE, grand upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly matched, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cold room kept; 4 days' approval; Particulars: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1287)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires; grand type and quality; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1441)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers few lengthy upstanding buff and yellow Yorkshire hens which are of exceptional merit and real gems, 7s. 6d., 10/-, 12/6 each; cheap at treble; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

W. DOWNING has a few Yorkshires for sale cheap; clears, yellow and buff, cinnamon, dark marks, cocks and hens, 3rd prize yellow marked cock, 15/6: The Hollies, Polygon-av., Stockport-rd., Manchester. (1440)

W. MERRITT, winner Cardiff and Dist. 5-guinea challenge cup, has for sale the whole of my Yorkshire Canaries, several winners amongst them; cocks from 9/-; hens from 5/-; approval: 45, Pearl-st., Roath, Cardiff. (1424)

YORKSHIRES: Three grand pairs, cocks, winners, 20/- pair; three odd cocks, winners, sell cheap, or exchange tools, suits, drapery, hosiery, clock, dress material, cycle covers; offers: Saper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1425)

LONG, slim, upstanding Yorkshire, correct type, cold-room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each: grand lot of young hens, yellow or buff, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1441)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, ready for breeding, some good birds still left, cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 6/-; matched pairs 12/6, 16/-; genuine bargains; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (1426)

TWO unflighted cocks, yellow and buff, 10/6 each; one yellow cock, 7/6; two 1912 hens, buff and yellow, 5/6 each, bred from our winners: see reports Clapham, Stamford, etc.; approval willingly: Anton Bros., Spalding. (1426)

T. C. CRAWHALL, breeder, exhibitor high-class Yorkshires; winner at all the leading shows, including Crystal Palace, can spare a few more at reasonable prices, single or pairs; state wants; approval, deposit: 121, St. George's ter., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1380)

WINNER two cups, gold medal, diploma, clean, healthy, and feathered like wax, only wants seeing, cocks from 10/6, hens 7/6; I will send anywhere on approval to genuine fanciers or beginners; this is my hobby not a dealer: Olive, Plumber, Sittingbourne. (1422)

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No bought or claimed winners here. Every bird absolutely his own breeding, from his strain of 30 years' standing. The oldest, purest, and finest strain in the Fancy. Winner of over 3,000 prizes, including Yorkshire challenge and other cups, championship diplomas, etc., at all leading exhibitions. Again "bang at the top," beating the so-called champions; see reports Bradford National, Crystal Palace, etc. Pairs from 15/-. Inspection invited, or birds sent on approval.—**T. BENNET, 14, Cumberland Road, Lidget Green, Bradford.** (1379)

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KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from the best blood obtainable; three unflighted yellow cocks, over seven inches long, matched to three lovely buff hens, 10/6, 15/-, £1 per pair; worth double; approval, cash or deposit: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (1435)

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CLEAR buff Yorks. cock, winner this season, over 7in. long, make grand stock bird, will accept the low price of 12/6 to clear; yellow hen to match, 5s. 6d.; honestly worth double for one nest alone; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1414)

OVERSTOCKED. Must dispose of clear yellow cock, plenty of length and leg, nice feather, 12/6; clear buff hen, nice quality bird, 6/6; foul marked green cock, nice tight bird, well up off perch, 7/6; clear yellow hen, plenty leg, 6/6: T. Woodall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1440)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, cup winning strain, long, well drawn, leggy, clear yellow cock, 25s.; winner seven 1sts, special best, also his variegated buff hen, 12/6; monster clear buff cock, 17/6; unflighted ticked yellow, 12/6; all cheap at double; can win again; stamp, approval: Potter, Thoresby-st., Hull. (1439)

REDUCING my stock of high-class Yorkshires, as room is wanted for the manufacturing of Steer's Patent Breeding Calendars. I offer some fine typical birds; no rubbish; approval; cold room bred; one price only, 12/6 pair in yellow, buff, or variegated; cash or deposit: J. Steer, 9, Evans-terr., Swansea. (1423)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice clear rich deep fed unflighted Yellow Yorkshire cock, rare upstanding legged specimen, bold head, full neck and of rare length, one of the best and smartest I ever offered during my 33 years in the Fancy; full of quality and of exceptional merit; great winner; accept 40/-; cheap at £5; also another deep-fed yellow unflighted upstanding leggy Yorkshire cock, gem for length, type, and style, winner of several honours, accept 15/-; also typical deep-fed buff cock of equal merits, real gem, 15/-; teeming with quality, worth treble for either showing or stock; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1413)

LOOK HERE FOR YORKSHIRES

Clearing sale for breeding, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, pairs 7/6; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1376)

J. BROOKS

has few pairs to dispose of at the following prices: 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair upwards; satisfaction or money returned in full; inspection invited: 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tonge, Bolton. (1424)

ATKINSON AND FIRTH

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YORKSHIRES

A quantity of high-class stock birds to offer, yellow or buff, or properly matched pairs, single birds 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/-; cash with order: (Miss) Elsie Orland, West Haddon, Rugby. (1432)

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Typical cocks, fit for exhibition, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; all ten days' on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1160)

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES

Important; 3 birds price of 2. Having disposed of surplus, undersized Yorkshires to wholesale dealer, have several more hens than cocks left. Rather than accept dealers' price for same, will give purchasing customers for pairs the benefit by including cock with two unrelated, suitably matched hens, at my usual ordinary pair prices, viz., 12/6, 15/-, to 20/- the 3, until surplus hens are disposed of.; all cold-room bred, reared and kept; all on usual approval; cash or deposit; see previous advertisements: Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. (1384)

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C. A. O'Reilly must reduce stock for breeding season, giving away prices: Lengthy cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; hens, 5/- upwards; pairs, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; at home Saturdays, Sundays: 10, Dolphin-ave., Dublin. (1203)

NO EGG-BOUND HENS

With careful study for years I have mastered the want hens require; Yorkshires in breeding condition from 3/6; cocks, full song, from 6/-; satisfaction guaranteed: Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1410)

H. HILL

has a few select Yorkshires for sale at reasonable prices; can be sold singly or in pairs; 8 very good buff cocks, including two winners, also some nice breeding hens and stock birds, ranging from 10/- upwards, in yellows and buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: 15, Settle-terr., Thornton-lane, Bradford. (1423)

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I can spare a few good pairs, also single birds, from this noted stud; come and inspect them, home all day: 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

THE RIGHT SORT!

to breed winners. Read following success won by a novice with youngsters bred from a pair I sold last April. "Iveagh Buildings, Dublin; Mar. 8. Dear Sir,—I am pleased to inform you of my wonderful success this show season with birds I bred from the pair you sent me: Eight firsts, seven seconds, four thirds; also won solid silver cup, Leinster, diploma best bird in show, Kingstown, and two specials, runner-up medal Y.C.C. of Ireland, and 4th in ring cup competition. I have had birds from others, but never knew what it was to win before, and am, indeed, proud of you and your birds, and pleased to see you have again done well at the shows.—Lawrence Burtenshaw to L. Dykes." The above speaks for itself. This season I have again won the green-marked trophy and gold medal also Yorkshire Canary challenge cup and medal, second in Yorkshire Union, and other honours too numerous to mention, and almost twice as many firsts as any other exhibitor of Yorkshires. This is a record I have accomplished every year for the past four show seasons. If you want to breed your own winners, try my matched pairs at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair; clears, ticked or marked, and every bird in breeding condition; also some big stock cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards, and a few extra good songsters at 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; travelling cages 3d. extra. Inspection invited, or birds sent seven days' approval at my risk, cash, or deposit with Editor; kindly state wants to the old reliable Yorkshire breeder and exhibitor (who breeds his own winners) with a life's experience, which I am only too pleased to place at your disposal at any time: L. Dykes, Reliable Aviaries, 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (1437)

GOOD YORKSHIRE HENS

Am not putting up so many as usual; can spare some of my stock birds at reasonable prices, mostly yellow and variegated, only want seeing: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1385)

OWEN & SON

Yorkshires, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, Cinnamon, green marked and clears, from 10/6 each: 35, Gap-rd., Wimbledon. (1398)

BARGAINS IN YORKSHIRES

Having purchased surplus stock of well-known breeder, can offer exceptionally good cocks and hens at low prices; seen any time or on approval; deposit: cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/6: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1442)

L. C. CASEY

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WINDSOR C.B.A.

Meeting and pair show, March 4. Star and Garter Hotel, when Mr. H. Burfoot judged, and gave every satisfaction. Four members were elected. There was an entry of 28 pairs, some very nice quality birds being staged, especially in Yorks. and Nor., and the judge congratulated the members upon the progress the society was making.

YORKS YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, King; 4, vhc, Turner; hc, Belcher; c, Clark. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Turner; 2, King; 4, Clark; hc Hegley. NOR.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Simms; 2, c, Higley; hc, Belcher. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, 2, Clark; 3, 4, vhc, Tilly; hc, Belcher. MULING PAIRS: 1, Simms; 2, Tilly. Arranged to hold the monthly meetings in future first Wednesday in month at 8, when any one interested will be heartily welcomed. Hearty vote of thanks to the judge brought a very interesting evening to a close.—H. W. Simms.

LINCOLN C.B.S.

Sixth annual pair show, March 7, Central Hall. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. Barnes also said a few words on the exhibits. He said he noticed a great improvement in the birds since he first paid a visit to judge. The winning pairs, both in Nor. and Yorks, were excellent. NOR.: 1, 2, 4, Sisson; 3, Willerton; hc, c, Barnsdale. YORKS: 1, Pinchbeck; 2, Marris; 3, Spurr; 4, Willerton; hc, c, Sindell. MULING PAIRS: 1, vhc, Pinchbeck; 2, hc, Sisson; 3, Hall; 4, Spurr. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, Spurr; 2, Sisson; 3, Hill.—R. W. Sisson.

PARTICK C.B.C.

Meeting and muling pair show, March 6, Foresters Hall. Mr. J. F. Park presided over a grand turn out of members. Business was the arranging of British birds and Mules show which is to be held on April 10, and the following classes were considered adequate: For. Goldf. or Bullf., Brit. Goldf. or Bullf., Linnet, Siskin, Mealy Redpoll Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Greenf., A.O.V. Finch, Light Mule or Hyb., Dark Mule, For. single or pairs. Business terminated, all adjourned to see the show, which Mr. Watson was judging. FOR. GOLDIE. AND CAN.: 1, sp, Fraser; 2, Henry. BRIT. GOLDIE. AND CAN.: 1, Huggins; 2, Fraser; 3, Coats; 4, Park. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, Fraser; 2, Henry; 3, Park. SISKIN AND CAN.: 1, Fraser; 2, Aitkenhead. REDPOLL AND CAN.: 1, Fraser; 2, Huggins; 3, Coats. GREENF. AND CAN.: 1, Fraser; 2, sp, Aitkenhead; 3, Park; 4, Coats. A.O.V.: 1, Fraser.—A. Walker.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting March 5, Friendly Societies' Rooms, a representative attendance. Balance sheet was adopted, showing the society had had a prosperous year's working, leaving a balance in hand of £3 6s. 7½d. Following officers elected:—Pres., Mr. E. F. Nicholson; vice-pres., Mr. J. R. Starkey, M.P., Mr. A. Colefax, Ald. F. H. Appleby, Mr. P. Warwick, Mr. J. T. Parnham, and Ald. W. E. Knight; chairman, Mr. A. Wells (Balderton); vice-chairman, Mr. W. Toynbee; hon. sec., Mr. W. Lidgett; hon. treas., Mr. J. H. Lamb; committee, Messrs. Measham, Fitchett, Staniland (Collingham), Martin (Elston), Hopkinson, Brunning, Burbidge, Ashton (Besthorpe).—W. Lidgett, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

List of officers for 1914 (102 papers went out, 51 returned):—Pres., T. H. Dent, 43; vice-pres., E. Baker 34, W. Aitchison 26, J. E. Davies 25, A. G. Davis 18. Committee R. Braybrook 47, A. Hirst 47, E. Sutton 46, S. Cook 45, J. Rayhurst 44, P. Waring 42, T. Seed 40, J. Trengove 38, J. Raynes 29, T. Johnson 18, W. Booth 12, J. W. Cleminson 11, A. H. Fildes 19, T. Barton, J. Davis 9, W. Spencer 7. Judges: A. Hirst 46, W. Vardy 41, J. Trengove 38, W. Booth 37, J. H. Roe 35, H. W. Buttye 34, S. Cook 34, J. Robson 33, J. Rayhurst 31, T. Seed 29, J. C. Barnes 29, A. Wellings 25, T. H. Dent 21, J. H. Payne 20. Auditors: Messrs. G. W. F. Lythgoe and J. Raynes. Secs and treasurers, Hopkins and Cunliffe.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE.

Meeting Feb. 24, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, Mr. W. Marsland chair. Good number present to witness a washing exhibition by Mr. J. Potts. Mr. Potts lost no time in putting four birds through the process, explaining his method to the members. He used a shaving brush to body, wings and tail, and smaller brushes for the head and neck, as he thought by using small brushes better results were obtained. The birds were subsequently rolled in small cloths and placed before the fire to dry, with their tails nearest to the heat, where they rested for twenty minutes, and were afterwards transferred to a Yorkshire show cage. When they had preened themselves it was plain what a great improvement a wash will make. Mr. W. Marsland was elected pres., Mr. S. Beswick treas., Messrs. Garbutt and Sykes auditors, W. Stafford sec. Four members nominated. Sec. instructed to get new rule cards for next meeting, also to ask fanciers to notice that the radius has been extended to seven miles from the "Rising Sun," Hazel Grove. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Potts brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.—W. Stafford.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Meeting, Mar. 5, Arego Street Hall. Mr. Ballantine presided over a fair gathering. Two new members admitted. Agreed to hold annual show Gundley Street Hall last Sat. of October. Mr. D. Burgess (the well-kuown Scotch Fancy breeder) gave a practical demonstration of how cages should be made. This proved a great treat for the members, and filled one of the most interesting evenings ever held by the society. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Burgess.—C. Graut.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.C.

Meeting and table show, March 4, Reid Hall. There should have been a lecture at this meeting according to the syllabus, which perhaps accounted for so large an attendance, but the sec. failed to get a suitable fixture. The most interesting part of the meeting was the offer of a gold medal for best young Nor. Plainhead, ring number to be registered in member's name. There was a good turn-out of Brit. at table show: 32 entries: Mr. T. Erskine judged. LINNET: 1, Webster; 2, Fraser; 3, 6, Crawford; 4, J. Dunlop; 5, W. Dunlop. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Swan; 2, R. Fraser; 3, T. Fraser; 4, Webster; 5, Sloan; 6, Brown. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Fraser; 2, 6, Webster; 3, Crawford; 4, Dunlop; 5, Hadley. BULLF. HEN: 1, Crawford; 2, Hadley; 3, Sloan; 4, Fraser. A.O.V. BRIT. HEN: 1, 2, Webster; 3, J. Dunlop; 4, W. Dunlop. Members please note error in syllabus for April 8, which should read, Goldf., Bullf., Greenf., Siskin, For. Goldf. or Bullf. One new member made. Vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—T. Penman.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Ninth annual meeting Mar. 2, Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, the chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley, presiding. Seven new members elected, and presentation of a silver medal to Mr. J. H. Bailey for the best bird shown by a novice at the recent pair show took place. Annual show fixed for Nov. 3 and 4. Judges have been appointed. Mr. A. H. Dyke and Mr. H. W. Hobden tied with 27 points each for first place in the judging competitions last year. The well compiled report submitted by the sec. gave an interesting history of the society since its inauguration in 1905, with a little band of 21 members, to the present time, when the membership exceeds that number by 100. The report continued that as a whole the past year had been very successful. In conclusion the secretary tendered to all the members his heartfelt gratitude for the confidence and support given him during his six years' tenure of office, and in vacating the position, as he must through pressure of business, he hoped the same generous support so liberally given to him would be extended to his successor. The accounts showed that a profit of 3s. 5d. was made on the pair show, 3s. 6d. on the young bird show, and a loss of £1 0s. 8d. on the annual show as compared with £8 15s. 5d. the previous year. The general accounts showed the receipts to have been £40 15s. 5d., and the expenses £14 8s. 7d., leaving a balance on the right side of £26 6s. 10d., while the balance-sheet showed the actual cash balance to be £25 13s. 1d. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said he had been asked by the members to ask Mr. Smith to accept an amount of £5 from the funds as a very small recognition and appreciation of the splendid work he had done for the society during the past year, and it would be a great pleasure to them if he would accept it. Mr. Smith, in a few brief words, returned hearty thanks for the little present offered him, and the election of officers was proceeded with, as follows:—Pres., Mr. F. R. J. Piper; chair, Mr. W. H. Stoakley; vice-pres., Mrs. G. Griffiths, Mrs. B. M. Thynne, Dr. Spencer, and Messrs. J. Carson, C. How, E. J. Lamb, J. Robson, P. Rorke, H. Smith, and J. G. Warley; committee, Mrs. M. M. Owen and Messrs. A. H. Dyke, G. Grilliths, J. W. Heath, H. W. Hobden, R. A. Newley, F. W. Owen, and F. Thynne; sec., Mr. G. Griffiths.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 28, "Three Tuns," Eastwood, when a good number turned up, and the business of electing officials for 1914 was transacted. Decided to hold F.F. show "Three Tuns," Eastwood, June 4. The society is now in a very prosperous position, and we have a good balance in hand. Several new members were proposed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Subs. is 2s. 6d. per annum, and all fanciers will receive a hearty welcome.—Smith and Lees, Joint Secs.

NORTH WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual meeting, March 5, Mr. B. Cresswell, chair; 10 members present. Seven members elected. 20 sps. given with five cups, making seven cups in all. Decided to hold annual dinner and concert, April 2, "The Stag's Head" Hotel, Hawley Road, Chalk Farm Road, N.W.; ladies invited. Tickets, 2s. 3d. each. Special committee meeting will take place headquarters, March 19, 8.30. Next monthly meeting "Stag's Head" Hotel, April 9.—W. Sutton, Assist. Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Annual smoker, Feb. 27, Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, when a large and most representative body of fanciers met. Mr. Thomson occupied the chair. After the usual loyal toasts, the musical programme was proceeded with, the following artists acquitting themselves very creditably:—Messrs. Gibson, Houston, Ogilvy, Crawford, Noble, Miller, Ramsay, Hendry, Rousky, and Fogo. Mr. M. Craig proposed the toast of "The Society," which was responded to with much enthusiasm. The toast of "The Press" was proposed by Mr. Park and Mr. R. H. Livingstone, representing CAGE BIRDS, replied. A special vote of thanks was given to the artists for the pleasure they had given, including Mr. Cunningham for his able work at the piano. After a vote of thanks to he chairman, a very agreeable evening was brought to a close.

UPPER RHONDDA C.B.S.

Annual meeting and show, March 5, headquarters, Cardiff Arms, Treorchy. Mr. Thomas presided. Balance-sheet adopted, and leaves us with a cash balance in hand of 19s. 5d., also a gold medal. Election of officers resulted in Mr. J. Curtis being voted to chair, with Mr. E. J. Jones vice-chair, Sec. and treas., Mr. E. Richards. New members elected: F. J. Bees and F. C. Nickolas. A hearty welcome will be given any fancier wishing to join. Pair show was a great success, 75 entries facing the judge, Mr. S. F. Whetton, Cardiff, who gave every satisfaction. Winners of diplomas: Best pair Canaries, Richards, Nor.; Mule or Hybrid, Nickolas; British single, Curtis, Wagtail; Mule or Hybrid, Jones. NOR., YELL., BUFF HEN: Richards. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Bees; 2, Richards. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (18): 1, 3, Richards; 2, Watts; 4, Curtis; 5, vhc, Davies. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (13): 1, Watts; 2, c, Richards; 3, vhc, Curtis; 4, Davies; 5, Bees; hc, James. BORD (2): 1, Watts; 2, James. MULING: 1, Davies; 2, Bees; 3, Nickolas. HYB.: Nickolas. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 3, W. Davies; 2, r., Bees; 4, Curtis; vhc, T. Jones; hc, Nickolas. LINNET: 1, Bees; 2, W. Davies; 3, Bees; 4, Jones. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, W. Davies. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Davies; 3, 4, Jones. SOFTBILL: 1, sp., Curtis. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Jones; 2, Davies; 3, Curtis; 4, Nickolas; 5, hc, T. Jones.—E. Richards.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting March 7, Village Hall, Juniper Green, vice-pres., Mr. Michie chair. Classification for annual show was discussed, and it was decided that we make no alteration. A list of well-known judges was selected and left in the hands of the sec. Following members admitted: Mr. Gibsou, Juniper Green; and Mr. Morrison, Slateford. At the close of the meeting Mr. G. W. Brown, of Leith, gave a very interesting washing exhibition. He had his drying cage with him which made the exhibition all the more interesting. Mr. Brown washed two birds, explaining everything as he went along, and gave hints as to the use of borax and spirits of alcohol. His method of catching the birds before washing induced one of the members to wash the third bird, and Mr. Begbie washed it under the able guidance of Mr. Brown. Although a fancier for close on 40 years Mr. Begbie remarked that this was the first bird he had ever tried to wash, but added that if he were going to keep up with the younger school of fanciers he would have to start, although he was an old man. Mr. Begbie moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brown. He said he had benefited greatly and had no doubt the majority of the members had done no less. Members joined in a very hearty vote of thanks.— J. Napier.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Pair and Finch show, headquarters, Feb. 25, one of the most successful shows held by this society. In Yorks Mr. Britton secured sps. for best champ. Yorks, best pair of Yorks, and best pair of Borders, and Mr. Snook won sps. for best Nov. Nor., best Nov. Bord., and best pair for Hyb. breeding. Mr. Phillips won sp. most points Nov. Yorks, Mr. C. Cooper most points foreign seedeaters, Mr. Marley silver medal most points in Brit. Mr. Vale sp. best Goldf. There was a capital attendance of visitors. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CREST or C.B.: 1, Campbell. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Campbell. YORKS.: 1, two sps, Britton; 2, vhc, Silverthorne; 3, Warley; hc, —, Whittome. BORD.: 1, sp, 2, Britton. NOV. CREST: 1, Taylor. NOR. (8): 1, sp, 2, Snook; 3, hc, Thorn; vhc, c, Taylor. YORKS (9): 1, hc, Humphries; 2, 3, vhc, Phillips; c, Clark. BORD.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Snook. GOLDF. AND CAN. HYB.: 1, Taylor, 2, Snook; 3, Vale. A.O. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Taylor. BULLF. AND A.O. BIRD: 1, sp, Snook; 2, Clark. BRIT.: 1, 3, Vale, 1st Chaffinch cock and hen Greenf.; 3rd Goldf. and Greenf.; 2, vhc, Cooper, Chaff. and Bramblef. HYB., LIGHT: 1, Vale, Buff Goldf. and Can.; 2, Nicholls, same cross; 3, Cooper, Linnet and Can. DARK: 1, Nicholls, Linnet-Can.; 2, vhc, Cooper; 3, hc, Vale, Goldf.-Can. BRIT. HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, Nicholls, Goldf.-Bullf. and Redpoll Greenf.; 3, Cooper, Goldf.-Bullf. GOLDF.: 1, sp, Vale; 2, Marley; 3 Francis; vhc, Clark. BULLF.: 1, Marley; 2, Francis; 3, vhc, Humphries. LINNET: 1, Marley; 2, Francis; 3, Emms. GREENF. (6): 1, Francis; 2, Marley; 3, Vale; vhc, Clark; hc, Britton; c, Coe. BRAMBLEF.: 1, Marley; 2, vhc, Vale; 3, Francis. CHAFF. (7): 1, sp, Marley; 2, Francis; 3, Coe; vhc, Clark; hc, Nicholls; c, Britton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Marley, Twite; 2, hc, Britton, Mealy Redpoll; 3, Emms, Siskin; vhc, Francis; c, Coe. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, vhc, Marley; 2, Francis; 3, hc, Nicholls; c, Britton. BUNTING: 1, 2, Marley, Yellow and Cirl; 3, Clark, Yellow. HAWF., ETC.: 1, 2, Marley, Hawfinch and Corn Bunting; 3, Clark, Corn. F.M. SEEDEATER: 1, Britton, Hawf.; 2, Emms, Goldf.; 3, Marley, Goldf.; vhc, Francis; hc, Coe; c, Vale. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, Vale, Blackcap. LARGE: 1, Vale, Jay. FOR. SEEDEATING: 1, 2, vhc, Cooper, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Bronze Mannikins; 3, Vale, Alario Finch. GIFT: 1, Britton, Redpoll; 2, Maxwell, Siskin.—T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.

HENLEY F.S.

Pair show, Mar. 2, Oxford Temperance Hotel. There was a good attendance and some excellent exhibits. Judge, Mr. F. Dearlove. Amongst those present were Messrs. Church, Emmerson, Buckett, Lovegrove, Cook, Fowler, Street, Smart, Murray (assist. sec.), Machin jun. (hon. sec.). NOR. (open): 1, 2, 3, Lovegrove; vhc, hc, c, Church. NOV.: 1, 3, vhc, Buckett; 2, Fowler. YORKS: 1, 2, Church. PAIRS FOR MULING: 1, 3, hc, H. Cook; 2, vhc, Emmerson. BRIT.: 1 2, 3, Cook. FOR.: 1, 2, Murray. Five new members were elected, and Mr. F. Dearlove gave an interesting and instructive address on the birds shown. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him and to Mr. A. Fowler for presiding.—G. Machin, jnn., Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

General meeting March 2, headquarters; 26 members present. The sec. was able to give a highly satisfactory report of the show, a profit of £4 5s. 9d. being the result. Members elected: Messrs. Maidment, Neville, Cooke, Lees, Welch, Adams, Tomes, and Boyes. Prize-money for show was paid.—W. L. Page, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting March 4, Mr. Heighton chair. Decided that minutes of previous meeting be amended and to read that "Sec. must see rung birds within seven days instead of at the time." Also decided that sec. should help a member who through illness, etc., had to sell all his stock, and that we put up two selling classes (cock and hen), winners to be bought by sec. and presented to said member. Members please make special effort to be present next meeting. Mr. Yates judged table show. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Day. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Day. NOV. CK.: 1, 2, West. HEN: 1, 2, West.—J. Hardbattle.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Washing demonstration March 4. Mr. Payne, of Gloucester, kindly came over and gave a practical demonstration of his method of washing. He showed the way of washing, holding the bird, the parts to take first, and the necessity of getting the soap out of the feathers; also of not drying them too quickly in front of fire. A good number of other members washed birds. One member brought a Blackbird, which went through the washing ordeal in a very satisfactory manner. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Payne, who suitably responded, and complimented the members on the able way they had washed the birds. This closed a most interesting meeting.—W. Pounsett.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Meeting March 5, headquarters, Trafalgar Inn, Kings Cross. There was a splendid attendance, all being enrolled as members, and their enthusiasm augurs well for success. We have now upwards of 50 members. During the evening the officers were appointed: Mr. A. Sutcliffe sec. Rules were drawn up for first ten months, as annual meetings are to be held first Thursday in Feb. It was decided to join the Yorkshire Union. The application is now in the Union Secretary's hands. Subs. fixed at 3s. 6d. per annum, 1s. on nomination and the remaining 2s. 6d. previous to annual show or members will not be eligible to exhibit. Next meeting March 19 at headquarters, when important business will be gone through, including a syllabus for the ensuing year. Fanciers desirous of joining are requested to attend.—A. Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond Street, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual meeting March 7, Plummet Line Hotel, Mr. J. J. Dunn chair. There was a good muster of members. Sec. gave the balance-sheet which showed a slight loss on the year's working, which was considered satisfactory, seeing that we lost a good sum on the annual open show; but there is a good balance in the bank. Officers elected: Pres., Mr. F. Townsend; vice-pres., Messrs. Lord, Macpherson, and Robertshaw; auditor, Mr. H. Lord; sec., H. Clegg; assist. sec., J. Burdekiu; sub-committee, Messrs. Burdekin, Ball, Mottram, Dunn, Helliwell, Pilling, and Lord. Mr. F. Lee proposed, and Mr. C. Senior seconded, that our best thanks be given to all retiring officers for their past services. Proposed that we hold an annual open show Nov. 20 and 21; also that the sub-committee draw up a syllabus for the year, and bring it before members at next meeting, April 5. Seven members enrolled.— H. Clegg, sec.

PORT GLASGOW O.S.

First annual show, Co.-Op. Halls, Feb. 14, a great success, with over 150 entries. Competition in some classes was very keen, and caused the judges no little trouble.

SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, Gemmel. YOUNG BIRD: 1, 2, Gemmel. YORKS. CK.: 1, sp., Boyle; 2, McGaw; 3, 4, Gemmel; 5, Collins; 6, Montgomerie. HEN: 1, 3, Gemmel; 2, Boyle; 4, McGaw. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Gemmel. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Gemmel. CT.: 1, sp., 5, 6, Loudon; 2, 3, Black; 4, Boyle. C.B.: 1 Black; 2, 4, Loudon; 3, Boyle; 5, McGaw. CREST, YOUNG BIRD: 1, 2, Black; 3, 4, Loudon; 5, McGarry; 6, McGaw. YOUNG BIRD. 1, 2, Loudon; 3, 5, Black; 4, Montgomerie; 6, McGarry. NOR., CK.: 1, Loudon; 2, 5, Montgomerie; 3, J. Montgomerie; 4, McGaw; 6, Potter. HEN: 1, Loudon; 2, 5, Boyle; 3, 6, Montgomerie; 4, Napier. CK. YNG.: 1, sp., McGaw, 2, Montgomerie; 3, 5, Loudon; 4, Montgomerie; 6, Napier. NOR. HEN YOUNG BIRD: 1, Loudon; 2, 4, Montgomerie; 3, McGaw; 5, Gemmel. GOLDF. M.M.: 1, Collins; 2, Gemmel. F.M.: 1, 3, McKay; 2, 4, Forrester; 5, Potter; 6, Loudon. BULLF.: 1, sp., Montgomerie. LINNET, H.M.: 1, McKay; 2, McGaw; 3, Montgomerie. F.M.: 1, sp., McKay; 2, 3, 5, W. Montgomerie; 4, J. Montgomerie; 6, Potter. SISKIN: 1, W. Montgomerie. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, 4, McGaw; 2, Napier; 3, 6, Boyle; 5, Douglas. A.O.V. BRIT. CK.: 1, sp., Collins; 2, Springham; 3, 4, W. Montgomerie; 5, Wilson; 6, Douglas. BRIT. HEN: 1, Collins. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp., W. Montgomerie. FOR.: 1, Black; 2, 6, Holmes; 3, Collins; 4, J. Montgomerie; 5, Potter. FOR. GOLDF., OR BULLF.: 1, 4, W. Montgomerie; 2, Mooney; 3, Boyle; 5, J. Montgomerie.—T. Adair, Sec.

SCOTTISH B.B. AND M.C.

Following are winners of trophy and cups: Trophy J. Sykes, 64 points; runner-up, E. Taylor, 58; Inches Cup, D. Roy (Auchterarder). Cup No. 1, Robt. Jamieson (Linlithgow), 100 points. This cup now becomes his own property, having been won three times. No. 2, McIniston and Paterson, 80 points, J. Sykes running them hard with 79. No. 3, J. Sykes, 173. President's gold medal for members who had never won a gold medal was won by J. Allan, and secretary's silver medal for runner-up by D. Roy.—J. Allan, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH & DIST. C.B.A.

First members' show Mar. 3, Quadrant Restaurant, and there was a good entry of pairs, to which the exhibition was limited. Competition was exceedingly keen, bu the judging was in the hands of Mr. House, whose decisions won general approval. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Briant; hc, c, Allen. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, Bousfield; vhc, Mrs. Daldy; hc, Haun. CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Miss V. Onslow. Other attractive events are forthcoming.—L. Hill.

DUMBARTON C.B.C.

First annual pair show, Feb. 26, Parish Church Hall, and 35 pairs of a high order were staged. Owing to illness, Mr. Campbell, of Glasgow, was unable to judge, his place being filled by Mr. Mauchan, who gave every satisfaction. Sp. for best birds in show won by Mr. Campbell with a fine pair of Norwich. Other prizewinners were:—NOR.: 1, sp., Campbell (Helensburgh); 2, 3, Nelson (Helensburgh). BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Gillies (Alexandria). YORKS: 1, 2, McLean (Alexandria); 3, Ritchie. CREST: 1, 2, Ritchie.—J. Currie Sec. (Please write only on one side of the paper.—Ed.)

MOLD F.S.

First show, Drill Hall. Three classes only were provided, but entries came up very well considering the meagre classification. Quality was excellent and condition very good. Sp. given in each class for winning bird. Show well attended, and the sec., Mr. F. Veal, was a very capable official. Mr. E. C. Williams, a well-known fancier, worked well for the show. Mr. R. Bowker (Nantwich) judged. CAN. (16): 1, sp, T. G. Roberts, Yell. Yorks, nice length, very erect, and stylish; 2, Muscott, dark Crest, grand size and subs., nicely centred, dense crest; 3, S. Roberts, Cinn. Nor., grand col. and qual.; 4, hc, Williams; vhc, c, P.C. J. Roberts. MULE (12): 1 sp. T. G. Roberts, grand lightly marked Goldie Mule, good colour and bloom; 2, Francais, large Greenf. Mule, grand shape, rich col. for a buff, fine cond.; 3, Muscott, light Goldie Mule, rich col., smaller; 4, Davies; vhc, Blackwell; c, Valentine. BRIT. (15): 1, sp, c, Boswell, Yellow Bunting, extra size, col. and markings, steady as a rock; 2, Francais, Goldie, nice size, rich square-cut blaze, well tanned chest, nice wing bars and buttons; 3, Smith, Linnet, fine bold shape, sound nutty col., well laced breast; 4, Walls; vhc, Muscott; hc, Seaman.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Show, Mar. 7, when over 60 birds were staged. Mr. Adnitt judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Bescoby; 2, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Bescoby. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Bescoby. BUFF: 1, Bescoby. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Bescoby. BUFF HEN: 1, Harrison. PAIRS: 1, Harrison; 2, Bescoby. NON-FED HEN: 1, Bescoby. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Beardall. BUFF: 1, 2, Beardall. UNFLIG. YORKS. BUFF CK.: 1, Beardall. A.O.V.: 1, Beardall. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, 2, Evens; 3, Lanckham. GREENF.: 1, Bescoby; 2, Lanckham; 3, Harrison. LINNET: 1, Lanckham; 2, Evens. MULES or HYB.: 1, 2, Evens. F.M. BRIT.: 1, Evens; 2, Lanckham; 3, vhc, hc, Tooley. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Bescoby. NOV. NOR. CK.: 1, Carrington; 2, Tooley; 3, Holmes; vhc, Inman. HEN: 1, Inman; 2, Holmes; 3, Tooley; vhc, Carrington. NOV. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Evens; 2, Inman. YORKS. CK.: 1, Inman. HEN: 1, 2, Inman. PAIRS: 1, Owen. HYB. or MULING PAIRS: 1, 2 Evens.—J. Griffiths.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Members' show, Mar. 7, headquarters; 61 birds were staged. Messrs. Mr. L. Dyson, Skelmanthorpe, judged. Messrs. S. and A. Radley won the sp. for best bird in show. YORKS YELL. CK. (5): 1, Lawford and Son; 2, Rhodes; 3, Sykes; vhc, Quarmby; hc, Hepworth. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Radley; 2, vhc, Cawtheray and Son; hc, Beaumont. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Radley; 2, Sykes; 3, vhc Cawtheray and Son; hc, c, F. Sykes. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Radley; 2, W. Sykes; 3, Clegg; hc, S. and A. Radley; c, Atkinson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, S. and A. Radley; 2, Wood; 3, Lawford and Son; vhc, Quarmby; hc, Atkinson; c, F. Sykes. BUFF (6): 1, Quarmby; 2, F. Sykes; 3, Beaumont; vhc, Skinn; hc, Wood; c, Radley. CINN. MKD. CK. (6): 1, 3, vhc, c, Rhodes; 2, Lawford and Son; hc, Wood. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, hc Rhodes; vhc Wood. NOR. YELL. CK. (2): 1 Jackson; 2, Taylor. BUFF (3): 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Skinn. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, Skinn. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Taylor.—A. Lawford, Sec.

Twitterings.

The Inverness O.S. will hold its annual show on Nov. 25.

Llandilo Show is fixed for Dec. 17, writes Mr. H. S. Davies, sec.

Mr. J. Jeffries, Southall, has been engaged to judge Sittingbourne Show, Nov. 11 and 12.

Fourth prize in F.M. Redpoll class at Bathgate should read Lloyd-James, not Lloyd.

We hear that Mr. F. S. Matthes has resigned the secretaryship of the Southern Norwich P.C.

Correction:—In our advt. columns of Feb. 21, under the Brit. Misc. heading, Auty Pershore ought to have read Conly Pershore.

The Sevenoaks Open Show is fixed for Nov. 25. Secretaries kindly note not to clash.—A. H. Westcott, hon. sec.

Dover Show will be held Oct. 21 and 22. Messrs. Abbott and Austin are the hon. secs., and the cage bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Mr. W. F. L. Bremner, sec. Clackmannanshire C.B.S., writes that Mr. T. Arnott, Kirkcaldy, and Mr. R. V. Raine, Cathcart, have been engaged as judges for the show to be held Dec. 5.

I am now secretary for Stirling C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Gillies, Mr. Clubb having resigned. All communications should now be addressed to John Gillies, 33, Newhouse, Stirling. Show fixed for Nov. 14.

Many thanks, accompanied with hearty congratulations, for the welcome copy of the ever-green Cage Birds Annual. May it bring great good luck to all concerned.—A. E. Morris (Fishguard).

I have not missed one issue of Cage Birds for the last 8½ years, writes Mr. F. Hayward, hon. sec. Manchester and N.C.O.S. I have the 1914 Cage Birds Annual, and consider it a veritable mine of information.

Mr. R. L. G. Simpson being compelled to resign the secretaryship of Chester C.B.S., writes Mr. L. Cavanagh, all correspondence in future should be addressed to L. Cavanagh, hon. sec., "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. are having their annual distribution of prizes on March 14 at the Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 7.0, writes Mr. W. H. Symes, sec.; and he hopes that fanciers will bring their friends. There will be plenty of talent to fill the whole evening.

Prize money won at the late International Show has been paid, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec. British Roller C.C., and all the specials sent; also medals won by members during show season; if any member has been overlooked shall be much obliged if he will write me.

"Will secretaries and others, to avoid clashing, please notice that we have fixed our nest feather show for July 11, open show for Oct. 3, and Christmas show Dec. 26," writes Mr. J. Bunn, sec. of Nottingham Permanent O.S.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S. has decided to join the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies. I shall be pleased to receive the names of fanciers wishful to join, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, 46, Eldon-place, Hopwood-lane, Halifax. Sub. is 3s. 6d. per annum, commencing March 12. Next meeting March 12, at 8. Headquarters, Wharf Hotel, Sowerby Bridge.

The "Eastern Evening News," March 8, says:—"What a thing it is to enjoy fame and publicity in the Canary line! The other day our well-known "birdy" expert, Mr. W. Rudd, received a letter which was simply addressed 'W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, England.' The postal authorities had all England to choose from; but they sent it on to Norwich promptly, and 'guessed right first time.' This is a pretty good test of Mr. Rudd's eminence in the Canary world; he has shipped Norwich birds all over the world, and in the last few weeks has despatched the golden little songsters to Mexico, South Nigeria, Russia, Canada, India, South Africa, and the United States. And that's how our yellow birds win world wide fame."

How Waxwings Are Welcomed in Ireland.

According to the "Fermanagh Times," a fine Waxwing has been shot near Blaney on Lower Lough Erne. This novel visitor is the first recorded for Fermanagh, and it presence was probably due to severe weather recently on the Continent, says the paper in question. "Should a second specimen be found in any of the woodlands of the Lower Erne Mr. —— of ——, would give a good price for it for our National Museum, as the first has been unfortunately destroyed." We have omitted the name of the would be purchaser of a slaughtered Waxwing.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite, etc. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

The Coloured Plate of the Goldfinch Bullfinch Hybrid is excellent. G. Hall (Byfield).

Your Palace Show report is the best I ever read, and I've seen a fair lot of them.—A. Gibson (Edinburgh).

At a meeting held Feb. 20, writes Mr. J. Ewart, sec. Thrums C. and C.B.A., Kirriemuir, it was unanimously agreed to hold our annual open show on Dec. 5. Will secretaries kindly note.

I was more than pleased to see in Cage Birds the portrait of my variegated Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 3rd at Bournemouth Show, the first I have had on paper, but I hope not the last. Bournemouth was the first time of showing him; since then he has won at Boscombe, 1st for Goldfinch-Greenfinch. The drawing is a credit to the artist. I thank you for the honour, and wish Cage Birds every success. It has been my friend for the last five years.—E. T. Hames.

The February issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, is of very great interest. A long list is given of finds of reddish eggs of species of birds whose eggs do not usually show this colouration. Numerous examples of recent visits of species rare in our islands are recorded, among them being the Slender-billed Nutcracker, Continental Coal Tit, Pallas's Great Grey Shrike, Tengmalm's Owl, Melodious Warbler, and Indian Stone-chat. Accounts are given showing the wide-spread incursion of Waxwings which has taken place during the winter, and other letters and articles complete a good number.

The February issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the Journal of the Avicultural Society, opens with an article on the Sun-Bittern, by Mr. D. Seth-Smith, F.Z.S., with a beautiful drawing of the bird in display, by Mr. Roland Green, from a photograph by the author. The Marquis of Tavistock writes entertainingly on Foreign Doves at Liberty, with many interesting details as to individual species. Mr. G. A. Heumann contributes an account of a trip in Northern Australia, with notes on Hooded Parrakeets, and many other birds. Mr. H. D. Astley, the Editor, writes of the rare and beautiful Celebean Ground Thrush, and gives a clever drawing from his own brush. The Lady Wm. Cecil sends "A Few Bird Notes from Southern Provence," and Mrs. T. Curry, under the heading "Breakfast Guests," tells of a tame Great Tit.

OBITUARY.

Mr. James Smith, Bolton.

I regret to announce, writes Mr. J. Gerrard, of Bolton C.B.S., the very sudden death of one of our oldest members, Mr. James Smith—"Big Smith," as he was generally known to a large circle of fanciers in Lancashire. He had his tea, apparently in good health, on Tuesday last, and was talking to his wife, when he was suddenly seized and was dead in a minute. He leaves a widow, three grown sons, and a daughter. I am sure all fanciers will sympathise with them in their bereavement.

A Fearless Robin.

Mr. J. Packham writes to the Editor of "Country Life": The Robin has long been a favourite with the animal photographer, but attempts to attract the bird by means of food held in the hand are not commonly made. The secret lies in the fact that Robins are especially fond of sultanas. If some of these are kept conveniently near so that a few may be thrown to the Robin who comes to the door, the bird will soon become a constant visitor, and will gradually acquire enough confidence to take the sultanas from the outstretched hand. Young birds especially give little trouble; even before the ruddy breast is attained the patient photographer may have accomplished his purpose.

"Please thank all readers who sent applications for my birds advertised in CAGE BIRDS of February 14th. I find it impossible to answer all, as I have had letters from all over the country, which speaks well for CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium."—C. W. LILE (Matlock).

"Allow me to thank, through your valuable and widely-read paper, CAGE BIRDS, all applicants for my African Grey Parrot, advertised February 28th. I had 27 letters and cards and three telegrams for her. Sorry I could not reply to all. I sold her on Friday evening to a Bradford gentleman, who came over and took her back with him. I also had a gentleman call from Manchester, and two from Todmorden. So you see how quick your paper must be in the hands of readers looking for birds. I have had three other papers wishing me to give them a trial with adverts. but shall stick to CAGE BIRDS as the "ONE AND ONLY."—W. CROMPTON (Rochdale).

"Allow me to thank all those that answered my advertisement re Yellow Norwich Cock. I have had so many that I am quite unable to reply to them all, and every post brings a fresh batch. I am only sorry I have no more such birds for disposal. I thank CAGE BIRDS and wish it every success"—JOHN HARDIE (Edinburgh and District C.B.S.).

"Kindly thank all who replied to my advert in CAGE BIRDS. I had so many replies that I could not answer them all. Wishing your valuable paper every success."—H. WAKENSHAW (Newsham).

"Allow me to thank those who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, re Cinnamon Hedge Sparrow, as there were too many to write to all. According to the answers I received your paper—CAGE BIRDS—must have a very wide circulation."—J. W. ROBSON (Burnhope).

"Kindly thank the numerous applicants to my last advertisement. I had over 40 replies, which shows what a splendid advt. medium CAGE BIRDS is."—H. J. BUTLER (Pokesdown).

Am in receipt of Diploma, for which I thank you. It is very pretty and artistic, and will make a very nice picture when framed and one I shall be very proud of. The calendars you sent me I have distributed amongst bird-keepers in this district, and I hope this will mean a wider circulation of your valuable paper, which I am sure provides a wealth of information for all bird-keepers.—Sydney S. Brooks (Winsford).

I find, on looking through my prize cards of local and other shows that I have managed to get something like 200 cards, writes Mr. George S. Woodcock (Plaistow), the bulk of which are prizes, and have only sent to one show with no result—not so bad for a novice. I have this season captured a "C.B." Foreign Diploma and Soft-bill ditto. There is not the slightest doubt that a close weekly perusal of "C.B." has assisted me greatly.

The Delusive Promise of Spring.

Under the roof of a building in Peover, Cheshire, a pair of Starlings, "shepsters," as they are known in the district, have made their nest and succeeded in defying the winds that blow across the Cheshire plain; and yesterday they were proudly engaged in watching over three tiny birds, now a week old, writes "W. C." in the "Manchester Dispatch." A nest containing four House Sparrows has also been found. These are, indeed, early birds, but many instances of early nesting are reported each year. A nest containing three Thrush's eggs was found at Alderley a month ago, but the birds did not hatch out the eggs; in fact, the nest was deserted quite early. Few of our smaller birds escape the rigour of the English climate, for the cold winds of March and early April are too much for the fledglings when they are by force of circumstances compelled to forage for themselves.

Photo by *H. Simonett.*

A glimpse at some of the diners at the great annual gathering of Yorkshire fanciers, Market Tavern, Bradford. (See report on page 247.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the Show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 2s/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona fide* one.

England.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.** (T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(L. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bonsfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L. Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.)

Nov. 14.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.)

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Bracken Moor, Deepcar.)

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 57, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.)

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.)

A Useful Catalogue.

Mr. Enoch Tams, the well-known fanciers' provider, of Church Street, Longton, Staffs., has sent us a copy of his new catalogue. Bird-keepers will be hard indeed to please if they cannot find what they desire among the thousand and one things offered in this well got up and profusely illustrated compendium. The now celebrated "White Pottery" is quite a feature, and in this sanitary material is offered bird fountains, egg drawers, baths, nest pans, etc., in every possible variety. Show cages, stock cages, breeding cages, and nursery cages of every conceivable pattern seem to be mentioned, and all the odds and ends needed by the fancier who makes his own cages are offered. Foods for insectivorous birds and seeds for seed-eaters are all procurable from this Whiteley among bird fanciers. A copy of the catalogue should be in the possession of every bird-keeper.

Nestlings, Food & Feeders

A lecture given to the members of Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S. by J. Steel (Dalkeith).

MR. Chairman and Fellow Fanciers: Before dealing with the subject of my lecture I would like to state my appreciation of the good attendance to-night. Many fanciers who could give us useful and most interesting information shun the role of lecturer lest their efforts be wasted on a row of empty forms.

As only one breeding season has passed since, in the columns of your paper CAGE BIRDS, I dealt with the question of infantile mortality in nestlings, and, of course, included the food and feeding, I find it somewhat difficult to avoid repetition, but for the sake of the younger recruits, and lest there should be a fancier present so blind to his interests as not to read CAGE BIRDS, a short summary of my views therein expressed is perhaps necessary.

The Feeding Hen.

I am more than ever convinced that only by a process of elimination (weeding out) can that maternal instinct which prompts a bird to perform the duty of nourishing its offspring be maintained. That such maternal quality is deteriorating is very evident from the largely increasing mortality, due in a degree to bad feeders, also from the demand for new forms of food, in hopes of providing some mysterious element either to supply nourishment to the young or stimulate the hen into a better performance of her duties.

Another proof is the increasing necessity for such hens (generally non-cultivated) as still retain sufficient of their maternal instinct to perform the part of foster-parent to the degenerates, and thus perpetuate the decadence. The difficulty of obtaining reliable feeders even in a common stock is also increasing, though I have the opinion that many failures attributed to the feeder are primarily due to a lack of vitality in the nestling, that being a defect which the difficulty of attaining type compels the breeder of high-class stock to ignore.

If She is a Non-Feeding Hen.

We have also an increasing number driven to the expediency of hand feeding; and there is a large demand for a mechanical contrivance for this purpose. So convinced am I that the remedy lies not in any mysterious combination of foods but in the cultivation of stamina, and the quality of maternal instinct in our stock, that if ever I am forced to adopt the duties of dry-nurse to a brood of degenerate Canaries, a duty which I could never perform so well as an eighteen-penny hen Canary, and so exacting that I would not dream of asking one of my household to do it, that day will mark my retirement from the ranks.

Apropos of this, I was recently the victim of a grim joke. A certain fancier had prepared the following question for me to answer at a lecture: "Having been informed that you use iron as a cure for debility and bad feeding, would you explain what form of iron and what method of administration you adopt?" His informant had already dropped me a card telling me of the impending question, and asking me to "bring a jack-hammer." No doubt this may appear drastic, but it is true nevertheless, that a well applied jack-hammer, or some equally efficient means of thinning out, is sadly needed in many stocks if the degeneracy evident therein is to be arrested before it reaches that stage known as past praying for.

Many Foods. But Egg Food the Best.

Coming, as I do, in contact with many fanciers, I have seen many methods of obviating the evils of debility, some of which might be termed crude, and more suited to the requirements of the barn-door fowl than Canaries, yet when one gets an ocular proof that such unorthodox methods are occasionally successful we are forced to the conclusion that, like the proverbial billy goat which is said to draw the line only at tomato cans, the Canary is a somewhat omnivorous kinder critter, and it behoves us to pause before condemning the preparations we have in the market, as most of them possess a generous proportion of the various essentials for the building up of bone and muscle.

I have tried myself, and watched experiments made by other breeders, with various preparations, some of which purported to solve the question of bad feeding hens, but that any food will solve this question I do not believe. I am certain that some hens will refuse to supply any form of food whatsoever, but I have yet to find a food preparation which equals the combination of hard boiled egg and farina, in the form of biscuit, etc. I have the opinion that much of the success which follows this food is attributable to the preference which the majority of hens evince for it, and this is a point which merits consideration, as, however suitable a food may be, unless it appeals to the taste of the parent its value is nullified. No doubt certain hens have idiosyncratic tastes, and by pandering to such I have myself saved many broods. One breeder who discovered that a certain hen preferred rice pudding to any other food wisely humoured her and saved a valuable brood, and I have recorded many similar instances.

On the other hand, I have lost many in a vain attempt to educate the hen to my ideas of what was best for her young. Only a few seasons ago I was persuaded to try a system which I was assured had proved effectual in rearing a normal proportion, both for my informant and others whom he had persuaded to adopt it. Yet out of sixteen pairs, the majority of which had proved good parents the previous season, I only reared four young, and by reverting to my former method with two of the worst I got two broods of four each successfully reared, and by a continuation of my own method got 94 young the following season. The lesson I learned from this was the futility of persisting, and the experimenter would be wise to discontinue his attempts whenever the hen is seen to feed in that half-hearted manner which spells an arrested development for her young.

Some Useful Recipes for Egg Food.

We have an annual outcry against the use of eggs as a food, but there is scarcely an item in the birdy menu, with the possible exception of Canary seed, but has been condemned by some writer or other. Yet I find that those who use egg in the greatest proportion have extra good results, which is so confirmative of my own experiences that I am resolved to make my future experiments with a mixture containing over 90 per cent. of egg, that being the most favoured by breeders in this district. The biscuit used is known as rice or sponge, generally the former, the recipes for which, having made them twice weekly for years, I am fairly conversant with. The best quality rice biscuit is made thus: 14 eggs, 14 ounces of sugar, 1 ounce of flour, 4 ounces of ground rice. That is, only 5 ounces of farina, and when we consider that in preparing the food a further addition of over three parts by weight of hard boiled egg is made, it will be seen that the combination is almost entirely egg.

Sponge biscuits contain more flour; the best grade recipe being 2¼ lbs. of flour, ½ ounce of bicarbonate of soda, 1 ounce of cream of tartar, 1½ lbs. of sugar, 15 eggs. It will be seen that the former is much the better value, and the rice is a valuable food, its anti-diarrhœtic effect on nestlings being well known. The fancier who cannot obtain these, or proposes making them at home, need not make a biscuit form, as a cake is a much more convenient, and if cut into small squares and well dried in a cool oven keeps well.

I have also made a plainer variety, but I would caution breeders against the use of so-called sponge biscuit which emanates from some of the big factories, as in some of these a vegetable dye replaces the eggs, and the sweetness is in some cases derived from a mineral product having no nutritive value.

I have had good results from the use of Osborne Biscuits and egg, and even better by using a biscuit which I made for the purpose and which should be worthy the attention of any baker in a district of bird fanciers. This was made from the following recipe: 3 lbs. prepared or self-raising flour (or ordinary flour and baking powder may be used), 1 lb. finest ground rice, 6 ounces of best butter, 4 ounces of cod liver oil, 8 ounces soft sugar, pinch of salt. Method: Make a well of the flour, place the sugar, oil, and butter therein, and cream them well together with the hand then rub the lot into the flour till properly incorporated, make the well again, and add as much cold water as will make a stiff biscuit dough, give a thorough knead up, and let it lie for a while, then either roll out or machine off in the usual manner, prickle right through, and bake on wires to a nice fawn colour in a fairly hot oven. The cost of the above material is a little over 1s. 6d., and if sold at 8d. per lb. would leave a fair margin of profit. These, used in the proportion of 1¼ ounce to each hard-boiled egg, will be found to make a good food for nestlings, and equally suitable for mixing with colour food. I myself have repeatedly had hens rear nests of six on this, though they were unaided by the cock.

If the hen refuses her duties the young may be saved, as is being done by the lady reader here seen.

I always supply best Canary, hemp (uncrushed), and German rape in addition, increasing the supply of hemp as the brood gets older, and when weaning off supply crushed hemp, freshly prepared twice daily, till I observe from the husks that they are able to shell Canary seed, when I gradually reduce the supply of hemp and also the proportion of egg in the food.

(To be continued)

BIRD-ROOM APPLIANCES EXPLAINED.

By H. NORMAN (Carshalton.)

(Continued from page 217)

ANOTHER rather ingenious hopper for a flight shown in Fig. 15, is constructed out of a large mustard tin. It holds a considerable quantity of seed, and with its use there is scarcely any waste. It is long enough to hang over several pot holes or at the doorway, the door being raised an inch or so to allow the birds to feed. If enamelled, this hopper does not look at all like a home-made article.

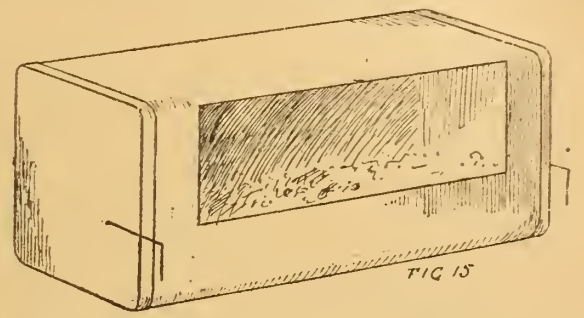

FIG 15

We now come to another very important item in the fittings of the bird room, that is the water vessel. We will take the common tin or zinc drinker first (Fig 16 F), one that is not generally made much use of in the breeding room, but certainly very handy for the show cage. It is a very useful little drinker, but always liable to leak and leave a bird some hours without water. This has been somewhat overcome by constructing one of zinc, which is not so liable to rust, but many fanciers have a very strong objection to using zinc vessels of any kind, and so they are not much in favour.

Of glass drinkers there are many kinds, and some of them are depicted. The oldest pattern is the one with a top to it, marked A. This has been in use a number of years, its chief merit being that the water is not contaminated by dust, but on the other hand it is rather difficult to clean thoroughly.

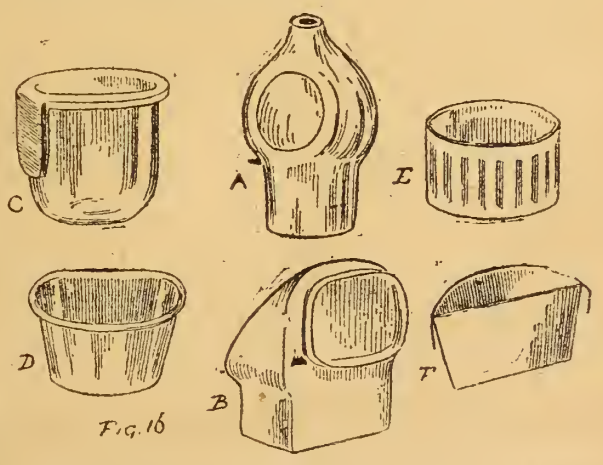

FIG. 16

Another at B, which is an improvement on the above is made with a rather larger opening, and the interior corners somewhat rounded. This form of drinker is used by many successful fanciers, but is hardly so popular as the one at C, which has no top, but is smoothly rounded inside, and is therefore easily kept clean. If they are put into a basin of soda water once a week and thoroughly rubbed round, they are as clean as, or cleaner than when first purchased. Fanciers should see that they purchase those made of English glass, as they are far superior, and cost very little more.

At D is a flat sided drinker on practically the same lines, but not so nicely rounded inside The drinkers depicted at C are made in various sizes, the smaller ones being chiefly used for Borders, or for sick birds, as they contain much less liquid. The round glass drinker at E is mostly used for the same purpose.

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By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 215.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

IF they are from the old cock paired with a daughter, then the quality is on the old cock's side. If from the mother paired with her son, then the quality of the old hen predominates.

Assuming the latter to be the case, and it is desired to further inbreed, select the best singing young cock from this second cross of son and mother, and mate it with the old hen, and a nest sister to this young cock and pair it to the old cock. In this cross of son again to mother, you are gradually working the blood of the young stock back again to the quality of the old hen. In the other case of grand-daughter to the old cock, the good quality of the old hen is being transmitted into the blood on the old cock side.

On the other hand, if the good quality is noticed in those youngsters that were produced by pairing daughter to sire, such good quality is on the old cock's side; this is easily to be understood, because the dominant factor is the preponderance of the blood of the old cock. If you wish to further inbreed from this cross of daughter to sire, select a nest sister to the best singing young cock, and pair it back again with the old cock. By this inbreeding you will cultivate the good tours, endeavouring at the same time to eradicate the faulty ones, by choosing only the best specimens to breed from.

Strong healthy birds only should be used, and it is not wise to carry this interbreeding too far, or the stamina of the stock will suffer. As there is high-class stock on the market, that approaches the ideal Roller, there is little besides experience to be gained by inbreeding with common stock, and this will be no more than a "mere side line" in the production of the better class Roller.

Does the Standard require Revision?

Our ideal has been set by a standard of points to be awarded for the good tours, a number of points to be deducted for the faulty ones, and a number to be awarded for what we call the general effect; which means the way the bird sings its song. It is of little use to give the present standard, as there is a general impression that it requires alteration. It is certain that a sufficient number of points cannot be given by this standard to reward some birds for the style they will sing one or another of the good tours, and the only way out of the difficulty at present is to tack a point on in the "general effect" as a reward for this good quality. If the new standard is set before these articles are completed, I will give an outline of it for the benefit of those fanciers who live in isolated districts. Their lot, from my point of view, is a hard one, in many instances there is no Roller society within reasonable distance, and if they become members of the nearest society, it is not often they can attend any of the club's meetings.

The best time of the year to purchase hens is during the autumn, say from September to November. By this time the moult should be completed. Only strong, healthy, clean, moulted birds, i.e., those that have completed the moult, should be chosen. The eyes of a healthy specimen are clear and bright. It is of a lively disposition, the movements are brisk, the bird is practically always on the move. The breast should be plump, and not sunk in on each side of the bone. The stomach should be more compressed than the breast, and should not be rounded as though it contained an egg, as this tells of bowel trouble. An ailing bird will show signs of illness by its dull and listless appearance; it sits quietly with ruffled plumage, the eyes are dull, and the breath is taken heavily.

No Particular Age Limit.

The age of the birds must be left to the discretion of the purchaser, but if two-year-old hens can be obtained that have proved good mothers, it will be an encouragement to a new fancier; and many of the little difficulties connected with young hens will be avoided. Some young hens will go about their business like an "old hand," while others will only give their chicks sufficient food to maintain their existence, consequently they are only skin and bones, whereas layers of creamy coloured fat will cover the backs, flanks and stomachs of those fed by a good hen.

The Folly of Over-taxing the Hens.

Hens that have reared, unaided by the cock, more than three nests of youngsters in one year should be rested, as further breeding would prove a great strain on their stamina, and might render them useless for the following year's breeding. In fact, two nests of youngsters from a hen in one year are quite sufficient, so as to give her an opportunity to recuperate and commence the moult in the proper season. She can then be reasonably expected to be again fruitful in the following year; but some fanciers will not see the policy of reasonable treatment; their motto is to get all out of a bird in one season, then sell it off, for some one else to have the trouble with.

I have argued time after time with fanciers on this subject, because I contend that it amounts to nothing more or less than selfishness. One of my own best feeding hens is wearing the closed 1907 B.R.C.C. ring, and last year she laid 15 eggs in two nests. Another good feeder is rung 1909, and another 1910. Taking the treatment the latter hen has received, I look on her yet as quite a youngster.

It is only under exceptional circumstances that hens should be allowed to go to nest after the third or fourth week in June, for where they are allowed to breed late in the season the young often get neglected, as the hen's energy begins to lag, and if she breaks into a moult while her brood are helpless in the nest, it is an off chance of them ever being reared.

Early Youngsters the Best.

It is also exceptional for very late bred youngsters to be useful for the following year's breeding, they will not be matured, and, even should they breed, strong stock is not to be expected from immature parents. I wish you to realise the value of two or three nests in one season, as against four or more, so that you may send out to your customers a class of article that you would not scruple to use in your own breeding cages, otherwise you will not find a market again with that customer, or any of his acquaintances.

Cock birds should be purchased from November to January, the early bred birds will be nicely in song by November, yet will not have a fully developed song, and a few more months will make a deal of difference to the depth and fullness of tone. Birds that are not in full song by January cannot be expected to give satisfaction in that year's breeding, but this should not preclude the purchase of a good class songster, as it will pay to keep it over for the following year, and in the meantime use it for a tutor.

Where to procure the birds is left to the discretion of the buyer, for it would not be just to recommend one advertising breeder or dealer in preference to another. Where satisfaction has been previously obtained, either to yourself or any of your acquaintances, I would certainly say deal with that party again if he has anything to suit you.

In dealing with a stranger it is advisable to use the deposit system; this is often a safeguard to both parties, and no reasonable objection is likely to be raised against this system of selling birds of a moderate quality, although some fanciers object to sending contest birds out on approval; and especially to strangers. A great deal may be said in favour of this objection; in many instances a few simple instructions as to their treatment have been sent with the birds and these have been totally disregarded, others will keep them over the stated time of approval.

Not so Sick as it Seemed.

I once sent a contest singer out on approval, with instructions how the bird had been fed, and the conditions under which it had been kept. The time of approval was allowed to expire, and several days after the proper time I received a letter informing me that the bird was being returned as it was ill, and the consignee did not wish it to die on his hands. I found the bird suffering with its bowels, and had it not received prompt treatment it would have turned to inflammation. Under the circumstances I concluded that some unsuitable food had been given, but I got the bland reply that my instructions had been carried out. I afterwards bred from this bird, and probably the gentleman that returned it will be pleased to know that it won its new owner 2nd prize and a silver medal at the last Leeds contest.

Had I the permission I could quote other cases where sellers of contest birds have been treated very shabbily by would-be purchasers, but I have shown a good reason against sending valuable birds out on approval. This does not mean that you would be buying a "pig in a bag," because they should be guaranteed to be as represented, and if they do not come up to the representation then there is good reason for their return.

If it is convenient make a personal visit to the breeder's rooms, and with his assistance choose your own birds. In any case do not fall into the error that is characteristic of the beginner and apply for a pair of yellows; of course, this would be quite all right were the birds suitably matched from a song point of view, but our Roller is a poor yellow compared with the yellow Norwich or Yorkshire Canary.

No Especial Virtue in Markings.

Some buyers prefer green and variegated birds, as the opinion seems widely spread that these are stronger than the buffs. There is only one difference that I have found, and that is the great majority are deeper in tone of song than the light coloured bird. Another will require a low sweet singer without any harsh notes, and still another will ask for one that holds his rolls out well, but must not sing any objectionable notes because it is wanted for a schoolmaster. I have received these and other enquiries, and in nearly every case the one stipulation has been made that they do not wish to go to much expense.

It should be understood that all faulty tours are more or less harsh or objectionable to the ear, so in valuing a bird we must give consideration to its breeding, also the quality and variety of the good tours, as a set off or recompense for the faulty ones. So, generally, a low sweet singer, without harshness, or a schoolmaster that holds its rolls out well without anything objectionable, does not come under the category of a cheap songster. The average breeder has not the time at his disposal to explain the why and wherefore to every enquirer, unless he burns the "midnight oil," and I believe many of us have to do it.

There is no uniform method of packing live birds for a railway journey. Some will use a wooden box with a few ventilation holes, others a box with a wire front; both answer the purpose well on a short railway journey, or where the birds are travelling during the night to be delivered early the following morning. The Germans are ahead of us, and have invented what up to the present constitutes the ideal Roller travelling cage and case. The small stick cage with the stone drinker and seed hopper is so well known that description is unnecessary. The case is made of strong cardboard, with a circular hole in each end, about one and a half inches in diameter. Glass is fastened over the holes from the inside, which gives the bird sufficient light to feed en route. They are a great improvement over our old-fashioned method of using a brown paper covering, and can be obtained from any of the dealers who specialise for the Roller Fancy.

A few lines of advice in despatching or receiving birds by rail will probably be welcomed. Where the German stick travelling cage is used, instead of filling the water fountain with water, which would certainly be spilt en route, pack the fountain with a piece of sponge, and pour as much water over it until the sponge is full and the fountain about half full; this will keep the sponge moist and there will be no danger of the bird suffering from thirst.

Another method, and one which I much prefer to using a piece of sponge, is to pack the drinker with bread that has previously been soaked in boiling milk, and to pour sufficient milk over it to keep it moist. If the sponge is used a piece of this moist bread should be put into one end of the seed hopper; and the seed in the other. Birds are very fond of this bread and milk, and often it is the only thing left for them, as the seed gets upset on the journey, and works out of the cage into the wrapper.

The by-laws relating to the carriage of birds by rail will differ on some railways. I dispatched a bird from one of the London Brighton and South Coast Rly. Co.'s stations to the Crystal Palace, and the fee was fourpence; whereas the fee that appears to be adopted by the provincial railway companies is fourpence for a consignment weighing up to 1lb., and 50 per cent. extra because of the frail nature of the consignment.

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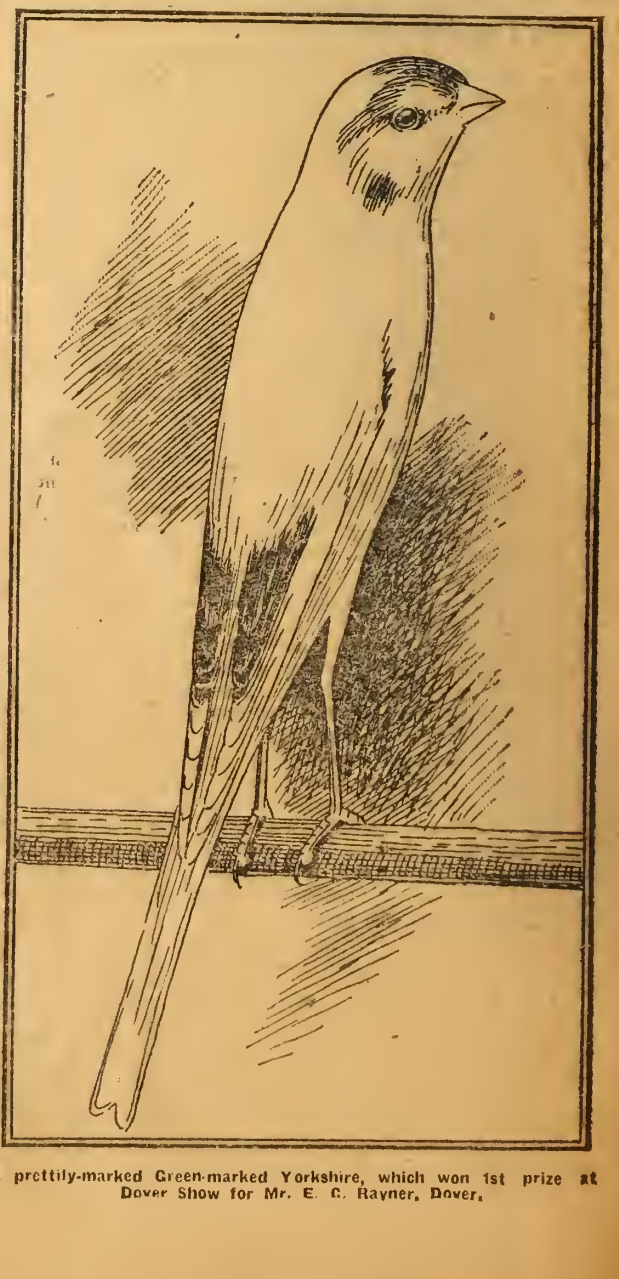

A prettily-marked Green-marked Yorkshire, which won 1st prize at Dover Show for Mr. E. C. Rayner, Dover.

Why Some Norwich Plainhead Canary Breeders Fail.

A FEW "STRAIGHT TIPS" BY Mr. E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

Continued from page 134.

WELL, now we have reached the point of proper management versus mismanagement of Norwich Plainheads. On the one hand, we have the successful breeder, his birds and household just one harmonious whole. I shall experience no difficulty in persuading you that our healthy, bright, vivacious and well-managed Plainhead is a wonderful little chap, whose moods (and he has them) are easily interpreted by the successful breeder. Joy, sorrow, anger, disappointment are a few he experiences, whilst anticipation, realisation and gratification are also clearly expressed and easily interpreted from his manner and pose.

The Importance of the Stud Book.

Nevertheless, the successful breeder, although he has to deal with so versatile a character, makes no mistake. The value of his stock is appraised under normal or usual conditions. At a certain season of the year he carefully confides every detail of moment to his stud book, in which he notes for future reference the failing head, weak neck, lack of substance, slackness at thighs, and all the other more or less minor faults he knows he has to battle with, and which he will fight successfully, for is not his foundation built upon solid cold facts? With his stock always properly managed, and with his books, which are the servants of his brains, we may well leave him, for success is already his, or will surely be so.

How fares it with our beginner in the Fancy—he who is happy in the possession of previously mismanaged stock? If you are a bosom pal of his, he will tell you in all seriousness: "I really ought to succeed, for no one could have pairs of better stock than I—why, some have even won upon the show bench!" Nice, bold, round skulls; short, thick necks; wonderful substance; well cleaned out at vent, and no slackness at thighs, he says is the rule, and not the exception, with his stock. Little does he realise that their seeming excellence may eventually prove his undoing.

When Defects Begin to Show.

If he be a beginner of the younger generation, he will almost surely have primed himself with some reliable knowledge as how best to feed and tend his stock. With the near approach of the breeding season, however, he notes the more lengthy body, wings and tail, the tightening plumage which has disarranged the hitherto neatness at vent and thighs. A nasty frill has developed down the breast, even the nice, bold, round skulls have now a pinched or narrow entrance, and although these are faults which have always existed in the stock, he now attributes them to merely normal breeding conditions.

Only, however, in a measure is this so. As he carefully and methodically tends his stock, and successfully rears a crop of youngsters, he is serenely happy. "No one could have started better than I," he hums to himself, and the writing upon the wall, decipherable even though covered with the dust and dirt of the experiences of many generations of good and true fanciers, is not interpreted. But the moulting season has passed, and though he searches his stock with hungry but impartial eyes, nothing of merit can he find. Nor can even his more experienced and successful pal find anything for him.

"Really," he says to the sharer of all his joys and sorrows, "I cannot make it out. My birds have been doing well, but something seems wrong. The old birds are not worth looking at now; they seem full of faults. As for the youngsters—well, I am disappointed. If this is Plainhead breeding, when one starts with real good, expensive stock like I had, what must it be like when one starts with rotters? Still, I must not mind; matters will no doubt improve with another season."

Hoping Against Hope.

With the introduction of another hitherto consistently mismanaged bird or so into his stud, which he rearranges after much careful study, he hopefully plods into another season. But the writing upon the wall is still unheeded, and no progress can be recorded. So presently another promising fancier quits the Fancy, broken in spirit and ashamed. If sometimes one could read his innermost thoughts, one would find them run like this: "So-and-so is an artful old dog; never sells his best stock." The character of even the painstaking upright judge is dimmed in the sight of this erstwhile Fancier; the hard-working steward, the Railway Co., the Seed Merchant in a small but honest way of business, even his bosom pal, are all unjustly blamed, and his whole outlook upon the Fancy is distorted or warped. Why? Simply because, when he entered into his stud book those particulars, "Nice, round, full skull; short thick neck; wonderful substance, etc." they did not exist. The very fulness and roundness of skull, and short thick neck are only due to the general slackness of feather, the outcome of mismanagement; the wonderful body substance to a ball of fat; the neatness at vent and thighs merely to the tightness of the abdominal skin, distended almost to rupture because of the layer of fat beneath it. In short, the whole fabric has been built upon deception; a quagmire which has engulfed thousands of beginners. Indeed, very few escape.

Be Wise in Time.

My friends delight to "pull my leg" about my "hurry" when I declare about the end of October that I have provisionally paired my stock for the next season. They will now, I think, realise that in doing so I am merely seizing a fleeting opportunity during the lifetime of that opportunity. At that period of the year I realise that I can with more accuracy than at any other enter into my stud book the good and faulty features of my stock. Good features are truly noted, and consequently nurtured. Failings are similarly noted in their varying degrees, and counterbalancing influences for progress towards perfection applied. No "perfections" that do not exist, or exaggerations, are recorded. I just want plain facts in my book, obtained when the birds are as nearly as possible normal, and not in February or March. And facts of this order will allow you, readers, as they have already allowed me, to declare that 50 per cent. of my success as a breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads is attributable to the careful mating of stock each season, but, lest you forget, matings based upon the outcome of proper management, not mismanagement.

Sometimes, as I review the happenings during the show season, methinks I can read into the very awards of our judges this menace to our typical, well-managed Plainheads. Our fat, flabby, apathetic creation, with his fictitious good points, is scared into a hop, now this way, now that, and "Yes, he has it," says someone. The judge seems to see only the fictitious excellence which is visible—yes, now and to-morrow, and even the next day, a lying mockery of the breed. But it is not always so, my friends. I regularly peruse my CAGE BIRDS, and I ofttimes read "First, a gem, seldom is a Plainhead exhibited with such true Norwich properties, etc." Then I realise that from the struggle our properly managed, vivacious Plainhead has emerged triumphant, and I am happy. Though I have taken you a long journey to tell you a simple home truth, I trust there is no suspicion of weariness, but an awakening which will be reflected in some progress of the breed.

Nurturing the Novice.

It may be well, perhaps, to review a much debated feature, i.e., the novice and his position of to-day. Never in the history of the Fancy have so much time, thought, energy, and cash been devoted in an endeavour to nurture some of these tender babes; and never in the history of the Fancy has there been rampant the discontent which rules to-day.

Why? Well, each year marks the entry into the Fancy of hundreds of novices, each inspired with the desire to spend his or her spare time in a peaceful happy hobby, in a peaceful happy way, and for which they have (or think they have) some natural aptitude, with no idea of any profit financially. Others (and these are many) are inspired solely by ambition, a genuine desire to climb from the bottom to the top rung of the ladder, also with no thought of financial profit. Others commence with a desire to combine both—i.e., ambition and profit, and others again merely for profit. We make them all welcome—alas, too welcome!

We simply do all we can (don't include your humble, please!) to deflect their attention from the real task that is plainly and certainly ahead of each beginner. An imposing halfway house has been provided.

Sounds of sweet music and revelry are wafted from within, through the ever open door. Is it any wonder that our novice decides to halt and rest by the way? Once inside, he has a look round, and then ejaculates: "Well, this is a treat! Specials and other handsome prizes galore; actually whole sections for myself and others no better than myself!"

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MODERN CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS FOR THE NOVICE.

By THOMAS LANE (Barnstaple).

(Continued from page 169.)

THIS may be right or wrong. We prefer to know what their parents were like. Perhaps the father of their best Crested cock was also a Crested cock, and rough in feather through being double crested. The mother of their best Crestbred hen (to be paired to the best Crested cock) may also be a Crestbred hen bred from two light birds and short in frontals. What would you expect from such a mating? A good bird might turn up but another half-dozen would certainly put in an appearance, which would be real rotten. Having been through the mill, I know.

On the other hand, if your best pair were a Green Crested cock bred from a Clear or Ticked Crestbred cock and a Variegated dark-crested hen and your best Crestbred hen (to be paired to the above cock) was a clear or ticked bird bred from a clear bodied dark-crested hen and a Green Crestbred cock you would get something worth looking at, provided their parents, crests were clean and smooth at the back of the head.

Here you have an equal blending of the Crest and Plainhead blood, i.e., Crested cock, Crestbred hen, Crestbred cock, and Crested hen, together with the blending of the light and dark feather. It stands to reason that the brood from the above pair would be of infinitely greater value not only to the breeder himself but to whomsoever he may sell them. We know their pedigree—hence their value.

Now, supposing the novice, having bred a few youngsters from his bought pair or two, should select two or three sisters, if he is lucky enough to breed them. I have bred four Crestbred hens in one season from the same pair—Crestbred hens for preference. These are better breeders and much cheaper than good Crested hens, which are somewhat scarce as a rule. If you have a sister—or Crested hen, and she is a nice one, with a smooth, well-formed crest, you can try her as well if you are short of Crestbred hens.

If you select two Crestbred hens, bred from your purchased birds, these latter should be a Clear or Ticked Crestbred cock and a Variegated or Green Crested hen. For the two Crestbred hens you should get from two well-known breeders two Crested cocks, and, if possible, they should have been bred from a Crestbred cock and a Crested hen, as I mentioned before.

The youngsters from these matings will, of course, be cousins. The following season you pair the best of the cousins together, blending their properties of head and colour, as I told you previously.

"I do not recommend the pairing together of two light birds. They not only breed a large percentage of light-plumaged progeny, if any at all, but as a rule the birds are very weak." This was given as his experience by a very old and widely-known breeder when asked for his opinion on the subject.

On the other hand, you can put two Greens together with the best of results. The youngsters of this mating are not only heavily feathered, but larger in body and head, and possess, in addition, that long, dense, veiny feather so much admired by fanciers. These double greens, when paired to light birds the following season, produce young of the highest quality. Some of them, the big and strong ones, can be paired back to the original parents, if their heads and colour will match, and the novice will be pleased with the result.

In selecting your young Crested birds for stock see that they have well-formed, drooping crests. Avoid those with thin airy feather, and that roughness at the back of the head which is usually known as "hocus." This is a very bad fault, and should be avoided as much as possible. Roughness occurs sometimes in the best of strains, so don't breed for it.

When choosing your Crest-breds see to it that they have large domed skulls, good wide entrance, and in the cocks, they should be well lashed. The head feather should be dense and long, turning well over the beak, and see that the entrance feather, viz., the feather growing at the base of the beak, is also long. A short feather here often produces weak frontal crests in your young birds unless paired to crest with very heavy frontal. Avoid then this fault as far as possible when selecting your stock.

Have your Crests and Crest-breds with good Bullfinch type bodies—the feather, though heavy, should be clean and smooth to the body. Roughness and untidy body feather often go together with rough crests, so steer clear of this, too, as much as you can.

I should not advise the novice to double-crest his stock until he has gained sufficient knowledge to know what he is doing it for. As far as I know I do not think it is done for the sole purpose of getting more Crests than Crest-breds. If you get more Crested youngsters from such a union you will find that the majority of them are very rough at the back of the head, and some devoid of centre. Undoubtedly it is done by many breeders for the purpose of getting substance of crest feather—they generally pair birds with perfect crests, and not too dense in head feather to gain the point.

Some fanciers are of opinion that the Crest-breds bred from double Crests are the more valuable. These Crest-breds, when paired back to Crests (bred in the ordinary way, viz., Crest to Crest-bred), often produce young of the first water. With regard to double Crest-bred mating, I have only had one experiment, and this was only done to prevent the Crest-bred cock from breaking his heart. He, like many mortals, had lost his wife (but too early in the season!), so to console him, or, rather, to stop him from singing his head off, I paired him to his neighbour, a Crest bred hen, on the reserve list.

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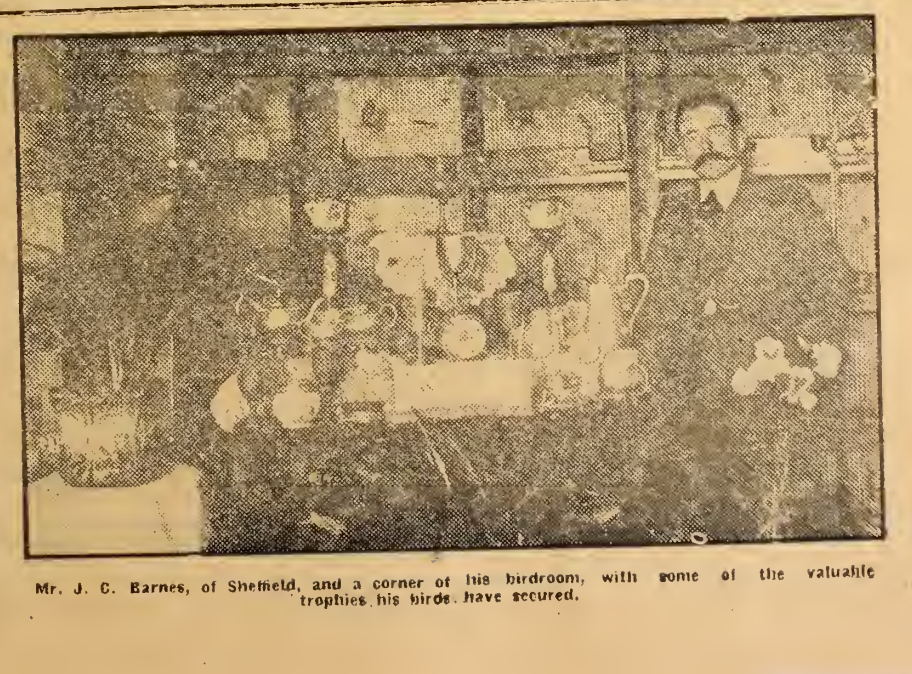

Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, and a corner of his birdroom, with some of the valuable trophies his birds have secured.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CRESTED NORWICH AILING (Novice, Stoke Newington).—See reply to "B. H. G." in this issue, and treat the bird the same as therein advised, but in addition give a small stool of young growing dandelion as advised to "McTartan," three times a week. Also be particular to see that the bird is free from exposure to cold draughts, and other exciting causes of colds.

FEATHERS RUFFLED UP (A New Beginner).—Treat bird for three weeks the same as advised to "McTartan" in this issue—one week on the plain spare diet with salts in water, and then a fortnight as named at end of that reply. If the bird seems to have no more power in its voice at end of that time, you may treat for a fortnight the same as advised to "B. H. G." in this issue, which should set matters right. See that it is not exposed to cold draughts.

ROLLER WHEEZES (Pomona, Sheffield). I am afraid the career of this bird is pretty well ruined The open cage near the window may really be at the root of the mischief. Keep it in a box pattern cage, in a bright, cosy position, quite free from draughts or extreme fluctuation, but not necessarily overheated. Treat as advised to "M.C." for three or four weeks until the moulting is stopped, but give the quinine solution every second day only, and on the alternating days give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together in the water. Report progress in a month, and refer to this reply, when I will advise further, if necessary.

CAUSE OF BLINDNESS (S. Ward).—Cataract is the cause of your bird going blind. There is no cure whatever for the disease in birds. The bird will live happily enough in its way if properly treated, and after a time will probably sing fairly well. A similarly affected bird which I gave away as a pet some time ago, sings quite well, and has even been taught the clever trick of "drawing its own water supply" as required. I cannot tell whether the smoke from the fire would cause the trouble without knowing in what way, and to what extent, it is exposed to smoke. But no bird kept under proper conditions should be exposed to such a thing.

NOT SINGING AND DROPPING FEATHERS (M. C.). The loss of feathers is rather significant, and may give the clue to the loss of song. See that the bird is kept in a bright, healthy position, well aired, but free from cold draughts or extreme sudden fluctuations. Do not hang it near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. Having attended to these points, give, in addition to the staple of plain canary, half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal part summer rape, hemp, millet and teazle, and also a morsel of banana, every second day for two or three weeks. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on these days also give two crisp tender leaves of dandelion. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine and give 20 drops of this in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping.

SITS PUFFED OUT (Jake).—You should have said what the treatment you gave consisted of. Should it happen to coincide with what follows, write again and say so, and repeat particulars, when I will give you a different course. Meantime, go on with this. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give every second day for a fortnight a piece of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw, and a stool of young growing dandelion, as advised to "McTartan" in this issue. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Also give the same medicines in the water, and in the same order, as advised in the reply referred to.

PLUCKING OUT FEATHERS (Novice).—(1) Are you quite sure the hen plucks the feathers out? Unless you have absolute proof of it, I very much doubt it. If you have such proof, examine the bird for grey lice, and if any are found, hand-wash her twice, with an interval of a week between, and in the two first waters used add a little creolin in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of water. Also wash out the cage with a similar solution on each occasion whilst bird is drying. If the suggested proof is wanting, treat the bird the same as advised to "M.C." this week. (2) Here, again, I think the loss of the tail was natural instead of accidental—that, in fact, both birds are having a partial moult. Treat same as No. 1, and if not better in about three weeks, write again and repeat particulars.

WEAK ON LEGS (Star).—First of all see whether the claws are overgrown in such a way as to hamper the bird's movements, and if they are trim them to a proper length. Also see that the perches are of a proper size and shape, firmly fixed, so as not to wobble about, and make them of a nice soft wood. In addition to the staple seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water, using water that has been well boiled and allowed to get cold again. Give a little crisp young dandelion daily, for which you may substitute a morsel of banana twice a week.

GONE OFF SONG (M. E. Haslam).—The most likely cause of the bird going off song and dropping feathers is exposure to cold draughts, or sudden and extreme changes of temperature. Do you hang the bird in, or close to, a window? If so, this is practically certain to be the cause. Keep it in a box type of cage—that is, one with wires in front only—in preference to one of open wire all round, and hang it in some nice bright position where it will be free from draughts, and in a fairly equable temperature. Having done so, treat the bird the same as advised to "M.C." in this issue for three weeks or so. It should be quite possible by keeping, say, three Rollers to have one in song all through the year. You would want one early bred bird at least, in order to get it moulted early and on song again during the average moulting season. You should get the Nutshell booklet, No. 10, on "The Roller," from our Manager, 2½d., post free.

LIES ALMOST FLAT (McTartan).—The bird may be past the first flush of youth and inclined to take life easily, or it may possibly be a little overfed. Try the following treatment, and if not quite well by the end of the month write again. For the first week give only a small teaspoonful of plain canary seed daily. Twice during the week give just a pinch of mixed seed, and each day a small stool of young growing dandelion—that is, cut off the root just below the ground, clean away dirt, and give the whole, leaves and crown, to the bird. In the drinking water dissolve as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. After the first week give the usual diet, with a little egg food twice a week, mixed seed ditto, and continue giving a little dandelion daily. In the water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

MAKES SUCKING NOISE (Downhearted).—Buck up, mon. Birds, like humans, are but mortal, after all, and it is a poor fancier who could not bear the loss of two birds, spread over some indefinite time, without losing courage. Make yourself quite sure that this bird is not exposed to occasional draughts. Keep it in a cosy place for a few days, but do not overheat it. Give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake prepared as advised to "M.C." in this issue daily for a week, and also give two leaves of dandelion each day. In the water add 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a week or so. A staple diet of mixed seeds, as you appear to be giving, is not often advisable. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager, and feed as therein advised.

A MIXED STOCK (S. Price, jun.).—(1) As your cage-aviary is of fair size, I think you may reasonably risk trying to breed Canaries in it without removing the Waxbills and Avadavats. There is, however, always more or less risk of one's plans being frustrated in such circumstances by quarrels and interference between the inmates. I would strongly advise you to put in only one cock and two hens, which, with the foreigners, will be ample to allow a fair chance of success in breeding. Put in at least four nesting sites, in addition to a sleeping box, or husk, for each pair of foreigners. (2) Do not attempt to add any British birds. To do so will cut out your last chance of success, unless you were to omit the cock canary and substitute a cock Goldfinch, Siskin, or Linnet, and try for Mules, which again would reduce your chance of success somewhat.

FALLS IN FAINT (E. C. C.).—It is sheer fright due to a high-strung nervous system that causes the bird to faint when you do anything about its cage. You can do absolutely nothing for it beyond treating it always with care and gentleness, and endeavouring to win its confidence, and thereby enable it to overcome its nervousness. Do everything necessary about its cage with method, and as quietly as possible, talking or chirping gently to it meanwhile, and avoid any sudden, snatchy movements, or sharp noises. Pay frequent attention to it daily, and always offer it a choice scrap of some green food, fruit, or a grain or two of some specially tempting seed, such as hemp, niger, or tenzle, so that it will get to associate your attentions with these dainties. Then go on by slow degrees to gently handling its cage now and again. Once the ice is broken the bird may become quite tame and friendly, and forget all about its nervousness. It requires patience, however, as there is always a risk of such birds dying suddenly from sheer fright. By the bye, its situation in a window is a very bad one, but it may not be wise to move it until you have overcome a little of its nervousness.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR (N.W., Chorlton). The symptoms you describe are quite typical of nervous shock When the bird assumes this attitude there is some object within its sight which causes it to feel intense fright, and the most you can do is to try to discover the cause of its alarm and remove it. It may perhaps be a cat or other animal either in the room, or in its sight near a window, or even some unusual article of dress. A lady in a picture hat, or a mere man with a "pot hat" entering a room will produce such symptoms in many highly-strung birds, and the same may be said of any glaring article of dress or unusual object. The only thing of any use is to keep the bird in a position where it will not be so much exposed to alarming sights; treat it gently and patiently always, and endeavour to win its confidence tactfully, as you will see described in another reply about a nervous bird.

MAKES NO SOUND (B. H. G.).—As the bird has not yet sang at all it is possible, assuming it is really a cock, that it is only just "recording" its song, in which case it will soon begin to make itself heard. See that it is not exposed to cold draughts or sudden extremes of temperature; do not hang it high up near the ceiling, or near or over a burning light in the evenings. Then give in addition to its usual seed diet a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add ten drops each of lemon juice and glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water.

A BASHFUL SWAIN (E. M.).—I should say there is nothing whatever the matter with the Yorkshire cock beyond shyness, or, maybe, too exclusive interest in the newly arrived feathered lady to have any left for singing. As you wish to mate the birds at the proper time, hang the cages side by side, and give the cock a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day in addition to his staple diet, and on the alternate days give half this quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and linseed to both birds separately. Also give both birds two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Then by the end of the month the cock should be quite in condition for mating.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FEEDING, ETC. (E. L.).—(1) As a constant staple diet, mixtures of a large number of various seeds are not to be commended. The best staple for general purposes for singing birds is a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately half a teaspoonful of egg or biscuit food twice a week, and on two other days a similar quantity of seed mixture such as you name. Give a spray of green food daily in summer, and substitute a morsel of banana or sweet apple twice a week when green salads are out of season. (2) To stop the constant moulting, see that bird is not exposed to draughts, damp, nor sudden and extreme fluctuations of temperature. Do not allow it to hang in a window, high up near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. Give the above staple diet, and for the next two or three weeks give in addition half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and two crisp young leaves of dandelion every second day. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet and teazle, and a morsel of banana. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in an ounce of sherry; add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. (3) There is no harm in giving a mixture containing hemp as an occasional treat or tit-bit, and slight variations of diet are beneficial rather than otherwise. Rest of this query is answered in No. 1.

AN AILING YORKSHIRE (Yorkie).—Unless the bird fully recovers in a month or so I cannot really advise you to breed with him at all, as it is more than likely his condition is of a chronic nature. See that he does not hang near or over a burning light in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling. In addition to the staple diet of canary seed, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in and sprinkled with maw seed. Give two crisp leaves of dandelion daily. In the water add twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and after this give instead 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a fortnight.

BATHS WHILST MOULTING (Crest).—It is impossible to generalise with a sweeping assertion that all your birds should be refused the opportunity of bathing whilst moulting. In most cases, strong, healthy, and robust birds may be allowed to bathe as often as they like, but on the other hand, weakly, delicate birds, which show susceptibility to chill after a bath, or are bronchially affected, should certainly not be allowed to bathe except in quite mild weather, and early in the day, say, once or twice a week. (1) As regards the first bird you name, I should not consider him an asthmatic subject, and see no reason why you should not breed with him if in good condition when the proper time arrives. Give him two crisp young leaves of dandelion instead of lettuce every second day, and a morsel of banana on the alternate days for a short time. Also add to his water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together daily for a week. A mealworm a day, if you have any available, would do good. (2) Keep this bird in a bright airy place, and a comfortable temperature, free from cold draughts or extreme fluctuations, for a week or two, and treat it the same as No. 1. I would not advise you to breed with this bird unless all trace of the bronchial trouble has disappeared before it is time to mate up.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SKYLARK NOT SINGING (Pom Pom). If your bird is a cock, he should be singing by now. You appear to be feeding him correctly, and I presume he is properly caged and attended to. The only thing I can suggest is that you hang him in the open for an hour or so on fine days. If he is a cock bird, and inclined to sing, he would soon do so, but I am a bit doubtful about the sex, and think you have been unfortunate and secured a lady bird, as he certainly should show some signs of song by now.

BREEDING WITH BULLFINCHES (Amateur). You cannot depend upon your Bullfinch to feed the young, if any. Put the eggs under a Canary, and let her sit a week on dummy ones. If she once starts laying you will have plenty of eggs, so a rest of a week or so will do good. Give them plenty of green food, such as dandelion, chickweed, groundsel, fruit buds, and others as they come in season. Let them bathe frequently. This treatment should keep them healthy.

HYBRID QUESTION (J. Bird).—Glad to assist you. Your Linnet is quite suitable to pair with the Norwich hen. Place them both in your double breeding cage, having the wire slide between them. When they are ready you can put them together, giving a nest pan and nesting materials to build with. Read advice given to J. G. Thompson, and should you be in doubt about anything later on, we shall be pleased to advise you.

WHICH FINCH? (N. F. Slade). You could breed with either of your Finches, but I would advise you to use the Goldie, as the young ones are always saleable, making grand singers. Your hen would do, providing she is in good health. Place her so that she can see the Finch, and proceed as advised to "J. G. Thompson," in this issue. Allow your hen to rear the young in just the same manner as she did the young Canaries. The young ones grow quickly, and are out of the nest rather earlier than Canaries. You need not make much alteration in your feeding, excepting to give the Finch dandelion leaves and seed pods; also other wild food, as it comes into season.

PAINTING CAGE (G. H. M.).—The great mistake made by most fanciers when painting their cages is to put the enamel on too thickly. The correct way to do it is to put it on as thinly as you possibly can, and then another coat over this if necessary. My own method is to thoroughly clean off the old paint, then apply a coat of ordinary paint, same colour as you intend to enamel, thin the paint to a workable consistency with turpentine, give the cage a coat or two of this, laid on thinly, and allowed to thoroughly dry between each painting. Then put the cage away for a week or even longer if you can afford the time; after this a thin coat of enamel will give a finish to the whole. Next season another coat of enamel will freshen it up as good as new. By carrying out this method, the paint dries into the wood, and does not chip off.

BREEDING IN AVIARY (C. E. Platt).—Your aviary is quite large enough to contain the birds you mention, although I would not turn in more than one pair of Bullfinches, and only one cock Linnet. (1) With proper management you will be almost certain to breed from your Finches and Canary hens, but about the Bullfinches I am not so sure, as the cock Bullie is a shy breeder in captivity; anyway you can try them. (2) The hen will probably build a nest, lay, and incubate, but she is not to be relied upon for rearing; she has been known to do so, but you had better place some of the eggs under Canaries; they stand a much better chance if fertile. (3) Your feeding is fairly correct, but only give the mixture every other day, and discontinue the millet entirely. A little sunflower could be given daily. Do not forget green food; it is particularly useful just now. (4) Hang up nest pans, nest boxes, halves of cocoanuts, wicker cages that German Canaries come over in, and give moss, cow hair, wool, and a few feathers, short lengths of grass, and old birds' nests, if obtainable Be liberal with building materials. (5) Quite unable to say without particulars. Birds sometimes drop off wonderfully quick, even a common cold is fatal if not attended to. In future, if you are in doubt, give bread and milk or even a few drops of whiskey in the drinking water.

BREEDING WITH SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH (J. G. Thompson).—There is no reason why you should not try your Goldfinch and Linnet, mating them to hen Canaries. Their breeding or not just hangs upon the healthy condition of the birds, and if they take to their partners. What you require is a two-compartment cage for each pair, putting the Finch in one and the hen in the other, so that they are able to see each other through the wire division. When both Finches are in high condition, and the hen "fit," the slide can be drawn, a nest pan and nesting material given to the birds to encourage them to build. The Goldfinch should be in stout song with a clear beak, and he should be seen at times on the perch nearest the Canary, singing at her. The Linnet should be also in full song, with his beak dark blue-grey; he should also exhibit some sign that he is not quite indifferent to the hen. Although these are the proper symptoms, yet Finches have been known to breed without exhibiting them. The hen should be lively, bounding from perch to perch, constantly calling. If she is in this condition at the beginning of next month, and her partner is ready, put them together. When you expect the hen to lay (she will appear a bit mopy overnight), shut the Finch off, and do not allow him with her again until you have taken the egg away, and placed a dummy one in the nest. He need not be left with her while she is sitting; there is always risk of the eggs being broken, particularly with the Goldie; the Linnet is somewhat safer. If you are interested in Hybrid breeding, you should purchase one of our books on the subject.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T PAGE F.Z.S

WHAT BIRD? (F. H. A.).—I do not think it can be a Nun; in the first place they have practically no song, and they have heavy beaks. I am of the opinion that you have an Alario Finch, and if it has a black mark on the centre of throat, it is that bird, which is also a good songster. It would mate up readily with a hen domestic Canary (small variety), Cape Canary, Grey or Green Singing Finch, in fact almost any hen Serin.

WHAT PARROT (Hibernia).—Your description is incomplete, but judging from the head markings you name it is a festive Amazon, its value depends on its condition, 40/- to 60/-. To give one a chance of correctly naming these birds a rough description should be given of the whole plumage, as there are several rather similar about head markings and colouration.

BUDGERIGARS (Gran). As you are evidently a novice with these birds you had better get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager, it will explain all details. As regards the points you raise—you can put the two into your cage and they should breed, but there should be double the number of nest receptacles that you have pairs of birds, and you had better put in two cocoanut husks. Budgerigars do not require any nesting material, and 50 degs. F. will not be too warm for them. As soon as you can get it free from frost give them all the flowering and seeding grass they will eat. In the meantime supply a slice of sweet apple, also grit and cuttle bone regularly.

BUDGERIGARS NOT NESTING (B. O. Massey).——Of course an entire absence of sun is a great disadvantage, but if they have plenty of light there still should be good results. You must have double the number of husks about that you have pairs of birds. In this case I think the odd hen is the cause of the trouble; she should be either removed or a mate got for her. When sexes are equal, if there is still one hen who persistently throws out her eggs, or interferes with the other occupants, she must be caught up and changed. A pair each of Cockatiels and Black-checked Lovebirds should do well with your Budgerigars.

GETTING BUDGERIGARS INTO CONDITION (G. T.).—There is no need to attempt to force them, if thoroughly healthy they will go to nest in due course. I gather you are keeping them in a cage, see that it is roomy enough for them to get a little wing exercise, as this is essential to their well-being. Only feed with sound, sweet seed —canary and white millet in equal parts, a few oats, slice of sweet apple or leaf of lettuce in winter, and as soon as it is obtainable free from frost supply as much flowering and seeding grass as they will eat. Note replies to other correspondents in this issue. Get Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free from our Manager, it will keep difficulties in check.

VALUE OF HYBRIDS, ETC. (Enquirer).—I should say the value of the Green Singing Finch hybrid would be 10s. to 15s.—more if sold as a prize-winner at a show. As regards the Combasson and the Bullfinch, it appears rather improbable, but I should hesitate in saying it was impossible, for it is most frequently the unexpected that happens in aviculture, and as they appear so happy in each other's company I should certainly leave them together for a season at least, and see what transpires. Of course, this all depends whether you can spare this hen for what is, after all, more or less of an uncertainty. Very many of the foreign hybrids which have been bred have resulted from the chance mating of odd birds in a mixed aviary, and have not been premeditated by the aviarist.

INDOOR AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS OR HYBRIDS (C. Kew).—It will answer for both purposes providing you do not overcrowd. One pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, and a pair of Black-checked Lovebirds would make quite a nice show, and all should ultimately breed. You would require to put up four husks for the Canaries, and a log or small barrel for the Lovebirds, all would thrive on the same treatment. If you want details about British Hybrids you must repeat this query to our Mr. Norman next week—if you mean Foreign Hybrids, then turn in 8 odd birds, all of different species, four of each sex, say: Bronze Mannikin, Silverbill, Spice Birds, Bengalese, Grey Singing Finch, Bib Finch, Zebra Finch and hen Canary. Hang up a dozen small nest boxes and rush nests on the side of cage farthest away from the light, and then hang a canvas screen over this portion, covering up the back and half the top of cage.

WHAT PARRAKEET? (Creffield).—During genial weather, as it does not bathe, spray at least once a week, but guard against chill till the plumage is dry. The regurgitation of food and then re-swallowing it is quite a natural habit, and it wanting to put it on your finger is a mark of affection; if it had a mate it would feed it at such times. It would do better on a seed mixture of one quart each canary, white millet, hemp and oats; one pint each sunflower and paddy rice, and half a pint of shelled pea nuts, well mixed. In addition to the other items you are giving, you can offer apple, banana, and green food. Grit, cuttlebone, and pieces of wood must be supplied regularly. Give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the other days half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water, continuing this till its condition is renewed. It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet.

GREEN PARROT (F. R. H.).—Continue the treatment already advised, but cease giving bread sopped in milk, as it has been accustomed to sopped bread. Lightly moisten the bread with water (chilled) and syrup of phosphates in equal parts. It should also have some ripe fruit daily, either apple, banana, orange, or a grape. You will soon find out its taste in this respect. It is more the bird's digestion that is wrong than a cold, and must be rectified accordingly. I see in last week's reply that owing to a printer's error I am made to tell you to give three or four drops of castor oil on a piece of bread, biscuit, sponge cake, etc. It is cod liver oil that should be given, not castor oil. Is the bird's mouth clean? If it is at all slimy or furred, then put a little honey and borax in the mouth daily till it is quite clear. You can easily give this on the end of a small stick. Report progress in a fortnight.

GREEN PARROT (C. W. C.).—You cannot expect these lumps to either develop or disappear quickly and unless the swellings show signs of containing pus, continue to use the iodine so long as the skin remains sound. Continue also the other treatment already advised. You might give a little honey and borax from the end of a stick, which a Parrot is always ready to bite at, daily; this will help to keep its mouth and throat clear, and with the other treatment probably assist it to throw off the trouble. There is another alternative: take the bird to a vet. and ascertain the exact character of the swellings. It will be well also to keep this bird away from cool winds, in a fairly warm room, where the temperature is fairly even. At night time it will be well to put a cover round the sides of the cage, and also to clean out same at least daily while the trouble lasts. In case of the swelling coming to a head with clear evidence of pus beneath the skin, bathe with fairly hot water, and, when fully developed, touch the head with a sharp lancet of some kind, and with a soft rag steeped in warm water gently cuddle and clean away the pus, and the bird should soon recover. I shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

BUDGERIGARS IN A CAGE (A Beginner).—Read the Nutshell carefully and act accordingly. Budgerigars should breed in your cage, but you had better only put in one pair, each pair need two husks, so it will be at once apparent to you that your aviary cage is too small for two pairs. Once they make a start they will breed freely enough alone. You will require a flight cage to put the young in as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. Some have kept Budgies and Canaries together, but there are always happenings, and at intervals you will be picking up Canaries with broken legs, etc. You have no room to divide up, Budgies are active birds and they soon go wrong if they don't get a fair amount of exercise. If you have a spare room you could give up to the birds to fly about in during the winter, you would minimise the risk of keeping Budgerigars and Canaries together. Some wing exercise is very essential to the well-being of Budgerigars.

GREY PARROT (Fox).—There is not much wrong with the bird at present; your diet is about right, but it would be better for ripe fruit daily, not always orange—vary this with banana and apple, also a couple of shelled walnuts per diem. Every fourth day for the next month put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. Also give five drops of cod-liver oil daily on a piece of plain cake, for the same period. Examine the interior of its mouth, and if this appears at all slimy or furred put a little honey and borax (stocked by all chemists) in its mouth from the end of a stick daily; the stick must be well cleansed for each occasion, or a fresh one used—there should be no difficulty in getting the bird to take this, as most Parrots are quite ready to bite at the end of any stick that is offered them, and in this case in so doing they partake of the paste. While the bird must have air and light, it will be better to keep it in as warm a position as possible, and to cover the sides of the cage round at night. Continue to supply grit—flint grit is the best—and keep cuttlebone in the cage. It will be well to break in on its moping fits occasionally and induce it to talk and exercise itself generally at fairly regular intervals. Do not use a metal drinker when giving drugs. Our Nutshell, "Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free from our Manager, would help you as to general treatment, etc. Report progress a month hence, but write at once if there should be any change for the worse.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (E. H.).—Do not trouble to force the milk on the bird, but give instead two drops of cod-liver oil direct to the beak twice daily. Budgerigars are small drinkers; only give water in a small, shallow glass, holding about two tablespoonfuls, and put in it three drops of brandy and supply only this kind of water for the next fourteen days; it is sure to take a few sips at intervals. The millet spray will be good for it, as it will help to keep it active picking out the seeds. In a window is not a good position for a bird, there are few windows without draught, and these are usually open while room is being dusted, etc., whatever the weather. If the bird appears to need a little stimulant and will not drink, give it two or three drops of the weak brandy and water at intervals. Continue the diet as already advised, and it will be all to the bird's advantage if it takes no seed save what it picks out of the spray, as this enforces a certain amount of activity. Try a week of above treatment, and then report progress. There ought to be some little improvement.

GARDEN AVIARY (A. S. P.).—It is a pity the space at your disposal is so narrow, but all you can do is to make the best of the space at your disposal; it is a great pity you cannot make it 6ft. wide, the extra cost would have been small indeed. I should advise you to make it 8ft. high. Six feet of the east end of plot must be given up to the shelter shed, which must be as well lighted as an ordinary living room. The other 8ft. will form the flight, with the exception of a nine-inch board along the back against the wall and a skirting board of twelve inches at base; the front, roof and west end will be half-inch mesh wire netting, stretched over light skeleton framing of wood or iron. Hardbills are not kind to growing trees, and deciduous trees and bushes have not a very long life with them owing to continuous disbudding. Evergreen privet, golden privet, elder, hawthorn, honeysuckle, rambler roses, and currant bushes are all good, as also are euonymus, berberis, Portugal and common broad-leaved laurel and ivy; docks, cow parsley, mallow, and wild grasses to grow between the bushes. Nearly all the Serins, such as Yellow-rumped Seedeater, Cape Canary, etc., also the Siskins, Hooded, Black-headed, and Columbian are all songsters of more than average merit. Then, again, most of the genus spermophilae are good songsters, such as Lined, Guttural, Bluish, and White-throated Finches. You may not get all you want entirely from private sources, but all you can do is either to advertise for them or watch our advertisement columns. There are many softbills which are good songsters, but I have read your query as requiring seed-eaters.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Is it a Cock? (A Young Reader).—We think a lot of our own powers, and are gratified to note that you evidently think more of them, but really we are unable to decide, without any information except that you bought the Canary at a market stall for four shillings, whether it is a cock or one of the gentler sex. If we were to hazard a guess, in the circumstances, we should say it would be most likely a lady.

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POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Aucassian.—Meningitis, inflammation of the coverings of the brain. It is difficult to ascribe the exact cause. I have buried the body as you desired

Star.—Pulmonary apoplexy, due to rupture of a blood vessel leading from the lungs, with death from hemorrhage

R. Smith.—Inflammation of the bowels due to impurities probably ingested with the food. The bird was otherwise quite healthy; the inflammation was very acute.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—March 17, St. Thomas' Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. Boothman, "Pairing up, etc." Friends welcome. Social tickets to be paid for at this meeting.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 17, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Night show of Brit. birds and Mules, 5p. for each class; friends invited; judge, W. Mallinson.—G. Morton.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Victoria Hotel, 8. —H. Bryant.

Bradford East O.S.—March 17, Park Chapel Schools, New Cross, S.E., 8. Election of Yorkshire Union delegates; questions and answers; and other business. Please attend; new members welcome.—Wm. Cruise.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 14, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington. Annual tea and prize distribution; 2s. 6d. per couple. Tea on table, 5.—W. H. Kilburn.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Market Hotel, 8. Election of officers; also payment of prize money won at members' show. Please make an effort to attend.—E. Thomas.

Charlotteville F. & U.S.S.—Mar. 19, St. Luke's Institute, 6. Table show of pairs, cage birds; F. Roser, judge.—C. H. Pope.

Chester-le-Street Amalg.—Mar. 14, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. General business; show dates, etc., in connection with amalgamation.—R. Ward.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Club Hall, 6.30.—W. Tomlinson.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 14. No meeting, owing to Laisterdyke O.S. holding their social.—W. Hellewell.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Mar. 19, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Election of judges for F.F. and annual shows.—Wm. Kane.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Portland Arms, Codnor Park, 7. Important business.—Smith and Lees.

Craghead Workman's Club F.F. & C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Club Rooms, 7. Election of officers and other important business.—Alf. Dawson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 18, George Hotel, 7.30. Pairs, Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., Hyb., and Muling.—H. Todd.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Headquarters, 8. Meeting for discussion on British birds. —A. G. Cant.

East Ham F.S.—Mar. 19, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. First monthly show (all sections); subs. due; concert report and balance sheet.—W. Kite.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Headquarters, 8. Final arrangements for members' show, Mar. 21.—J. Alderslade.

East Lothian C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Plough Inn, 8.15. General meeting; election officers; appoint judges for annual show.—J. Fairgrieve.

Great Horton O.S.—Mar. 14, Butcher's Arms 8. Business very important.—J. Holroyd.

Heywood C.B.S.—Mar. 18, at 8, Headquarters. Urgent business and discussion on last month's judging on points competition.—R. Schofield. (Kindly send address.—Ed.).

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Mar. 14, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Trafalgar Inn, King's Cross, Halifax, 8. Business important. All intending members kindly attend.—A. Sutcliffe.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 16, Headquarters, 8. Monthly table show postponed until June 20.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—Mar. 16, St. George's School, 8. Discussion on pairing and breeding.—T. Allsop.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Great Northern Inn, 7. Balance sheet and F.F. show.—T. Smith.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 21, Y.M.C.A., 7. Annual general meeting; election of office-bearers, etc.—Allan Thomson.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Bulls Head, 8.30. Brit. F.M. Goldf., Bull., Bramble, Chaff., or Greenf., Linnets, and two selling classes Can. All members requested to be present. Business important.—J. Hardbattle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 17, White Swan, 8.30. General business and lecture.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Open discussion.—R. Charleson.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Masons' Arms, 7.30. Booking of hens; election of judges; last meeting for enrolling new members.—W. B. Smart.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Owing to adjourned general meeting of Scottish National being held March 14, meeting postponed until Mar. 21.—W. B. Smart.

London and Counties' A.C.B.—Mar. 21, "Globe," Maple St., Tottenham Court Road, 8.30. Very important business.—G. G. Stubbs.

Lochgelly C.B.S. Mar. 18, Drill Hall, 7. Judges' replies.—R. Muir.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Daybrook St. School, 7.45. Business committee.—H. Hall

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Mar. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October show com and judges; and lecture on "Canary Management," by Mr. Barker Clegg. Give him a good minster.—W. H. Tansey.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—March 19, Kelvedon Hall, Waltham Green, 8. Election of judges. Afterwards Mr. J. L. Shepherd will give a lecture on breeding and rearing of birds.—H. F. Bowring.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. Classification and other important business. Will members please turn up?—W. Summers.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Mar. 19, 45, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting, specialist societies, open show classification, etc.—J. W. Reed

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Leighton School, Heaton Road, 7.30. Selection of judges. Lecture by Mr. T. Robson.—J. W. Coutts.

North London C.B.A.—Mar. 18, Headquarters, 8. Brit. and For. show; judge, Mr. J. Robson.—P. W. Jeffries.

Northern Norwich P.C.—Mar. 18, 65, Grainger St., (Lockhart's), Manchester, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers; balance sheet, etc.—F. W. Laidlow.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Mar. 18, 65, Grainger St., 8. Annual meeting; balance sheet; election of officers.—R. Tindale.

Redcar C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Crown and Anchor, 8. Alteration of nov. rule and meeting night, etc.—C. L. Mallory

Smallbridge C.B.S. Mar. 17, Mr. Lord's, 7.30. Committee meeting; general business.—J. F. Cheetham.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Headquarters, 8. Adjourned general meeting; election of officers.—J. Bamford.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—Bethnal Green.—March 16, Men's Club, St. James Rd., Victoria Park, E., 8.30. "Cage Birds," a lecture by Mr. F. H. Markoff. All welcome.—T. G. Bransford.

Stanley Vic. F. & F. & C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Club Room, 6.30. Char-a-banc trip and other important business.—W. Elliott.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Date of open show; nomination of judges; and other business.—John Peacock.

Walkden R.C.S. Mar. 17, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Contest and tea, March 14. Fanciers invited. Business important.—Hy. Howard.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Commercial Hotel, 7. Election of officers and judges for annual show.—W. Elliott.

Windhill C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wingate F.S.—Mar. 14, Literary Institute, 7. Balance sheet, and to decide whether we shall have another open show or not.—J. Burdett.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Duke of York, 8.15. General business re open show.—Wm. Harrison.

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, headquarters, March 7. 20 birds sang for three prizes: 1, A. Cooper, 76; 2, J. Cooper, 66; 3, Potter, 51.—A. Tomlin, sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, March 8, British Oak, Mr. A. Austin gave three prizes: 1, Thompson; 2, 3, Newton. A contest every week and an open show any variety birds.— E. Robinson, sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest March 7, "Skinners'-Arms," 19 birds sang: 1, Ward; 2, Chipindale; 3, Binns. Also March 8, 32 competed: 1, Rosindale; 2, Ward; 3, Binns; 4, Hayes; judges Messrs. Clayton, Green, Sellars.—C. Clayton, sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing, March 7, 36 birds entered. Judge, Mr. Swales; timekeeper, Mr. Walker. There was very good singing, some birds doing full time. 1, 2, 3, Brady and McQuirk. Next contest March 14, Love's Hotel, Broompark; £1 added; judge, Mr. Farrow.—A.L.

CASTLEFORD.

First annual open sing, 7, headquarters, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, for four minutes time singing, some very good singing was done. 45 birds entered for four good prizes: 1, Caddy; 2, Liversedge; 3, Sweeting, 4, Brindley. March 8, 23 entered for three prizes: 1, J. Brindley; 2, 3, Nelson.—J. Brindley, sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, March 9, Woodman Inn. 31 birds entered for three good prizes. Four minutes time sing and some good singing was done. 1, Nelson; 2, Beard; 3, Proctor. Open sing March 8, 34 birds entered for three good prizes. Three minutes time sing: 1, Nelson; 2, Pearson; 3, Beard.—S. Pugh.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, March 7. 17 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 2, Wood; 3, Johnson; judges, Melia, Richardson, Naylor. Also March 8, 26 sang for four prizes: 1, Sissons; 2, Wood; 3, Hardcastle; 4, Johnson; judges, Stead, Mellia, Naylor. Also Roller contest at night, 16 sang for three prizes: 1, Mitchell; 2, Lacy; 3, Gawthorpe; judges, Sissons and Stead. —Walter Naylor, hon. sec.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club, March 8, eight pairs of birds were hung for three prizes: 1, 2, G. Raper; 4, score 8, 2 score 14; 3, J. Turner, 2 score 12.—J. Baker, sec.

Club race, "Royal Alfred," Feb. 22; nine pairs were hung for two prizes: 1, Roper, 3, score 6; 2, Barnett, 3, score 9. Also March 2; 11 pairs were hung for four prizes: 1, Barnett, 3, score 12; 2, 3, Roper, 3, score 0; 2, score 11; 4, Baker, 1, score 19.—J. Baker.

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A Cinnamon Skylark.

Sir,—I thought perhaps it might be interesting to readers of your valuable paper to know that I have now in my possession a self cinnamon Skylark. The bird was caught not 100 miles from this district (Wallasey); it is a fine bird in every respect, and seems quite at home in its new surroundings. For the benefit of local fanciers the bird will probably be on view at the night show of British birds of the Birkenhead C.F.A., March 17.

C. E. Barker.

A Rare Visitor to Wales

Sir,—It may interest you to know that a Slavonian Grebe was observed here (Llandudno, North Wales) last week. No other has been seen in this district since 1886 when one was seen in Holyhead. As its name implies it is a sub-arctic bird, smaller than our resident Grebe, and during the nesting season has its head ornamented with a chestnut hood, but around our coasts it is far oftener seen in its unassuming winter garment.

Llandudnotte.

Border Fancy C.C.

Proposed Testimonial to Messrs. Richardson and Jamieson.

Sir,—In conjunction with the above I have now sent out 103 lists to members in various districts and success now lies with the members doing their best, as I am sure the retiring officials always did in the interest of the club. Should any member or friend who has been omitted wish to contribute they can do so to me direct and I will thankfully acknowledge same. All lists should be returned to me on or before April 11.

Walter B. Smart, Hon. Sec.
13, High Street, Loanhead, Midlothian.

The Clashing of Shows in the South.

Sir,—I didn't see Mr. Pope's letter until too late to reply in your last issue. It is quite true that Mr. Pope wrote me about this, and the matter was discussed at our meeting on Jan. 20. We had already engaged our judges and signed a contract for the hall, and it was thought that as we were about 200 miles apart we couldn't very well injure one another. I replied to Mr. Pope to this effect on Jan. 23, and notice he says he has had no reply from me. I am personally sorry that this clashing should occur, but it has been said at our last two or three open shows by some of our prominent supporters and judges that our show has been too early, and that we should do better a week or so later. Hence our reason for altering our date this year.

T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.,
Clapham C.B.A.

Sir,—In answer to Messrs. Deer and Cundy I would like to point out that we, like Plymouth, are holding our show on practically the same date as for some years. We hold our show on a Wednesday and Thursday, in 1912 Nov. 20 and 21, 1913 Nov. 19 and 20, 1914 Nov. 18 and 19. Some years ago we decided to hold our show a week earlier, but found we were clashing with Swansea; it was their fixed date, so we altered ours. I should like to know what date Southend and Portsmouth held their shows on in previous years. It is impossible for Cardiff to alter their date as so many Welsh shows within 50 miles of Cardiff have fixed up their date. We are applying for the patronage of the specialist clubs, and we intend giving exhibitors something worth competing for. We have engaged Messrs. W. Vardy and A. E. Pattrick, and we are also engaging a specialist British judge.

E. Thomas.

A Holder for Cuttlefish, Green Food, etc.

Sir,—I am sending you an illustration of a small greenfood or cuttlefish bone holder. It has been designed chiefly to hold the small pieces of cuttlefish bone; any small bits that break off when cutting larger pieces. It also holds greenfood down to a single leaf of dandelion. I hope it will commend itself to readers of Cage Birds generally. I have had many good ideas from Cage Birds, and I think I owe a little in return.

E. Bayliss.

Another Recipe for Egg Cake.

Sir,—Take one new laid egg, beaten up, as much flour, a teaspoonful of sugar dissolved in a little warm water, add this to the egg and make into a dough. Put ½ ounce of dripping to dough. Bake in small tin in brisk oven. I have used this for years and rear my birds successfully, and I hope fellow fanciers will try it and prove for themselves. I have some left from last year; it will keep for months, either ground or left in the cake. My birds eat it with avidity, and it is a good conditioner with maw seed.

H. Matthews

Who Won the Shield of the Sheffield C.B.S.?

Sir,—In reply to "Jim" re above I may say that Mr. L. Falding was the winner; he having gained most points at all the season's shows. I am sorry I omitted it from the report, and my thanks are due to "Jim" for bringing it to my notice.

J. Woolhouse.

Returning to the Fancy.

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Kershaw for his kindly remarks. During the past ten years or so I have been travelling about and have spent some considerable time in Java and Sumatra. Under these conditions bird keeping was hardly possible. But now that I have settled down again I have taken up the old hobby with greater interest than ever. If you, sir, would kindly grant me a little space I shall be only too pleased to accede to Mr. Kershaw's request and give my experience of that most beautiful and interesting bird the Yellow Bunting.

W. F. Lloyd-James.

We shall, of course, be very pleased to receive an account of Mr. Lloyd James's experiences.—(Ed.)

Waxwings in the Isle of Man.

Sir,—The clemency of the weather in Manxland during the past winter has been somewhat of a boon to our wild birds, as it makes less difficult the great struggle for sustenance. Some rare birds have visited our shores during mild winters. I live in the south of the island, and my occupation is on a farm. One day I saw with great surprise a huge flock of Waxwings. I noted their waxy tips quite distinctly as they skimmed aloug our field. The birds seemed to be wending their way towards Scotland, and were in a crowd similar to a great flock of Starlings. I fully expect to hear of more than a few captures reported in Cage Birds.

Tom Dipper.

Birds Shelling their Seed.

Sir,—In looking over Cage Birds of Feb. 28 I see that "Yellow Green" would like to know what is the remedy for Canaries cracking seed and leaving it. I had a bird which did this, and I gave it half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in half a glass drinker of water. It seems to have put the bird into song as well; you can get two pennyworth at a chemist's.

Silsden.

A Novel Suggestion.

Is there a Market for Canary Eggs?

Sir,—I should be obliged if you could make room for this suggestion, which I believe will be of interest to other fanciers. I refer to the possibility of selling and exchanging sittings of Canary eggs. We see advertised sittings of prize poultry, Pheasants, Wild Duck, etc.; why not Canary sittings? For my part I like to introduce new blood into my stock, and would much prefer to do so by eggs than by birds. Also it would be a great advantage for the fancier wishing to take up another variety. The Norwich fancier could instal a sitting of rollers or Yorkshires, and vice-versa. The man whose hens had laid only small clutches could make them up. Has this arrangement been tried, and, if so, what are the disadvantages? Canary eggs, if carefully packed, could be sent through the post, provided that an address label was attached to avoid stamping the box when putting on postmark. Perhaps other fanciers will give us the value of their opinions and possibly experiences.

Consanguineus.

A New Society for Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Sir,—A cage bird society for Sutton in Ashfield was formed on March 7, headquarters, Railway Inn. The host (Mr. Clayton) touched down for £2 2s. and 17 members paid subs. The Sutton bird fanciers have chosen a good home for their new society. There is ample accommodation for a good show, and I believe there have been some good times for birdy men here in days gone by. I have visited shows held there when Sutton was a name to conjure with. I believe the hostess is a daughter of the late Mr. Sims, and Mr. Clayton is a bird fancier, so the outlook seems very bright. Mr. Sankey is the new secretary but a goer. Mr. A. Keeling was voted to the chair, and in their choice for a president the members have made good. Mr. Keeling is also a young fancier, and in voting these two gentlemen to their respective positions the fanciers must have had the old adage in their mind — Youth will be served.

Robin Hood.

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A Good Record for a Novice.

Sir,—You will be interested to hear that as a novice I have in my possession a yellow-green Yorkshire cock which has done very well for me, my first year in the open, as the following record will show; First at Anfield and Everton for G.C.A. Novice Cup; second at Manchester; second at Warrington for G.C.A. Novice Cup; second at Preston; first at Liverpool B.B.A. Green Canary Association's Novice Cup; first at Bradford National with Diploma for the best Yorkshire green in the show, also, at the same show, Cage Birds Diploma for novice (for which please accept best thanks); first at Scottish National for Yorkshire Greens; first G.C.A. Old Show for G.C.A. Novice Cup, the judge remarking it was the best Yorkshire green in the show. It finished its record by winning the bronze medal for the best Y.H.C. in the Green Yorkshire class at the Crystal Palace. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Wm. Jones.

Birkenhead.

Two Interesting Lectures for Manchester Fanciers.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to inform fanciers in the Manchester district that the Manchester and N.C.O.S. have arranged to have a lecture by Mr. Barker Clegg on "Canary Management" at the meeting to be held March 16, at the "Deansgate Hotel" (Temperance) at 8. This lecture should be of great interest to fanciers, coming as it does on the eve of the breeding season. Mr. Clegg is one of the most experienced fanciers in the country, and well able to deal with this subject. On April 6th we are to have a lantern lecture by Mr. Cutmore, of Liverpool. The subject is to be British Birds, and is sure to be very interesting to all, no matter what branch of the Fancy is their particular hobby. The members of the M. and N.C.O.S. have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Cutmore on several occasions, and always look forward to this event. We have engaged a room at St. Paul's Schools, Bennett Street, Oldham Road, for this lecture, owing to our meeting room not being suitable for the lantern operator's convenience. I hope to see a large attendance of visitors at both these lectures, as we invite all fanciers to attend, whether they are members of this society or not.

F. Hayward.

The Ringed Greenfinch Caught at Seaham Harbour.

Sir,—The Greenfinch bearing one of my rings, No. J201, which was caught outside Seaham Harbour by Mr. Robert Walker, and reported in your issue of Feb. 28th, was ringed as a nestling at Hexham, Northumberland, on April 19th, 1913. I should be much obliged if Mr. Walker would let me know the date on which the bird was caught.

H. F. Witherby.

A New Society for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Sir,—Cage-bird fanciers in the East Riding of Yorkshire have long felt the desire to form a society solely in the interests of the Cage-bird Fancy. Several fanciers from Bridlington, Driffield, Flamborough, etc., met in a room, kindly lent by Mr. Dixon, to discuss the forming of a society. It was decided unanimously to form a society, under the name of the Bridlington, Driffield and District C.B.S. The area extends from Hull to Whitby and York, and it is desired that all fanciers will not miss the opportunity of becoming members of this new society, and so further the welfare of the Cage-bird Fancy.

J. Chadwick, Hon. Sec. (pro tem).
Sewerby, Bridlington.

The West of Fife C.B. League.

Sir,—Mr. Muir, sec. of Lochgelly C.B.S., has, I see, under the heading of "The West of Fife C.B. League," spoken rather sharply. If he has anything against Kelty, I would like him to use some other heading for his notes. All this is simply because I asked him how he came to report a meeting he had no business to report. If he could not attend the meeting, why did he report the meeting? He says he is indebted to his assistant for the report. I was at the meeting, and he knew this before appending his name; also I have been at all the League meetings since I was appointed delegate for Kelty. The meeting, let me tell him, was not what he makes it out to be (a social). Now, Mr. Muir, you are really pulling somebody's leg when you say that Lochgelly won the cup with a 50 per cent. majority, you should know better than that. Kelty are not so childish as to bother themselves with Mr. Muir, as this controversy is strictly between me and him (not Kelty or Lochgelly Societies). The matter in dispute is whether he had any right to report a meeting while I am secretary, and quite qualified to do so myself.

Jas. Cordery, Sec.

House Sparrows' Appreciation of Food and Shelter.

Sir,—Having read in Cage Birds the remarks made by Mr. Hardy recently, I write to tell you of a fact within my own experience. A friend of mine found in his garden one morning during the breeding season two young House Sparrows, unable to fly. Being a lover of birds, and afraid the cats would catch them, he put them into a cage, with seed, etc., and hung it on the wall outside, with the door open. The birds were fed by the parents until they were old enough to look after themselves, and went in and out of the cage at leisure. After a time he thought he would take them indoors as a novelty. He did so, and the birds were quite at home, and hopped in and out of the cage when they chose, and were very tame. The shop is a bird dealer's, and the doors and windows are always more or less open, but they were quite contented. After about 6 weeks my friend put them again outside, the door still open, and shortly afterwards he found that the birds had gone. This was about 11 a.m. He did not see them again until about 5 p.m., when, to his surprise, the birds were both on the perch of the cage, as they were before when indoors. As the days went by so the birds were going to and from the cage, as happy as could be, until they commenced moulting, and he found one, and then the other, dead on the cage bottom. Mr. Editor, is this not proof that birds are happy in cages? I saw these birds myself, and my friend, Mr. Eggleston, Thornton Heath (bird dealer), can confirm this to be true.

(Miss) A. Pheasant.

Norwich Plainhead Type.

Sir,—If Mr. Floyd will alter the length of 5½ins. to 6½ins. (the proper standard length), I am sure he will get plenty of fanciers to support his views regarding the Norwich Plainhead. I should like to be the lucky one to breed one this season like Mr. Floyd's model. I think if Mr. F. had finished measuring it, he would find it went quite 6½ins. He allows 3ins. for wings and 1½in. for tail, which makes 4½ins. Now I think the bird would go the other 2ins. from base of beak to the shoulders.

G. Notley.

Federation of Dublin C.B. Societies Suggested.

Sir,—We have now three C.B. societies in Co. Dublin, and judging by the success of the three shows, in spite of their being held at a time of great industrial strife in the City and County, there must be plenty of room for them. As a novice who has only just joined one of them, may I throw out the suggestion for what it is worth, that a Federation or Union of Co. Dublin C.B. societies be formed. A small extra fee per member would, I am sure, be enough for working expenses, whilst the benefit to the Fancy in Co. Dublin would be inestimable. Such an Union, if formed, would arrange the show dates so as to have convenient intervals between shows and so avoid clashing—or as last year—two shows in less than a week, with probable injury to both. Also it would be of service in settling disputes. Any charge made against a member could be heard by a committee elected by the three societies, whilst the punishment meted out to any fancier found guilty of malpractices could be correspondingly greater, viz., expulsion, or suspension from exhibiting at three shows, instead of one, as at present. If a cup for champions, and another for novices could be put up for competition at Federation shows for most points gained at the three, it would be the means of making the societies support one another's shows, and would not interfere with their club competitions. Incidentally, a breeders' competition could be easily arranged that would probably meet with the approval of your correspondent, "Hard Hit." The Federation could issue rings at, say, a shilling each, but no member would be allowed to have more than a limited number (half-a-dozen, perhaps) or to compete for this special competition only with birds bearing rings issued to that member. The proceeds, after expenses had been deducted, could be allotted in prize-money, or go to provide a trophy, the expenses would be but nominal, as the birds could go into the ordinary classes. I hope some more experienced fanciers than myself will take the matter up.

H. Williams.

24, Vernon Street, Dublin.

FIRST FANCIER: What sort of breeding season have you had?

SECOND FANCIER: Very bad, indeed; nearly all my hens were bad feeders. How did you get on?

FIRST FANCIER: Well, most of my hens refused to feed, but I did not mind that, as I had bought a Filup Young Bird Feeder, and it helped me to finish up with a record breeding season.

SECOND FANCIER: I'm for a Filup next season

The Filup Feeder, 1/3 post free.—C. H. Goodman and Co., 24, Bedford Rd., Kempston, Bedford.

WHAT I HEEARD AND SEED A' T' YORKSHER UNION ANNUAL.

By C. A. HOUSE.

Horace Towers a oppenen a bazaar, wiv Fred Hammond, 'ratio Hill, John Greaves, Ramsden fra Krystal Palaace, and Carl, him fra London, an' all a helpin' Horace. Bi gow, bud it we're a dew! Afoar t' bazaar (Horace call'd it t' jumble sale) thearo had heen a feed. Wall tha all knaws what Yorkshermen, and lasses too, can dew in ta way o' hannlin platefuls o' beef, squares o' Yorksher, ta say nowt abooat t' cheese and havvercake. They can eyte.

I am forgetting. All the readers of CAGE BIRDS are not Yorkshire bred and born, so I had better get on with my tale in good old-fashioned English, and drop the Yorksher. Last Saturday the big room at the Market Tavern, Bradford, was crowded with men and women, lads and lasses, some married and some not, but all fond of birds. All drawn together to enjoy themselves, gaze on the wonderful collection of prizes, and some to take them away. The eating and drinking being over, it was about 6.45 when President Towers ascended the platform and commenced the proceedings by calling on Mr. J. E. Priestley, the novice from Halifax, to start the ball a-rolling with a selection on the piano.

Who was Who.

Whilst Priestley was working his fingers I used my eyes, and to the left of me I saw, amongst a whole host of other folk, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ogden, Mrs. Towers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson, Mrs. Gregson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bidforth, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walsh and Mr. Walsh, junr., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cowgill, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tidswell, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Dr. Crogg, Dr. Wilson, Messrs. Holliday, Hill, Simonett, Battye, Mundell, Sutcliffe and Son, Snead, Briggs, Cruise, Casey, Henderson (Barrow), Crossley, Sheard, Binns, Inman, Wilson (3), Thomas (2), Chambers, Knight (good old Jonas), Thornton (2), Hodgson, Hirst (2), Garrett, Raistrick, Myers, Sykes, Beamnont (all the way from Glasgow), Ramsden, Mason (2), Parlett, Dyson, Taylor, Morrison, Slee, Watson, Saville, Naylor, Whitley, Whitwham, Heap, Ball, Macpherson, and a heap of others whose names I cannot remember, but there were just two others who must not be left out—Mrs. Carl, and the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, you all know him.

What was About.

When I had done looking at the folks who were present I turned to my right, and there I saw such a display of useful and ornamental articles that I did not wonder at Horace talking about a jumble sale. There may have been others, but I saw ladies' costumes, cloaks, blouses, dress lengths, coats, umbrellas, blankets, eiderdown quilts, bedding, curtains, clocks, barometers, knives and forks, teapots, cruets, tea and coffee services, candlesticks, sugar baskets, sugar basins, biscuit boxes, field glasses, gold and silver watches, photo frames, photographs, steel engravings, black and white drawings (some of friend Norman's work, methought), epergnes, flower vases, ornamental vases, bronze figures, stationery cases, table cloths, boots, preserve jars, Thermos flasks, cases of cutlery, silver plate, and the biggest lot of gold and silver medals I have ever seen outside of Fattorini's shop window.

Dr. Wilson and the Britishers.

The prize giving was started by Dr. Wilson handing out the nice little lot belonging to the Lancashire and Yorkshire—or should it be Yorkshire and Lancashire?—British Bird and Mule Club. I may here say that I am not going to give a list of all the winners' names, because the full club lists have been published in CAGE BIRDS by the different secretaries. Dr. Wilson expressed his pleasure at having to perform such an important duty. He was happy to say the past season had been a most successful one. The club had supported nine shows, and the members had made 331 entries at those shows. Mr. R. D. Parlett had come out on top with 127 points, Mr. T. H. Inman second with 104, and he (the speaker) came next with 104. The competition had been keen, and the quality very satisfactory. This he had noted from personal observation, and it was very pleasing to him as president of the club to record it. He hoped Mr. Parlett would have many happy drinks out of the champion cup during the coming twelve months, but he should make the most of it during that time, as some of the others would have a hard try to take it from him next time.

Mr. Parlett said the winning of the cup had been a surprise to him; he thought he had missed it. He did not exhibit at three shows, so as to give some of the others a chance. He had not counted his points, and was surprised when towards the end of the season he met the secretary, and was told by him that he (the speaker) was leading. He hoped that Dr. Wilson would win it next time.

Having finished his work, the Doctor said, successful as the club had been during the past season they hoped for greater and better things next, but one thing they would all like to see, and that was more Lancashire members.

Mr. Towers was down to distribute the Yorkshire Canary Club prizes, but Dr. Craig having come along from Sheffield, Horace popped the question, and the Doctor consented, but as he stood up to his task he, like the girl, said, "But you know, Horace, it's so sudden." I don't say which girl.

Dr. Craig and XXX.

Overcoming his nervousness and bashfulness, Dr. Craig said—"There are times when one has nothing to say, because there is nothing to say, at other times one cannot talk because there is so much to say, others when there was a lot to say and one would not, and some when there was a lot to say and one could say it. He had a lot to say if he could say it. But they would not want a lot of Doctors that night, for, as he had heard it said during the season, there were a lot of them on "the panel," but he might say they did not all come from Pannal. (Dr. Wilson resides at Pannal.) Friend Towers would make a good Doctor. Set him up in a big corner house with a big brass plate, "H. Towers, ex-president of the Yorkshire Canary Club, ex-president of the Cinderella Club, and XXX when he could get it." At Sheffield he (the speaker) was usually put up for these prize-giving jobs, but there they were not big affairs like the one that night. There were three brothers once, all bachelors. They did not like the idea of their money going outside of the family, so they decided one of them ought to get wed. But which one? That was the rub. They decided to draw lots as to which it should be. It fell to the eldest, who said, "That's just my luck. I always have to do the dirty work of the family." That, said the Doctor, was his position in the Sheffield O.S. But he did not mind, Sheffield O.S. could hold its own with any other. They were like the man who, when he was dying, made his will, and put his wife down for £100 a year if she stayed single, but £200 a year if she got married again. His lawyer thought it should be the other way about, but the man replied—"No, it's all right, for if she does as much for the next as she has done for me, the poor devil will need it." A member of the Sheffield Society received an addition to his family, and some of his friends were wondering if the youngster would be a fancier, for none of the others cared much about it. The father hoped the latest might, but mother put her spoke in and said, "Nay, lad, he'll be no fancier, he'll be a footballer, for he's the best dribbler in our family." All this, however, has nothing to do with the prizes," said the Doctor. "I had better get on with my work and leave the talking to others."

Mr. Philip Mason, on receiving the champion special and Ogden's, said he was proud of the honour that was his, because he had won it with birds of his own breeding.

Proud Philip.

Philip did it with 128 points, with Ogden Bros. second with 102, and Joe Thomas ran 'em hard with 101. On taking the 2nd, Thompson Ogden congratulated Philip most heartily upon his achievement, and said it gave him as great pleasure to take the 2nd as it did Philip the first, because last year he had to take so many first prizes that he felt quite ashamed of coming up, but he could tell Philip they would give him a good run for it next season.

On taking the premier prize in Ramsden's competition, Mr. L. Dykes said he had been second twice, and he was glad he had won it the third time of asking, and more pleased to know that he had saved it to the club for another year, because had Ogden Bros. got it this time the club would have lost it altogether.

As the Doctor took his seat, having finished the operation, I thought—Dr. Craig may be English, he's possibly Scotch (they say the best medicos come from Edinburgh), but he certainly ought to be Irish, for if he's half as good a doctor as he is fancier and humorist, he's a good 'un. He's a funny beggar.

"Cage Birds" Prizes.

CAGE BIRDS prizes came next on the list, and XXX Dr. Towers, to give him his new title, said owing to Mr. Carl's bashfulness they would be presented by that good fancier, Mr. Fred. Hammond. He felt sure all would have heard with regret of his impending retirement, but they were all pleased to see him that night, and even if he retired from active participation in the Fancy, he hoped that they would receive his help when they needed it.

Mr. Hammond said it was a surprise to him to stand where he did. He had expected Mr. Carl to give his own prizes. He would like him to have done it, because he knew that Yorkshire fanciers were always pleased to see and hear him. He knew he was expressing the sentiments of all present when he said how very much they were indebted to Mr. Carl for his generosity in giving them the splendid display of prizes they saw before them that night. Mr. Carl disclaimed any feeling of generosity, and said it was only one of his business methods. Mr. Carl could call it what he liked, but he (the speaker) called it generosity, but if it were business, then they were very pleased with his business method, and he hoped others would copy. It was a great pleasure for him to do the work he had done in connection with the competition in getting the prizes together, and although not a participant, he had no regret. He had found his pleasure in working for his fellow-fanciers. In handing Mr. Thompson Ogden the first prize he spoke highly of the prize, a gold watch, and hoped Ogden Bros. would live long to wear it, for they were sportsmen and fanciers, and men of whom they were all proud.

When Joe Thomas took his prize he said he felt like a chap climbing a ladder; he was gradually nearing the top, and was a step nearer this time than last. Luther Dykes, taking a pile of bed furniture, said his wife ought to have taken it, because it was her choosing. Charlie Morrison, when receiving his prize, said the thanks of all Yorkshire bird men were due to Mr. Carl, because if it was not for the kindness of such men as the Editor of CAGE BIRDS the Fancy would soon drop, as would all other sports in which working men took interest. They could not go on without such supporters as Mr. Carl. Philip Mason came last on the champions' list, and, as he took his prize, a lady's pendant, Mr. Hammond said Philip always had an eye for the ladies, and he was pleased to see he still studied them. He had chosen wisely, and they all hoped Mrs. Mason would live long to wear it.

Those Amateurs!

Before he gave the amateurs' prizes, Mr. Hammond said he had been thinking, and thinking deeply, about the amateurs and their position. He was one himself, and therefore could speak freely, knowing that in hitting others he was hitting himself. The noble army of amateurs! He wished some spirit would come and tell them what they wanted. They certainly did not know themselves. They had nothing to go for, nothing to get, so they said. They were the backbone of the grumblers. But was it so? In this competition five out of the six prizes which had been offered would have to go back to Mr. Carl, because there was not competition enough. Five guineas had been offered for Cinnamon Marks and Green Marks, and only one prize taken. He wanted the noble army of amateurs to stop grumbling, to show some kind of sporting spirit, to show that they could win, to take what was already put before them, and then perhaps something more would be offered them. What was the use of clamouring for more when they did not win what was already there? It was not an impossibility for amateurs to win. Messrs. Hall and Tidswell had shown them what could be done, and against the champions, too, while George Snead had walked away with three firsts from the Palace. He hoped many more would follow his example. It was worthy of being copied.

Mr. Snead, on taking his prize, said he would give a bit of advice. Young Canaries, like children, needed mothering. Get the wives to mother them. If there was a good mother it didn't matter about the father. Any sort of a father would do. Looking at his prize, he thought CAGE BIRDS was not such a bad sort of a paper after all. He meant going on. He had bred his birds, and he hoped to go much farther yet.

Sixpence for a Smoke.

Mr. Hammond touched the hearts of the company once or twice when Mr. Lunn's name came up. He said Mr. Lunn had handed his prize over to his son, and in writing him the latter had sent him sixpence to have a smoke. Mr. Whitley had chosen curtains for his prize. Knowing nothing about curtains, he had consulted Mrs. Hammond, who asked: "Does he want cream or white?" He did not know, so she said: "Where does he live?" "Out in the country at Daisy Hill," I told her. "Then," said she, "he'll want white ones." He evoked a big cheer when he referred to Mr. H. Simonett as one of the most deserving fanciers and hardest of workers.

Mr. R. D. Parlett said it gave him more pleasure to take the two drawings in this competition than it did to take the champion cup. He was proud of his birds, proud of the drawings, and Mr. Carl should be a proud man to know what competition and appreciation had been brought forth by his prizes. He hoped he would win many more of them.

Dr. Wilson said if it gave him as much pleasure to look at the vase he had won as it did to look at CAGE BIRDS each Friday, he would have a very happy life. He thanked Mr. Carl, and wished him and CAGE BIRDS much success.

The last prize on the list was an eider down quilt, won by Mr. J. Wilson, who was too bashful to come to the front himself, but sent his son, a tiny little tot of about five, to shoulder the bundle, which the youngster did quite manfully. May it not be the last the kiddie will take!

Our Editor.

Mr. Towers then called on Mr. Carl, who strongly disclaimed the accusation of shyness. He had never been shy but once in his life. That was—— Amidst laughter and cheers, F.C. said when it was, but I for one didn't believe him. I have known him single and married, and—well, Mrs. Carl knows, and the married ladies present evidently summed things up correctly. Continuing, Mr. Carl said that as he listened to what Mr. Hammond and others had said he did indeed feel bashful, and he had to put his hand up to his head several times to feel for the halo, because if one-half they had said were true, he was sure he deserved one. But it was not. There was no generosity about it. It was simply a matter of business. He thanked them for their hearty Yorkshire reception. He was always pleased to be amongst the Yorkshire fanciers, because they were so keen and enthusiastic, because of the excellent way in which they managed things, and because they were such good sportsmen. Referring to the agitation now going on against the keeping of British birds, he urged all fanciers to stand together and present a bold front to the enemy. When they found men like Galsworthy, Thomas Hardy, and others opposed to them it was a serious thing. If the agitation was successful against British bird keeping, they might feel certain it would not be long before there would be an attack on the keeping of Canaries. Therefore did he urge them all to carefully consider the position and to combine in one solid attack upon the enemy. He thought that at the present moment the Cage Bird Fancy was like a man asleep on the edge of a volcano, not knowing when it would burst and blow him up. This was his reason for urging them to be vigilant, to be ready to defend their interests and liberty. He wished to thank the committee who had done so much to make CAGE BIRDS Competition such a success, and especially did he wish to thank Mr. Hammond. He could not say all he thought and felt about Mr. Hammond, neither could he express his thankfulness in mere words for all he had done, but he would ask him to accept from him, as a slight token of the manner in which he appreciated his help, a £5 note, and with it to purchase something for Mrs. Hammond to remind her of her husband's work and connection with CAGE BIRDS Competition. His reason for not distributing the CAGE BIRDS prizes himself was because he wished to see Mr. Hammond, who had done the work, brought into direct touch with the winners, so that they might appreciate the more what work Mr. Hammond had done for them. As he was talking the words of Dr. Abercrothy came to his mind. One of his patients, a very long-winded lady, once started to describe her ailments. The doctor said: 'Stop a minute. How long will it take you to tell me all you want to?" "Twenty minutes," said the lady. "Very good," said the doctor; "I can see another patient in that time. You go on talking." You will not want to listen to me when so many others have to be seen and heard. Therefore I will conclude with some words of poetry which I came across the other day, and which are most appropriate to fanciers, either the successful or unsuccessful:—

Keep your eye on the goal, lads,
Never despair or drop,
Be sure that your path leads upwards,
There's always room at the top.

Mr. Hill's Announcement.

Mr. Hill announced amidst cheers that Mr. Carl had told him that, with the permission of the Yorkshire Union, and the different specialist clubs, he would be pleased to give CAGE BIRDS prizes again next season.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, who presented the Open Norwich Club prizes, said he was no speaker, so he intended getting on with the work, and he did. The Norwich men must also be like their president, for it was "nowt said" with all of them except Joe Thomas, who, on being handed his second clock, said: "'Twas the wife, she wanted one for the kitchen, and one for the sitting-room." Good lad, Joe. Please t'wife!

The National Show.

Mr. Towers stated that the National Show had resulted in £40 being handed over to the Cinderella Fund, £10 placed to reserve, and £20 taken to pay for the new staging, which was now the property of the Cinderella Club. The committee were faced with a difficulty. Messrs. Hill and Simonett, who had worked hard and well in the past, had intimated that they could not hold office any longer. Thus there was a chance for a new man. He did not despair of finding a man, but as yet they had not got one. The position was open, and they would be pleased if someone would come forward and take it. They did not expect a new man to be as good as Mr. Hill all at once, but Messrs. Hill and Simonett would do their best to assist and develop a good man, whilst he was sure Mr. Hammond would still do what he could. Their committee was not a closed committee; it was open to all. Every fancier was welcome to assist its work and take part in its deliberations.

Cinnamon Marks Not Strong.

Mr. Brown, who presented the Cinnamon-marked Club prizes, owing to the fact that Mr. Drake was suffering from a cold, referred to the bad start the Cinnamon Marked classes had last season, the entries being low owing to the lateness of the moult. Things improved as the season went on, but on the whole they did not have a season to boast about. The members should make an effort to improve the standing of the Club, to support the Club and keep entries up. There certainly was room for them to do better. The Cinnamon Marked Fancy was a very nice Fancy, and he was very sorry that pressure of business and a bad season prevented him from doing more than he did this time. The breed should be more popular, and the birds more numerous. Breeders should buck up or show committees would not go on giving classes.

Mr. Morrison said it gave him the greatest pleasure to find himself topping the competition. He was second last year, and said then he hoped to be at the top this time. He had achieved his purpose, and he trusted someone else would have a turn next year, but he could promise them a good run for it.

Mr. Walsh on the Yorkshire Union.

Mr. H. W. Walsh said the duty devolving on him that night, as president of the Yorkshire Union, was a very pleasant one, but during his term of office he had had to perform some duties that could not be said to be very pleasant ones. Speaking of the Novice Competition, he said it was the finest competition for novices in the world. It was a genuine competition, and there was no chance of the champions getting in. He emphasised Mr. Carl's remarks anent the agitation against the keeping of birds, and said that some of the people who were against the working man and his hobby were guilty of far greater cruelty in the manner in which they reared Grouse, Partridges, Pheasants, and other birds, and then slaughtered them in the autumn months of the year. The Union was doing good work, even as it had done from the time of its inception. It had been well supported in the past, and he asked the fanciers to give it continued support.

Mr. Snead, one of the four amateur gold medallists, said he was a sport, he loved a game, he was not going to be satisfied with staying where he was. He would give the top-notchers warning that he meant getting to the top, and when he got there he would give them the hens' convention—a good crow! If, said he, it is possible to improve the Yorkshire Canary, I am going to do it. I do not mean to stand still.

Mr. G. S. Greenwood, one of the novice top-notchers, uttered a word of warning to the champions, and said he was out to give them a shaking if it was at all possible.

Mr. Ramsden's Words of Wisdom.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present at the gathering year by year, to meet the Yorkshire fanciers, to talk with them, and to give them prizes. He would give them the latter again next year. In mentioning the inquiry into cage bird keeping, Mr. Ramsden said that he was not going to be so foolish as some men and say there was no need for action, no need for inquiry. On the contrary, he agreed that there was ground for many of the statements that many of their enemies made, especially in connection with badly-kept bird shops. In his opinion the greatest service they could do themselves as fanciers would be to do what they could to improve the condition of things in the bird shops. If they saw birds badly kept in small or dirty cages they should endeavour to reason with the keeper of the shop, and if they could not induce him to mend his ways, they should inform the police, or the officials of the R.S.P.C.A. Professor Ray Lankester and other famous men who attended the Palace show had expressed themselves as delighted with what they saw, and were convinced that in the keeping of birds as they as fanciers kept them there was no cruelty, that really the birds were better off than in their wild state. It was because of the cruelty practised by some bird catchers and shop keepers that this agitation had been started, and because of their wrongdoing the actions of all bird-keepers denounced. It would do good service if every faucier in the country brought to the notice of his M.P. the interview which Mr. Fulljames had with Professor Lankester, and which appeared in CAGE BIRDS. Speaking on the eternal amateur question, Mr. Ramsden said he hardly knew where he stood. As secretary of the Palace Show, he had received letters from hundreds of amateurs grumbling about things as they are, and asking to be given more interest in the Fancy and better opportunities to show their strength. As a result, he had agreed to run a show for amateurs only. Now he found, when he got to Yorkshire, that the amateurs, after all their talk, and all their grumbling, were not able to make competition enough to take the prizes already open to them. This was a sort of throwing him back on himself, but he hoped that the amateurs would do their best to give his amateur show support. He should work hard to make it a success, and if the amateurs did their part all would be well. He thanked them for the hearty reception they had given him, and hoped the Yorkshire Union and Specialist Clubs would go on prospering.

The End of the Tale.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill, on rising to present the Green Marked Club prizes, said they had got to the last on the list and therefore he would have to shorten it. As fanciers we are all deeply indebted to Mr. Carl and Mr. Ramsden for what they have done. We are told that they do not regard it as generosity but as business. They give it as a return for the business they get. Well, all I can say is that I wish some fanciers would adopt their business methods, and give back to the clubs some of the money they take out of them. Those that take should give if the Fancy is to go on. It is said that Yorkshiremen are sportsmen, but some Yorkshiremen are stickers. At least, he had found it so. When they got hold they kept hold. But some of them had been a bit too grasping, and had lost a pound for the sake of eighteenpence. Some of them, in their anxiety to save a shilling, had lost twenty. When fanciers were in a club they should look after the points. Some of them would not join a club. They argued that the clubs did them no good. That was a mistake. Take for instance the British Bird and Mule Club. Some Canary men might say what good was that club to them? He would tell them. The Mule breeders wanted hens, and the demand from them

made all the difference between getting 3s. and 10s. for a big rough Norwich hen, one that was no use to breed show Norwich from, but was just the thing for the Mule breeder. Was the B.B. and M. Club any good to Canary men? Again, if some men did not get any direct gain from joining a club, they were bound to get an indirect gain. A man bred a good bird, and, owing to the demand for good birds amongst those who were anxious to win these valuable trophies we see to-night, he sold it for £10. Did the club benefit such a man? He thought it did. He thought part of that money belonged to the club, but the man who got it stuck to it. They were stickers, some of these Yorkshire breeders. When a man had sold a bird for £5 or £10, surely he could afford eightenpence to help the club which had made it possible for him to get such a price? It was the clubs and their competitions that had made the increased value of birds. Fanciers should be more enterprising, more broad-minded, and support the clubs better, not have to be dunned into giving. I started by saying we had got to the end of the talk, and I was going to shorten it, but I am talking. ("Go on, lad; tha're all reight.") I will, an' all. The Green Marked Club stands on a good basis. It has helped the breed. It had made Green Marked Yorkshires more popular and more profitable. It had made competition keener. It was worthy of support. But did it get it? Did the fanciers all treat it right? He thought not. As an instance, it was not right when the club was giving its patronage to an outside show for its members to send their birds to some show near home. It was not doing justice to the club, and it was not the way to popularise the breed, as under such circumstances the club's forces were split, and the shows at home and those away were both failures. The first trophy and gold medal was won by Mr. Dykes, who was a good fancier, and he was pleased to congratulate him on his success. He hoped others would strive as hard as Mr. Dykes had done, and that success would attend the club and the bird. He then proceeded with the distribution, evoking many a laugh by his apt and merry quips with the different winners.

Votes of Thanks.

Mr. Cowgill proposed, and Mr. Halliday seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Towers for all he had done not only in presiding over that meeting, but for his continued efforts all the year round to promote the prosperity of the Cage Bird Fancy in Yorkshire.

Mr. Towers, in reply, said he would accept the vote of thanks if Mr. Hill's name was put first. He was the man to whom their thanks were due. Few knew what work Mr. Hill did, and it was only fair that he should be in the forefront when the thanks were given. The vote was given with much heartiness, and with the singing of the National Anthem the proceedings were brought to a close just on eleven o'clock.

During the evening some most excellent work was done in the vocal way by Messrs. Hamer, Copley, and McAudrew. The latter gentleman's "Hush-a-Bye, Baby," "The Tide Came Rolling On," and "What a Game" fairly brought down the house, whilst Mr. Hamer's "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes," Mr. Copley's "Across the Desert," and the duets, "Watchman, what of the night?" and "Excelsior," received the heartiest appreciation. Mr. J. E. Priestley ably presided at the piano.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES FOR YORKSHIREMEN.

RESULT OF 1913-14 COMPETITION.

YORKSHIRE UNION (Champion Section): 1, £3 Ogden Bros. 178 points; 2, 50s. L. Dykes 159; 3, 40s. J. Thomas 121; 4, 30s. C. Morrison 117; 5, 20s. H. H. Towers 105; 6, 20s. E. Clegg 104; 7, 20s. Sutcliffe and Son 100; 8, 10s. J. Bailey 80; 9, 10s. L. Dyson 76; 10, 10s. L. C. Casey 72; 11, 10s. P. Mason 70. AMAT. SECTION: 1, 40s. C. E. Hall 121; 2, 31s. 6d. T. Tidswell 82; 3, 25s. G. Snead 80; 4, 21s. S. Binns 68; 5, 20s. Myers and Lumb 50; 6, 20s. J. C. Beaumont 40; 7, 10s. E. Saville 32; 8, 10s. D. Thornton 13; 9, 10s. J. Lunn 12; 10, 10s. O. E. Naylor 12. YORKS C.C.: 1, 20s. A. Whitley 68; 2, 17s. 6d. J. H. Fowle 36; 3, 15s. J. A. Whitwham, 15. CINN. MKD. YKS. C.C.: 1, 20s. J. A. Atkinson and Firth 25; 2, 17s. 6d. Not won; 3, 15s. Not won. NATIONAL GREEN MARKED YORKS C.C.: 1, 20s. Not won; 2, 17s. 6d. Not won; 3, 15s. Not won. OPEN NOR. P.C.C. (Champion Section): 1, 25s. T. H. Mason 131; 2, 20s. S. Heap 86; 3, 15s. A. Hirst 42. AMAT. SECTION: 1, 25s. W. B. Ball 45; 2, 20s. H. Simonett 40; 3, 17s. 6d. F. J. Sykes 22. YORKS AND LANCS BRIT. B. and M.C. (Champion Section): 1, 25s. R. D. Parlett 157; 2, 20s. M. A. Wilson 128; 3, 15s. T. H. Inman 117. AMAT. SECTION: 1, 25s. D. A. Macpherson 37; 2, 20s. B. H. Wilson 14; 3, 17s. 6d. J. Wilson 12.

DORCHESTER AND DORSET F.S.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Central Hotel, Feb. 25, when lectures were delivered by Messrs. Coggins (Wyke Regis), who took as his subject, Norwich Plainheads; R. G. W. Parsons (Affpuddle), Bullfinches, and Norwich; G. Pope (Dorchester), the washing of exhibition birds; and Harris (Dorchester), colour-feeding. Each lecturer illustrated his remarks with some fine specimens. Mr. G. Brooker kindly exhibited some of his Yorkshire Canaries, and placed them at the disposal of the lecturers. A vote of thanks was passed to the lecturers. Next meeting Central Hotel, March 11, when it is hoped that the President (Mr. J. Garland) will give a lecture.

LEINSTER O.S

First annual dinner, Feb. 18, Four Courts Hotel, Dublin. Mr. Kelbey, the manager, deserves very great credit for the excellent way in which the tables were laid and the dinner served to the 27 guests present. Chairman, Mr. J. J. Cloke, took the head of the table. Dinner over the social side was considered to be of some import. A capital programme was gone through; the XL Entertainers giving a very pleasing performance of great variety. Professor Milford, as the sleight of hand man and songster, was well received; whilst Mr. Warren did justice to the pieces rendered. Mr. Beegan also did very creditably, his good bass voice being heard to particular advantage in the duet and quartet rendered by the little company. Messrs. Birse and Beegan seemed pretty keen rivals for honours in their respective spheres, and contributed very ably to the pleasure of the evening; whilst Messrs. Jackson, Henry, Walsh Bros., Cloke, and Holley all contributed to the same end. Mr. Cloke spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to preside at such a united gathering, and presented the novice cup won at the recent show to Mr. Burtenshaw. He having suitably responded the meeting broke up at 11 o'clock with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—C. Holley, hon. sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 10, Pres. G. A. Cooper, chair; sixteen members present. The show was grand, upwards of 100 birds being on view. Whilst the judge, Geo. Baker, was adjudicating, the members were asked for their votes re an open show. The result was a unanimous "Yes," with date fixed for Nov. 20 and 21. J. H. Roe was elected judge. The balance sheet showed a cash balance of £3 10/-, and assets another £3 10/-. Hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Fancy Press for generous publication of show reports, meetings, etc. Vote of thanks also tendered to chair, and sec. for their services. The following elected as officers for 1914:—Pres., Cooper; chair, Taylor; vice, Geo. Bey; treas., A. Barnsley; auditors, F. H. Viles and J. L. Bock; committee, Messrs. Greenhouse, Barnsley, Amos, Viles, Beck, Palmer, Collier; hon. sec., W. G. Andrews. Winners at previous shows were:—Dec. 16 (judge, J. A. Tonks):—NOR. YELL. CK.: Taylor, HEN: Taylor. Dec. 30 (judge, J. A. Tonks):—YORKS. YELL. CK.: Greenhouse. HEN: Andrews. Jan. 13th (judge, Geo. Bey):—NOR. BUFF CK.: Taylor. HEN: Taylor. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: Tonks. LINNET: Tonks. NOV. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: Amos. LINNET: Povey. Jan. 27 (judge, F. H. Viles (Yorks.), S. N. Taylor (Brit.). YORKS. BUFF CK.: Andrews. HEN: Andrews. SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE: Tonks. GREENIE: Tonks. NOVICE: All to Povey. Pair show (Geo. Parker judged with satisfaction);—YORKS., YELL. AND BUFF (11): 1, 2, 4, hc, Hernshaw; 3, c, Beck and Digger; vhc, Andrews. BUFF AND YELL. (6): 1, 2, Beck and Digger; 3, 4, Hernshaw; vhc, hc, Andrews. NOR. YELL., BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Taylor; 4, Barnsley and Palmer; c, Viles. BUFF AND YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, hc, Barnsley and Palmer; c, Viles. MULING PAIRS (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Tonks; 4, Cooper. HYBRIDISING PAIRS (7): 1, 3, 4, Tonks; 2, vhc, hc, c, Barnsley and Palmer. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. AND BUFF: 1, Amos. BUFF, YELL.: 1, Amos. NOV. MULING (2): Amos. HYBRID (4): All to Povey. The following are points gained up to date: Tonks 98, Taylor 87, Barnsley and Palmer 84, Beck and Digger 41, Andrews 37, Hernshaw 26, Viles 19, Greenhouse 13. Nov.—Povey 29, Amos 15. Next show to count points is annual members', Feb. 24; Geo. Baker, judge. All fanciers given a hearty welcome; no charge; time 7.30.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

33rd Annual General Meeting, held Feb 4; Mr. E. Chisholm (President) presided. The Secretary, Mr. John Connochie, reported that a record show was held, and a good balance in hand. Office-bearers elected: Pres., E. Chisholm; Vice-pres., Messrs. R. Gibb and H. Fraser; Sec., J. Connochie (re-elected); Treas., D. J. McLean. A good working Committee was also elected and everything points to a successful show being held Nov. 25, 1914. The patronage of the Border Fancy C.C. was got, and Mr. Wm. Simpson, the popular breeder and exhibitor of this variety is to judge. This is the first occasion the patronage has come so far north. The classification is second to none, the special prizes of the best obtainable, and the train service also of the best. The members presented to Mr. and Mrs. Connochie a beautiful silver tea-service for services rendered. The Chairman eulogised Mr. Connochie's abilities as Secretary; a keen fancier and sportsman, and one who takes a great interest in the work allotted to him. Nothing is trouble to John which is for the good of the Society. His better half also takes a great interest in the Fancy. Other members spoke of Mr. Connochie's good qualities. Mr. Connochie suitably replied. Votes of thanks closed a very pleasant meeting.—R. Dunean (reporter).

BRAMLEY O.S.

Meeting and pair show, Feb. 28, Carnival Committee Rooms. Mr. Mitchell presided over a good attendance. Balance-sheet was considered, showing balance on the right side. Show dates fixed, and judges selected. Vote of thanks accorded to Mr. J. Chambers for judging.

YORKS.: 1, sp, 3, Baldwinson; 2, vhc, Page; hc, c, Mitchell. NOR.: 1, sp, Page; 2, vhc, Willson; 3, Hetherington. MULING PAIRS: 1 sp, 2, Moore; 3, Willson; vhc, hc, Hetherington; c, Jones. HYB. PAIRS: 1, sp, vhc, c, Jones; 2, Moore; 3, Willson; hc, Walker.

During the evening an interesting little incident occurred, Mr. Willson presenting Mr. Steel, our late sec., with a beautiful silver-mounted umbrella, as a token of our appreciation of his past services. Mr. Steel thanked those who had subscribed to the fund, and stated that he would do all he could to help the society. Thus terminated another very pleasant evening.—F. Page, sec.

GRANGEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Rechahite Hall, Feb. 11, Mr. J. M. Aitken chair, before a good muster. Agreed to alter subs. to 3s. 6d. and 6d. per bird entered at annual show. A vote of condolence and sympathy was voted to Mr. J. Miller, on the sad loss of his mother. Next meeting March 11, when election of judges and classification will take place, hoping to have a good turn-out of members.—J. Woodhouse, Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Election of Officers and Revision of Rules, 1914.

We have received from Mr. H. Hill, sec., a certified copy of the ballot sheet, duly signed by the scrutineers, Messrs. R. Wilkinson and C. E. Walker, and containing particulars as follows:—Vice-presidents, W. B. Atkinson, 80 votes; J. Butler, 129; J. E. Hudson, 69. Sec., H. Hill, unopposed. Trustees (3): A. Brown, 210; W. H. Shackleton, 127; H. H. Towers, 155. Auditors (3): R. Halliday, 225; G. White, 125; F. Armstrong, 124. Proposed alteration to rules:—Rule 7: That each society be represented by one delegate only on the Council. For, 82; against, 174. Rule 12: That the judges be nominated by the societies in January and balloted for in April. For, 128; against, 113. Rule 12: That the choosing of judges be done by a sub-committee of delegates of the Council, and then submitted to the whole Council for their approval. For, 21; against, 270. Rule 16: That any society not holding an open show (if they pay their share of judges' fees) be allowed to move up two dates each year, same as when holding an open show. For, 159; against, 80. Rule 36: That the Union novice medals be competed for at all the Yorkshire Union shows instead of being divided into halves. For, 201; against 60. Rule 42: That there be no price limit on novice classes. For, 24; against, 222. Show rule 4: If not more than ten entries in a class, only half prize money will be paid. For, 48; against, 212.

BRANDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 7, Miners' Institute. Balance sheet read; we have £4 3s. 5½d. to start with next year—not so bad for the first venture. Officers were all re-elected. Chair, W. Basey; treas., A. Robson; sec., G. Reed. Five members made:—F. Lightfoot, M. Bailes, Geo. Hunter, Jos. Hunter, Jos. Robinson. Carried that annual open show be on Jan. 16, 1915. In future, meetings will be at Workmen's Social Club.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Meeting held March 7, W. Thompson in chair. Resolved the T. Pattison Cup be given for winner of most points at annual show last Sat. in Nov., to be won twice in succession or three times in all. Gold medal valued at £1 1s. for each year.—W. L. Smith.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Adjourned annual meeting. There was a good turn-out of members, who elected the following:—Mr. J. Hands, chair; I. Leck, vice-chair; R. Harris, treas.; G. Havver, sec.; also a large committee, hon. pres., and several vice presidents. Members elected:—Messrs. Hetherington and Wade (Blaydon Burn) and Mr. Hewison.—G. Havver.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Postponed meeting Feb. 28, Crown and Anchor. Sec. reported a balance of 4s. 9d. from the pair show. Decided to hold the first N.F. show June 6. Yorks, Yell., Buff, and Nov. A.C.; Nor., Yell. and Buff; A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb., Linnet and A.O.V. Brit., and that Mr S. Ware be asked to judge. Also decided that the society give following prizes for most points at our shows this year:—Champ. Can., 10s. most points; 5s., second; and 2s. 6d. third. Novice Can., ditto, Mules and Brit., ditto; and that no points be counted in classes where there is no competition. If any novice go into champ. section his points shall count towards champ. sp. No member will be allowed to take more than one of these prizes in one year. Following alterations in rules proposed:—That rule re novices read as follows: "Any novice winning three firsts at one members' show or one first in open competition be considered a champion," and "that the meeting night be altered from Saturday to Wednesday." These matters will come up for consideration at next meeting, March 14, when we hope to see a good muster.—C. L. Mallory.

WEST OF FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting March 7, Cowdenbeath, Mr. T. Wildridge (pres.) in chair. The scheme to extend the League to all strictly C.B. shows in Fife was successful in having delegates from Kirkcaldy and Coaltown of Wemyss, who each in turn stated that his society was quite agreeable to come under the League. We hope to see the rest of the societies represented at next meeting. Officials for 1914:—Pres., Mr. Wildridge (Dundonald); vice, Messrs. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) and Storrar (Coaltown of Wemyss); sec., J. Cordery, 21, Dewars Row, Kelty, Fife; treas., Mr. Rankine (Dunfermline); auditors, Messrs. Campbell and Dickson (Dunfermline). Agreed to alter the name of the League from the West of Fife C.B.L. to Fife C.B.L. Sec. instructed to get 100 rule books printed. Delegates were requested to take schemes to their respective societies for consideration, and to report at next meeting, to be held in Cowdenbeath on April 4, at 6.—J. Cordery.

CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting March 7, Mr. R. Lawson's Black Horse, Mr. M. Davinson chair. Officers elected:—A. Dawson, sec.; chair, Mr. J. H. Elliott; committee, Messrs. Davison, Lawson, Davinson, Anderson, Pacey, Robson, Barron, and Harwood. Subs. for coming year:—Old members, 4s.; new members, 5s. New members elected:—Messrs. Bloomfield, Grant, Redhead, Clark, Robson, Dawson, Cartwright, and Bewick (of Crest fame). We have had a very successful year; every exhibitor got a good spl. and we paid 10s. a class. We have a grand place for our show. Mr. Lawson gave us £1 and a good spl. Mrs. Lawson gave three spls. value 15s. All we want now is a few good old fanciers to join us to make us the best show in the locality. All are welcome.—A. Dawson, Sec. (Kindly note that notices must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in CAGE BIRDS and "The Poultry World."—Ed.)

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEYS.

General meeting, March 7. Chairman, Mr. A. H. C. Legg. New members accepted:—S. F. Stone, W. Goodyear Robertson (Porth), Thomas (Tonypaudy), Carp (Pentre), D. Gilbert (Glynfach), Escott (Cemetery Road), Smart (Apple Tree). New members are rolling in, and there are prospects of this club being one of the largest in Wales. Ent. fee, 1s.; quarterly contribution, 9d. Decided that no member of this club shall attend on any judge at a show where he (the said member) is exhibiting. Decided that the sec. order 200 closed rings, and see to all printing matter, rules, agreements, etc. Mr. F. J. Stone had on view several beautiful medals, etc., which he intends giving to the society as special prizes. Mr. A. H. C. Legg was elected permanent chairman, and Mr. F. J. Smart permanent vice-chairman. Other officers elected:—Treas., Mr. Davis; trustees, B. Hillman, F. J. Smart; auditors, S. Stone and M. Jones; bankers, Bank of England. Next meeting last Sat. in Mar. at 7. All new members are invited to attend at the Aviaries, 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth.—John Shephard, Sec.

DYSART C.B.S.

Meeting, March 7, Victoria Bar Rooms, before a good attendance. Report of the recent cup dispute was made by the president, who stated that he had received the cup back in good order. Discussion took place about altering the count of points, but on a vote it was decided to let the matter remain as before. Show fixed for Oct. 24, and judges nominated. Mr. D. Walker re-elected pres., J. Davidson vice-pres., and J. Logan sec. Committee's selection left over for next meeting, March 21. Two new members enrolled.—J. Logan, Hon. Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting, Mar. 6, headquarters, Mr. J. Guy chair. There was a good attendance. Members made:—Mr. Lester and Mr. Spruce. Mr. John Guy gave a paper on "Pairing," which was very interesting. Many questions were asked and ably answered by the lecturer. The chairman promised to give a paper on "Feeding" at next meeting, April 3. Please remember the date.—E. Rone.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held March 7th, Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood. Mr. Geo Barkess chair; moderate attendance of members. Decided to have our show on our old date, viz., Oct. 24, confined to members only.—Jameson and Johnson.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting, Mar. 5, Mr. M. C. Potts chair. Following new members elected:—Messrs. Marmion (Newcastle), English (Usworth), Kennerson (Sunderland), Rowcroft Bros. (Ashington), and Webber (Newcastle). Decided to hold N.F. show, July 4. Judges—Nor., Mr. Butler; Yorks, Mr. Tomlinson; Bord., Mr. Johnston; Brit. and For., Mr. MacGeon. Arrangements for hall for open show were left in the hands of the sec. Resolution was passed instructing the sec. to write to the "Evening Chronicle" protesting against the increased charge for advertising the sale of birds. Decided that we have a discussion on breeding at next monthly meeting, April 2. Committee meeting March 19, 8. Subs. now one.—J. W. Reed.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Annual general meeting, election of officers, and prize distribution March 5. Cup for most points Yorks, Messrs. Taylor and Wright. Cup for most points Nor., Mr W. Nichols. Cup for most points Brit., Mr. H. Burrows. Spoons, medals, and other sps. also presented to the respective winners. Balance sheet adopted as read, showing a balance in hand of £1 6s. 4d. Decided to remove the radius and make the society open to the United Kingdom. We hope by this to increase the membership. Sub. 4d. per month. Four cups to be won outright this year. Annual show fixed for Nov. 12. We are also holding young stock show, table shows, and having lectures. Meetings first Thursday in month at St. John's Schools, Southall. Further particulars from J. Jefferis, 40, High Street, Southall.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Meeting Mar. 2, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, A. G. Forrest, pres., in chair. Members took part in a Linnet judging competition, with Mr. D. Brown as final judge. Results:—Forrest, 15 points; Blyth, 13; Carstairs, Robertson and Smith, 12 each; Livingston, 5; Borrie and Bruce, 3 each. Agreed to have a Goldf. and Siskin competition at next meeting. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chairman.—J. L. Smith.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

First annual dinner Jan. 28, Leopard Hotel, when between 30 and 40 sat down to an excellent repast provided by Host and Hostess Crompton. After the loyal toast by the chairman, Mr. T. W. Stott, Mr. Truman proposed "The Society." In doing so he pointed out the struggle we have had to keep going, but seeing our membership is gradually increasing and entries keep improving at our open show, we can look forward to being one of the strongest societies in England. Mr. F. Barker responded, and said that from small beginnings they had increased steadily until they had at their last show 650 entries. Whereas three years ago they had not a single cup, they now had five. The next item was the presentation of the cups won at our last show. Winners were:—Mr. and Mrs. Leel's cup, Mr. Truman; Smedley and Raynes' cup, Mr. Simpson; Harry Barker challenge cup, Mr. W. Blanchon; Dr. W. J. Gray's cup, G. Hunt; F. Barker's cup, Mr. Truman. Songs were capably rendered by Miss Milly Worthington, Miss Stella Mayne, and Messrs. Barker and Jones, with a recitation each from Mr. Stott and Mr. Truman. Mr. Davis presided at the piano. After vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes, a most enjoyable evening came to a close. Members attend next meeting, Feb. 14, Black Bull, 7.30. Business very important.—G. Hunt.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Meeting Feb. 28, Co-op. Hall. A novel judging competition was held, which all the members entered, and for which Mr. Wm. Rolland had been appointed referee. Competition was keen and close, only a few points separating the winners, who proved to be Messrs. D. McLaren, R. T. Campbell, and G. Rae in order named. The pres., Mr. T. McLaren, presided at the meeting. Sec. intimated a donation of £2 from the Gothenburg Society towards the funds. Report of West Fife C.B.L. was found satisfactory. Agreed to appoint judges for our sixth annual show at next meeting, Mar. 28. Our visit to the Naturalist Museum is on Mar. 25. Will members who intend being present kindly meet at St. Margaret's Hall at seven prompt? One new member enrolled. Votes of thanks to Mr. Rolland and the chairman terminated the meeting.—Robt. T. Campbell.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Mar. 3, at headquarters, "Rose and Crown" Hotel, Waingate, Mr. T. Down presiding. A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. G. Fletcher, of Sheffield, which took the form of a lantern lecture on British birds. The lecturer proved a thorough master of the subject. The lecture was in two parts, as follows:—Part 1, "The Common Birds of Our Gardens; Their Habits and Food." The lecturer drew his remarks as to their food and habits from notes written by Mr. Cecil Hooper, M.R.A.C. British bird keepers who were present should now be able to keep their birds in excellent condition on their natural food. The second part, "British Birds, Nests, and Eggs," was equally interesting, and proved a great draw. A vote of thanks closed one of the most interesting and enjoyable evenings ever held under the society's wing.—J. A. T. Woodall.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting, March 3, St. Thomas School. Rev. C. E. Gaul presided over a good muster. F.F. show fixed for July 11, Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judge. The last of the series of table shows was held for Brit. and Muling pairs. Mr. W. Fairhurst judged an entry of 30, and his awards met with general approval. Table shows have improved upon last year, 130 birds competing in the three shows. Principal winners were Messrs. Boothman, Hope, Hill, Holland, Warburton, Walshaw, Massey. Winners of sps.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Boothman; 3, Brown. Vote of thanks given Mr. Fairhurst for judging. Mr. Fairhurst replied, and promised to give a lecture on "British Birds and Bird-room Remarks," which will be on the syllabus. Next meeting Mar. 11. Mr. H. Boothman will lecture on pairing up, etc. Fanciers and friends welcome.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S.

Meeting March 4, Doig's Rooms; Mr. A. R. Towns chair, with a fairly good turnout. One new member enrolled. Meeting closed with usual vote of thanks to chair.—A. Law.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting Feb. 26, 81, Kilbowie Road. Members appointed to look after hall for annual show reported that they had secured the Lesser Town Hall, and it was agreed to accept same. Nominations were made for judges for F.F. and annual shows, and sec. was instructed to write. Discussion took place on the use of closed rings, and decided that we could not alter our rules till annual meeting. New members elected: Messrs. Hendry, Brown, Campbell, and McEwan. Sps. won at pair show were paid out.—Wm. Kane.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Pair show, Mar. 4, The Hall, Royal Street. The room was fairly crowded Mr. J. W. Metcalf judged. A pleasant surprise awaited the sec., who was the recipient of a handsome presentation. Mr. Metcalf was asked by the chairman to say a few words—a request to which he willingly responded. In the course of his speech he dwelt upon the esteem in which the sec., Mr. Broadbent, is held by the members, and remarked that much of the success of the society was to be attributed to his labours. He had pleasure in asking Mr. Broadbent to accept the pair of figures which were before him as a small token of appreciation for his services. The chairman, Mr. Holden, said that the progress the society had made in its first year was entirely due to the good, sound, businesslike way in which Mr. Broadbent had managed things, backed up by a hard-working band of officers, and even went one better than Mr. Metcalf by saying that the society should be proud of its secretary, as it had the best any society could have. Mr. Broadbent, in acknowledging the gift, said he had only done his duty as secretary, and if he had had the good fortune to bring success to the society he had been well rewarded. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Metcalf for his kindness in judging.

YORKS YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, Rothwell, cl. yell. ck., cl. buff hen, cock rare position, fine qual., hen grand type, neat wings, good all-round pair, should produce the real goods; 2, he, Woodcock, real good stock cock, rare length, well filled in neck, paired to very smart hen of very fine qual.; 3, Kewn, cock, shade smaller than leaders, but of good type and feather, matched to very smart cl. buff hen; vhc, Holden; hc, Nowlan; c, Broadbent. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (8: 1, vhc, Holden, cock, grizzle back, grand typical bird, rare wing carr. and pos., paired to very smart cl. hen of fine length, should produce stormers; 2, 3, Hammond, 2nd wing mkd. ck., good carr. and length, paired to very smart cl. yell. hen of grand qual., the right type; 3rd cl. buff ck. of good qual., paired to similar hen as 2nd, two very nice pairs; hc, Woodcock; c, Broadbent. GR. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Holden, self ck., paired to foul buff hen, cock real good grass green, grand carr. and length, hen of grand qual., very stylish, the right kind to produce winners; 2, Frankham, foul yell. ck., paired to self buff hen, cock of good sound colour, grand qual., hen nice type, good qual.; 3, Kewn, self yell. ck., paired to foul buff hen, cock neat wing carr. and tail, hen good qual. and position. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Rothwell, foul buff ck., paired to self yell. hen, cock real good one, plenty of length, well up on legs, good col., hen very stylish and good qual., should produce the right kind; 2, Frankham, foul buff ck., paired to self yell. hen, nice exhibits, ck. good sound col. and type, very neat, hen nice qual.; 3, Kewn, self buff ck., paired to foul yell. hen, both of nice qual. and carr.; vhc, Rucastle. NOR.: 1, Frankham, clear yell. ck., grand type and qual., good size, paired to very smart wing mkd. Cinn. hen. BORD.: 1, 2, Battersby, 1st self yell. ck. paired to foul buff hen, good type, nice grass green; 2nd foul yell. ck. paired to self buff hen, cock good sound col., nice type, hen very smart, good carr., two very nice pairs, we should hear of something good from these; 3, Kewn, foul yell. ck., paired to self buff hen, both of good sound col., nice carr. MULING PAIRS (A.V.): 1, 3, Wilkins, 1st cap mkd. yell. Norwich ck. of good subs., paired to very smart hen Bullie; 3rd good size ck. Goldie, paired to foul yell. Nor. hen, the right kind to produce good dark Mules; 2, Frankham, ck. Goldie paired to cl. buff Nor. hen, Finch of nice size, good square blaze, nice smart buff hen, the right things for light Mules. HYB. PAIRS (A.V.): 1 Wilkin, ck. Twite paired to Albino hen Goldf. Twite, nice col. and lacing, hen of good size, very steady, three-parts white, should go well; 2. Kelly, smart ck. Goldie, good blaze, nice cond., with very smart Mealy Redpoll hen, these were on very good terms, should do well. GOLDF.: 1, Wilkins, nice Finch, good square blaze, nice tannings, very steady, in tip-top order; 2, Rothwell, another nice Finch, good blaze, moons and bars, leses in tanuing. LINNET: 1, vhc, Williams, F.M., nice rich nutty brown, good whites, nice size; 2, Wilkins, H.M., nice col., capital lacing, very steady gets put back through missing claw; 3, Kelly, good size and col., make a good one when steady. GREENF.: 1, Rothwell, capital Greenie, rare size, good head and type, another 1st to fils long list of wins; 2, Williams, yell., nice size and col., very steady, not enough polish to do him justice; 3, Kelly, nice buff, hardly the size of the leaders, but good qual. and col. BULLF.: 1, Wilkins, capital Finch, good size, big bold head, clean-cut cap, nice breast colour and bars; 2, Rothwell, another nice Bullie, good size, rare breast col., hard to separate these two, cap hardly as clean cut as first; 3, Kelly, shade smaller than leaders, but good sound col., clean cut cap, nice bars; vhc, Rucastle. CHAFF.: 1, Wilkins, good size and col., nice qual. bars and whites; 2, Williams, shade smaller, good col., breast and cap. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Wilkins, monster Mealy Redpoll, clean cut bib, good lacing, carries plenty of weight; 2, c, Williams, very smart Lesser Poll, rare colour, rich brown, good lacing, bib might be a little clearer; 3, Rothwell, another nice Poll cap, lacing, good sound col., clean cut bib, very steady; vhc, Kelly; hc, Nowlan. MULES (A.V.): 1, Frankham, good Goldie Mule, nice size and colour.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Mar. 5, Corn Exchange Hotel. There was a fairly good entry, and strong competition in the Hybrid pairs. Mr. W. B. George judged. NOR.: 1, 2, Lees; 3, Lewin; vhc, Gough; hc, c, Wren. NOR.: 1, Lewin; 2, Lees. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Fifield. CAN. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Wren; 3, Gough. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Wren; 3, Gough; vhc, hc, c, Simms.—A. F. Fifield.

TORBAY (Paignton) O.S.

Pair show, March 2, small Public Hall. Nor. were the only variety that mustered strongly. Mr. F. Redwood (Newton Abbot) judged.

NOR. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, hc, Jeffery and Sons; vhc, Daw; c, Wyatt. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Jeffery and Sons; 3, vhc, Daw. YORKS. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Sanders; 3, Clay. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN: 1, Sanders. YORKS. GR.: 1, 2, Innes. LINNET CK. and CAN. HEN: 1, Wyatt.—J. N. Jeffery.

BODMIN F.A.

Show held Feb. 23. CAN.: 1, Stallard, fine Yorks. yell.; 2, Hellen. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, vhc, Hellen, Goldie, a beauty, fine blaze, good all round; 2, Stallard, good Goldie, beaten here, but a good one; 3, vhc, c, Frazier, topping Bullf., rare size, nice cap and breast col. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Hellen, beautiful Bunting, in rare cond., fine Waxwing, and pretty Yellow Wagtail, soft when judged, or might have won; vhc, Frazier. LARGE: Robartes, cup best in show, champion Hill Mynah.

BRANDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

First annual open show, held Feb. 14; it was in every way a huge success, entries, attendance, and subs. all exceeding the most sanguine expectations of the committee. The venue was the Miners' Hall, a place capitally adapted for the purpose, nice size, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries came up splendidly, totalling 327, 264 open and 63 members'. Norwich made a fine display. Yorkshires were only poor in numbers, but some capital specimens were staged. The feature of the show was, however, the Mules and British, and such a glorious display has seldom been seen in the North of England. The class for Mules and Hybrids was a stormer, and in such keen competition many really grand birds had to stand cardless. British classes contained many magnificent specimens, some of them coming direct from the Palace, and competition was of the keenest possible description, grand teams being staged by Dr. Wilson, Messrs. R. D. Parlett, W. H. Butler, W. Foster, W. Davidson, R. Gentleman, R. Wilford, Jamieson and Johnson, and J. Scott. The society appears to be exceptionally fortunate in the choice of its officials, and the President, Mr. C. Christon, is one of the right sort, kindly and obliging, and always willing to do his best for the welfare of the club. Mrs. Burrell and Miss Burrell are generous patrons, and further the interests of the society in every possible way. Mr. A. Robson, the hon. treas., undertook the duties of show manager, and his arrangements left nothing to be desired, and although he was not enjoying the best of health, he stuck to his work in a wonderful manner. Mr. Geo. Reed, the hon. sec., is just the man for the position, for he thoroughly understands how to work a show, and in his hands the clerical work receives the best of attention; the whole of his work was got through without the slightest hitch. Mr. W. Basey, the genial chairman, heads a grand body of fanciers, composed of Messrs. J. Briggs, A. Bailes, W. Hunter, senr., W. Hunter, Junr., J. Gates, J. Mills, R. Mills, W. Thompson, J. Watson and W. Wilson, all of whom gave of their best for the good of the show. The attendance was excellent, the takings at the "gate" reaching a good figure. Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, judged.

NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Morrison, two nice ones, leader cl., grand shape, short, well rounded body, neat head, good qual., hot col.; 3rd, cl., again nice shape, good size, and col., nice carr., not the finish of leader; 2, Fraser, wing tkd., nice size, lovely shape, neat head and wing carr., equal to winner in all but col.; 4, Thompson; vhc, Clark and Foster; hc, Hanson and Scorer. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Robson and March, leader mkd. eye and wings, short thick-set bird, nice size, grand chest, good head and full neck, nice col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, H. Briggs, well-known variety., tremendous size, rare head and neck, good col. and qual., bit upright on perch and loses in type to leader; 3, Jeffries, cl., medium size, lovely shape, short all over, nice col. and qual., bit weaker in head than leaders; vhc, Hanson and Scorer; hc, Matthewson. 1913 (15) good class: 1, Morrison, cl. yell., medium size, short and thick-set, neat head, full neck and chest, nice col. and qual., good car., looked a bit soft after judging; 2, 3, Russell and Teasdale, leader cl. yell., nice shape, but not so short and cobby as leader, neat head, lovely col. and qual., well cleaned under; 3rd, cl. buff, nice size and shape, nice head, back and chest, nice col., good wing carr.; 4, Parlett; vhc, Peirson; he, Young. HEN (13): 1, J. Briggs, cl. yell., nice size, good shape, nice head, neck and chest, good col. and qual., well-carried wings and tail; 2, hc, Callaway and Williams, head tkd. buff, fine size and shape, nice head, good back and chest, nice col., neatly carried wings, well cleaned out; 3, Peart, eye tkd. yell., lovely shape, sweet head, nice deep chest, good wings, good qual. and col., loses in size; 4, Peirson; vhc, Robson and March. NOV. (15): 1, J. Briggs, neck tkd. yell., good one for shape and size, nice back and chest, neat head, nice wings and tail, good col. and qual.; 2, Thompson, cl. buff, nice size, lovely shape, nice head, good full chest, grandly carried wings and tail, lovely feather; 3, Pyman, variegated yell., not the subs. of leaders, grand shape, neat head and neck, lovely col. and qual., grand carr., just wants a bit more size; 4, hc, Gill; vhc, Hunter and Son. YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Riseborough, cl., fine length, well up on nice legs, neat round head, good shoulders, finely tapered, well braced wings and tail; 2, Wearmouth, nice length and pos., slim and finely drawn, neat head, well carried wings and tail, loses to leader in col.; 3, Pyman, variegated, nice length, but hardly so erect as leaders, slimly built, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 4, Swinsco; vhc, Nattrass. BUFF (3): 1, Swinsco, nice length, good pos., lovely col. and qual., neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Pyman, nice length, well up, slim and nicely drawn, loses in col.; 3, Robson, nice length and pos., good col. and qual., wants tightening up a bit. 1913 (7): 1, Riseborough, cl., capital length, nice pos., neat head and neck, well rounded back, finely drawn, good wings and tail, bit pale in col.; 2, Foster, better col. than leader, nice pos., but not quite the length, neat head, good shoulders and waist, well braced wings; 3, 4, Smith, loses a bit in pos. to leaders, nice length, neat head, good col. and qual. nice wing carr.; vhc, Pyman; hc., Wearmouth. HEN (4): 1, Wearmouth, cl. yell., fine length, straight up, neat shoulders and waist, nice head, good col., well braced wings and tail; 2, 4, Allan, cl. yell., nice length and pos. finely drawn, neat head, good wings, loses in col.; 3 Swinsco, huff, mkd. eyes and wings, nice length, good pos., hardly so slimly built as leaders, nice wing carr., good col. and qual. NOVICE (5): 1, 4, Pyman, yell., grizzle on wing, fine length, straight as a rush, neat shoulders and waist, nice head and neck, good col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Blake, buff, good one for pos., slim and finely drawn, neat head, nice col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 3, Allan, cl. yell., not the length of leader, or so well finished, grand pos., neat head, nice wing carr.; vhc, Ward. A.O.V. (8): 1, Jeffries, big variety. C.B., plenty of subs., massive skull, grand rise and width, carries any amount of grand feather, reaching over end of beak; 2, 4, Riseborough, both Lizards, leader spangled back, good ground col.; 3, Hanson and Scorer, heavily var. D.C., nice shaped crest of good size, nice radiation and droop, neat centre; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Blake. MULE OR HYB. (17): 1, hc, Butler, cl. Goldie-Can., medium size, lovely shape, nicely flushed face, grand wings, most exquisite feather, straight from the Palace, yet shown in absolutely perfect feather. 2, vhc, Dr. Wilson, Can.-Bullie leading, nice size and shape, grand col., nice head and neck, short and thick-set, another grand one straight from the Palace, grand cond.; 3, Parlett, well known dark yell. Greenie-Can., lovely size and shape, magnificent col., good head, neck and chest, not so tight in feather to-day as we have seen him, yet a thumping good mule, and well worth his place. Palace 4th: 4, Peart; hc, Butler; a grand class, several grand birds had to stand cardless. SISKIN, ETC. (20), a class of stormers: 1, Foster, Lesser Redpoll, grand size and shape, rich col., wonderfully pencilled from shoulders to flanks, nice head and neck, good clean-cut bib, staged in perfect form; 2, Dr. Wilson, Twite, fine size, beautiful shape, lovely col., rich and pure throughout, beautifully pencilled all over, grand head and chest, lovely cond. and feather; 3, vhc, Gentleman, leader grand Siskin, fine size, nice shape, lovely col., level in tone all through, grand shaped, clean cut cap, well laced flanks, in perfect condition; 4, Parlett, another lovely Twite, wonderful col., beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, equal to 2nd in all but head; hc, Sanders. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (19), real hot class: 1, 3, Dr. Wilson, leader Bullie, we take to be Palace winner, nice size, lovely shape, short, thick-set body, grand cap of lovely shape, and very dense col., lovely breast col., carried well under, shown in the pink, and a topper all over; 3, Goldie, nice size and shape, lovely clean cut blaze, pure in tone of col., nice cheeks, lovely wings, beautifully tanned, and not a feather out of place; 2, Jamieson and Johnson, lovely Goldie, grand size and shape, large clean-cut expansive blaze, square cut, nice col., well tanned body, lovely wings, shown in exquisite feather and condition, beats the third bird in size; 4, McGregor; vhc, Butler; hc, Callaway and Williams. GREENF. (16): 1, Gentleman, real stormer, grand size, wonderful shape, very short and thick-set, grand col., hot in tone and very level throughout, big bold head, grand neck and chest, fine cond.; 2, Cresswell, grand size and shape, correct type, very stoutly built, grand bold head, rare chest, nice col., very level, but not so hot in tone as leaders; 3, Henderson, not the size of leaders, but beauty for type, short bold bird, good head and neck, nice level col, grand cond.; 4, Wilford; vhc, Wilford; hc, Appleyard. A.O. HARDBILL (23), a hot class, containing no less than six Hawfinches, six Brambles, and Chaffinches, Corn, Meadow, and Snow Buntings, and a Crosshill: 1, Davidson, lovely Hawfinch, medium size, grand shape, good head, level col., grand body col., very level in tone, beautiful wings, not a feather out of place; 2, 4, Dr. Wilson, leader Meadow Bunting, beautiful exhibit, lovely head markings, a slight soil on right wing, otherwise in perfect feather and cond., not much to choose between it and leader; 4, nice Crossbill; 3, Jamieson and Johnson, Bramble, not a big one, but stormer for col., rich and pure, and carried well under, grandly spangled back, nice head, grandly laced, in the pink of condition; vhc, Mitchell and Stephenson; hc, Parnaby. LINNET, H.M. (15): 1, 2, Parlett, two grand ones, leader nice shape and size, stoutly built, grand col., beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct all over, neat head, grand feather and cond.; 2, another nice one for size, but not so cobbily built as leader, grand col., and profusely pencilled all over, in grand trim; 3, Davidson, another topper for size and shape, grandly pencilled, rich col. and polish, lacks the bold head of leaders, grand condition; 4, Bentinct; vhc, Wilford; hc, Carr. F.M. (15): 1, Wilford, grand size, nice shape, bit dark in col. perhaps, but beautifully level in tone, and carried well under vent, grandly pencilled, nice bold head, grand feather and condition; 2, hc, Parlett, leader bonny shape, stout chubby body, but lacks the bold head of leader, grand col. and beautifully pencilled, very distinct, in grand feather, and steady as a rock, not much to choose between them; 3, 4, Carr, another grand Linnet for col. and pencilling, hardly so profuse as leaders, nice feather and cond.; vhc, MacDonald. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Scott, lovely Chough, nice size, beautiful glossy feather, grand col, beak, and legs; 2, 3, Davidson, leader lovely Waxwing, nice size, fails a bit in waxings on left wing, otherwise in most perfect feather; 3, fine Blackbird, good size, stoutly built, good plumage, nice amber col. beak and eye ceres, tight feather; 4, Parnaby, nice Red wing; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, McGregor. FOR. (8): 1, Jamieson and Johnson, Ceram Lory, looking in grand trim; 2, hc, McDonald, Pekin Nightingale, nice feather and cond.; 3, Sanders, Java Sparrow in tight feather; 4, vhc, Mitchell and Stephenson. MEMBERS' YORKS CK. (2): 1, Robson; 2, Hunter and Son. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Hunter and Son; 3, Robson. 1913 (2): 1, 2, Hunter and Son. NOR. CK. (12): 1, 2, Briggs; 3, Hunter and Son; 4, vhc, hc, Bailes and Thompson. HEN (9): 1, 2, Briggs; 3, hc, Basey; 4, vhc, Bailes and Thompson. 1913 (15): 1, 4, vhc, Gates and Eden; 2, Wilson; 3, Bailes and Thompson; hc, Basey. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hunter and Son; 4, Watson. LINNET (2): 1, Reed and Mills; 2, Wilson. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, Basey; 2, Bailes and Thompson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Reed and Mills. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, Mills; 2, Bailes and Thompson; 4, Reed and Mills. FOR. (3): 1, Briggs; 2, Reed and Mills; 3, Robson.

DEAL, WALMER F.S.

Held Nelson Hall, Nelson Street, Feb. 26. One of the best yet held, exhibits being more numerous than usual. Many people paid a visit to the hall, and manifested a keen interest in the exhibits. The arrangements were excellently carried out by Sec. W. H. Lacy, and T. Brunger. The judge appointed for our annual show, to be held on Nov. 11-12, 1914, is Mr. C. House, Bradford.

YORKS., PAIR: 1, 2, sp., Pink; 3, 4, hc, Thompson; c, Lacy. SINGLE: 1, 3, vhc, Mowle; 2, 4, Thompson. NOR., PAIR: 1, 3, Thompson, well matched, good col.; 2, 4, Pilcher, good condition. BRIT. BIRDS: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Lacy, 1st, Hawfinch, in fine condition, 2nd, cock Bullfinch, good shape and steady; 3, Thompson, Greenfinch, a little light.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Annual pair show, headquarters, Brewers' Arms, Feb. 28. Norwich were a special feature, Mr. Jackson staging two grand pairs. In novice class competition was very keen, W. Bailey wiuning with a pair that should do good service. Mr. Walton had an exceptionally good variety. Norwich cock, but was beaten owiug to the hen not being good enough. Norwich are certainly improving in Grantham, and members should be able to breed some to hold their own in good company next year. Mr. Loekton judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. PAIR: 1, sp., 2, Jackson; 3, Twilley; 4, vhc, hc, Ratcliff; c, Tebbutt. NOV. NOR.: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, 4, Geeson; vhc, hc, c, Walton. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Bailey. YORK.: 1, Brewin; 2, Twilley. MULING: 1, sp., Ratcliff; 2, Bailey; 3, Twilley. HYB. PAIR: 1, Bailey. LINNET: 1, Bailey. BRIT HEN: 1, Geeson.

MACCLESFIELD C.B.S.

Pair show, March 5, Dalbrook Street School. There was a good muster of members, who brought some really good pairs. Mr. W. Lee judged. CHAMP. (10): 1, 3, Barrett; 2, Hunt; 4, 6, Cundiff; 5, Hall. NOV. (14): 1, Mollard; 2, 3, Cundiff; 4, 5, 6, 7, Steel. Next meeting night April 2, Brit. bird show.—H. Hall.

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EXCHANGE grand young house-moulted cock Goldfinch, sure muler, for young Norwich cock: E. Osborne, Swayfield, Grantham. (1432)

PEARTREE cock Goldfinch, singing, hen Bullfinch; exchange two healthy Roller hens, yours first: Bridges, Dovedale-st., Failsworth, Manchester. (1434)

EXCHANGE 8 cock 3-hen Chaffinches, 3 cock 2 hen Greenfinches, pair Reed Buntings; Rollers preferred, or sell: Watts, Grocer, Woking. (1422)

EXCHANGE Siberian Goldfinch, also unflighted Norwich Buff cock for big Crestbred cock: Gilbert, 50, Browning-st., Leicester. (1429)

WANTED, double-sided disc records, winners preferred; will give five cocks, one hen Goldfinch: Tom Bugden, Ludgershall, Wilts. (1423)

SIX brown Linnets, 3/6; six Redpolls, 2/-, cocks; exchange Flying Homers or Bullfinches: Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1423)

EXCHANGE stylish Black Magpie hen, parents cost £9, for Scotch Fancy or Crested hen Canary: Townsend, Aberavon, Port Talbot. (1438)

WANTED, Hybrid or Hawfinch, fit for good competition; exchange good Yorkshires to value: Vencss, Battle-rd., Hollington, Hastings. (1392)

WANTED, good singing Yorkshire, or Roller; exchange 3 singing Larks and cages: Walker, 22, Hopwood-ave., Eccles, Manchester. (1434)

SPLENDID cock Linnet (steady) and hen Goldfinch, 6/6; also hen Hawfinch, 3/6; or exchange Canaries: Wright, Simpson-st., Spilsby. (1423)

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, full song, sing anywhere, 10/6 with cage, or will exchange; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1432)

HAWFINCH, 7/6; Greenfinch, winner, 7/-; Redpoll, 2/6; two Norwich hens, 5/-; exchange Parrot or foreigners: L. Mayes, Eastwood, Notts. (1431)

EXCHANGE F.M. Yellow Greenfinch-Linnet, Chaffinch-H.M. Lesser Redpoll for Buff Norwich cock: Bogie, 145, Overton-rd., Kirkcaldy, Fife. (1425)

GRAND cock Goldfinch, in show condition, and H.M. cock Linnet, steady, 10/6 pair: Elliott, White Hart Hotel, Burgh, Lincolnshire. (1424)

EXCHANGE 4 cock Bullfinches, 2 hen, housemoulted, for 2 pairs green and 1 pair yellow Budgerigars: Robert Irvine, Blairgowrie. (1442)

GRAND muling pair, 12/-; H.M. Goldie muler, 7/-; exchange the lot cycle or offers: Albert Davies, 20, Wellington-place, Llanwrst, Denbighshire. (1426)

TWO large, good coloured cock Greenfinches, 2/- each; or exchange for a good Canary hen, or Goldfinch cock: Waugh, New Abbey, Dumfries. (1435)

JOHN DAY will exchange Siberian or British for Canaries, or buy any quantity for cash, good price for good birds: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1436)

TWO good cock Hawfinches for good yellow Yorkshire cock, unflighted, must be good bird; or sell 15/-: Mr. W. Gravenell, Queen's-rd., Maidstone. (1422)

HAND-reared cock Thrush, 2 yrs., fine songster, and cage; exchange 2 pairs Budgerigars, or 2 cock Canaries; offers: Tulty, 10, Squarey-st., Tooting.

THREE exhibition cock Bullfinches, three cocks, Redpolls, exchange yellow Yorkshire cock; what offers?: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE two cock Redpolls, one cock Greenfinch, beauties, for pair Cutthroats; yours first: T. Jarvis, No. 8, Featherstone-rd., Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. (1423)

WANTED, Canaries, exchange Bullfinches, Budgerigars, cock Linnet Mule, grandfather clock: Westrope, North-st., Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk. (1442)

HAND-REARED cock Chaffinch, breeder, excellent songster, 5/-; winning cock Greenfinch, Hybrid breeder, 5/-; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere. (1429)

EXHIBITORS: F.M. cocks, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch, can win, cheap; exchange for large unflighted Norwich hen: J. Gainford, Calder Bridge, Cumberland. (1434)

TWO house-moulted Mealy Redpolls and two Lessers, hen Siskin, hen Chaffinch; what offers Yellow Norwich hens: Cameron, Ben Nevis Buildings, Fort William. (1428)

SELL or exchange, two cock Linnet mules, 7/6 each, cock Redpoll, two hen mules, 1/- each; wanted large yellow and buff Norwich hens, 1913 birds: Smith, 11, John-st, Dalbeattie. (1430)

EXCHANGE good cock Goldfinch and hen Canary for part Royal George cable, 1ft. long, 2½. round, under water at Spithead 50 years, good condition: Clue, 140, Hyde Park-rd., Portsmouth. (1392)

NOTICE: British cock Goldfinches, perfect plumage, full song, 3/6 each; White-legged cocks, fit keenest competition, 5/- and 7/6 each; or exchange high-class Yorkshires: Savage, Hockwold, Brandon.

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BARGAINS.—Four house-moulted Linnets, ditto Lark (genuine full song), 3/- each; also treadle fret-saw, cost 25/-, almost new, 15/-; exchange Canaries, anything: Tenant, 7, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1432)

HAWFINCHES, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-, good birds, sell or exchange Canaries; Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, 3/- each; grand Cirl Bunting, 7/6; all picked for show: Clubbs, 51, Battlefield-av., Glasgow. (1429)

TWO hen Bullfinches, caged with two cock Redpolls since October; Yellowhammers, Brambles, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, in outdoor aviary since September; Canaries wanted: Heath, 273, Stretford-rd., Manchester. (1420)

TWO pairs grand Bullfinches, 5/6 pair; two odd cocks, 3/6 each; pair Greenfinches, 3/6; two odd cocks, 2/- each; hen Goldfinch, 2/-; exchange any for Canaries, hen Cockatiel, Budgerigars, Foreign seed-eaters: F. Fitt, Baker, Dersingham, Norfolk.

GIANT exhibition cock Hawfinch, 12/6; two twice house moulted cock Goldfinches, bred 7/6 each; giant exhibition cock Jay, 8/-; three cock Thrushes, four cock Larks, caged September, full song, 3/- each; exchange Canaries: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (1437)

FOR sale large Hybrid pairs, been together since October, cock Greenfinch, hen Goldie, 2/6; Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, 3/6; Goldfinch, hen Linnet, 4/6; Chaffinch, hen Greenfinch, 3/-; or exchange large Norwich hen, or what offers: Peck, Ashman Hall Gardens, Beccles, Suffolk. (1427)

EXHIBITION British and Hybrids, cock Chaffinch, big winner, 10/-; cock Greenie, two 1sts, three 2nds, 7/6; Yellow Bunting, great winner, 10/-; cock Bullfinch, winner, 10/-; Hawfinch, grand specimens, won several honours, 10/-; Redpoll-Linnet Hybrid cock, also Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrid cock, both winners and rare specimens, 10/- each; the above are up-to-date prize-winning stock; must sacrifice or accept useful exchange: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

Mainly Canaries.

CLEAR Buff Norwich hen, 10/-; or exchange anything useful: Buck, Bondgate, Ripon. (1424)

EXCHANGE two Border hens for Border cock, or sell 7/-; offers: B., 304, Brockley-rd., S.E. (1441)

EXCHANGE two good Border hens for good yellow cock; approval: L. Hall, Cranhill-rd., Street, Somerset. (1341)

WILL exchange champion Norwich or Yorkshires for gold jewellery: Mr. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1441)

HAND-REARED cock Goldfinch, mule, 7/6; exchange Norwich hens: J. H. Taylor, Halstead, Essex. (1437)

ON sale, seven Canaries, two cocks, full song; what offers, or will exchange: Crook, 19, Raikes-rd., Preston. (1431)

WHAT offers Canaries for set 2-inch ivory billiard balls, 17/11; stamp reply: Oram, 6, Ashley-place, Victoria. (1423)

TWO Yellow Norwich cocks; what exchange in Rollers?—F. Meredith, Fair View, Winllan-avenue, Llandudno. (1417)

TWO beautiful Yorkshire cocks, full song, 5/- each; 9/- the two; or exchange: Leonard Hodges, Studley, Warwickshire. (1419)

WILL exchange three good Crest cocks for good Plainheads; cocks or hens: Vance, 6, Sterling-st., City, Glasgow. (1437)

STORMING Buff and Yellow Norwich hens, 15/- each; approval with pleasure: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (1424)

WANTED, common cock Canary for feeding, exchange small Crested hen, or sell: John Hatton, Ticknall, Derby. (1432)

FOUR Yorkshire hens, sell 12/-, or exchange Norwich cock or Roller in song: R. Burborough, Asylum, Littlemore, Oxon. (1431)

WANTED two Yellow Border hens, give Buff Green Norwich cock, medium unflighted: Chambers, Heath-rd., Ditton, Widnes. (1429)

COCK Yorkshires and show cage, 12/6; exchange cycle covers, or anything useful: Fowler, Wark-st., Chester-le-Street. (1428)

SEIFERT Roller cock and shutter cage, exchange pair Borders or Yorkshires, or sell, 12/6: Watson, Garden-ter., Hexham. (1429)

COAT and vest, 38in. chest, 8/-; exchange for Buff Yorkshire hen, any variety: Ernest Fairhurst, Thunder Bridge, Kirburton. (1421)

EXCHANGE large buff unflighted P.H. cock for Goldfinches or pair Borders, cinnamon or marks: Brown, 840, Argyle-st., Glasgow. (1442)

FOUR Yorkshire show cages and travelling case for two unflighted buff Yorkshire hens: Douglas, 34, Roseberry-av., Morecambe. (1423)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for pair Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, or sell, £2: Cattell, Hampstead-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1440)

WANTED, very steady hen Goldfinch in exchange for hen Canary; cock Goldfinch Mule for sale: Norris, Chase Cross, Romford. (1426)

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THREE Yorkshire 1913 buff hens, 3/6 each; or exchange for yellow Norwich cock, 1913, approval: Stirling, 8, Frith-rd., Croydon. (1431)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, all varieties, sell cheap; or exchange cycle, cigars, other offers invited: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley. (1428)

SACRIFICE two Green York. hens McQuaide's, 10/-; exchange leggy yellow ditto; yours first: Fisher, 20, Bridge-st., Londonderry. (1441)

COCKATIEL hen, breeder, 12/6; exchange Zebra Finches, hens, old Chaffinch hen, cock Canaries or Mules: Lanham, 36, Walcot, Bath. (1441)

FOUR double, five single disc records, perfect condition, 12/-; exchange hen Canaries: Jackson, Granville-ave., Long Eaton, Derbyshire. (1435)

EXCHANGE Buff Green Norwich cock for two Buff Norwich hens; approval both ways: Gray and Duncan, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath. (1437)

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COCK Canary and cage, 6/-; pair Canaries and cage, 18ins., 7/6; exchange tools, anything useful: J. Greatrex, 44, Victoria-avenue, Rugby. (1433)

EXCHANGE good buff Cinnamon Norwich cock for good house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, breeder preferred: C. Fleming, Bathgate. (1424)

EYE-TICKED unflighted buff Norwich, grand feathered, short, broad cock, exchange good yellow hen; mutual approval: Olive, Sittingbourne. (1422)

FOR sale or exchange, three young Border hens and one Norwich hen, fine healthy birds; write: Salmon, Rosslyn, Linkfield-st., Redhill, Surrey. (1432)

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EXCHANGE two Scotch Fancy cocks (yellow and yellow green) and two crossbred hens for good pair of Norwich, or sell cheap: Dick, Stenhousemuir, Larbert. (1404)

TWO Silver Lizard cocks, 1913, exchange housemoulted Finches, or buff Yorkshire stock cock; offers, anything, sell 12/6: Heywood, 105, High-st., Lees. (1433)

EXCHANGE 1912, B.R.C.C. ring, Roller cock, Glucke strain, for 1913 large yellow Lancashire or Norwich hen; approval: Miller, 23, High-st., Uttoxeter. (1434)

SIX buff variegated Border hens, sell £1, or offers of good winning strain; will exchange tweed; no reasonable offer refused: James Auld, New-rd., Bannockburn. (1442)

EXCHANGE six 1913 hen Canaries, untried, Yorkshire, for Norwich cock, or sell, 15/-; no dealers; mutual approval: L. W. Copsey, Fielding-rd., Maidenhead. (1428)

EXCHANGE 1911 yellow Yorks. cock, grand type and quality, winner, for long, well-filled buff cock for stock; mutual approval: Drew, 27, Oxford-st., Manchester. (1431)

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SALE or exchange, English lever watch, cost £5 10s., for a stout yell. Norwich cock to value, or unflighted buff; approval both ways: A. Johnson, 33, Sandringham-rd., Crook, Durham. (1432)

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EXCHANGE Buff Variegated Crested cock, cost 10/6 last year, or Variegated Yellow Crested cock, will give little cash for good bird; yours first; approval: H. Lawes, Tredrea, Perranwell Station, Cornwall. (1428)

½-PLATE Lancaster Instantograph Camera, 3 D.D. slides, tripod, etc., no lens, for clear or self-green yellow Yorkshire cock to value, sell 30/-; also ½-plate, 40 film Frena, 20/-: Dunnett, 11, Willowbank, Wick, N.B. (1439)

VALUABLE large breeding exhibition Barred Rock cock, 20 months, Taylor's, finely barred, sound black, healthy and vigorous, £1, worth £5; or exchange cock Canaries; mutual approval: Cadogan, Cross Keys, Newport, Mon. (1428)

TWO large yellow variegated Norwich hens, one buff ditto, 4/- each; one clear buff, 4/-; cock, hen, Hawfinches, good birds, 11/- pair: two cock Linnets, one Greenie, 1/- each; exchange any: Coulthard, Station-hill, Wigton, Cumberland (1425)

SALE or exchange; Yorkshire cocks from 6/- to £1; some colour-fed, some not; hens, 3/-; wanted, silver watch and chain; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval each way: W. Purbrick, Holly Cottage, Birmingham-rd., Bromsgrove. (1423)

EXCHANGE good dark Crested variegated hen for really good Yellow Crestbred hen in breeding condition; also sell three Roller cocks in full song, 7/6 each; Yorkshire cock, 6/6; or exchange: C. Sanders, "Crown and Anchor," Caldmore, Walsall. (1418)

WILL accept good class Norwich or anything useful in exchange for large gramophone, plated fittings, concert sound box, large trumpet, solid oak cabinet, also 30 selections double-sided 10in. records, cost £6 6s., sell cheap for cash, or exchange to value £3: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (1439)

YORKSHIRES, marked buff cock, 12/6; unflighted clear buff, 10/-; yellow-green, 12/6; also few hens to spare from 4/-; clear yellow Norwich hen, 4/6; ditto buff, 3/-; house-moulted cock Bullie, make winner, 5/-; hen Bullie, 1/6; also house-moulted cock Hawfinch, make winner, 20/-; exchanges entertained, exhibition Hybrids wanted; particulars: W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, I.O.W. (1433)

Mainly Foreign.

YOUNG Indian Parrot with strong square cage, 15/-, or exchange anything: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1436)

PAIR grand Quaker Parrots, with strong cage, only 15/-, or will exchange Canaries to value: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1436)

BUDGERIGARS: Pair of good Green Adult breeding, exchange two hen Canaries, or offers: Hardisty, Tavistock. (1427)

TALKING Parrot wanted; exchange goods from stock and little cash: Bircumshaw, Tobacconist and Fancy Dealer, Skegness. (1420)

SEVEN Yellow Budgerigars, outdoor, sell or exchange, no live stock: H. Eley, Meadowside, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derby. (1425)

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EXCHANGE switchboard fitted with electric light and alarm clock, with wet batteries, complete, for Canaries, or offers: 15, Wakefield-st., Gravesend, Kent. (1428)

ADULT cock Cockatiel, can whistle like a Thrush, perfect feather, 6/6; house-moulted cock Skylark, in full song, with cage, 6/-; or exchange: Minikin, Clay Hall, Thwaites, Keighley. (1435)

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PAIR of green Budgerigars, in breeding condition, for sale, or exchange for singing cock Linnet and hen Canary: George S. Coombe, Bird Fancier, 16, Freemantle-place, Heyham, Devonport, Devon. (Bk)

EXCHANGE grand blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, splendid talker and whistler, for three pairs of Rollers and breeding cages, or sell £3: J. Turnbull, 20, Brompton-terr., Fence House, Co. Durham.

INDIAN green Parrot and cage, 3 flying homers, 1st prize winners, 2 double and 1 single carrying boxes, cock Linnet and cage, for good toy Pom. pup or anything useful: Ross, 16½, Gowan-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE grand pair Zebra Finches, cage-moulted, in breeding condition, for cock Siberian Goldfinch, must be big bird and good blaze; yours first: A. H. Hussey, Baker, Kington, Herefordshire. (1424)

WILL exchange pair exceptionally tame aviary-bred Budgerigars, two years old, been outside all winter, come at call, sit on hand or head, for pair aviary bred Zebra Finches; approval with pleasure: Cornwell, South Bank, Yorkshire. (1419)

Miscellaneous.

GRAMOPHONE and 20 records, bargain, £2; or exchange: 782, Stratford-rd., Birmingham. (1436)

GOOD Rook rifle; sell 10/- or exchange anything useful: F. Rogers, 6, Loxleigh-av., Bridgwater, Som. (1421)

EXCHANGE concertina, quite new, for pair Canaries: Wallace Atkinson, 26, James-st., Whitehaven. (1435)

EXCHANGE pair young rabbits, not related, pair Bullfinches; approval: Balls, 28, Essex-rd., Islington. (1415)

TWO double breeders, as new, three good Yorkshire hens; sell or exchange: Wilson, Plumber, Filey, Yorks. (1435)

EXCHANGE 12 rolls of wall-paper, patterns sent, for cock Canary: Dean, Paper-hanger, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1423)

WHAT offers in cash or Budgerigars for Robin and Greenfinch fighting trap?—Bass, 106, New Coleyrd., Dartford. (1401)

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EXCHANGE new 5/- hollow-ground razor for good Goldfinch Mule or cock Canary: Bloice, Hairdresser, Harwich, Essex. (1434)

EXCHANGE 7lbs. of pure English honey for good young Norwich cock, or offers: E. Osborne, Swayfield, Grantham. (1432)

EXCHANGE pair of nearly new brown leggings, 10/-, shaped calf; wanted Canaries: James Scott, 6, Ainley-st., Elland. (1430)

EXCHANGE Davis's 15/- melodeon, sell 8/-; what offers in Canaries; approval: Juniper, Springfield-rd., Gatley, Ches. (1429)

THREE pairs flying homers, 3/6 a pair; or exchange Canaries or British: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (1423)

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EXCHANGE splendid American fishing rod for class pair unflighted Norwich; mine first: R. Robertson, 4, Hosefield-rd., Aberdeen. (1440)

EXCHANGE gent's silver English lever and heavy silver chain and medal for poultry: Wilkinson, 23A, Union-st., Tipton. (1428)

CHAMPION Yorkshire Terrier dog, six months, 50/-; exchange Canaries: Smart, 129, Formans-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham. (1374)

TEN hours electric light, complete; 30 double-sided records; both on separate offices; Canaries: R. Lawton, Fleming-st., Barnsley. (1438)

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NEW gent.'s mackintosh, cost 25/-; will sell 10/-; exchange birds to value: Harrison, 1, Taxal-st, Newton Heath, Manchester. (1437)

WILL exchange blue Bedlington bitch for Canaries, sell 15/-; offers; stamp, particulars: Ralph Flynn, Rumby-Hill, Crook, Durham. (1431)

EXCHANGE 52 parts "Harmsworth History of the World" for Canaries, or offers: Llangenny, Elm Grove-rd., Salisbury, Wilts. (1419)

TWELVE large Linnets, cocks, 1/6 each; hens, 3d.; 8st. clean charlock, 8/-; exchange cycle parts; anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1439)

"OUR CANARIES," value 25/-, unsoiled; exchange Pomeranian pup or Rollers in song to value; Steven, Institute, Bathgate. (1426)

CHINA Tea Set, 21 pieces, handsomely decorated; exchange two singing Yorkshires or Norwich: Prior, 67, Kerbey-st., Poplar, London. (1440)

CASTING'S Stuart ½-horse petrol or gas engine, cost £2 5s.; exchange Canaries: Hetherington, 91, Commerce-rd., Wood Green. (1430)

EXCHANGE accordion and Sandow dumbells for fair offer in B.R.C.C. Rollers: Marwood, 50, Whitcher-st., New Cross, London. (1432)

BARGAIN. Lady's cycle, B.S.A., nearly new, would exchange for Canaries, or £3 10s. cash: Curling, 89, Manor-rd., Leyton. (1431)

PAIR ball-bearing roller skates, sell 5/-, or exchange Roller cock, or anything useful: Whale, Little Irchester, Wellingboro'. (1434)

PHONOGRAPH with 40 records, 10/-, or exchange for good yellow Norwich hen: Strachan, 7, Kenmore-st., Pollokshields, Glasgow. (1432)

PAIR 1913 Modern Black-red Game Bantams, Ainscough's, 10/6; exchange pair 1913 Norwich Canaries: 35, Waldeck-st., Reading. (1423)

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TWENTY 10-inch, fourteen 7-inch records; exchange Canaries, cycle tyres or fittings: Simpson, Stirling Village, Boddam, Aberdeenshire. (1426)

COLUMBIA gramophone, cost £2 10s., and 60 records; exchange German Canaries and breeders: Kingsett, 3, Green-lane, Walsall. (1423)

EXCHANGE, gent's brand new mackintosh, also calabash pipe, for Foreigners or Canaries; offers: Wilkinson, 23A, Union-st., Tipton. (1428)

SALE or exchange, seven Turtle Doves, just pairing up, for anything useful, or models: Taylor, 4, Swan-lane, Hindley Green, Wigan. (1433)

MAGAZINE camera, double lens, 15/-; Italian guitar, 12/6; exchange violin, 'cello, birds, foreign Doves: 16, Shaftesbury-road, Luton. (1431)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch in exchange for new razor and 43 coloured plates: George Mitchell, 40, Bread-st., Alloa. (1417)

NEARLY new vacuum cleaner and accessories, cost £20; best offer Canaries and cages accepted: Barrow, Broomfield-st., Eastbourne. (1424)

STUFFED Alligator, 54 inches long, splendid ornament, like life, accept 15-, or exchange birds: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1432)

PAIR footman's Wellingtons and trees, size 6; cost £3 3/-; nearly new; Canaries or offers: Rupert Mobbs, 41, Westbourne-rd., Bedford. (1422)

EXCHANGE lady's gold ring for Norwich, Yorkshire, or Crest Canaries; no rubbish offered or wanted: Inman, Alfreton, Derbyshire. (1427)

EXCHANGE 100 coloured plates, 78 are cage birds, for breeding cages, Canaries, anything: Rhydderch, Victoria-st., Cinderford, Gloucestershire. (1432)

FOUR Black Japanese Bantam pullets, Horsfall's, £1; exchange Roller cock and cage; yours first: Johnstone, Balcurvie, Windygate, Fife. (1426)

GENT'S cycle value 22/-, pair grip exercisers with chart; exchange for Roller cocks, or anything useful: Fowles, Chapel-st., Cam., Dursley, Glos. (1432)

EDISON Gem phonograph, perfect condition, 25 records; exchange Canaries or exhibition British: Morgan, 22, Greenslate-rd., Orrell, Wigan. (1423)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, mules, cages, for "Our Canaries," 200 plates and drawings; weight 5lbs.: Hillman, Hairdresser, Pontypool, Mon. (1434)

EXCHANGE White Jacobin pigeons; giving up; Burnett strain; three hens, four cocks, for Canaries; sell £2: Harris, 41, Grove-rd., Northampton. (1438)

WOULD exchange for Canaries incubator, foster-mother, and egg-tester, complete, by the Dairy Supply Company.- R. J. Brickell, Shrivenham, Berks.

CANARY dummy eggs, 1/6 per gross; exchange entertained; taking 6 or 12 gross, carriage paid: H. Hughes, 44, Wellington-rd., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. (1434)

EXCHANGE girl's cycle, photo sent, for Rollers or cock Goldfinches, offers; sell, 30/-; approval, deposit: Sanford, Kensington-rd., Morecambe. (1422)

PRINTING press, metal type, necessories, 10/-, bargain; prints cards, memos, circulars, etc. Particulars: W. Webster, 201a, Normanton-rd., Derby.

EXCELSIOR gramophone, 15 records, 30/-, old copper warming pan, long handle, 15/6; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars; offers: Criddleford, Honiton. (1430)

EXCHANGE ladies' wristlet and gent's black oxydized watches for three hen Canaries, Yorkshires: J. H. Thompson, 15, Bramly-st., Sheffield. (1430)

THREE pair short-distance pigeons, parents champions, will exchange for Canaries, poultry, or will sell: Cooch, 40A, Tobin-st., N. Kensington, London. (1429)

EXCHANGE for cage birds, racing pigeons, cock flown Berwick, hen Northallerton; what offers: J. Palmer, 8, John-st., Enderby, near Leicester. (1425)

EXCHANGE Dulcimer, value £1, for trained Roller, schoolmaster; wanted, breeding hens for disc records: J. 8, Sheredan-rd., Highams Park, London, E. (1422)

OVERCOAT, worn twice, short man, 10/-; table football, 4/-; table cricket, 4/-; exchange Canaries, Finches, poultry: H. Dunmar, Yattendon-rd., Horley. (1432)

PEN Black Leghorns for sale, price 20/-, and Foxterrier 20/-, tackles badger when six months' old: Channon Castle Cottage: West Hill, Ottery St. Mary. (1431)

GENUINE hand-reared cock Blackbird, full song, 5/6; powerful binocular glasses, equal new, cost £5, sell £2; exchange: N. Bourne, 85, Hotlanc, Burslem, Staffs. (1410)

THREE Yorkshire show cages and case, as new, exchange Norwich standard show cages to value, or unflighted yellow hen: Watts, 11, Phillip's-lane, Colne. (1430)

FREE, two full-size tins of our insecticide washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1422)

EXCHANGE splendid new razor, or 3 selected cock Greenfinches for 1 cock or 2 hen Canaries, or 1 cock or 6 hen Mules: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1441)

EXCHANGE one Norwich cock, four hens, five Chaffinches, two cock Greenfinches, for Bantams, rabbits, or offers anything: West, Britannia-st., Aylesbury. (1433)

GRAND 1913 White Wyandotte cockerel, eggs cost 30/- setting, sell 10/6; exchange genuine Hartz Roller cock, or pair Norwich: Cooke, Grocer, York-st., Cambridge. (1431)

WANTED, Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets or tweed suit length, gent's travelling rugs, sell 25/-; or Canaries for cash: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1382)

CHEAP to clear: Smart Fox terrier bitch, perfectly marked, lady's bike, Sandow's grip dumbbells, flight cage; or exchange: Pope, 21, New Cross-rd., S.E. (1429)

WANTED, two pairs good Norwich or Yorkshires, in exchange stud prize Dutch, three does, one buck; or sell, 25/-; approval: Woodruff, 19, Donald-st., Cardiff. (1424)

WANTED, unflighted Yellow Yorkshire cock, standard length, will exchange a three-compartment aviary, nearly new: H. Luckwing, Stortford-rd., Dunmow, Essex. (1423)

EXCHANGE splendid lady's cycle, had little use, enamel and plating as new, tubes, tyres almost new, accessories, sell, 32/6; bargain: Parr, 7, Drake-st., Nottingham. (1427)

WANTED, Canaries, Rollers, Crests; exchange prize-bred Blondinettes, value 40/- pair; also chandelier and other valuable oil lamps: 41, Osborne-rd., Fuebrook, Liverpool. (1434)

FOR sale, two Indian Game pullets, 10/-, or exchange for good yellow Norwich cock, 1913; approval; yours first: A. Blinman, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. (1431)

EXCHANGE two hollow ground razors and strop, small hand sewing machine, needs slight repair; small desk clock, for hen Canaries: Walter, 1, Henrietta-st., Bulwell. (1428)

THREE Variegated Crestbred cocks, one Clear Crest cock, 10/6 each; exchange for Crest cock; anything useful; approval: Payne, 3, Ormond-rd., Holloway, London. (1428)

SALE or exchange Peerless ice freezer for ice cream making, equal to new, five dozen phonograph records; Parrot wanted: Massingham, 213, Hitchin-rd., Luton, Beds. (1424)

FOUR pairs high-flying Tipplers, Sumner Hall's strain, flown 15 hours 10 mins. last Whitsuntide for contest Linnets and cages; offers: W. Outram, Heanor, Derbyshire. (1433)

HAWFINCH show cage and case, only used one season, 6/-; four British show cages and case, nearly new, 10/-, or exchange Pom.: Jeffreys, 17, Norfolk-st., Swansea. (1423)

EXCHANGE pair gold-rimmed eye-glasses for large Norwich hen (yellow), good feeder; approval willingly; cold-room bred: Miss W. Turner, 25, Commercial-st., Hereford. (1423)

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors, in silk-lined case, also razor shop, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; mutual approval; Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1438)

GOOD costume, 10/-; knock-about costume, 4/-; dress, 7/6; skirt, 2/6; two blouses, 1/-; or exchange Canaries; deposit, approval: Box 1,437 CAGE BIRDS 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (1437)

WANTED, talking Amazon or African Grey Parrot; exchange silver English lever, cost 50/- and silver lever cost 25/-; send particulars: W. P. Crompton, 6, Spruce-st., Rochdale. (1426)

EXCHANGE four pairs racing homers for pair Yorkshire Canaries, fit to win, or fishing tackle, or sell £2; no rubbish offered or wanted: J. Watson, jun., Briggate, Knaresborough. (1420)

EXCHANGE set meat carvers and six table knives, good quality ivorine handles, for two cocks or five hen Canaries, or sell 10/6; approval, deposit: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1425)

EXCHANGE two good tortoise Dutch does, good strain, for pair Rollers or Norwich or two muling Goldfinch cocks, or sell 11/6: Wm. Hall, School Row, Shotton Colliery, Co. Durham. (1425)

NEARLY new hand sewing machine, lock stitch, in case, grand reliable worker, cost, 55/-, sell, 25/-; or exchange Canaries or offers value 30/-: Ridley, 772, Harrow-rd., Kensal Green, London. (1428)

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CAMERA, ½-plate, best R.R. lens and make, tripod, T. and T. shutter, etc., etc., for good pair of Yorkshires or Norwich and part cash; particulars: 0, Lordship-lane, Wood Green, London, N. (1422)

EXCHANGE suit to measure for class Norwich or Crests, also miniature rifle (association pattern) value 25/-; cloth pattern sent: Jordan, Master Tailor, Worcestershire Regiment, Tidworth, Hants. (1430)

BEAUTIFUL black Pom, six months, grand head, ears, tail, flat on back, only fault one white toe, sell 17/6; exchange good Canaries; offers; approval: Dent, 19, Loves, Beechburn, Crook, Durham. (1431)

GOLDFINCH cock, twice H.M., 4/-; Green cock Budgerigar 3/-; 3 pairs Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; hens 3/6; German hens, 2/-; exchange Black Minorca pullets to value: Mills, 458, Walmersley-rd., Bury. (1429)

EXCHANGE beautiful accordion, cost £2, take £1; asbestos stove, 10ft. piping, 15/-; gent's cycle, 30/-; Kropp Razor, 5/6; soap distributor, 8/6; for Norwich: Hairdresser, Wharf-st., Stoke, Staffs. (1430)

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SALE grand talking King Amazon, three pairs Yorkshires, bull bitch, Australian Parrot, best gramophone and 90 records, stable fittings, two grand Minorcas, or offers, useful: Smith, Kennels, Penn, Bucks. (1429)

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THREE pair black pigmy pouters, two pairs white fantails, 3/6 pair; long Buff Yorkshire cock, 7/-; Goldfinch Mule cock, 6/-, full song; exchange Toy Pom bitch, poultry, offers: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (1429)

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WANTED, offers for 2 new double breeding cages, fitted loose fronts, etc., 36 x 16 x 10, also 15 fronts, 17 x 12, any other size made; birds of any variety taken in exchange. State offers and wants: Leigh, Cage Maker, 51, Netherfield-rd., S., Liverpool. (1435)

EXCHANGE Canary and Hybrid book, cost 25/-, for cock Siberian Goldfinch, two 1913 yellow Norwich hens, or two 1913 buff Yorkshire hens, must be in good condition; yours first: G. Whitbrook, 20, Plantation-row, Coaltown of Wemyss, Fife. (1431)

WILL exchange five racing homers, two flown Jersey, also mealy cock (bred by R. Maddock), hen (sister to 2nd prize winner N.H.U. Bournemouth Y.B. race, 1913), and odd cock (value £2), for Canaries or anything useful: Tozer, Rose Cottage, Totnes. (1429)

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TWO genuine Government hall-marked silver English levers, capped, cost 6gs. each, one double cased Hunter, other open face, practically new, maker's name engraved, ten years' warranty given; sell £2 each; exchange Canaries or British: Rose, 152, Wornington-rd., North Kensington. (1437)

SALE or exchange, gramophones and records, quantity phonograph records, new Crystal Palace aviary, black and white Blackbird, good hen Yorkshire Canary; 2 cages; wanted, either for cash or exchange, good Cockatoo, stand stuffed birds, and talking Parrot: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley.

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EXCHANGE pen Scotch Greys, cockerel, two pullets, one hen, unrelated, pure bred, 25/-; also tools, best makers, trying, jack, smoothing planes, cross-cut, half-rip, dove-tail saws, new condition; three real Indian oil stones in mahogany cases, large, hardly used, for pure-bred Norwich Canaries and odd hens; mutual approval; particulars: Penfold, 226, Queen's-rd., Dalston, London. (1421)

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EXCELLENT pedigree Airedale terrier bitch, price £2; or exchange Canaries: Georgo Tunnicliffe, Bank House, Sileden, via Keighley. (1428)

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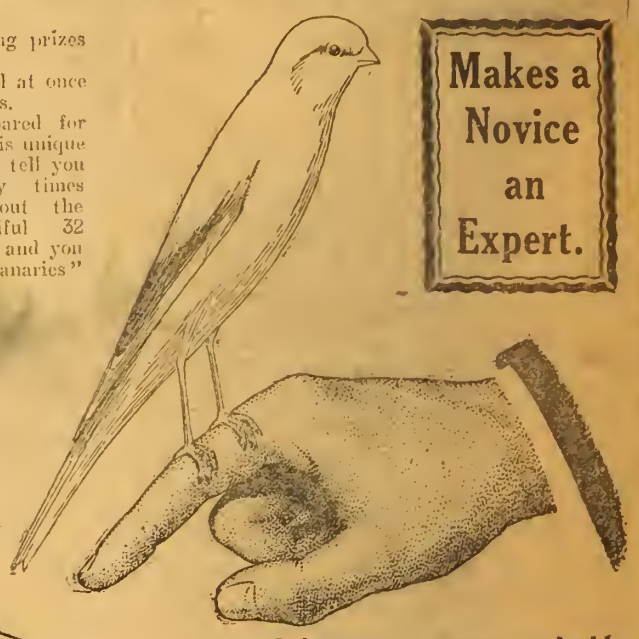

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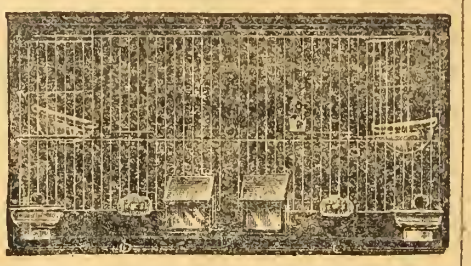

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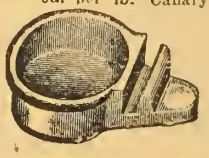

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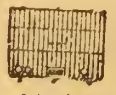

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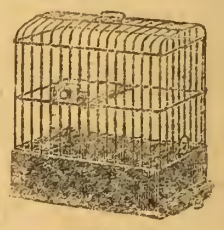

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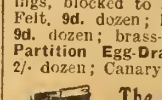

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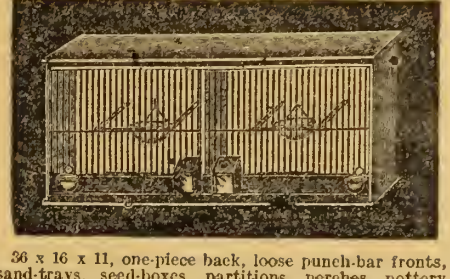

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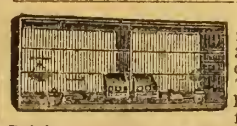

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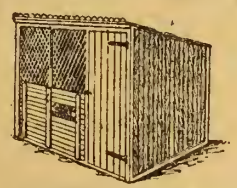

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CRESTED cock, 4/-; 2 Crested hens, 5/- each; 3 Crestbred hens, 5/- each; Crestbred cock, 7/-; or 34/- lot; approval: Arthur Wood, Wharf-rd., Pinxton. (1456)

LATEST success at Palace with six entries, one first, 2 seconds, one 4th, 2 vhc's, a few good birds to part with, cocks and hens: Bewick, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1408)

SPLENDID young Crestbred cocks, 8/6, 12/6; clear grizzle Crested hens, 7/6, 10/6; green Crested hens, 10/6, 12/6: approval: Miss Hacker, Beechcourt, St. Helen's Park-rd., Hastings. (1463)

TO hen applicants: I have no more single hens for sale, only pairs, from 15/-; clear and variegated Crest and Crestbred cocks from 7/6; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-aven., Forest Gate. (1399)

CHAMPION Crests, best blood in England, breeder of the best 35 years; judge at 100 shows; cocks or hens, few grand pairs; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1459)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood in the world, sound, well-matched pairs from 60/-, singles from 20/-, many winners bred from this strain, show birds at reasonable prices: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (1253)

CREST and Crestbred Canaries, in pairs, good stock birds, at 15/- and 17/6 a pair; also Norwich, Yorkshires, and Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, in good song, 8/6 each: A. Leatherland, 117, Carlton-hill, Nottingham. (1462)

HENS, 1912 cinnamon Crest and wings, 12/6; clear buff, grizzle Crest, 10/6; do., buff Crest, 8/6; variegated Crestbred, 6/6; 1913 Yorkshires, 3/6 each; approval, cash or deposit: Cross, 20, Empress-ave., Cranbrook Park, Ilford. (1466)

ONLY few left: Large variegated dark Crested cock, 20/-; wing marked dark Crested cock, 16/-; two variegated dark Crested hens, 15/- each; two green Crestbred hens, 10/- and 6/-; cheap to clear; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood-aven., Plymouth. (1433)

CHAMPION Crests: Large, heavy feathered green Crestbred cock, 30/-; two ditto, 20/- each; one clear Crested cock, 15/-; one variegated, 15/-; two large clear Crested hens, 20/- each; one green, 7/6: approval: Gilbert, Hope Cottage, Hill-st., Coventry.

FOUR Crestbred cocks, one yellow variegated, 8/6; two green variegated, and one green, 7/6 each; five Crestbred hens, three greens, 4/- each; two buffs, one wing marked, 4/6; one marked on the head, 3/6: T. Pennock, 14, Trafalgar-st. West, Scarborough. (1461)

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Crests and Crestbreds, has grand Norwich type Crested cocks at half value to clear, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-, 60/-; also few Crested and Crestbred hens; approval, any distance. (1459)

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers Crested cocks; evenly marked dark, grand show bird, £10; another, £8; two grand variegated darks, £8, £6; green, large round crest, £2; evenly marked dark, from two Crests, 30/-; variegated dark, 35/-: ditto, very long frontal, 50/-; nearly green (by McLean Cup cock), 40/-; lovely grey (sire 1st L.C.B.A.), 45/-; nearly clear body dark, 25/-; evenly marked dark, 35/-; two variegated ditto, 20/-, 17/6; lovely grizzle, 60/-; good grey, 20/-; giant green, 35/-; nearly green, immense frontal, 35/-; very large variegated, 35/-. Crestbred hens: 2 Cinnamon variegated, 25/- each; small variegated, 12/-; large, 15/-; clear buff, 25/-; nearly self Cinnamon, 40/-; several variegated green, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-. Crestbred cocks: Ticked yellow, certain winner, £7; green, superb head feather, £3, £2, £1; lovely capped flighted yellow, gem, £2; immense variegated, £4, £2, £1; Cinnamon green, 30/6; green (3rd, £3 class, Cheltenham), 30/-; lovely variegated yellow, show bred, 50/-; immense clear buff, 30/-; Crested hens: Variegated, 50/-; yellow green, 30/-; large green, 50/-; lovely grey, 40/-; evenly marked dark, 30/-; variegated Cinnamon, 30/-; variegated dark (3rd, £3 pair class, Cheltenham), 30/-; large variegated, 30/6; lovely green, 60/6; giant variegated, 70/-; ditto, 20/-; beautiful clear, heavy frontal, 50/-; variegated dark, bred several Cheltenham winners, 50/-. (1433)

MONSTER exhibition green crested hen, immense, perfectly formed drooping crest, nicely centred, well over end of beak, rare size, type and quality of feather, real gem, sure winner in keenest competition; only 60/-; honestly worth £5; also several other real good Crested cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, 8/6, 10/6, 12 6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; all cold room bred; Barnett's Palace winning strain; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich (1437)

THE remainder of this high-class stock to be cleared at working-men's prices for breeding room: (1) Fine Crestbred cock, 1913 bred, 20/-; (2) very large C. Bred cock, 1913 bred, 17/6; (3) Crested cock, well bred, neat Crest, 15/-; (4), Crestbred cock, well lashed, 1913, 12/6; (5) Crested hen, good body and crest, 15/-; the price is small, but the birds are better than some advertised at three times the price; approval, cash or deposit: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

Lizards.

PRIZE-BRED silver cocks, 6/- each; money returned if unsuited: Brookes, 32, Longacre-st., Macclesfield. (1427)

LIZARDS, no better blood obtainable, pairs for sale, breed winners, mind you: Fred. Hamer, 78, Ronald-st., Oldham. (1420)

CHAMPION Lizards, stock or show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; cock or hen; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1345)

THREE 1912 silver cocks, 6/- each; gold and silver cocks, 7/6, 10 6 each; pairs, 15/- per pair; no better blood; on approval: John Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1456)

THE Lizard Prince's grandly matched Lizards, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair; winning cocks, single birds, cheap; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire. (1457)

Lancashires.

ON sale, 2 buff coppy hens, Lancashires, young; on approval: Apply, J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge-rd., nr. Rochdale. (1448)

MASSIVE Lancashire Plainheads, 10/6 each, cock or hen, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1310)

FINE large buff Plainhead cock and hen for sale at 17/6, or exchange for pair of good Norwich: Forsyth, Chapel-sq., Coleraine, Ireland. (1456)

Cinnamons.

LARGE buff Cinnamon cock, 12/6, worth double, Beson strain; approval: Hanford, Derby. (1467)

GRAND quality Cinnamons, 15/-, 20/-, 3 at 40/- pair; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; cages, 3d.: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

TWO large unflighted buff cinnamon cocks, 12/6 each; on approval: Arthur Bullock, 2, Station-rd., Meir, Longton, Staffs. (1454)

CINNAMON hens, Yorkshire, ready for nest, 3/6; exchange two for yellow cock; others, 2/6: 13, Marsala-rd., Lewisham. (1456)

BUFF cinnamon Norwich cock, value £1, for two green or cinnamon Border cocks: Gamble, Clydesdale House, South Wigston. (1453)

CINNAMON yellow cock, winner of three firsts, four seconds this season, £1 1/-; approval: Howard, Canary Fancier, Pitt-st., Norwich. (1456)

GREEN cock, 8/-; several cinnamon-marked cocks, 6/-; also several cinnamon marked hens, 4/-; all 1913 bred, tight in feather, ready for nesting: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1456)

Belgians.

G. S. BAKER, Georges-rd., Barnstaple, has few grand birds from his noted Palace winners; approval; cheap to clear. (1437)

GRAND Belgians for sale, cheap, to make room for breeding, stamp reply: Walmsley, 4, Second-st., Now Crofton, Wakefield. (1466)

FEW grand 1913 birds must be sold, cocks, hens, champion strain, cheap, approval.—A. Baker, 35, Richmond st., Barnstaple. (1468)

GIVING Up: Two pairs of Belgians left, buff cocks and yellow hens, £1 pair, or offers exchange: Hunt, 22, Braunton-rd., Barnstaple. (1460)

CHAMPION Belgians for sale, including my L.C.B.A. Palace winners; cheap; approval; must clear: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1399)

THROUGH bereavement, must sell four grand pairs, 40/- per pair, cocks 20/- each; approval: Geo. Baker, 24, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1467)

Greens.

YORKSHIRE green hens, one buff 6/6, one foul 10/-, good stock birds: Vickers, 6, Ormskirk-rd., Newtown, Wigan. (1460)

L. F. HARDING can spare two unflighted Norwich green cocks, self yellow and self buff, 35/- each; see Palace, etc.: 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'. (1461)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of silver cups, diplomas, medals, etc., etc.; good birds; prices to suit all: 6, Bannerst., St. Lukes, London, E.C.

J. TAYLOR, 37, Stirling-buildings, York-st., Aldwych, W.C. Canaries, breeding and singing, cheap. After 6 p.m.; all day Sunday.

WANTED, Norwich: Pearson, Greenwich. (1469)

NORWICH cock, 5/6; two hens, 2/6 each: Mrs. Vores, 6, Doria-rd., Parson's Green. (1446)

WANTED, Norwich, will give 5/- cocks, 2/6 hens; cash deposited: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton.

HAVE still few left, prices reasonable, to clear for breeding season: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1430)

TWENTY strong young Norwich hens, 2/6 each, four 9/-: H. Smith, Portland rd., Hove. (1454)

TWO typical yellow and three buff cocks, 10/- each; approval: Edwin Lloyd, 12, Bridge-st., Chester. (1467)

BIG yellow Norwich hen, 3/-; large double breeder, clean, 2/6: Chapman, Longfield terrace, Wakefield. (1154)

OVERSTOCKED, can spare one Norwich cock, 7/6; 5 do. hens, 4/- each: Wallace, 30, Mill-st., Stafford. (1458)

MOVING, must sell, good quality cocks 10/-, hens 6/-, or exchange: Mowle, Dairyman, Canterbury. (1435)

FIVE healthy 1913 Norwich hens, three yellows, two marked, 2/6 each: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs. (1461)

FEW Norwich Canaries, male birds, full song, 7/6 each, hens 3/6: Miss E. Fox, 63, Benford-st., Leicester. (1454)

A FEW pairs of high-class Norwich cheap: Apply to Peter French, 7, Second-terrace, Kilbowie, Clydebank. (1439)

PURE-BRED Norwich cocks from 7/6 to 15/-, hens 3/-: V. H. Lomer, Ashdene, Regent's Park, Southampton. (1452)

NORWICH cocks, aviary bred, 1913, buff 12/-, clear yellow 10/-: Mrs. Gibbons, Boddington Manor, Cheltenham. (1467)

GOOD buff green Norwich hen, 10/-; exchange yellow hen, green cock, cheap: James, 32, Margaret-ter., Abergwynfi. (1461)

WANTED, good buff hen; exchange one or two cocks to value; yours first: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay. (1463)

A. TREVALLION, 16, Higham-rd., Mount Pleasant-rd., Tottenham, has few good Norwich hens, from 5/-; approval. (1462)

NORWICH hens, one yellow 5/-, one buff 7/6; bred from winning stock: Vickers, 6, Ormskirk-rd., Newtown, Wigan. (1460)

COCKS and hens, Hodder's strain, fine birds, cold-room, no Sundays: Salmon, 5, Arundel-place, Barnsbury. After 5. (1440)

NORWICH yellow var. hen, few common hens, cheap to clear; stamp reply: James Mathieson, Whamond-st., Motherwell. (1465)

LOOK here, breeders, pairs, 8/6, 10/6; money willingly returned if not approved; stamp: Girling, Harford-st., Norwich. (1454)

TWO large variegated yellow cocks, 7/6 each, worth 15/-; four buff hens, 1913, 3/6 each: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1464)

TWO young Norwich hens, one clear yellow, one variegated, 6/- the two: Bird, 441, Caledonian-rd., Barnsbury, London. (1470)

COCKS, from 7/6; hens, 4/-; bred and wintered in exposed outdoor aviary; very hardy: Corbett, Stonegate, Spalding, Lincs. (1461)

RICH yellow cock and large buff variegated hen, both 1913, 10/6; approval: Hagley, Bank House, Highbridge, Somerset. (1448)

S. TAYLOR, Squires-place, Prescot, has several pairs Norwich, good type, for disposal; prices reasonable; can be seen. (1458)

PRIZE and prize-bred yellow and buff Norwich Canaries, cocks and hens, stamp reply: McLennan, 16, Market-st., Forres. (1465)

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for sale Norwich cocks or hens, from 17/6; matched pairs from 17/6; stamp, approval. (1372)

CHAMPION Norwich cold-room bred cocks in full song, 6/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1435)

MASSIVE yellow cock, only 10/-, worth double; also large ticked buff hen, 7/6; must sell: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire. (1465)

LARGE clear Norwich buff cock, massive frame, grand size, good head, 12/6; approval, cash deposit: Vince, Mortimer, Berks. (1454)

NORWICH, large buff cocks, 8/6, 9/6; yellow and buff hens, 4/6, 5/6: Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, London, N. (1427)

CHAMPION Norwich cold room bred cocks, in full song, 6/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1435)

LARGE typical unflighted buff cock, 10/-, winner; unflighted yellow cock, 6/-; breeding condition: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-ter., Plymouth. (1462)

FOUR Norwich cocks, full song, green, three buffs, 6/- each, 11/- two; deposit; approval: Royston, Trentlocks, West Bridgford. (1457)

VHC Boscombe, buff cock, 9/6; variegated (good) cock, 8/6; ditto as vhc, 8/6; illness reason: Hames, 30, South-rd., Bournemouth. (1451)

EXHIBITION Norwich: Four buff cocks, related to my Diploma and Palace winners, 10/- and 15/-: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne. (1465)

GOOD pair Norwich, single, double breeders; call Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning: Lettis, 2a, Lismore-circus, Gospel Oak, N.W. (1460)

NORWICH, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/-; Yorkshire hens from 3/6: Langley, 363, Warliters-rd., behind Marlborough, Holloway. (1426)

GRAND feeding strain hens, 2/6; typical small yellow marked cocks, 7/6; inspection invited: H. Thurley, 153, The Park, Tottenham. (1460)

THOS. TOW, 80, Holmhirst-rd., Woodseats, Sheffield: A few good Norwich to dispose of, cocks and hens; hens from 10/- to 15/- each. (1461)

HAVE still left two typical unflighted buff hens, 8/6 each; one buff cock, 10/6: G. Andrews, Mason House, Headless Cross, Redditch. (1468)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, cocks, 7/6 to 15/-, hens from 3/-; healthy, cold-room bred, breeding condition: Hollins, 51, York-st., Baker-st., W. (1455)

NORWICH, breeding condition, cocks, buffs from 7/-, yellows 9/-; hens, buffs 3/-, yellows from 4/-, fed: Hooker, 91, Effingham-rd., Hornsey, N. (1457)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

SPLENDID matched pair of variegated Norwich cock full song, hen ready for nesting, 7/6, unrelated: Allon, 28, Knox-rd., Wellingboro. (1445)

FED Norwich from winners, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; few extra large stock birds: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (1434)

FOR sale, one yellow variegated cock, 15/-; one ticked buff cock, 10/-; one clear buff cock, 10/-; one ticked buff hen, 10/-: Cowie, Inchbare, Brechin. (1463)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

OWING to the death of my husband I am compelled to sell all his high-class Norwich and cages; none reserved: Mrs. Smith, 6, Bentley-st., Bolton. (1456)

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, good strain, also few Yorkshire, cheap, must clear to make room for breeding; stamp reply: Carolin, 40, Hartoft-st., York.

THREE clear buff hens, Iron's direct, splendid type and quality, in faultless condition, sell £1 each; approval, Bennell, Bootmaker, North-st., Kings Lynn. (1465)

HIGH-class birds, cold room bred, colour fed, cocks from 9/6, hens from 3/6; inspection invited any time: J. Shrimpton, 47, Links-rd., Tooting Junction, S.W. (1426)

HAVE to spare buff cocks, 7/6 to £1; also yellow cocks, from 10/- to 15/-; also buff hens, from 6/-; stamp, approval: H. Cundiff, 12, Albion-st., Macclesfield. (1455)

C. ROBERTS, the noted breeder of champion Norwich, can spare single cocks or hens from 10 6; pairs from 20/6: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1468)

NATIVE town Norwich 1912, 1913, cold room bred, yellows and buffs, colour fed, pairs 10/-, single cocks 6/6, hens 3/6 upwards: Holland, Bishopsgate-st., Norwich. (1457)

NORWICH, clear buff cock, 15/-; clear yellow cock and buff hen, £1, good birds; Greenfinch Mule, cock, 5/-: J. Simpson, 68, Market-pl., Inverurie, Aberdeenshire. (1450)

GRAND unflighted yellow cock, extra colour, champion strain, 12/6; ditto 1912, grand colour and quality, breeder, 12/6: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1463)

TWELVE Norwich, 1913, cold-room bred, healthy, hens, 3/- and 4/- each; warranted feeders, principally yellow: Address: T. Tucker, 35, Dee-st., Poplar, E. (1459)

TWO buff cocks, good type and size, 6/6 each; two buff hens, one ticked, one variegated, 3/6 and 4/6 each; approval, stamp: Baker, 44, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich. (1460)

ONE pair lovely Norwich Canaries, 18/6, another ditto 14/6; also two fine yellow cocks, 8/6 each; one buff ditto, 7/6; particulars: Dymock, Prestfelde, Shrewsbury. (1452)

BIG fine unflighted buff and yellow cock, grand colour and size, 20/- each; buff green hen, 17/6; grand condition; approval: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle. (1456)

EXTRA large green cock, lovely colour and quality, 20/-; variegated buff, bred from perfectly even-marked parents, 12/6; variegated buff hen, 4/6: Gilbert, Hope Cottage, Hill-st., Coventry.

FEW young healthy Norwich hens, 3/- each; green variegated cock, full song, 6/6; travelling cages, 4d.; approval, cash or C.B. deposit: Wilson, 68, Allen-st., Maidstone. (1446)

TWELVE buff and yellow cocks, 6 buff hens, from 8/6, giving up; 17 double breeders, 1 flight, from 2/6; 2 pairs Yorkshires, good, 20/- pair: Lee, 158, Brockley-rd., S.E. (1466)

NORWICH: Two unflighted variegated yellow hens, 10/- each; few unflighted clear tick, variegated buff cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; approval: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1461)

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock, make show bird, 15/-; big buff stock birds, good head and body, 12/6 to clear: Norman, "Bird Artist," Eyrie, Carshalton, Surrey. (1440)

TEN good Norwich cocks, nine hens, outdoor bred, four three-compartment breeders, two single, three show cages; sell, or exchange: Benham, 15, Rosebery-avenue, Bridgwater. (1460)

BUFF Norwich cock, yellow hen, 20/-; yellow cock, 15/-; buff cocks, from 7/6; see wins Carlisle, Glasgow; would exchange for laying poultry: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (1455)

MASSIVE variegated Crested cock, C.B. hen to match, variegated, 25/- pair; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich cock to value; approval: Taylor, 53, Walsgrave-rd., Coventry. (1469)

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood in England; few grand hens and buff cocks; 35 years breeder; good birds; very reasonable; Apprival: T. Billington, 55, Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (1459)

HAVING paired up, I have two unflighted small Norwich hens, from winners, 3/6 each, and one four-pointed buff Crestbred cock, 12/6: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate. (1466)

TWO good class unflighted Norwich cocks, one buff, one yellow, 10/- each; two 1912 buff hens, good type and quality, 6/- each; approval, deposit: Sayward, 75, King's-rd., Halstead, Essex. (1458)

CHARLES H. PICKETTS: Norwich Roller cocks, large healthy birds, on full song, every bird warranted cold-room bred; my own breeding, 7/6 upwards; Romford Common, Essex. (1459)

SEVERAL large unflighted buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6; few buff hens, 5/-, 6/-; splendid type and quality; cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1460)

UNFLIGHTED variegated yellow cock, good size, fine quality, short, well-carried wings and tail, 15/-; two unflighted buff cocks, similar type, 10/- each: Frank F. Lawson, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle. (1462)

GIVING Up: Few good stock birds for sale, with or without single or double breeders, cheap; no reasonable offer refused; suit beginner; seen any time: Perkins, 145, Brigstock-rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey. (1460)

R. W. SMITH'S noted Norwich: Unflighted yellow cock, unflighted buff marked hen, 30/- pair; unflighted buff cock, 1912 yellow hen, 25/- pair; bargains; approval; stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1460)

WINNING, large framed, deep fed buff Norwich cock, won 2nd Westminster, 3rd Glasgow last week, accept 12/6; in perfect health and condition; worth £2 2/- for stock: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1429)

VERY large yellow variegated cock, 1912, full song, 15/-; one smaller, 12/6; 1913 variegated buff cock, 1913, 10/6; clear yellow cock, a trifle small, 7/6; approval: Whent, Postmaster, Cambridge Town, Shoeburyness. (1448)

WANTED, good self green Norwich hen, give in exchange grand buffs, yellows, and variegated hens, or sell from 3/6 to 7/6 each; Baker's, Hodder's, Vardey's strain direct; not rubbish: Blows and Son, Plumbers, Ilford, Essex. (1457)

GIVING up breeding; grand yellow cock and two buff hens left, Exersley and Barn's strain; 1912 bred, in breeding form, cold-room bred and kept, only 25/-; or will separate; approval, cash or deposit: T. Owen, 3, Fiorance-st., Wrexham. (1458)

CLASSICAL Norwich hens, 2 unflighted deep fed buffs, hens 7/6 each; also natural colour yellow hen, 6/-; these are three typical specimens, grand heads, thick-set cobby birds: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1468)

IMPORTANT Notice: I will spare two more very fine, large, typical, stock yellow cocks, 1913 and 1912 bred, 40/- and 50/-; unflighted ticked buff, 1913 yellow hen, 30/- pair; great bargain: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1457)

TWO handsome well-bred Norwich cocks, unflighted, grand stock birds, fed, thick heads, necks, full song, 10/- each; these are worth double; six large stout young hens, well bred, 5/6 each, 30/- lot: Eassam, 37, Club-st., Kettering. (1459)

NORWICH Canaries for sale; one clear buff cock, 7/-; and buff foul green cock, 7/-; and one heavy marked yellow hen, 3/6; my own breeding, cold-room bred; approval, deposit: Caleb Clibbery, 79, Crescent-rd., Hugglescote, Leicestershire. (1453)

MR. HAWKES offers typical, chubby, thick-set, rich fed buff Norwich cock, unflighted, plenty of substance, with grand style and type, won under Robson, House, Heath, accept 15/-; great sacrifice; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1439)

GRAND clear buff Norwich cock, unflighted, full song, splendid stock bird, also handsome variegated Norwich cock, full song, 10/- each, both worth double; 8 first-class large, young, stout hens, 5/6 each, lot 40/-; every hen worth 7/6: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (1458)

GIVING up Fancy: Pure Norwich stock and show birds; 20 cocks, in one lot, £10, or 15/- to £2 each; 12 double breeding cages, 36 x 18 x 11, 3-ply backs, loose wire fronts, wire and wood sides, 7/6 each, £4 the lot: Alma Villa, Peperharow-rd., Godalming, Surrey. (1465)

EXHIBITION and stock Norwich, cup winner, 1913; large clear buff stock cock, 20/-; ticked buff cock, second Doncaster, 17/6; unflighted ticked yellow, 20/-; unflighted clear buff, 12/6; good heads, colour, type, some can win small shows: Potter, Walker-st., Hull. (1469)

MISS GWYN has extra large 1913 yellow cock, 21/-; large buff, 1913, 15/6; yellow cock, Bellamy's strain direct, very large buff cock, 25/-; many others, half price to clear; guaranteed to breed winners; grand yellow and buff hens, 5/- to 15/-; approval: Somerville, N. avenue, Ramsgate. (1459)

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WANTED two good yellow Yorkshire hens: W. Marshall, Rose Villa Blyth, Northumberland. (1428)

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SUPERIOR Yorkshires, really good cocks 7/6, and extra specials 10/-; grand hens 5/-; approval: Carter, Church-place, Halifax. (1461)

BELGIANS, several good cocks and hens, suitable for Yorkshire crossing, cheap to clear: F. Baker, 2, Brooklands, Totnes. (1438)

THREE long slim Yorkshire hens (buff), 5/- each; exchange Norwich cock (yellow); approval, both ways: James, Cafe, Bridgwater. (1461)

JAMES THOMAS, Bugle, Cornwall, for Yorkshire cocks, 10/-; hens 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval; bred from my champion cups winners. (1425)

LONG, stylish cocks, full song, from 8/6; hens, breeding condition, 5/-, cold room; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill. (1427)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, yellow or buff, bred from winners, cocks 8/-, hens 4/- upwards; overstocked: Nixon, 102, Sidney-rd., Southport. (1458)

YORKSHIRES for sale, Ogden's strain; also Norwich cocks, 9/-; hens, 5/-; genuine: Turner, 36, St. Alban's-aven., East Ham, Essex. (1460)

A FEW good Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford. (1376)

YORKSHIRE Canaries for sale, cocks and hens: Thomas's strain; cold-room bred: S. Smith, 295, Ladypool-rd., Sparkbrook, Birmingham. (1453)

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MRS. BISCOE SMITH, Garsdale, Emsworth, has some splendid Yorkshires, both sex, her own breeding, best blood obtainable, cheap; approval. (1433)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires: I have still a few yellow and buff cocks to spare from my winners, price very reasonable: L. Yates, 74, Rushes-rd., Petersfield.

GRAND cock buff Yorkshire, 4th Palace, 1912, 15/-; yellow hen, 3/-; also variegated Roller hen, 3/-: V. Lomer, Ashdene, Regent's Park, Southampton. (1452)

1913 typical Yorkshire hens, nesting, grand feeding strain, 4/6 each; exchange different bloow, Yorkshires, Norwich: Hatton, 27a, Gurdon-rd., Charlton. (1460)

BUFF cock, 1912, winner many 1sts, 15/-; several yellow and buff cocks, from 7/6; exchange large yellow Norwich: Bate, 70, West Bromwich-rd., Walsall. (1458)

BUFF and yellow Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; cross Yorkshire-Roller, 3/- each, 1913, strong, healthy: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (1448)

PAIR unflighted Yorkshires, wing marked yellow cock, clear buff hen, prize strain, accept 25/-, or exchange British: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1456)

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All in first-class breeding condition, and for length, type, and quality of feather, they cannot be equalled elsewhere at double the prices quoted:—Large selection in clears, ticked, and marked; colour-fed and natural colour; all cold-room bred and kept. Hundreds of testimonials received during past few weeks, and are filed for inspection at any time. Grand yellow Yorkshire cocks at **7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each; buff cocks at **6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. All on full song and standard length. Pairs, matched to breed own winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pairs. Extra good, lengthy, smart buff hens at **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. Yellow hens at **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All on seven days' approval.

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Large Crested Cocks and Hens, at **8/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Grand big-headed Crest-bred Cocks and Hens at **7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Pairs matched to breed winners, at **12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. All colours in stock. "Baruett's" and "Joyce's" strains. Fine Sib. bred Muling Hens, at **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each, for breeding light Mules. All on 7 days' approval. Only and old address:—

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TWO yellow, one buff, 1913 Yorkshire hens, smart, typical, good feather, from my winners, 5/- each, 12/6 the three; overstocked; approval: Clee, Ironmonger, Treharris. (1459)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, ready for breeding, few good birds left, cocks 8/6, 10/-, hens 4/6, 6/-; correctly matched pairs 12/6, 15/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (1463)

W. DOWNING has a few Yorkshires for sale cheap; clears, yellow and buff, cinnamon, dark marks, cocks and hens, 3rd prize yellow marked cock, 15/6: The Hollies, Polygon-av., Stockport-rd., Manchester. (1119)

BUFF cinnamon cock and yellow hen, buff cock and ticked yellow hen, 25/- each pair, in the pink of condition, and ready for pairing, very cheap for first-class birds: H. Willerton, 24, Newland, Chairman, Lincoln Society. (1456)

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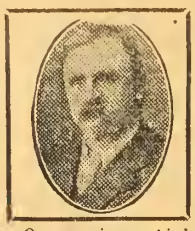

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Once again my birds have wound up the show season by securing highest honours at the Great National Show (see report of Palace Show. That they have won consistently all through the season is shown by the fact that they have secured **76 Specials, 89 Firsts, 74 Seconds, and 60 Thirds This Season and have been shown in open champion classes only, in hottest competition at all the leading shows.** They have also won the N.P.C. Champion Trophy, the O.N.P.C. Champion Trophy, 3rd in Y.C.C. Competition, also several Silver Cups and Bowls, Gold and Silver Medals, Diplomas, and numerous other trophies.

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Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** to **100/-** per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain of winners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/0, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Grand cobby hens, **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-** per pair.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Grand lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position and in full song, **7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. Erect racy hens, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, personally selected and ready for immediate breeding, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** per pair. Also a few special pairs bred from open winners and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at **25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. I am in a special position to give amateurs a good start with the best blood in the Fancy, or to supply the old hand with good stock birds, either Cocks or Hens, at a reasonable price.

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Grand, healthy, Sib. hens, for muling, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires; Yellow ticked cock, 1st prize winner, 21/-; two yellow cocks, can win, 15/-; buff cock, beauty, 15/-; other grand cocks from 7/6; magnificent hens from 5/6, and pairs from 12/6 upwards; four days' approval; 29 years breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (1459)

EXCEPTIONAL Offers: Typical, long, deep yellow Yorkshire cock, extra quality, well legged, 12/6, worth double; other two yellow cocks, good length, well legged, 7/6 each; also cinnamon marked buff hen, won several honours, type and quality, unbeatable, 10/-; yellow hen, bredy, nicely legged, good size, bold head, accept, 7/6; all in breeding condition; the above are the cheapest lot I ever offered in my 24 years' breeding: Middleton, 32, Mannville-grove, Fell-lane, Keighley. (1459)

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LARGE STOCK COCKS

I have a few good-sized buff and yellow cocks for sale, grand stock birds, Bailey's strain, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Stripe, Grocer, Selby, Yorkshire. (1458)

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Typical cocks, fit for exhibition, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; all ten days' on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1466)

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Have still a few selected and unmated pairs Yorkshires for disposal at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; also pen really good and reliable stock cocks at 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. These afford a good and safe investment to such as desire to get and retain birds of type and quality at nominal prices compared with such charged by professional exhibitors and dealers for equal or inferior quality probably; all cold room bred, reared and kept. All on strict approval, terms cash or deposit. A trial order for comparison with others purchased elsewhere is all that is needed for getting and giving entire satisfaction all round. Note old address: Jonas Knight, Alberton, Bradford Yorkshire. (1467)

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Prize-bred Yorkshire cocks, in full song, grand length and position, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 8/6 each; a few grand stock cocks, over 7ins. long, either yellow or buff, 12/6 each; grand racy hens, feathered like silk, at 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, upwards; ready for nesting, properly matched pairs, that will breed winners, from 8/6 to 30/- pair; all cold-room bred, absolutely the greatest bargains in Yorkshires in this or any other journal; inspection invited; six days' approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1467)

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Will give 5/6 each for good colour-fed cocks, 1/9 to 3/- each hens, fed or non-fed. I buy large or small quantities and deposit cash with Editor; send particulars and stamped address to largest buyer of Yorkshires in England. Also Norwich, give 8/- pair; cock Mules, 5/-; hens, 1/-; also want British of all kinds; exchange entertained: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (1423)

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I can spare a few good pairs, also single birds, from this noted stud; come and inspect them, home all day: 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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On the look out for something useful, and that will prove profitable to breed from with ordinary luck, should have a pair of any of the following on approval; all scientifically matched to produce best results. Prize-bred Norwich, Yorkshires, or Border Fanciers, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; all cocks, guaranteed on song; Crests, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. Travelling cages, 3d.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH**

CLEARING out, for sale, 8 hens, good strain, from 5/- to 8/-; cages, show cages and carrying boxes, also Wilson's patent drying cage: John Smith, 4, Buchanan-st., Partick. (1465)

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GRAND pair of Yorkshires, 10/6; three good buff Norwich hens, 10/6; exchange two real good yellow Norwich hens, must be good, anything useful; approval: Readman, School-st., Byers Green, Spennymoor. (1449)

GRAND lot of typical Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, cold room bred, cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; grand lot of young hens, in breeding condition, at 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1468)

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BRISTOL EAST C.B.C.

First members' show of pairs and Brit., March 2, headquarters Glasshouse Hotel, Mr. W. Bull (chair). Seven new members enrolled, and progress is assuring. Judges were Mr. G. Arland (Can.), and Mr. O. Coggins (Mules and Brit.). There was a splendid lot staged. Yorks. were a credit to the Fancy, and should result in something to send out in the coming season. Brit. and Mules were also splendid. MULE and HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bull. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ic, Bull; c, Norman, junr. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, sp, Norman; 2, Hiscox; 3, Hodge; vhc, sp, Pill; hc, Freke; c, Hodge. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, sp., Hiscox; 2, Freke; 3, Hodge; vhc, Pill; hc, Clements; c, Norman.—Wm. J. Norman.

BELPER.

Held Jan. 17. The cage birds were nicely arranged on the platform in the Public Hall, a well-lighted and well-ventilated room. Quite a nice entry faced the judge, Mr. J. Admitt. British were poor; other classes excellent. Mr. G. Elkins won the members' cup with a typical green Yorkshire, which stood second in the unlighted class. Messrs. Stillman and Holden are the capable secretaries.

NOR. (12): 1, Flint, shapely clear bull, grand col and mealing, good head and sub., capital shape and carr.; 2, Staley, variog. yell., nice style and col., good size, neat wings and head, cobby shape; 3, Baker, nice cl., good head and neck, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Millward; hc, Doxey; c, Gregory. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Millward, cl. bull, nice cobby shape, level col. and bloom; 2, Baker, wing mkd. yell., grand col. and type, neat skull; 3, Flint, cl. yell., nice col., small; vhc, Staley; hc, Dean; c, Doxey. YORKS. CK. (13): 1, Alton, cl. yell., nice pos. and style, rich col.; 2, Lomas, grizzle cap, nice type and qual., good feather and legs, neat wings; 3, Richards, variog. yell., grand shape, fine qual. feather; vhc, Elkins. HEN (9): 1, 2, Cockeram, yell. and buff clears, grand qual. and col., nice pos., capital length and shape, 2nd feathered like wax and straight as a rush, both grand exhibits; 3, Miss Allen, cinnamon mkd., good shape and style, finely drawn, nice type; vhc, Elkins; hc, Robinson; c, Green. UNFLIGH. (10): 1, medal, York, cinn. mkd., nice type, good feather and cond., not too finely drawn; 2, cup, Elkins, shapely and well shown green, good length and pos., nice qual. feather; 3, Robinson, eye and wing mkd. yell., A1 type and qual., nice col. and pos., neat head and wings; vhc, Richards; hc, Cockeram. SELF., 10s. (10): 1, Baker; 2, Cockeram; 3, Richards; vhc, Allin; hc, Smith. NOVICE (11): 1, 2, medal, Smith, yell., wing mkd. and cl. Nor. in order named, good subs. and qual., hot col., shapely; 3, Robinson, cl. yell. Yorkie, nice feather and type, good col. and style; vhc, Beers; hc, Gregory; c, Richards. BRIT. (4): 1, Ball and Orme, fair good Goldie; 2, Beers, good Greenie, grand col.; 3, Pratt, nice Linnet, very wild.

CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

First members' show held Black Horse Feb. 14, in a grand room, well lighted. Everything was nicely arranged, 145 entries were staged by 17 members. Every member worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. George Bates won spl. best bird with his well-known border yellow, and Mr. A. Dawson spl. for best Linnet. Mr. J. Stranger, Pelton Fell, judged, and his awards seemed to please.

TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Barron, wins on col. and feather; 2, Elliott, good size. NOR HEN: 1, Peart, cl. bull, grand size; 2, Harwood, yell., runs winner hard; 3, Davison; 4, Davinson. YELL. 1913: 1, Elliott, grand size, wins easy, cl. yell.; 2, Robson, cl. yell., grand feather, loses on size; 3, Dawson, mkd. neck a very nice bird, loses in size; 4, Anderson; 5, 6, Harwood. BUFF: 1, Peart, cl., grand head, good size; 2, Davison, mkd. wing, grand size, good feather; 3, Robson, cl., another good bird; 4, Lawson; 5, Harwood; 6, Anderson. HEN 1913: 1, Elliott, cl. bull, good size, bit rough on thighs; 2, Auderson, cl. buff, bit thin on neck, and not the size of winner; 3, Dyson, yell., loses on size; 4, Davison; 5, Harwood. YORKS: 1, 2, Robson, winner mkd. wing. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl. best bird, 2, 4, Bates, not a feather out of place, like a piece of wax, grand wings and tail; 2nd, grand bird, better co... not so good on wing carr., very steady; 3, Davison, a fair bird, not the feather to winners; 5, Elliott; 6, Lawson; 7, Wheatman. BUFF: 1, 5, Bates, cl. bull, like a piece of wax, steady as a block, grand wing and tail; 2, Davison, cl., little gem, like wax, ran winner hard; 3, 6, Elliott, cl., not quite the wing carriage; 4, Dyson; 7, Peart. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Bates, cl., grand wing and tail, wins; 3, cl., 2nd at Palace, bit soft today; 2, 4, Elliott, grand bird, loses on wing carr.; 5, Davison; 6, Wheatman; 7, Dyson. BUFF: 1, 2, Bates, cl., wee gem, like wax, not a feather out of place, wins; 2, 4, Elliott, cl., well set down, not the wing and tail feather; 3, Dyson cl., bit wild, a grand bird; 5, Lawson; 6, Davison. BORD. CINN. OR GR. FOWL: 1, Elliott, foul gr. yell., grand type, nice tail and wings; 2, Bates, yell. gr., bit thin on neck, grand col.; 3, Elliott, yell. gr., not quite the quality of winner; 4, Davison; 5, Peart; 6, Lawson; 7, Dawson. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 4, Elliott, yell. cinn. mkd., grand col., lovely tail and wings; 2, Dawson, nearly a four-mkd. yell., ran winner hard; 3, 5, Bates, variog.; 6, Wheatman. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Davinson, green-crested, very neat; 2, C.B., nice head feather; 3, C.B., larger bird, but not the head feather; 4, Dawson. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Anderson, grand mark ings, very steady, well set down for a novice; 2, Davinson, good one, ran winner hard, lost on markings; 3, Dawson, not the size of winners, very steady; 4, Barron; 5, 6, Wheatman. H.M.: Spl. best Linnet, 1, Dawson, very steady, well staged; 2, Anderson, another good one, close up, not the polish of winner; 3, Wheatman, grand size, not quite in show form yet; 4, Davinson. GREENF.: 1, Davison, grand size, good col., grand head; 2 Robson, grand feather, loses in head and size to winner; 3, Peart, good feather; 4, Anderson; 5, Dawson; 6, Wheatman. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, 2, 3, Davison, Bullf., grand feather, a bit soft; 2, Goldf., good bird, rather unsteady; 3, Bullf., nice bird, out of feather a bit; 4, Robson; 5, Barron; 6, Davinson. REDPOLL: 1, Davison, Mealy, grand markings, a nice bib, very steady; 2, 4, Dawson, Lesser, nice markings and bib; 3, Wheatman, Mealy, grand size; 5, Elliott; 6, Davinson. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Dawson, very steady Bramblef., a bit light on breast, grand feather; 2, Peart, Siskin, grand feather, not a very good bib; 3, 4, Elliott, Chaffinch, grand col., a bit unsteady; 5, Wheatman; 6, 7, Barron. FOR.: 1, 3, Elliott; 2, 4, 5, Dawson. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 5, 6, 7, Davison, Thrush, very steady, grand size; 2, Elliott, Thrush, grand markings, a bit wide on tail; 3, Barron, Skylark, very steady; 4, Dawson.

HULL C.B.S.

Brit. bird show, Mar. 2, Oddfellows' Hall. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Potter; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Hogg. LINNET: 1, 2, vhc, Potter; 3, Atkinson; hc, c, Hogg. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE.: 1, 3, c, Potter; 2, vhc, hc, Hogg. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Potter. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Potter.—J. L. Heseltine, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Table show Mar. 2, headquarters, with nearly 50 entries, comprising Yorks, Nor., and Burds. Most of the members present took part in a judging competition, which proved not only amusing, but instructive. Winner was Mr. Wallace, runner-up Mr. Marsh, both scoring a very good average of points. A spl. prize of 2s. 6d. for best bird was won by Mr. Marshall with a fine Nor. Vote of thanks to the final adjudicator, Mr. B. F. Forse, terminated a very pleasant evening.—A. W. Farmer.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, March 14, Mr. Mennard chair. The greater part of the evening was taken up with the pair show, which had brought together a large muster of members and friends. 74 pairs were staged in five classes, which gave the judges, Messrs. T. Baldwinson and Hattersley, a very difficult task, in which they acquitted themselves well. Mr. W. Hornby handed 13s. to the sec., which had been collected by him for the special fund and the funds of the society. CHAMP. YORKS (24): 1, 4, vhc, Norton; 2, Smith; 3, hc, Rhodes; c, Pyrah. NOR. (18): 1, Hattersley; 2, c, Livingstone; 3, 4, vhc, Wilson; hc, Smith. A.O.V. CAN: (3): 1, 2, 3, Hornby. MULE OR HYB. (14): 1, 4, vhc, c, Middleton; 2, 3, Chambers; hc, Owen. NOV., YORKS (15): 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Reed, Longley, and Reed; vhc, Featherstone; hc, Simms. Points gained for the Hattersley specials: Yorks, Reed, Longley, and Reed, 18; Norton, 14; Rhodes, 7. NOR., Wilson, 12; Livingstone, 7; Smith, 2. BRIT.: Middleton, 14; Chambers, 11; Owen, 2. Syllabus for 1914 has now been sent out. Any member not having received one please apply to me. Messrs. W. Abbot, Geo. E. McCreight, R. Watkinson, H. Laughing, and T. Green were elected members. Ernest Norton, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Mar. 4, Palmer Hall, followed by a lecture on the birds present, by Mr. J. Robson, the judge. Entries totalled 73 pairs, a record for pair show. Nor. led the way both in quantity and quality, the judge remarking it was the finest lot of Nor. he had judged this season, special mention being made of the nov. birds. Mr. Dearlove's winning champ. pair afterwards changed hands at a large figure. Yorks. were good, but there was room for improvement. One or two pairs needed changing about a little, and the owners would do well to strike a bargain between themselves. Six good muling pairs, chiefly Goldie-Canary, and some promising Hybrid pairs were also shown. Only four pairs of Crests, with one extra good pair amongst them. The room was packed (the overflow having to stand in the corridor) with enthusiastic members, all of whom were well pleased at the prospects for the coming season. Four members elected. Decided to extend the boundary for the S. Pike cup to a radius of 30 miles.

CHAMP. NOR. (10): 1, vhc, hc, c, Dearlove; 2, 3, Lovegrove. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, and special, Giles; hc, Miss Philcox. CRESTS (4): 1, 2, 3, Pike; vhc, Colburn. AMAT. NOR. (12): 1, MacCullum; 2, c, Pyke; 3, Fewin; vhc, hc, Mrs. Bartlett. YORKS. (4): 1, vhc, special, Thomas; 2, 3, Miss Philcox. NOV. NOR. (13): 1, 3, vhc, special, O. C. Smith; 2, c, Emmerson; hc, Mrs. Wright. YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Miss Philcox; 2, Wise. BORD. (2): 1, 2, Meadowcroft. MULING PAIRS (6): 1, C. Wren; 2, O. C. Smith; 3, Vince; vhc, Pyke; hc, Cooper. HYB. (8): 1, 2, sp, Wren; 3, vhc, Giles; hc, Wise; c, Vince. SMALL FOR.: 1, special, Pyke. —O. C. Smith, Asst. Secretary.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Held Jan. 31. Over 150 birds faced the judges. The system, common in life, of a mutual agreement whereby the most experienced members are appointed to judge contemporaneous members' events speaks well for the good feeling which exists in Fancy circles here, and Lochgelly were fortunate in securing three such experts from the Kelty ranks as Mr. Barclay for Plainheads and Crests, Mr. J. Anderson Borders and Yorks., and A. Anderson British and Mules, their awards being well received. The quality in the Nor. and Brit. was excellent, many of the winners being well known in the open arena. We noticed that quite a few visitors who had hoped to pick up a bird here had to come away unserved, a reluctance to sell being manifested by owners of Plainheads in particular, both Mr. Grewar and Sneddon refusing tempting offers for stock, and many envious eyes were cast on the winners, the yellow cocks being of that desirable weight, combined with quality, so difficult to obtain. In the British Linnets and Redpolls were the best, the winners being of outstanding merit. An undoubtedly foreign Bullfinch, which figured here, was, we were informed, a local capture, and gave no indication of being an escape. Do these northern species occasionally visit our shores? Borders were the poorest feature of the show, the variety having few adherents in this district, which may also be said of the "Bird o' circle," which failed to provide an entry. The show was well patronised, and afforded further proof that an inter-club show would do well in this district.

BORD., ETC.: 1, Guthrie; 2, Peel, in all four classes. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, McQueen. HEN: 1, McQueen; 2, Leishman. BUFF CK.: 1, McQueen; 2, Leishman. HEN: 1, McQueen; 2, 3, Leishman. CREST CK.: 1, Sneddon; 2, 3, McGregor. HEN: 1, Sneddon; 2, 5, 6, McGregor; 3, 4, Melville. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, Sneddon; 3, 4, 5, McGregor; 6, 7, Melville. HEN: 1, 3, McGregor; 2, Sneddon. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Grewar. HEN: 1, Grewar; 2, Kirk; 3, Smellie. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Grewar; 2, McLeod; 4, Kirk. HEN: 1, 2, Grewar; 3, McLeod. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 4, Grewar; 2, McLeod; 3, Smellie; 5, Duff. HEN: 1, 5, McLeod; 2, 4, Grewar; 3, Duff. NON-FED: 1, 3, Grewar; 2, 4, McLeod. GREENF. (9): 1, 3, 5, Adamson; 2, 4, Grewar; 6, Raith. LINNET (13): 1, Raith; 2, 4, Grewar; 3, Reid; 5, Muir; 6, Adamson. SISKIN (5): 1, 4, Muir; 2, Raith; 3, Grewar; 5, Adamson. REDPOLL (9): 1, Muir; 2, 5, 6, Adamson; 3, Grewar; 4, Raith. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Raith; 2, Grewar; 3, Reid; 4, Muir. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Raith; 4, Grewar. BRIT. HEN: 1, Grewar; 2, Stewart. LIGHT MULE: 1, 3, Reid; 2, Adamson. DARK: 1, Adamson. COMMON CAN.: 1, 2, McGregor. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, Grewar; 2, McGregor. FOR. FINCH: 1, Munro; 2, Reid.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

First annual pair show, March 11, Church House, when Messrs. T. Tootill and W. Hales judged, and gave every satisfaction. Some very nice birds were staged, especially in Yorks and Nor. YORKS: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Spiley. NOR.: 1, c, Dawson; 2, Mitchell; 3, vhc, Lawton; hc, Partington. ROLLERS: 1, 2, 3, Hales. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Hulme.—W. Dawson.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual pair show, Mar. 10, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria. There was a good turn-out of members and friends, who were highly delighted at the excellent quality of the birds staged. Mr. J. Hannah judged. MULING PAIRS (11): 1, sp., hc, McIntyre; 2, White; 3, McEwan; vhc McColl, c, Stornic. BULLF. HYB. (5): 1, sp, White; 2, McKinnon; 3, Daw; vhc, M. McEwan; hc, Hardy. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, sp., M. McEwan; 2, hc, c, Daw; 3, McKinnon; vhc, Hardy.—A. H. McLean.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Pair show, Feb. 28, headquarters. Close on 100 birds faced the judge, Mr. Hy. Phillips (Ebbw Vale) whose awards gave satisfaction to all. Quality all through was excellent. Mr. E. Powell (chairman), in asking for a vote of thanks to the judge, remarked that from the quality of pairs staged he expected to see some good youngsters at our first feather show.

YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Bevan; 2, 3, Llewellyn; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Powell; c, Turner. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, novice medal, Griffiths; 3, Watkins; vhc, Bevan; hc, Davies; c, Harding. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Harding.—W. B. Watkins, Hon. Sec.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Table show March 3, Nightingale Hotel, Wood Green, when 52 birds in the pink of condition were staged. There was a very good muster of members. Unfortunately, Mr. Hodder who was down for judging failed to put in an appearance, and Mr. Titchner, an old member, kindly consented to officiate, and gave every satisfaction. He was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. The society is holding a supper at the above, April 2, 8.30; tickets, 2s. each; fanciers and their friends will be made welcome. Ladies specially invited. Full particulars may be obtained of Mr. P. Brooks, hon. sec., 3, Trinity Road, Wood Green, or any of the committee.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, Griffin; 3, Martin. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Pettitt. AMAT. YORKS: 1, 2, c, Tolfree; 3, vhc, hc, Huggins. YORKS NOV.: 1, 2, Everett; 3, vhc, hc, Day. NOR. NOV.: 1, 2, Cobden; 3, vhc, Bates. LINNET: 1, 3, Hetherington; 2, Martin. GOLDF.: 1, Stephens; 2, Griffin; 3, Hetherington; vhc, Mrs. Day. CHAFF.: 1, Stephens. GREENF.: 1, Stephens; 2, Griffin; 3, vhc, Bates. BRAMBLE: 1, 2, Stephens; 3, Bates. REDPOLL: 1, 2, Bates; 3, Hetherington. FOR.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Willis; 2, Mrs. Huggins.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Tenth annual show of Can., Hyb. and Muling pairs, Mar. 3, headquarters, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham. The entry was exceedingly good, over double of the previous year. 54 pairs were staged, which gave Mr. A. G. Cant great satisfaction for his first show; quality also was exceedingly high. The Nor. and Yorks. specimens were very keen. A few choice specimens of Bord. and Crests were to be seen. Mr. Cant was supported by Messrs. Cole and Tomsett, Mr. Hodson, the late secretary also being present. Mr. John Robson judged.

CHAMP. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cole, Jor cl. cock and mkd. hen, taking silver medal for best pair; 4, Tomsett; hc, c, Tyrell. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Cole; 2, 3, Tomsett; vhc, hc, c, Tyrell. CHAMP. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Fairman; 2, Reeks; 3, 4, Marshall. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Reeks; 2, Fairman. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Reeks. NOV. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Hodson; 2, 4, vhc, Gardner. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hodson; 3, Gardner. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cant; 4, Pratt; hc, Gilbert. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Cant; 2, Gilbert. A.O.V.: 1, 2, pair Crests, Cant; wrong classed, pair Nor., Taylor, entered in error. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Page. Sp. silver medal best pair, Mr. F. Cole. Most points Champ., Cole, 82 pts.; nov., Cant, 44; 2, champ., Reeks, 25; 2 nov., Hodson, 25; 3 champ., Burton Bros., 18; 3 nov., Gardner, 18. March 17, meeting will be held for discussion on "British Birds"; members please bring some with you.—A. G. Cant.

[Please write only on one side of each sheet used.—Ed.]

RICHMOND C.B.S.

Annual show of pairs, matched for breeding, and of Brit. birds, Mar. 2, St. John's Hall. There was a nice display of good Nor. and Yorks., these being the strongest sections. The merit of the nov. birds was remarkably good, many of the pairs being quite equal to the champion. Some very good pairs for hybrid breeding were shown, and a few smart hybrids and Brit. birds completed a well-arranged show. In Mr. W. Nichols this society has a most able and enthusiastic sec., backed up by a good chairman, Mr. W. Phipps, and an excellent committee in Messrs. Parmiter, Cripps, Springett, Buck, Stevens, Snow, Perritt, Harris, Lathern, Huxley, Keary, and Birch. The attendance was good, and the exhibition in every way a success. Mr. J. Robson judged. NOR. (12): 1, 3, vhc, Nichols, winners charming pair of clears, rare shape, feather like wax, good col., 3rd equally good shape and qual., scarcely so bold in head; 2, hc, Phipps, similar to 1st, just a bit longer flights and tail; c, Nichols. YORKS. (7): 1, vhc, hc, Harris, fine shapely pair of cl., smart stylish hen; 2, c, Huxley, good, cl., only just beaten in col. and qual.; 3, Smith, fine length, shape, and style. PAIRS FOR MULE AND HYB. BREEDING: 1, Birch, fine Greenf., and hen Bullf. in fine trim; 2, Harris, very good Goldf. and bull Nor. hen; 3, Foster, nice Linnet and hen Goldf.; vhc, Young. SINGLE BIRDS (7): 1, Young, smart Goldf., nice blaze, excellent cond.; 2, vhc, Perritt, 2nd shapely Siskin, good size, nice col., cap, and flank marks; 3, Buck, rich col. Bullf.; hc, Phipps; c, Snow. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Perritt, dark Linnet and Can. Mule, nice size, shape, and col.; 2, 3, Birch, same cross, just beaten in size, 3rd variog. buff Goldf. and Can., nice col.; vhc, Foster. NOV. NOR. PAIRS (12): 1, Buck, grand pair of cl., short, thick set, lovely qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Phipps, 2nd equally good shape and qual., beaten a little in subs.; 3, c, Snow, tkd. and cl., nice chubby build, excellent qual. YORKS. (10): 1, Birch, cl., rare shape, fine qual. and style; 2, 3, Eagle, 2nd good shape and qual., not quite length of flights, 3rd mkd. and cl., wee bit spare in build, smart carr. and qual.; vhc, c, Stevens; hc, Young. —(Please write on one side of the paper only.—Ed.)

(See also pages 274 and 275.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, Royal Oak Hotel, Newton Heath, Manchester. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

H. J. FULLJAMES, 42, Lincoln Road, S. Norwood London, S.E. Specialist; British and Foreign.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

JAMES KERR, 18, James Street, Perth. Any variety. Specialist Norwich and British.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties Cage Birds, Norwich Plainhead Specialist.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Palce, Longton. Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. TAYLOR, 23, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Yorkshires and Norwich. Terms on application.

R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Huckall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizingtou Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

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LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Brit bird night show, March 12, at Oldham Hall. Excellent teams of birds were shown by Messrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Hartley, Messrs. Rothwell, Robertshaw, and others. 55 birds in 9 classes. GOLDF. (10): 1, Robertshaw; 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Hartley; hc, Hilton, c, Rothwell. BULLF. (6): 1, Rothwell; 2, c, Mrs. Hartley; 3, Robertshaw; vhc, Symons; hc, Hilton. GREENF. (10): 1, Hart; 2, Mrs. Hartley; 3, Pullman; vhc, hc, Rothwell; c, Southwood. LINNET (6): 1, Lloyd; 2, Robertson; 3, Huyton; vhc, Hilton; hc, Simons; c, Jones. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Lloyd, Siskin; 2, Rothwell, Redpoll; 3, Mrs. Hartley, Redpoll; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Southwood; c, Simons. MEALY REDPOLL (5): 1, Huyton; 2, Rothwell; 3, Mrs. Hartley; vhc, Hilton; hc, Lloyd. CHAFF. (4): 1, Pullman; 2, Robertshaw; 3, Hilton; vhc, Lloyd. BRAMBLEF. (3): 1, Mrs. Hartley; 2, Lloyd; 3, Southwood. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mrs. Hartley, Hawf; 2, J. Lloyd, yell. Bunting; 3, Hilton, Reed Bunting. Most points: CHAMP.: Rothwell 21, Lloyd 18. NOV.: Mrs. Hartley 37, Robertshaw 21. Judges: Messrs. Jones and Carruthers.

Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe will judge at Llanrwst August 26, and Longton Oct. 3.

Newark C.B.S. annual members' show will be held Nov. 21, writes Mr. W. Lidgett, hon. sec. Mr. W. Vardy will judge.

Messrs. Abbott and Austin, secs., Dover C.B.S., inform us that their show will be held on Oct. 21 and 22. Mr. C. A. House will judge.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club should make application at once to F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley, sec.

The show of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. is fixed for Dec. 4, 5, writes Mr. T. Parnaby, sec. Two popular judges. Hoping other societies will not clash

Will secretaries and others, to avoid clashing, please notice that we have fixed our open show for Nov. 25? write Messrs. Hill and Cook, hon. secs. Wiveliscombe F.A.

Mr. A. Wyper, sec. Cumnock C.B.S., writes that the judges for the show, Nov. 28, will be: Scots. Fancy, A. Nisbet (Galston), Nor., W. G. Muir (Killie), Bord., F. Ritchie (Lesmahagow); Brit., P. McQuiston (Ayr).

Mr. G. Greenwell, hon. sec., writes that the Nest Feather Show of the Wallsend C.B.A. is fixed for July 25, and the annual open for Nov. 14. Judges, Messrs. Sceley and S. Dixon, Canaries, and J. Maddison, British.

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid Annual you have again issued this year. It is a book all bird-lovers should have, especially novices, as it contains a host of information for both young and old.—Jas. Napier (Juniper Green).

Will secretaries, to avoid clashing, please note that we have fixed our annual open show for Jan. 16? writes Mr. Geo. Reid, sec. Brandon Colliery C.B.F.S. Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington, will judge Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood, Eglescliff, British.

Kindly correct a mistake I made when sending in report of last meeting, writes Mr. P. Knight, Press Correspondent, London C.B.A. I gave the date of the annual show at the Horticultural Hall as Dec. 4, 5 and 7, but it should be Nov. 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) and Mr. E. Brunskill (Southport) were elected to judge our open show, Nov. 27 and 28, writes Mr. Horace Whitney, assist. sec. Sale C.B.S. Mr. C. C. Blackshaw, of Altrincham, has again taken up the Fancy, and joined our society.

The following well-known fanciers will judge at our annual show, Nov. 7, Village Hall, Juniper Green, writes Mr. Jas. Napier, Sec. Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.:—Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. McLennan (Edinburgh); Borders, Mr. Collan Hyslop (Stirling); Nor. and Brit., Mr. Jas. Winter (Edinburgh). Mr. J. W. Steel (Dalkeith) will judge all varieties at N.F. show, July 11.

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield) will judge at Walkley Nest Feather June 20; Sheffield C.B.S., N.F., June 27; Sheffield O.S., N.F., July 4; Liverpool, Oct. 23; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 6; Warrington, Nov. 13; Rotherham, Nov. 20; Stocksbridge, Nov. 28; Gateshead, Dec 18; and members' shows—Walkley, Nov. 14; Lincoln, Dec. 5.

Schedules of our forthcoming open show (Easter Monday) have been sent to all known exhibitors, writes Mr. W. Nolan, sec. Menai Bridge C.B.S. If any have been overlooked, will they kindly inform me, and I shall be pleased to send one per return. We hope that all exhibitors will give us their best support. Should anyone find it inconvenient to send birds to arrive here on the morning of the show-day, I will undertake to look after all exhibits over the week-end. (See advert. in this week's CAGE BIRDS.)

In respect of the Red naped Whydah, a drawing of which appears on page 267, we quote the following from Shelley's "Birds of Africa":—

The Red naped Whydah ranges from Kilimanjaro Mountain into Abyssinia. Mr. Jackson writes: "Only seen in long reeds and bulrushes at the swampy end of the small lake on the top of Elgeyo, evidently breeding, this bird has a curious habit of making a playground for itself. I noticed several in the long grass, and I saw the male evidently playing as it darted several times into the air to a height of about four feet, and then darted down again. Their playing-ground is a work of some time, as the grass is all worn away in an irregular circle, with the exception of a small tuft left in the centre with two or three little recesses at the base, which are evidently the result of the birds' play." On the Mau Plateau (8,700 feet) he procured a male in breeding plumage on August 3rd, and remarks "plentiful in boggy hollows; where the grass is long I saw this bird at its game of jumping up and down.

A Rung Bullfinch Caught.

The enclosed ring, marked 596, Witherby, High Holborn, was caught at Northwood, near Watford, last month, writes Mr. J. Goodall, Watford.

The Seaham Harbour Greenfinch.

I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Witherby wants to know when the Greenfinch was caught with the ring on at Seaham Harbour. I caught it on Feb. 9.—R. Walker (Seaham Harbour).

A Successful Charity Show

We have handed over to the Leicester Children's Hospital Fund the sum of £6 15s., the proceeds of a combined show, held between the Leicester Hand-in-Hand and the Leicester C.B.S.—J. Hardbattle, A. Freestone (hon. secs.).

What a Chemist thinks of "C.B. Annual."

Please allow me to say, as a chemist, that the article in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1914, entitled "A Handy Guide to Bird Medicines and Their Uses," is exceedingly well done, and shows the hand of an expert.—Thos. Yule (Cowdenbeath).

One of the Early Birds.

Mr. Robson, Ryton, Co. Durham, has a young Thrush which must have been hatched from an egg laid as early as January. When the bird was a nestling it was picked up by Mr. Robson on his way to work, and secured under an old pail until his return in the evening. The orphan was then taken to Mr. Robson's home, and thrived most satisfactorily.

Is this a Record?

I am in receipt of your cheque, £2, being the amount of CAGE BIRDS cash prize won by my yellow green-marked Yorkshire, at the Palace; please accept my very best thanks. The bird was claimed at £15, and it would be interesting to know if this is a record price for a Yorkshire Canary. I think it is certainly a precedent for a bird bred in the South of England to win 1st and special at Bradford National.—R. L. Crisp.

"Cage Birds" Special buys a Grandfather's Clock.

Enclosed please find receipt for the hand-coloured Diploma and your cheque, £10 10s., which came to hand to-day. I am very pleased with the Diploma, which I shall have suitably framed and given the place of honour in my bird-room. As regards the prize-money, I wanted a permanent memento of being the first winner of your most generous Coupon Prize Scheme, so I have bought a grandfather's clock with the money, and shall have a suitable silver plate fixed on it, describing particulars. I may say this will serve another purpose, as it has pleased my wife, and has been a veritable "bit of sugar for the bird." I must also compliment your artist, Mr. Norman, on the sketch you published of my bird in the Crystal Palace Number front page.—Alfred Jas. Smith (Erdington).

Reading Secretary Resigns.

I am resigning the secretaryship of the Reading C.B.S. at next meeting, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, and should like to thank all our members and exhibitors who have done their best to make my term of office a pleasant recollection to me. I have a bundle of letters in my drawer, many of them written by fanciers known to me by name only, and every time I look at them I feel that my four years' stewardship has been one of the happiest times of my life. The splendid co-operation of members, who have all put their backs into it, has resulted in record shows, record membership, and record balances; and now we have a new sec. coming along, who is a real worker to put us up still higher. Now is the time when he wants a bit of encouragement, and I trust members and fanciers will do their best to help him along as they have in my own case. I shall still remain a member, and as I am not leaving this district, shall be able to keep in touch with fanciers.

The Southern N.P. Club Patronage.

I have had a good number of applications for patronage, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, hon. sec., but owing to the rule made at annual meeting that the same judge shall not officiate at two shows under our patronage, some of these must be left out; and I should like a few more. Eight classes in champion, six classes in novice. The notice in Press concerning my resignation is an error. I shall hold that office until the end of the year, as promised. Unfortunately for the club's business I have not been able to take up its duties since the Palace meeting, as I have had the misfortune to lose, by death, my brother and my aunt, and all my spare time from a very busy life has been used up; but I will soon again give my attention to the club, and answer all letters and send along receipts for donations and subscriptions. Will those members bear in mind our Special Prize Fund this year, when sending their subscriptions, and try to get some of their friends to join.

"Please thank the 37 persons who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS of March 7th. I have answered all who sent stamp for a reply."—JOHN KNOWLES (Preston).

"Please thank all those that answered my advert in CAGE BIRDS. I had so many replies that I could not answer them all."—E. T. HAMES (Bournemouth).

"I had very good results from my last advt. Letters from Scotland, England and Wales. Sold all advertised. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success."—D. BETTY (Goodinch).

"I have sold 64 Norwich through my small advt. and have sent a lot of orders back again."—H. GATER (Troedyrhiw).

"Thanks to advertisement in your valuable Paper re Green Borders, I have sold the Borders offered."—RAWSTHORNE (Seaforth).

"You will no doubt be pleased to hear I have had several good sales from a small advt. in your issue."—W. R. MILES (Chichester).

The first feather show of Redhill C.B.S. will be held July 1, judge Mr. G. Gardner, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, hon. sec.

Correction:—In our last issue, in Mr. J. H. Clark's advt., under Foreign birds, the price of the White Javas should have read 7s., not 1s.

The syllabus of Stratford and East London F.S. has reached us, and contains an interesting table of fixtures. In addition to rules and regulations there are particulars of cups and trophies, and a list of members' names and addresses.

Kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. E. Hudson, to tender my best thanks to the sixty members who voted for me as Vice-President of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., and also to convey to Mr. Butler my good wishes on his elevation to that office.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Roberts.

We are sorry to hear of the sad loss sustained by Mr. Tom Roberts, of Llandrwst, in the death of his wife at the early age of thirty-six years, leaving Mr. Roberts with one child of the age of twelve. Mrs. Roberts was always deeply interested in the hobby of her husband, and rendered him at all times the help which can only be given by a wife when she is in entire sympathy with her husband in the proper keeping of his feathered pets. Fanciers will join us in our condolence with Mr. Roberts in his bereavement.

Mr. John Bell, Leith.

I regret to say, writes Mr. Percy West, that Mr. John Bell, a well-known breeder of the Scotch Fancy Canary, passed away suddenly at his residence in Iona Street, Leith, at the age of sixty-one. He was at work until Saturday, March 7. He was a member of the Edinburgh O.S., and the now defunct Edinburgh and Northern. Being a cabinet-maker by trade, he had a wide reputation as a cage-maker, especially of Scotch Fancy show cages, which were always in great demand. He was predeceased by his wife about two years ago, but leaves a grown-up family, to whom fanciers will extend their heartfelt sympathy.

All Bathgate prize-money has been paid, specials will follow later. We thank exhibitors for the hearty support they gave us, writes Mr. A. Nicol, hon. sec.

Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S. intend holding its annual show Nov. 4. Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester) will judge. Mr. Chas. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly, has been appointed secretary.

The R. McKie Fund.

I wish to thank our members and friends who have helped to start Mr. R. McKie again, writes Mr. G. Greenwell, sec. Wallsend C.B.S.. We have received £2 in money, as follows:—CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE 10s., W. McGinn, Lumsden, 5s. each; J. Heslop, Greenwell, C. Stubbs, W. Studholme, W. Stephenson, J. Craig, C. Wilson, Mathewson, 2s. 6d. each. Also Canaries, as follows: G. Scott, Buff Nor. ck.; G. Chambers, ditto; C. Kay, ditto; Holden, yell. Nor. ck.; N. Hymers, pair Nor.—Geo. Greenwell, sec.

Please allow me space in CAGE BIRDS to thank those members of Wallsend C.B.S. who so generously subscribed to assist me in rebuilding up my stock, after having lost my birds through fire. I hope none of them will ever be so unfortunate as to lose theirs, but if ever they should, I hope I may be in a position to assist them, as I should like. I thank you for your very liberal subscription of ten shillings to start the ball, also Mr. W. McGinn, Walker, and Mr. A. Holden, Gateshead, who gave such liberal assistance. I should like especially to thank Mr. G. Greenwell, sec. of Wallsend Society, for the trouble he has taken to get me assistance. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.—R. McKie.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bonafide* one.

England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.** (P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place). J.W.M.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10. **Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14 15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.B.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.** (C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(P. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3 4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6 7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6 7.—**Sheffield O.S.** (E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.E., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 105, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10 11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.B., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 406, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L. Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Harver, 1, Theresa St.).

Nov. 14.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—(Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.)

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Dec. 9 10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.)

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.)

A Futurist Robin?

A Robin with perfectly white wings has been seen in a garden at Hersham (Surrey).

Correction in Report.

The awards in the house moulted Linnet class at Bathgate should read 1, 7, Robertson; 2, Inman; not 1, Strachan; 2, Juman; 7, Sinclair, as reported.

Praise Indeed!

Allow me to congratulate you on the excellent sketch of my Palace winner, the Chinese Starling, writes Mr. R. Sharples. It is a credit to your artist, Mr. Goodchild. I could not have done it any better myself. I may say I have been a reader of your valuable paper since its second number.

DRY HEAT FOR AILING BIRDS.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

THOUGH this has been used by many aviculturists more or less in a casual way for a considerable period, very few aviculturists have made definite provision for its use, or provided a small chamber, which could, in a few moments, be put into operation for any case that might suddenly arise. A paper from the pen of Dr. Lovell-Keays in the current issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, reminds me that dry heat has never been given the prominence it deserves, as a factor in the reduction of losses from many avian ailments, especially when acquiring a stock of birds.

First I propose to give a brief *resume* as to how it has been used in the past, and next to quote from the aforesaid article, and finally to suggest one or two simple, or more elaborate, methods of providing accommodation for the treatment. In a more or less "rough and ready" sort of fashion dry and moist heat has been used in the past both for the acclimatisation of birds which have passed into a state of collapse shortly after arrival, and also as remedial agents in extreme cases, when established birds have suddenly been picked up *in extremis*.

Fresh Air and Robust Health.

Perhaps, I had better allude to my own methods—very crude—and then quote a particular case as an illustration. I had better first remind my readers that I keep scarcely any birds indoors, being a firm believer in the outdoor treatment all the year round. The flights, to which heat can be applied, are two, and are placed in the lobby which forms the entrance to my aviary. Each of these flights has a ground area 10ft. by 4ft., and range from 5½ft. to 8ft. high. In the passage-way, between the two, a small heating stove stands during the winter months, but during sharp periods the temperature frequently falls as low as 30 degrees F. in the early morning. This is all the heat I supply, and consequently have no really heated place, large or small, to use as a sick-ward. However, with me, such is very seldom required, and my death-rate always ranges very low being seldom more than 5 to 7½ per cent.

It has been my invariable practice when coming across a bird in a state of collapse (others do it for me when I am not at home) to take such indoors, partly envelope it in flannel and put it in a small cage on a bedding of fine hay, standing the cage on the top of the kitchen range, or even putting it in the oven. Of course, the heat of the range was the governing factor, determining which procedure was taken. After recovery the bird is kept in a moderately warm room for a short period. Then it has the protection of four walls only for a time, being ultimately returned to the outdoor aviary.

Keep a Spare Cage Handy.

This takes place in the spring, for I seldom have such cases arise save during cold weather, and very few at any time. Still, very sharp periods find out the weak and ailing both among animals and human beings, as we have had brought to our notice during a recent cold spell. We should be prepared with some place to treat such cases as they arise, and have appliances, in the form of a cage, practically ready for use, so that there may be no loss of time in applying the treatment, whether by the primitive use of kitchen range or a special apparatus.

Now before leaving my personal experiences, let me quote an instance as a typical case, for in the course of years many birds have been saved which have been picked up in an apparently hopeless condition. I am choosing rather an extreme case, the better to illustrate my subject, and also to show the need of being prepared. The bird was a hen Magpie Mannikin, which had been in my possession for five years, during which time it had brought up several broods of young. The period was during a very severe spell of several weeks' frost and snow without a break.

How a Sick Magpie was Revived.

It was one of some fifty birds occupying the aviary, all the others including Tanagers, varied Lorikeets, etc., being healthy and vivacious, and apparently quite unaffected by the weather conditions. It but just lived when it was brought indoors, being too helpless to move. It was wrapped up loosely in flannel, and put in the small cage on hay, and the cage was placed on the top of the range. By midday (it was picked up at 9 a.m.) it was beginning to move about a little, being fairly lively by night. It was left on the range all night, the fire being "banked," not only for the sake of the bird, but also for the hot-water apparatus, and a light was left burning

The following morning it had apparently recovered, but to make sure the nursing was continued for several days, with the flannel and hay removed from the cage, and no light at night. It was then put into a room in which a fire burned during the day, but not at night, and later kept right away from the fire, at the opposite end of the room. After this it went into the outdoor birdroom, in which a little heat was given, but not sufficient to keep out frost during severe periods. Here it did well, there being no relapse, and it was put out of doors again in the spring. It lived for a further three years, but was eventually found dead (mid-summer) after having been eight and a-half years in my aviary. During the last two summers it was the mother of five young hybrid Mannikins, being mated with a Bronze Mannikin.

Space will not permit of quoting other cases, neither is it necessary, as there is a great similarity in all the cases. I would point out that the above is the case of an acclimatised bird—watchfulness and promptitude will keep losses down to a minimum. Further, I have found the treatment equally efficacious for hard and softbills.

More Methods than One.

As to others' methods. Some have applied heat on similar lines to the above. Others have used a box, divided into two chambers, with a lamp or gas jet burning in the lower one, the top one as the sick-bay. Others, again, have used a similar appliance for the reception of new arrivals, keeping them therein a few hours, or days, in the case of birds, which arrive in a more or less prostrate condition.

I know of more than one series of large aviaries which have, not only a heated bird-room, but also a hospital-room, with radiators capable of keeping up a very high temperature. Yet others have made use of hothouses, where the temperature ranges from 60 to 80 degrees F., both for acclimatisation and temporary quarters for sick birds, but in the latter case it would be moist heat. The latter two cases are almost outside the scope of my readers, but are mentioned as giving some indication of the extent to which heat has been used for the acclimatisation of ailing birds, even by the exponents of outdoor aviculture.

(To be continued.)

THE RED-NAPED WHYDAH (*Penthetria laticauda*).

One of the most beautiful of African birds, and one of the rarest importations to this country among the Whydahs. Excepting for the crimson on the nape and throat, it resembles the better-known Crimson-throated Whydah, which generally takes a high place among the honours at any show in which it is entered. (See note on the species in "Twitterings.")

The Birds of Flamborough Headland.

By J. FEW (Wigan).

(*Continued from page* 102.)

THE headland is likewise the home of the noble but rapacious Peregrine Falcon, and of the Kestrel; the former is strictly protected by the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union. Rock Pipits and House Martins, too, share with the larger birds the hospitality which the cliffs afford. It appeared to me that the accommodation on the great sea wall was altogether inadequate for such a vast concourse of birds. I traversed nearly a mile of the cliffs, and the bird scenes I have depicted were reproduced over and over again; all the shelves, minute ledges, holes and fissures were already appropriated, and the majority of the birds flying alongside the cliffs seemed to be searching for a resting-place. In their fruitless efforts to find a foothold, the poor birds repeatedly planted their webbed-feet against the perpendicular wall, presumably for a momentary respite.

Sounds like a Football Crowd.

At times the sound made by this whirl of feathered life is almost deafening, and can, perhaps, be best likened to the applauding of thousands of human beings at a football match—heard from a distance. Just below me on a ledge about four feet long by about two inches wide, and almost within reach of my walking-stick, is a small party of nine Guillemots, particularly loquacious. Their gutteral notes are quite audible, and each bird seems to have a tale to tell; and simultaneously they are bowing, as if they assented to all that is said.

What does this bird language mean? We are acquainted with some of the notes of birds and their significance, e.g., the call-notes and alarm-notes, the notes of challenge, and in some cases of love and distress; but there is much that is meaningless to us, though doubtless well understood and appreciated by the birds themselves. One could almost imagine that these Guillemots were using strong language about the rock-climbers (or "climmers," in local parlance) for filching their single egg, and were telling each other of some shelves they had discovered which were inaccessible to these depredators. An instance of a very remarkable change of habitat, as the outcome of similar persecution, is that of the Herring Gull, which nests in trees in some parts of North America, to escape the plundering fishermen.

Many of the birds on the sea-wall are occupied in domestic affairs. Quite close to me a Rock Dove is cooing at the entrance to its domicile. Here a pair of Puffins, only about four yards below me, are entering with waddling gait their nesting quarters, a hole in the rock. There a pair of Razorbills have their home in a cranny, and I can hear them "grunting" quite plainly. The Guillemots are in possession of most of the shelves and ledges, where the single egg is laid with no pretence of making a nest. The egg is remarkable for its size in comparison with the size of the bird; weighing on an average a quarter of a pound, or one-eighth of the weight of the bird. Its form is that of an elongated pear; and, therefore, it is less liable to roll off the ledges than an oval-shaped egg. The hen holds the egg between her legs with its point outwards. She usually sits facing the cliff, having, as it were, resolutely turned her back on the blue waters for the all important duty of incubation.

> . . . . "all on tasks of love,
> To hatch the pregnant egg, to rear and guard
> Their helpless infants, piously intent."—*Mallet.*

The Guillemots' eggs on Flamborough headland are noted for their variableness of colour and markings. They can be obtained in almost every possible variety of green, blue, red, purple and brown; also white and cream; some marked by blotches, streaks and pencillings; others plain. It is said that no two eggs are exactly alike. One Hull collector has made a special point of securing eggs of unusual shapes and sizes, irrespective of their ornamentation, and has obtained them varying in size from a double-yolked Guillemot's egg; weighing 6ozs., to a small example, the size of a Blackbird's eggs! In shape he has specimens assuming extraordinary outlines, somewhat resembling sausages, bottles, and other odd forms.

The Intrepid "Climmers."

To obtain the eggs it is necesary to climb the cliffs by means of ropes. There are four or five gangs of "climmers," consisting of four men each, and each gang restricts its operations to a definite part of the cliffs. The outfit of the climmer consists of two stout hemp ropes, two hempen loops, or "breeches," an iron spike surmounted by a pulley, two linen bags, hung by the side of the climmer and crossed over to the opposite shoulder; and last, but not least, a hat which is stuffed with hay or other padding. This latter item, which usually takes the form of a "billy-cock," a superannuated top-hat, or a soldier's helmet, is a very important item in the "rig" of the climmer, who knows no fear beyond that of falling pieces of chalk, which are sometimes dislodged upon him. "Broken Head," a name given to one part of the cliffs, indicates a spot where the padding was once not sufficiently effective. Accidents, however, are of exceedingly rare occurrence; in fact, by no means so common as they are in what might be looked upon as much safer occupations.

The method of climbing is as follows: The climmer places his legs through the two loops fastened to the end of the lowering rope, which is inserted in the iron pulley attached to the top of the iron spike stuck in the ground near the cliff edge. His mates sit on the grass above, with their heels firmly implanted in the soil, and with the rope wrapped round them, a broad leather belt preventing the sliding rope from doing harm. The climmer backs towards the cliff edge, slides over, and is lowered by his mates.

(To be continued.)

THE NIGHTINGALE.

By C. A V.

IT would be vain to attempt in sober prose a description of a bird which has been a favourite with poets of all ages and of every calibre. All that we shall venture, therefore, to say to those who have not heard its song is, "Go and hear it in the Spring"; to those who have heard it we can convey no information. All who inhabit the districts which the Nightingale frequents are familiar with its entrancing voice, but the manners of the bird, in a state of nature, are not so well known.

It is strictly a bird of the rich and well cultivated, and, at the same time, well wooded country. The valleys of Devon, though among the sweetest as well as the warmest in the Kingdom, have no charms for the Nightingale, nor is it heard upon the more arid parts of the regions that it does inhabit. Lofty woods by clear waters, among rich meadows and fields, where there is an exuberance of vegetation, and, consequently, an ample store of soft and smooth caterpillars, are the places for the Nightingale. In these it sings its song and rears its brood in the closest retirement and with the most tender and assiduous care, and when it has accomplished that, the grand object of its visit, it retires with the same quietness as it came, not flocking with its kind before its departure, as other birds.

The Puzzle of the Nightingale's Preferences.

What may be the cause of the Nightingale being so confined to particular localities in this country has not been ascertained, any more than why the range of the Dartford Warbler, which is a resident bird, should be even more limited. It resorts regularly to countries that are less rich, and climates that are colder, than those localities in Great Britain in which it is never heard. The only way in which a solution of the problem would be likely to be obtained would be to find what there is peculiar in the entomology of the Nightingale districts, for where temperature and facilities for nesting and concealment are the same in two different districts, and a bird which is left to the free range of nature is to be found in one district and not in the other, the most probable reason is that of food; of caprice, in the sense in which we apply it to man, there can be none.

Birds in Nature are difficult to study, but they are exceedingly interesting, and therefore those who wish to be thought wise upon the subject of birds must say something about it.

Their songs are always what we would call songs of joy, even when, as in the case of the Turtle and Wood Pigeon, they are in the most plaintive key. Generally, too, the birds that migrate and those that nestle in thick covers are the most melodious singers, while those that frequent open wilds have the loudest calls or whistles.

"The Voice of the Charmer."

We are not acquainted with the way in which these melodies of the male birds act upon the females, but it is evident that they are intended to bring together those that are concealed from each other by the depth of groves or the expanse of the wilderness. Nothing could be better adapted for the purpose, and the notes are so varied that there is no chance of mistake. Yet there is nothing of what we call choice of freedom of election in their curious call and answer. The call is perfect, and the answering is immediate.

The full song of the Nightingale is always a song of courtship, and if we would allow ourselves to become sentimental upon the subject, it would be easy to blame him as a "Careless husband," because he never "sings round" after pairing, except when he loses his mate and seeks another. One can see a meaning in the song before the pairing, but not so much after, as the song of the Nightingale cannot, like that of the day birds, take the Hawks out of the way of the female and the nest. Still a portion of the song is retained during the incubation, as a call-note, and when one brood has been hatched early, there may, in favourable seasons, be a second song, as in warmer countries there are more broods than one in the season.

After the nesting has begun, the male has other occupations than singing. The nest itself is indeed a very simple structure. It is upon the ground under a thick bush or hedge, or if on a tree it is on the very lowest part of one that is branched down to the ground, and thus, though safe from birds of prey, it often falls a sacrifice to small quadrupeds such a weasels and polecats. The nest is formed of dry leaves, lined with withered grass, and thus in structure resembles that of the Warblers, but the eggs differ inasmuch that they are only of one colour, an intermediate shade, made up of brown, yellow, and green, and not very unlike the colour of the nest. Five is about the average number.

The male brings food for the female, and occasionally relieves her in the nest till the young come out of the shell, and then both parents feed them with the greatest assiduity. Smooth caterpillars of the leaf-rolling insects, and also some of the saw flies, are understood to be the principal nutriment of the young, and the slender bills of the old ones are well adapted for taking the former out of their folds, or the latter out of their holes and crevices. When food is found very near the nest the birds carry the caterpillars one by one in the point of their bills, but when they make a more distant excursion they fill the whole mouth.

This assiduous feeding lasts for about two weeks, at the end of which time the young birds, though they cannot fly far, hop from twig to twig and partially procure food for themselves. When fully fledged, the male is said to lead them out to where they can find their food independently from their parents.

The Nightingale is larger than any of the Warblers, being seven inches in length, between ten and eleven in the extent of the wings, and weighing about three-quarters of an ounce. Its colours are plain and simple, and without any decided markings. The upper part is deep brown, with a shade of yellow; the sides of the neck, the breast and the flanks grey, the throat and belly grey, and the rump and tail pale brown, with a shade of orange. The bird, in fact, is coloured a good deal like its nest, and those shaded and grassless places in which it is constructed, and that, no doubt, is one of the means of protection.

A TALE OF FOUR YELLOW WAGTAILS

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Concluded from page xiv of our Birthday Number.)

[Note.—The first instalment of Mr. Teschemaker's article contains a delightful account of the "Heart of Wagtail Land," the Norfolk Broads, with views of the Broads and photographs of a nest of the Yellow Wagtail, and of a ten-day old bird hatched in the author's aviary.—Ed.]

EVERYWHERE the Wagtails were flitting to and fro, some to the reeds, to which they clung after the manner of a Bearded Tit, some to an adjoining cattle-pasture to fetch hair for lining their nests, while some were hawking flies with dexterous wing among the tufted cotton-grass. Now and again an old male, with a breast of yellow more brilliant than anything the Canary-breeder has ever been able to produce, would spring into the air and hover over his nest with quivering wings and trailing feet in the thrill and rapture of the love flight; in this way was revealed to us the site of two nests—one half finished and the other containing one egg.

Now, birds suggest very different feelings to different people. The "collector," had he been in our position, would probably have thought of a glass case and a pair of Wagtails in the pink of breeding plumage; some of our friends, who do a little trapping, would possibly have thought of the pleasant tinkle of silver coins; an artist would have wished that he had brought his canvas and paint-box with him; but, as for ourselves, we thought of a certain Devonshire aiviary and what a delightful thing it would be to see Yellow Wagtails nesting in it. Here then was the birth of an idea and, though the majority of youthful ideas never reach maturity, this particular one, after many vicissitudes and some long and critical illnesses, did eventually grow up and prosper, and we shall attempt to tell you to-day how it grew up. We might describe to you the home-life of the Yellow Wagtail, and its passage to its winter home, but we wrote such an article about another Wagtail for a recent Birthday number, and it would never do to write two similar articles on similar subjects, for that would mean getting into a groove, and this, as you may have observed, is, for all who write on any subject, the beginning of the end.

The Yellow Wagtail's Relatives.

We cannot hope to induce any shy species to breed successfully in an aviary unless we have first mastered its individual peculiarities, and in order to do this we must try to ascertain its relative position to other species of the same group. The European Wagtails seem to be all closely related, but they show marked differences of habit and of plumage in different areas of their geographical range. Of the five Wagtails of our own islands the White and the Pied may be said to form one group, with longer hind-claw; the Yellow and the Blue-headed another group; the Grey seems, according to first impressions, to stand alone, on which subject, however, we shall have something to say later. The Blue-headed might perhaps be considered the Continental race of the Yellow; if you write for a "Yellow Wagtail" to a German dealer you may be quite sure that you will receive the former species, but in the extreme south of Europe it is replaced by a grey-headed form, and in the extreme south-east by a black-headed form.

We shall conclude then that all the European Wagtails are very closely connected and grade into one another through a very large number of forms, the most distinctive of which are found in the far East, namely, the Black-headed Wagtail (of the Yellow group) and the White-winged Pied Wagtail (of the Black and White group), excellent coloured drawings of which may be found in Bree.

Water Wagtails and Land Wagtails.

When we come to study the distinctive habits of the different forms, however, we shall find a marked divergence. The Grey seems to be the most aquatic of our British Wagtails. In the West Country this species is hardly ever seen far from water, and its favourite nesting place in South Devon is in the ivy which clings so picturesquely to the ancient stone bridges which span the moorland streams. It seems to fairly revel in the swirling, racing current, and with remarkable boldness will run along submerged masonry or timbering and snatch some drowned insect from the swiftest stream.

The Pied also deserves the title of "Water Wagtail," but it is not so bold as the former species, and generally prefers smooth shallow water. Between the Pied and the White we note an important difference of habit, for the latter is sometimes found in quite dry mountainous districts, as, for instance, in the Pyrenees. The Yellow and the Blue-headed, on the other hand, are essentially land-wagtails, nesting and foraging by preference on the dry open sward.

Wagtails as Musicians.

Some years since we saw in a contemporary the statement that "Wagtails have no song" and, though we frequently come across odd statements about birds, this seemed to us quite one of the oddest. One would think that the most casual observer could hardly have overlooked the pretty warbling song with its occasional quaint staccato notes.

The most robustious singer of the family is the Pied, commencing early in the spring and continuing for several months. We well recollect one cold February day, when a dense throng of several thousand electors of the East Devon division awaited the result of the poll in the Market Square at Newton Abbot. Perched above the heads of the crowd, on the tower of the Market Hall, was a Pied Wagtail which seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings, and sang lustily for the best part of an hour.

We also well recollect an old cock Pied Wagtail which lived in a small aviary for several years, and used to sing to us day after day and month after month; in fact we were so pleased with his vocal efforts that we brought him into the bird-room and installed him in a Nightingale cage. But this was a blunder; we had broken one of the canons of aviculture which tells us never to shift a bird which has got into a particular groove, and is doing well in that groove, to different surroundings. The old bird not only ceased to sing, but at once began to pine, and if we had not released him in hot haste we should have lost him to a certainty.

The White Wagtail is also a good singer; we have heard him singing lustily on sunny days in September during the autumnal migration. The Yellow and Blue-headed have with us only sung in the nesting season. One standard work states that the latter species has no song, but this is an error; we have heard it singing during the past two seasons in the aviary during the month of May.

"What We Have We'll Hold."

The champion heavy-weight of the British Wagtails is the Grey. We once saw a battle royal between the latter and the Pied, which was all the more convincing because the latter had right on his side, and, as you may have observed, birds have consciences, and a definite sense of right and wrong, and the issue of their battles seems to depend quite as much on the above considerations as on the relative strength of the combatants. Like the lords of creation, however, though they know the right, they frequently do not follow it, especially in the matter of annexing territory which does not belong to them. A pair of Pied Wagtails had for years nested on Trusham Bridge, near Chudleigh, and had established a right prescriptive to the adjoining territory, but one spring a pair of Greys set covetous eyes on the bridge; the result was a desperate series of combats which ended in the complete defeat of the Pieds, although they had on their side both moral right and possession which, as we know, is nine-tenths of the law.

The Pied and White Wagtails seem very evenly matched. Last summer we released a pair of Whites, and two of the brood which they had reared, and a day or two later were pleased to see them sunning themselves on the top of the aviary and having a talk to their former companions inside the latter. But an old cock Pied, who has for several years nested in the immediate neighbourhood, appeared upon the scene, and, after a real good tussle, routed the White Wagtails, and, to our great regret, drove them right away from the garden.

The Yellow Wagtail is only a "lightweight," compared with the Pied, and never ventures to put on the gloves with the latter; moreover it seems to be a much more amiable bird. For the past two seasons it has nested with us in the same aviary as the White Wagtail, and we have above noted that it will sometimes nest in a colony with others of its own species.

How the Species Differ in Hardiness.

In a domesticated state we find marked difference between the five species in the matter of hardiness. The Pied will winter in any aviary, no matter how exposed, and on very common fare. The White is decidedly a difficult species to domesticate; it is, to quote a popular phrase, "as wild as a Hawk" when first trapped, and we once had to hand-feed one for two whole days before we could induce it to even pick up a mealworm on its own initiative. Once "meated off," however, it will stand quite as much cold as the Pied, and we have wintered it year after year in the open, but with the important distinction that it requires very much better feeding than the former, and a regular supply of insect food.

We pointed out in a former article ("The White Wagtail at home and in Captivity") that this species nests almost exclusively in the mosquito countries, and suggested that the reason that it did not normally nest in our country was probably that it could not find sufficient winged insects to rear its young. It was on account of this peculiarity that we failed many times to rear a brood from the White Wagtails which we caught in the Isle of Man; they used to attempt to rear the young on moths which they flushed by beating the grass with their wings, and flatly refused to feed with the live-bait we provided. We finally succeeded with a pair caught in Central Europe, which did not seem to be so particular in the matter of diet.

The Grey is almost as hardy as the White, and frequently winters in Devonshire, but the Yellow and Blue-headed are decidedly delicate birds, and in our experience require some heat to bring them through the winter in really good fettle and colour. All the Wagtails are thoroughly good livers when once established, and always look spick and span and in good spirits, if properly managed; three of the above species have lived with us for more than four years, and would no doubt in some cases have lived longer had we not released them.

Correspondence.

Clashing of Plymouth and Clapham Shows.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hose's letter in last week's Cage Birds, I must again state that I have not received any reply to my letter to him when first Clapham's dates were published. Mr. Hose and the Clapham committee must have known that by fixing their show on Plymouth's usual dates they would thereby limit the chances of both shows for specialist club patronage. As most of the specialist clubs have both a London and a Provincial committee, it is bound to go hard with a provincial show which comes on the same dates as a London show, and probably Clapham consider themselves safe for patronage owing to their expectation of the London committees' support. In Plymouth there is a strong suspicion that the committee of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club intended last year, and again intend this year, to leave us out in the cold (in spite of the fact that we give five prizes per class to the value of 25s., for an entry fee of 1s. 6d., which is a better prize list than any other show, including Clapham, offers), and that Clapham's change of date to Plymouth's usual time may have some bearing on this.

Thos. Pope,
Hon. Sec. W.C.O.S., Plymouth.

Amalgamation of Clubs in Pelton Fell.

Sir, I am in favour of the three shows—Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street, and Birtley District going together, but I am not in favour of making a man be in all three against his will. I know some men in Pelton show are in five societies at the least, and I know other members who have paid 5s. year after year and never won a first prize. I think we will lose members instead of gaining new ones by forcing fanciers to belong to all three. Let the three shows go together, and if a man wants to become a member of any of the three societies, let him pay 2s. 6d. subscription to the one he is a member of (and let him show at the club he is a member of), while if he has any young birds ring with the club ring, let him show them with the amalgamated birds. If there is a man starting to keep a few birds in any of the three districts, British or Canaries, he would like to have them tried, but he is not going to pay 8s. 6d. without he is a moneyed man, and a novice would not have a chance against old fanciers. I am in favour of all the Canaries being young birds, or Mules either, rung or not, and all members to breed their own birds. We have had some very good members' shows around the district, and I would like to see this encourage new fanciers and the British fanciers as well.

James Stanger.

How to Distinguish Roller Tours.

Sir,—I should like to thank Mr. Tomlinson for his very interesting article on "The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe" running through the columns of your most valuable paper, Cage Birds. I am sorry to see, however, that in this, as in all other articles I have read on the Roller Canary, there is to my mind one thing lacking, and that is the explanation of the various tours in such a way that we novices can distinguish one from another. I happen to be one of those to which Mr. Tomlinson refers in his article of March 14, as living in an isolated district, and whose lot he says is a hard one. I can assure him it is a very hard one indeed, for the nearest member of the B.R.C.C. lives about twelve or fifteen miles from here (Skipton). As Mr. Tomlinson says, one has to be exceedingly fond of the hobby, otherwise one would be so disheartened as to fall out of the Fancy altogether. I should be glad (I think I am speaking for the novices in general) if an article could be written giving the names of the various tours in what may be termed plain English. For instance, I have seen some of them likened to a rapidly running sewing machine, the clucking of the broody hen, the emptying of a bottle, and the tinkling of a bell, similar to those used on the necks of pet animals. I should at any time be glad of a visit from a fellow fancier, to give me a practical lesson, and of such there must be a fair number who call at this town during the summer months, it being a popular resort for holiday-makers; or I should be willing to visit some fanciers outside this isolation, for I feel sure if some method of visitation were adopted it would be to the benefit of the Fancy in general. I should be pleased to correspond with any fancier willing to fall in with my suggestion.

E. Gill.

50, Castle Street, Skipton.

The Cinnamon Canary as it is and as it Ought to be.

Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the letters from Mr. Bentley, and others, but they fail to touch the spot. The writers blame everyone but themselves for the slump in Cinnamons. Specialist Clubs are supposed to exist for the benefit of the breeds with which they are connected. What does the Cinnamon Club do to justify its existence? It holds a meeting once a year, at the Palace Show, but we seldom hear anything about it from February to February. If the club would guarantee classes at shows up and down the country the Cinnamon would quickly become more popular. It is no use the Cinnamon Club nor Cinnamon breeders sitting down and expecting show committees to come along and pop a silver spoon into their mouths. If they want the Cinnamon to regain its lost position they must be up and doing.

Mr. Bentley says 70 per cent. of the schedules sent out have no classes for Cinnamons. Why? Because exhibitors do not support them. If there was a demand for classes by exhibitors, the show committees would soon provide them. If the members of the Cinnamon Club want classes they should guarantee them. Mr. B. next has a tilt at the judges. They are wrong in A.O.V. and special awards. Mr. B. is not altogether correct in his assertions. He is much too sweeping in his condemnation. There are some judges who are very fond of Cinnamons, and who invariably give them all they can either in the way of specials, or A.O.V. awards.

It is said that the world takes a man greatly at his own valuation. The Fancy certainly takes its Specialist Clubs in this fashion. A well-managed, progressive, up-to-date club has no trouble in regard to either judges, or classification. Show committees are found tumbling over each other to secure the support of some clubs. If they are not so anxious for the support of the Cinnamon Club there is a reason why, and that doubtless is the apathetic manner in which the club is worked.

Mr. Bentley concludes that the fault is outside the club and its members. I differ with him. As one who, many years ago, had some of the best Cinnamons, I am persuaded that if a more progressive policy was followed, both by the Cinnamon Club and breeders, we should quickly see larger entries, extended classification, new fanciers, more demand for stock, consequently better prices, and a more flourishing state of things generally. All that the Cinnamon wants is booming, and the persons to boom it are those interested in its production. It is an age of advertising. The Cinnamon needs publicity. Its own beauty will do the rest.

C. A. House.

Sir,—I am pleased fanciers seem to be waking up to the fact that it is time something was done to bring the Cinnamon Canary to the front, and was pleased to see the letter of your correspondent, "Cinnamon." Like him, I was disappointed with the Cinnies at the late Palace Show. At present I have not a Cinnamon Canary in my possession; I did have Cinnamons for years, but having to give up the Fancy for a time, I have not been able to obtain a good pair of stock birds to start afresh. Some may hardly credit that it is so, but I have tried for several years to get a good pair of stock birds and cannot. I have had birds on approval from our big breeders and big exhibitors, at big prices, but in my opinion the birds I have had sent me have been no use whatever for breeding good birds, being small, pinched in head, and as long as a good Yorkie; others I know have had the same experience. I believe that is one reason why the bird is not seen and bred more, especially in and around London. I hope this correspondence will be the means of advancing this grand variety.

Cinnamon No. 2.

May a Chairman Vote?

Sir,—Referring to your reply in Cage Birds of Mar. 14, to a correspondent under the heading "General," permit me to quote Laurence M. Gibson, M.A. (Handbook for Literary Societies, Hodder and Stoughton, London, 1900), on this point:—"It should be noted that if the chairman intends to vote in his private capacity, he should distinctly say so before it becomes clear which way the question is likely to be settled. If the votes are equal, then the chairman has a casting vote, even though he may have voted previously. These two votes of the chairman arise from the fact that he is acting in two capacities, private and official.

E. Battersby.

Mr. S. A. Sandy kindly sends us the following extract from the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908: "Proceedings of Directors. . . . Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote."—(Ed.)

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TOM AITKEN. GLASGOW. 14.

A Lady Bird Lover's Experiences

Sir,—I have felt for some time I should like to tell you how very helpful I have found both the paper, Cage Birds, and the Annual. I am exceedingly fond of birds, but have only the time to devote to a few pets. Acting upon the valuable hints and advice that I have read in your papers and annuals, I have been most successful, both in breeding and rearing Canaries and in keeping down the pests of insects in their cages. My birds are in the pink of health and feather, and one Goldfinch I have with them is so smart in markings and tight feather I think if he were only a larger bird I might be tempted to show him. They are kept in a cold room summer and winter, and with the exception of a sunrise lamp that is used for about 1½ hours every morning through the winter (for my own convenience only); they have no other heat in the room. I act upon the advice given in one of your annuals, and feed them liberally with teazle seed, hemp, and canary. I firmly believe teazle seed is a most nourishing food, and I think the hemp is necessary for birds kept always in a cold room. Every year I breed with one pair of Canaries, and all the egg food I have given them lately (when breeding) has been a small piece of yolk and white taken from my egg at breakfast, and put back into the saucepan to boil hard for them. I keep a tin of crushed Osborne biscuits, crushing ½ lb. at a time, and mix some with the egg in a mortar. In the early morning I scald some teazle seed, let it stand for about five minutes, then drain the water off and dab quickly with a clean rag, and I keep them supplied with that in a separate glass all day, changing again in the evening, and I find that seed does not go sour as rape does. I keep them supplied with scalded teazle all the breeding season, and until the young birds are about two months' old. I never now trouble to give them rape seed as the teazle seems to be so nourishing and yet not fattening. Of course, I supply cuttlefish bone and a tin of Pink's or other firm's bird sand, but now I never put it on the floor of the cage, but use fibre dust, consequently I keep much cleaner cages, and they do not get their feet clogged with dirt, and their perches never get so dirty as formerly when using all sand on the floor. Once a week they all have a large bath with about a spoonful of concentrated essence of quassia chips added to the water, and I keep an ordinary spirit bottle, which I suppose holds about a pint of liquid, filled with paraffin, and I think 2½ ounces of camphor dissolved in it. I just dip my rag in it and go over the floor and woodwork of the cages, when I clean them out, and it seems to preserve the cages, and I feel sure has been a great help in freeing the birds from the insect pests that are such a drawback and torment to them. I am just sending these experiences of mine because I attribute the success I have had through simply taking and acting upon the advice given in your weekly paper and annuals. I supply my birds with green food all the year round, but am very careful to remove all that is left in the cages every evening, and during the breeding season give a little once or twice a day, so that the hen only has a certain quantity, and quite fresh for her young whilst they are in the nest. Perhaps I ought to say I am exceedingly particular about the seed I give them being thoroughly good and sound, especially the hemp, and I buy them separately and mix the proportions myself. The keeping of pets has been, and is a great pleasure to me, and I think is a help in diverting the mind from the cares and anxieties, and sometimes the monotony of daily life. I am a member of your Cage Birds League, and have been from its commencement, I believe, for I think it is an exceedingly nice and good movement, and I wish you all success in your work.

(Mrs.) M. J. Parker.

The Fancier in the Making.

A Good Move by the South Co. Dublin C.B.A

Sir,—I am sending you herewith three essays on the Bullfinch, written by junior members of the South Co. Dublin Cage Bird Association. It may be interesting to note that a junior club, for boys under sixteen years of age, has been started by one of the committee members of the above Association (Mr. Ward). The subscription is 1d. per week, and as soon as a member has subscribed enough money he will be supplied with a show cage (British). The balance of the payments will be given as prize money in their own section at the annual show. Mr. Ward has arranged for a series of lectures to be given at his house. The first lecture was on the Bullfinch, and an essay was written subsequently by the boys. It is interesting to note that a boy of 12 years of age carried off the prize, and, judging from the character of the essays on the whole, we may look forward to the time when our members will be able to hold their own on the show benches throughout the country.

D. Smyth (Hon. Sec.).

[We have read the three essays with considerable interest, and agree with Mr. Smyth that they show great promise.—Ed.]

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Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

CANARY QUERIES

(For Rules see last week's issue.)

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ONE IN ADVANCE (J.E.H.). It is nothing very unusual for a hen to lay a casual egg, and not lay again for a week or more. This may make no difference at all to the future clutch, which will follow in due course, and may be of quite the usual number. At the same time, there are some hens which lay casual eggs at more or less long intervals, and rarely produce a normal clutch, or do much good at breeding. You omit to say what was your hen's performance when she resumed laying, so I cannot tell whether she is likely to be one of the abnormal ones or not.

ROLLER OUT OF SORTS (A.B.C.).—(1) Yes, certainly, you can treat the Roller the same as a Norwich or any other breed for the same cause, with the exception that a staple diet of two parts of canary to one part summer rape should be given. With this little alteration, treat your bird the same as advised to "Jake" in last issue. (2) I do not consider the rape, of which you sent sample, a suitable kind for Rollers. I do not profess to know what this seed really is, but good summer rape is of a more reddish-brown tint, and the grains barely half the size of the seed you sent. It should also have a pleasant nutty flavour.

A "NESTLING" NORWICH (A. B. McFadyen).—I am afraid you do not give me any clue to assist me to be of any use to you. What do you mean by "nestling?" Does the bird merely sit on the cage floor as if nesting, or does she appear to be ill in any way? You had better write again and give fuller particulars, and describe any symptoms of illness which she may exhibit. Meanwhile, examine her eyes to be sure whether the sight is unaffected, also the feet to see if the claws are overgrown so as to make perching difficult or painful. In the former event there would be no remedy, but in the latter case the remedy is obvious. If she has been ill any length of time it is scarcely worth while attempting to breed with her. You do not even say how you have fed her. Whilst writing us again, you may try giving her a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar daily, and add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the drinking water each day for a week.

NORWICH WITH DIARRHŒA (Johnsee).—See that the cage is kept scrupulously clean, and also the perches, for the time being. It will assist in this if you cover the cage floor with sawdust instead of sand, and clean it out and burn it at least every second day. Also see that all your foods and the vessels containing them are sweet and clean. Stop giving the boiled carrot and the apple until the trouble is entirely removed, and do not give any green food for a week or so. In addition to the staple diet give a morsel of bread soaked in scalded milk, and dusted well with carbonate of bismuth every second day for a week, and on the intervening days give half a teaspoonful of good sound hemp, and add to the water a small teaspoonful of ordinary chalk mixture, of which you can get a pennyworth at any chemist's. Give the water vessel a shake occasionally when the latter mixture is in the water.

CONCERNING CAGES (M. E. Jones).—(1) Certainly I would limewash a breeding cage when new before the birds were put in instead of deferring the operation for a time. I do not quite see what your object can be in waiting some time before doing this, unless it is that you think the wood may be warped by limewashing too soon. This is of little moment, as if your cages are well built of sound well-seasoned material, there is practically no more danger of their warping at the beginning than after being in use for a short time. I take it you prefer limewash to any other medium, otherwise it might be the soundest economy to give the cages two or three coats of good hard-drying enamel. With this there would be absolutely no danger of warping the wood, and it would wear considerably longer, and look better. (2) Am not quite sure what you mean by nest cage. Is it a nursery cage, or a small cage to hang outside the breeding cage for the nest pan to go in? In any case, I could not give addresses here. Get a catalogue from any of the firms who advertise appliances in our columns, and you will find what you want. (3) Undoubtedly "Our Canaries," which you will see advertised every week, has the most information. But if you want something smaller than this, then "Canary Breeding for Beginners" is the best for general information. For books dealing with particular breeds, see inset in these replies nearly every week.

IN SOFT MOULT (J. Bell).—It is quite clear now that, as I suspected in my last reply, the bird was not by any means in good health. Continue the general advice given in last reply to overcome its nervousness, and treat as follows for a month or so, and then report progress. Keep in a fairly cosy temperature, not necessarily overheated, but as equable as possible. In addition to the staple of canary or canary and rape, as the case may be, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day, and also a young growing stool dandelion. Give the whole crown with the root cut off just below the ground, and the dirt removed. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, linseed, teazle, and broken groats. In the drinking water give in alternate weeks five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Give pure water in the late evening works.

VARIED (Luck).—It is very difficult to advise you now as to whether the birds should be separated for the short time you have before being mated for the season, for the simple reason that some, if not all, of them may have taken matters into their own hands and selected mates of their own choice by this time. As a matter of fact, they should have been separated many weeks ago. If the hens do not seem forward you may take the risk, and separate them by placing the hens in the cages in which they are intended to breed; cage the cocks separately and hang each beside his intended mate, and add a little egg food to the diet each day, and in the case of the cocks a little mixed seed also. Give each bird three crisp young dandelion leaves daily. Then, if ready for mating, put them together the last week in this month or the first week in April. (2) Sorry, but it is totally impossible to tell you how to pair the birds without either seeing them or having a very full description of their typical points and qualities, and also their failings, colour, markings, etc. Because a bird is a prize-winner it does not follow that it will breed prize winners, or that another prize-winner would be a suitable mate for it. It is essential to consider very carefully each bird regarding its typical perfections and its weak points, and then select for a pair two birds in which the weak points of the one are counterbalanced by extra quality in those particular points in the other, so that the two birds between them possess as nearly as possible a full complement of the typical points of the breed. If the birds are suitable mates in other respects there is no reason why you should not pair the young cock hatched last May with the variegated hen whose mate died, and also, if hatched reasonably early, the daughter of the variegated hen with the prize-winner cock. This would be preferable to mating the two young birds together. (3) The two young birds should, if possible, be mated with birds over one year old. See No. 2. (4) Had you said how you fed the birds last year, I might have discovered some possible cause of the hens deserting the young. Have you "Canary Breeding for Beginners"? If not, get our Manager to send you a copy, post free 7d., which should help you to avoid this trouble in the coming season.

A RAVENOUS ROLLER (Arthur).—The query you refer to sending last week probably reached us too late to be dealt with last week. A reply to a similar query appears under another heading this week, and also refers to a sample of rape, so perhaps this is the reply to your first query. There was no sample in your second letter as you say. Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed daily for a week or two, and twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and teazle. Give two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water every second day for a fortnight.

STARTED MOULTING (F.H.).—Glad to hear the bird has made good progress. The voice will become stronger and the song improve quickly as soon as this moulting is stopped. Continue the same general treatment as advised in last reply, but make these slight variations in the dietary. Instead of the bread and milk, give now half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. Also omit the linseed from the mixed seed previously advised and substitute the same quantity of hemp. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. Stop the other medicines now.

IS SONG ESSENTIAL? (W. Witham).—It is certainly possible for a cock to breed successfully which is not in song, provided it is in good health and condition otherwise. At the same time, it is rather the exception than the rule for robust and healthy cocks to be out of song at the beginning of the breeding season, so that there is a large amount of improbability of a cock not in song fertilising eggs. Full vigorous song is the ideal condition for breeding cocks, although not absolutely essential in every case.

THE BEST FOOD (J.F.J.).—I prefer not to dogmatise on this subject, because, in my opinion, there is a great amount of truth in saying that the best food is just that with which one succeeds best in each individual case, let the food be what it may. The most important thing is to get something which the parent birds approve of, and will use freely for feeding their young. The usual egg and crushed biscuit has the test of a vast amount of experience behind it, and if mixed rather dry, with no added moisture, it would suit your purpose very well, so long as the weather kept reasonably cool, but if the atmosphere became warm and muggy it would certainly be very risky to use it in the circumstances you name. You could not do better than make a quantity of the food named several times lately in this column, viz.: Crush a pound of maizena wafer biscuits to a coarse powder, add half-a-pound of desiccated egg yolk, and mix thoroughly. Store in air-tight tins in a cool dry place, and it will keep good several months. To use, take the quantity required for immediate feeding and very slightly moisten with a drop or two of water, add a sprinkling of maw if desired, and give to the birds. I think this would quite suit your peculiar needs. Failing this, you might use either of the egg-foods prepared by good firms, which have a fair proportion of egg in their composition, or even scalded dog biscuit, any good brand without meat. The latter food has been used with much success by many.

SOFT-SHELLED EGGS (S.J.W.).—Possibly the hen is a trifle too fat. If this appears to be the case keep her on a spare diet for a week or so, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to her drinking water daily. After this feed in the ordinary way, and in addition to the staple diet give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts millet, niger, linseed, and broken groats every second day, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water. Continue this feeding until she has gone to nest again. When she is nesting next time keep the cage floor well strewn with old mortar, smashed up into a coarse powder and mixed with the sand, and add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water on the days between giving the Chemical Food. You may also strew a few grains of hemp on the sand daily to induce the hen to pick about well. Do not give this hen any dandelion as green food.

ARE THEY FERTILE (T.R.).—It is quite possible for the eggs, which were laid a week after the cock was removed, to be fertile, but there is no means by which you can ascertain whether this is so or not except letting the hen sit on them until the germs have grown sufficiently to be seen when the egg is held up to a strong light. The best thing for you to do is to let the hen sit out her full time and patiently await the result. Candidly, I think it will be nil, and that the hen is of no use at all as a breeder. If these eggs prove unfertile I would advise you to discard her altogether.

A TRIO (A.S.).—(1) No, the German hen, being mated with a Norwich cock last year, will not affect the quality of the young she will breed this year when paired with a pure Roller cock. (2) It is very late now to begin the overhauling of cages. This work ought to have been done at the beginning of the month, or earlier. Still, better late than never. Place birds in temporary cages, well scrape the old dirt off cages, then thoroughly saturate them with paraffin inside and out, and place in the open air to dry. Repeat this next day, and on each occasion work the liquid well into any crevices or open joints with a small paint brush. When again dry, scrub them out with a solution of soapsuds, in a gallon of which mix a tablespoonful of carbolic fluid, Jeyes' or Izal will do as well. When dry from this, re-limewash, distemper, or paint, as you may prefer, and polish up the outsides, and when this is quite dry you may return the birds. Well scrub the rack, if you have one, with the carbolic solution, or otherwise attend to the place where the cages have been kept, before returning the breeding cages to their usual position. Give birds a bath daily, in which you have mixed a little quassia essence whilst in temporary cages. (3) It is entirely a matter of taste whether you use limewash, distemper, or paint. The two former require the most frequent renewal. A good hard-drying enamel, with a "flat" or "semi-flat" surface, looks and wears best. Different makers have various names for similar colours, but the tint I like best for cages is termed "electric green" by the makers of a certain enamel. Cannot mention names here. Better get a few shade cards from different makers and select a tint to your own taste, or, if you like to send me a stamped envelope through the Editor, I will send you the name of enamel to which I refer.

LOSING FEATHERS (L.N.).—Yes, breeding would certainly be out of the question if the moulting continues, but there is no necessity for it to continue. The following treatment for two or three weeks will set matters right. Keep bird free from cold draughts and in fairly equable temperature. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, every second day, and on the alternate days a little sponge cake prepared as advised to "F.H." in this issue. Also give the quinine mixture the same as advised in that reply, and as green food give two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily.

ROLLER COUGHING AND SNEEZING (F.J.S., Rhondda).—Honestly, I think you are wasting the service of the hen to pair this cock, as even if there should be any result of the union, which is doubtful, the young will scarcely be worth the rearing. You cannot treat him properly whilst he is mated. If you care to separate the pair and cage him alone, the following treatment may do some good. See first of all whether he is troubled with mites or grey lice, and if either are found exterminate them. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats every second day, and also a morsel of banana. On the alternate days give a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and two leaves of dandelion. In the water add six drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and glycerine every second day for a fortnight. Allow bird to bathe freely when weather is quite mild. You may slightly smear the bare places twice a week with Lanorylin.

MOPING NORWICH HEN (Jack, Mac).—Continue the treatment you have just commenced for at least a fortnight, and if the hen does not show material improvement by that time then make the following variations. Instead of the bread and milk give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two large fat mealworms minced and mixed in it every second day for a week or two. Go on giving a small stool of dandelion fresh daily, and in the water give 20 drops of Chemical Food each day for a fortnight or so. Keep in a comfortable temperature and see that she is quite free from cold draughts. Let her have a fair amount of space for exercise, and allow her to bathe freely in mild weather provided she does not appear susceptible to chill afterwards.

ALL ALIKE (D. Sheret).—As you say every bird you have ever had, from sources all over the country, has suffered in the same way, there can be no doubt that the cause of the trouble must lie either in your management or the conditions under which the birds are kept after you receive them. Being kept in the living room I should suspect one or other of these causes to be at the root of the mischief: cold draughts from doors or windows, perhaps aggravated by keeping the birds in open wire cages; sudden and extreme fluctuations of heat and cold, such as hanging too near the fireplace, near or over a burning light in the evenings, or in a window; or being hung near the ceiling where the air is always more or less impure. You should look into these things and remedy any or all of them which exist, and then, if you will write again and give me full particulars as to how you manage the birds, feeding, probable ages, and how long they have been ill, I will endeavour to put you on a more successful track. Meantime give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar daily for a week, and add to the water during the same time six drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and glycerine daily.

NOT SINGING (A New Beginner).—There is too much linseed in the mixture, of which you sent sample, for regular use as a staple diet for Canaries, otherwise the mixture is a good one, although when using such a mixture as this there can be but little room for any real variation of the diet. Keep the bird in a cosy part of the room, not necessarily very warm, but let it be as equable as possible, and quite free from cold draughts. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part good summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and on alternate days give a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture of which you sent a sample. Give two leaves of crisp young dandelion daily. In the water add ten drops of lemon juice and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or so. Continue the above dietary for three or four weeks.

ROLLER QUERIES (F. S. Doble).—(1) Glad to hear the bird has improved so well on the previous treatment. As regards the seed mixture, it contains much more linseed than is advisable in a mixture for use as a staple diet. The rape it contains is just a fair quality, and I see no reason why the bird should eat this freely and yet refuse the other rape you have offered, unless the rape you obtain is of a quite different quality. Get a good sample of summer rape of mild nutty flavour, and mix with canary in the proportion of two parts canary to one rape, and I think you will find the bird eat it all right. For extras, give twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. On two other days give a small teaspoonful of egg food or a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake or bread and milk. This, with the usual supply of green salads or fruit according to season, will suffice to keep the bird in perfect health. You may add ten drops of lemon juice and a small pinch of Epsom salts to the water every second day for a week. (2) I am afraid I can only say that Canaries are fed largely on canary seed because that seed has been found by long years of experience to be the best all round staple diet for them. The same remark applies to your question about Linnets, etc. In both cases the recognised staple doubtless approaches tolerably close to the natural diet of the respective genera. In the case of Rollers more rape is required for feeding high-class singers because specialised breeding and training have so modified the vocal organs that a staple of plain canary seed is found to have a bad effect on the song of the bird. (3) White and red millet are very similar in all save colour, but few Canaries care about the red. They have comparatively little feeding value, the chief use being to add a little extra variety to seed mixtures. Linseed is much too oily and fattening for regular use, and is apt to upset the digestive organs and bowels. Teazle is stimulating and appetising. Cole is an oily seed somewhat similar to rape, but its oiliness is of a more relaxing nature. By the way, you should get a copy of "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds," 1s. 2d. post free, from our Manager, for full details on these points.

A QUESTION OF MATING (Doubtful, N.E.C.).—There is probably nothing at all wrong with the birds except that they are not quite forward enough for mating. Keep them separate for another fortnight or three weeks, and in the meantime give the cock half a teaspoonful of egg food, or any substitute you may use in its place, and also a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, and broken groats, daily. Give also two young leaves of dandelion. Give the hen the same quantity of egg food every second day, and mixed seed with one part of linseed added to it on the alternate days. Give her also two or three dandelion leaves daily. Then you may mate them at the end of this month or the first week in April. Do not be too anxious to mate them the moment you see the cock begin to take an interest in the hen. Keep them apart until the time named, and then, when you have put them together, leave them to manage the affair themselves. Do not worry about the cock ceasing singing, as this is nothing at all unusual. Have patience, and things will come right in the end. Follow closely the instructions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners." The wall opposite the window will, I should say, be best to hang the cage on. You can have either the door or window open so long as there is not a draught directly through the cage, which is not likely to be the case with the cage on the wall opposite the window.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HYBRID BREEDING (O. S.).—I think you would do better if you tried your birds in cages. You have more command over them, and of course they are not interfered with by others. (2) I have frequently found that wild birds outside an aviary have had a bad influence upon those of the same species inside, and have known several cases of promising clutches of eggs spoilt by their presence. (3) You can use the birds as you mention, pairing up a cock Goldie with hen Bullie, and one with hen Siskin, and a Linnet and Twite with Canaries, but you could not rely upon them breeding in this way in the aviary. If you turn them in there, only put in one cock Linnet.

BULLFINCH FOR SHOW (Darwen).—To be fit for show, a Bullfinch should be in perfect health and feather, this is obtained by careful feeding and management, and a free use of the bath. I would advise you to get our Nutshell Booklet, No. 11, on The Bullfinch; this will give you much more information than I can in these short answers. Then if you are in doubt about any special point, I shall be pleased to advise you.

CHAFFINCH AND GREENFINCH.—Make the following mixture: Canary and teazle, 4 parts each, summer rape and linseed, one part each; this will be their stock mixture. Give sunflower seeds daily, and a little hemp once a week. Offer a mealworm or two every day, and later collect all the live food you can possibly lay hold of, such as greenfly, caterpillars, beetles, etc. Give all kinds of green food and wild seeds, shepherd's purse, dandelion, chickweed, etc. There will be no harm in trying them with a nest and nesting materials later on. Freshly caught birds will sometimes mate as freely as cage moulted ones. You will require a good cage or flight for them, and give them every facility for bathing. In fact, do all you possibly can to keep them healthy. Push a handful or two of heather, or bush of any kind, up in one corner, and place an old Greenfinch's nest in among it; such an arrangement will frequently induce wild birds to nest.

LARK FOOD (W. H. D.).—The food you send is a very good sample, and your birds should do well on it, although I am inclined to think an occasional change is good for them. Just now they should be well fed to get the best of song from them; therefore I would advise you to purchase a little good insectile food and give it to them twice a week, and I think you would do well to give them an hour or so in the open-air on fine days; this will frequently induce shy singers to open out. Have you our Nutshell on the Skylark, if not, I would advise you to get one.

LINNET MATTERS (F. S. Doble).—You are feeding your bird correctly, and I do not think any other mixture is necessary, unless you can obtain a packet of good wild seed mixture; if you cannot get it locally, you can by post. Look through our advertisement columns, you may find what you require there. The sample of hemp sent is fairly good. It is rather strange that your bird will not eat hemp, because, as a rule, they are rather greedy for it, but, anyway, it is not of much consequence, as there are plenty of other seeds, and hemp is not absolutely necessary to his existence. Chickweed is common, nearly everybody knows it, especially gardeners. Ask one to give you a handful; they generally have too much. Rape seedlings are particularly good in the winter, but during the summer there is a host of other wild plants that can be given in its place. Shepherd's purse is not of much use until the seeds are set. Dandelion leaves are good just now. (2) Try to darken the hopper, so that he cannot see to feed when he gets his head in; he knows where the seed is, and will take a grain and stand outside to shell it. (3) Many birds are very troublesome about bathing; try turning him in with a known bather, or hanging the bath on for him to drink from. If you handle a bird it will sometimes cause him to bathe. If none of these methods answer, you must give him a spraying occasionally.

WHAT BIRD? (A. W. W.).—The bird you have, of which you send a description is the Red Legged Partridge. If you wish to retain it in captivity, you could feed it on seeds such as wheat, oats, hemp, rape, etc., growing grass and clover, also all kinds of insects. Put these on poultry meal; he will then possibly eat a little, which will make a nice change. (2) Make a mixture of whiskey, fresh lemon juice, and honey, equal quantities of each, and put a small teaspoonful in the Thrushes' drinking water. (3) I should feel inclined to use the larger of the two Greenfinches to pair her Bullie, that is, if she will take to him; if not, try the other one. (4) Let the Corn Bunting have Canary seed as a stock mixture, and as he appears to like the oats, be liberal with them. You might offer some wild seed mixture, a little rape, and cracked hemp, although you will find canary and oats will be his chief food. Try him with a spoonful of soaked ants' eggs, and place them on a little good insectile food; give all kinds of insects, and try to get him to take a mealworm from the hand. If you can manage this, you will have no trouble to steady him. They are generally pretty difficult, so have patience.

FOOD FOR GOLDFINCH (No Name).—You have omitted to send your name and address, which is contrary to our rules; perhaps you will kindly send them on a postcard. Why are you so anxious to get your Finch on to Canary seed? I have kept many in my time, but never one entirely on Canary, and would not expect it to thrive if I did. Make up the following mixture as a staple food: Six parts of teazle and hemp, 4 parts canary, 1 part German rape. Then make another composed as follows: Two parts niger, one of maw; give him half a teaspoonful every other day, and on the day between, half a teaspoonful of a good wild seed mixture, which may be bought at most good seed merchants. In addition to this, give him half-dozen sound sunflower seeds three times a week. You should lightly crack these, so that he is able to get at the kernels. Let him have a spray of seeding chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, dandelion, or some thistle leaf and other wild food as it comes in season. Don't forget the bath, and a fly in a good sized cage for exercise.

BREEDING WITH GOLDFINCH (Ed. Gale).—You will be unable to breed with your Finch while he is in moult. I presume he moulted in the autumn, and his losing feathers now is quite out of order. The food you are giving him is hardly suitable. Read the advice given to No Name, and treat your bird on the same lines; also give a small teaspoonful of Chemical Food in his drinking water, fresh daily, for a week, afterwards giving every other day. Keep him out of draughts, and not too warm. He will not be ready to breed until he has quite recovered, and his beak clear; even then he may not fertilise eggs; moulting out of season frequently spoils a bird entirely for the summer. If you have no other Finch, you had better try him, but do all you can to get him in good health first.

KEEPING A BULLFINCH (Kathleen Davis).—One of the reasons for keeping a Bullfinch in a box cage (that is, one boarded on all sides, but the front) is that the bird is much less liable to take cold from draughts, and he is generally more tractable, but if you prefer an open cage, there is no reason why you should not keep your bird in one, providing it is of good size, so that he can take a fair amount of exercise. You may hang him in the sun for an hour or two, especially at this time of the year, but I would not advise you to do so in the middle of the summer, it would be cruelty, and might possibly have a fatal effect. If you are observant you will find that wild birds spend a great part of a long summer day in the shade of the trees and bushes. It is quite a mistake to think they are always out in the open.

LINNET HYBRID (Enoch-Matthews).—Pleased to hear the advice about your other birds was satisfactory. As regards your recent purchase, I scarcely gather from your letter what advice you require. I think your best plan is to feed the bird well, and so get him into song. The fact of his singing a little is somewhat in his favour, if it is really a cock bird, a little extra crushed hemp should soon bring him on. I hope you have not made a mistake. As a rule, if a dealer is in doubt about the sex of a bird, one need to be careful.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (Wantorno).—I do not think the size of box used for breeding mealworms makes much difference, as I have bred them in one nearly three feet square, and one sixteen inches. I should think the boxes you have would do admirably with a drawer at the bottom. The false bottom I have seen made in two ways, one was of perforated zinc, and the other made of wood; it was smaller than the inside of the box, and rested on two cross pieces. All the worms would not find their way into the drawer at the bottom; there would still be some among the sacking to turn to beetles. A warm cupboard in a kitchen is just the place for the boxes, but I am unable to say how many you would require. As a rule, fanciers, who breed worms for their own use only, have two boxes going; they use from one while the other is resting. I think you could safely make use of the sweeping, of which you send samples. I should feel inclined to make a mixture of all of them, adding a little bran and crushed oats, just enough to keep it open. If you are putting up several boxes, you might try one, using this mixture only.

TROUBLE WITH LINNET (E. E. R.)—If you are quite certain there were no symptoms of bareness round the head and neck, before you put your bird out on the balcony, I should think the trouble was caused by his dashing about the cage; otherwise it looks very much like a case of grey lice. These pests always eat the feathers round the neck first. Did you notice any when you handled the bird? If not, have another look. Hold him in the hand for a minute or so, and blow up the feathers on the under part of the body. If present dress with insect powder, and put a little essence of quassia in his bath. If the trouble is wounds and loss of feathers through dashing about the cage, you cannot do better than touch the bare places with a little boracic ointment. There is no need to get rid of the bird, he will be all right in a very short time if attended to.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (Worried Boy).—If properly fed and attended to both the Thrush and Linnet should be in stout song, especially the Thrush, but some Linnets are rather late before they are singing at their best. (2) The fact of your bird having whitish legs is no indication of old age; it simply means that he is house moulted; the oftener the whiter the legs. (3) Maw seed, gold of pleasure, and niger should only be given in moderate quantities. Dandelion is good for the liver and can be used more freely. Teazle may be given to almost any extent, you can use it in the following proportion for your Linnets. To every three parts of canary use 2 parts of teazle. (4) You can now procure young dandelion leaves, flowering head of groundsel, chickweed, and presently shepherd's purse; they may be given rather freely, but give a little at first and gradually increase them, especially if the birds have been without all the winter. (5) Linnets relish a pinch of salt occasionally, and I think they are all the better for it, it aids digestion. (6) A show bird should be large, good bold shape, full head and neck, rich colour, and distinct in markings, and, of course, tight in feather when exhibited. (7) Birds are colour fed by mixing a little tasteless pepper with soft food. It should be commenced in July, some time before the birds moult. Give a very little at first, gradually increasing it until the maximum quantity is given. You need not start so early with the Blackbird, as the beak and eye care are the most important parts to colour feed, and in his case this is accomplished at the end of the moult, but a little given all through is not wasted.

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Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

WHAT PARROT (Hibernix).—I will consider your description and give you a definite reply in our next issue.

SCAN GREY (Regular Reader).—Please give full particulars about this bird; how long have you had it? How have you fed and treated it generally? In the interval give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, every other day, in the drinking-water, but if the voidings become watery-loose then cease giving the magnesia for a week at least. Spray it with a tepid quassia solution twice a week, choosing genial days for this, and just before noon is about the best time of day, during the cold months; keep carefully out of draught till dry. Keep pieces of wood in the cage regularly for it to exercise its beak upon. I presume yours is an all-grey bird with a red tail; upon receipt of information asked for will reply further.

TEACHING TO TALK (W. H.).—(1) There are two main methods; by constant repetition of words and short sentences, not a mixed medley, but keeping at one till it is learned before taking up another. Also by keeping it where it will hear all that is going on, fussing about with it, talking quietly to it while feeding it, and whenever it is in a restful mood. When once started a bird will pick up many words and phrases for itself and also mimic such calls as it hears. There is no royal road! It is a case of patience and perseverance. (2) The bird ought to have toned down by now, and I am afraid it will not learn much till it has steadied. Again, this is a case of quiet and steady movements when in its vicinity or renewing food supplies, watching its demeanour and avoiding anything which you see annoys it. There are many Amazons and also other kinds, especially those caught when adult, that will not permit familiar handling, though otherwise steady and tame. Many such birds are good talkers and amusing pets, though they will not permit any familiarity with their persons. If it is steady apart from the snapping then proceed with its training on same lines as given above. Studying its special likes as to tit-bits, and offering these with your fingers is as good a way as any for steadying it.

SATISFACTORY PARROT (Jaco).—(1) Speaking of the majority of both kinds, the Grey is the more satisfactory, and if you get an established (acclimatised) bird, a Grey is as easy to keep fit as an Amazon. Our Nutshell "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager, will give you full.st details. (2) I cannot make any comments regarding respective firms, but, I may remark, that cheapest is often dearest in the long run, and that the lower prices you name are not marked value of established and talking birds, while the highest prices named are not excessive. The lower prices are, I should say, for birds not very long imported, which are beginning to chatter; at the same time, a finger-tame bird, if healthy, should soon develop into an interesting pet. (3) Keep fairly warm at first, then the main thing is to avoid quarters where the temperature is very variable—any ordinary room will suffice where such conditions rule, and any position which provides light and air without draught. I know of Greys, Amazons, and other rare Parrots kept in a room in which a fire (or other heat) never burns and they are frequently and successfully shown at large London shows. (4) I favour the square cage and advise a 24in. (5) Had you not better leave this till you have got your bird, and know which kind? At any rate, when buying ascertain how it has been fed, you must not make any sudden change, but if diet is unsatisfactory you must gradually bring it on to a recognised wholesome diet; which I shall be pleased to give upon hearing which species you have.

AILING PARROT (E. J. C.).—I presume by grey and red African, you mean a bird with grey body and red tail. Its diet is not sufficiently varied; give it a seed mixture of oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts, and also keep a tin of canary and white millet (equal parts) in its cage. Also supply daily any kind of ripe fruit it will eat; nuts, varions; plain biscuit and stale crusts. Keep pieces of wood in the cage for it to cut up, also cuttlebone and grit. Keep it warm, yet where it will get light and air, and be free from draught. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking-water, and on the days you are not giving the Magnesia put half-a-teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. Get a small box of honey and borax (stocked by all chemists) and put a little in the bird's mouth daily: it is easily given on the end of a stick, the bird will nibble the stick and thus get the mixture—the stick must be cleansed each time before being put into the mixture.

PENNANT'S PARRAKEET (C. S. D.).—I do not keep queries by me, and my correspondence is too heavy to trust to memory, even with the printed reply before me. Will you please give me the fullest details you can, and I will then do my best to express an opinion as to cause.

BUDGERIGAR (Miss S. C.).—Sorry to hear you have lost the bird, the fault lies in putting it among the others too quickly, a bird that has been ailing is not fitted to buffet with the crowd as soon as it appears a little better. It evidently got chased beyond its strength by some ardent male—many birds are lost from this cause after apparently recovering from some indisposition. Such should not go into the general flight till they have fully recovered their full energy and strength. And even apart from this like some human patients, a bird that has been ill should not be allowed to work off the exuberance of returning health beyond its strength.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE (Drewton).—Either it is the mice or you have one or more of the birds that has developed murderous habits. In the latter case all you can do is to watch till you catch the culprit or culprits in the act, and then get rid of them by giving them freedom or passing sentence of death. In the former case, the most expeditious course is to remove all the birds to temporary quarters and to put down poisoned seed and grain till you have got entirely rid of the nests; then, of course, you must carefully clean up, so that not a poisoned seed or grain is left behind, cleanse nest receptacles, and renew where necessary before putting back the seeds. About a week should suffice if you get some canary seed, wheat and oats impregnated with prussic acid, which you had better get some chemist, who knows you, to prepare for you. It is wearisome work getting rid of mice by traps where they are numerous, but once rid of them, keep the traps going, protected by wire netting against the birds, so as to keep them down in the future.

RED-HEADED CARDINALS (Peggy).—I am inclined to think you have a true pair, for if they had been both hens, the common practice is for a double clutch of eggs to be laid, and the birds to take turn and turn about at incubation, but spend some portion of their time sitting side by side in the nest; for this reason I think you have a true pair. Last year was not an ideal season—too many dull cold days, and your birds may do better this year. Usually the cock has quite a nice song, especially at pairing time. All the hens I have been able to examine—a fair number, in which sex was certain, having been ascertained either by seeing the bird pair, or anatomically after death—had the nape and back of the neck a little more mottled with white in the female, the culmen (bridge) of her upper mandible less arched, and the entire beak a little longer, and less stubby than that of the male.

BADLY FEATHERED (H. G. Mooney).—(1) You have either weakly stock, or stock which has been closely inbred for some time, which practically amounts to the same thing. If there is any local fancier near you who will exchange either your cocks or hens for you (always providing you did not obtain original stock from him), this should meet the difficulty. The alternative is to sell half your birds (does not matter which sex, so long as those you retain are healthy, vigorous, and well feathered birds), and then purchase others from some totally different source to which you obtained your present stock. (2) The cause is above; the old birds lack stamina, and consequently produce weakly offspring, though probably you have been aggravating the trouble by removing them to the flight cage before they could properly feed themselves. Young Budgerigars should be left with their parents till well able to crack seed for themselves. I should not attempt cure, as these birds will always be weakly, and in my opinion should not be used for stock purposes. It would be far better to painlessly destroy them. If you do not care for this course, then give them syrup of phosphates in their drinking water, and give each bird two drops of cod-liver oil direct to the beak daily.

MACAW BITING ITSELF (Miss K.).—With your bird it has actually become a vice, and a cure will be very difficult. If anything is to be accomplished some sort of a bandage must be fixed over the wound, after annointing it with a little antiseptic ointment, and a collar (punchinello sort of affair) fixed round its neck, which will stick out like a washer and prevent it getting at the wound. This collar can be in two parts, and of light metal, with the part that comes against the neck protected so as to prevent chafing. How to fix the bandage and keep it there must be a matter for your ingenuity, but the collar will hamper the bird's movements in trying to get rid of it. In addition to its seed mixture, give it a couple of Brazil nuts daily, any ripe fruit it will take, biscuit, stale crusts, and a piece of plain cake (for some time to come put five drops cod liver oil on this daily). Supply grit and cuttlebone regularly, and also pieces of wood for it to cut up. Also fix within reach of its stand a good sized piece of a natural branch for it to exercise its beak upon. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, and continue this for some time to come. As the season advances, if you are where you can get it, a small branch of a fruit tree with the leaves on would be beneficial. Shall be pleased to hear how it progresses, but you must block it getting at the wound by some such means as indicated above.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (R. H. Withers).—Apparently your bird has caught a chill, and she is having trouble in passing an egg. Subject her to dry heat for a couple of days, and then gradually reduce heat, but keep her warm till she picks up again. While you are giving bread and milk, put three drops of castor oil into it, till the bowels have been cleared. Then follow with the same quantity of cod-liver oil till the bird is looking itself again. The probability is she will pass an egg, and then soon appear all right, but after heat treatment you must not put her out again till she has been properly "hardened off," about Easter would be a good time. Alternating mild and cold weather, with mixed gales of wind, rain, and sleet make a very treacherous period for birds on breeding intent, and being two or three weeks late in making a start is generally a gain in the end.

GREEN BUDGERIGARS (W.E.A.).—A pair of Green Budgerigars should ultimately go to nest and breed in your cage, and you could put in husks at once, one at each end, and leave the birds to settle down to housekeeping according to inclination. You give me no particulars as to your aviary, but if they have been kept in a cold room it should be safe to put them out at Easter. Of course, I can't tell you if it's wise to do so in the absence of all data. If you have Finches, etc., in your aviary, then there is the risk that the Budgerigars may maim them in their mischievous play, for, considering the different construction of the beaks of a Budgerigar and Finch, the latter would be at a decided disadvantage, but where they are not crowded together, some keep them in the same aviary with only an occasional mishap at rare intervals, and others get frequent mishaps, temperament of individual birds being the deciding factor.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (Avis).—You ought not to exceed a dozen pairs if you wish to have any prospects of breeding at all, though your aviary will accommodate fifty. You could choose your foreign Finches from the following: Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches (20s. to 30s.), Gold-breasted Waxbills (4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.), Avadavats (2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.), Zebra Finches (8s. 6d. to 10s.), Grey Singing Finches (4s. 6d.), Bib Finches (4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.), Bronze Mannikins (3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.), Silverbills (2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.), Cordon Bleus (3s. 6d. to 6s.), Magpie Mannikins (5s. to 7s. 6d.), and you could put in as extras, whether they breed or not, pairs of Orange-cheek and Grey Waxbills. As regards British Finches, you could put in to mate up, either Siskin, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, or Canary hens for muling.

COCKATOO (S. Galloway).—You really give no details, and I can only gather from yours that the bird is little more than out of tone. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day for a month, and on the other days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. As regards diet, give the following—canary seed, white millet, hemp, dari, maize, oats, sunflower, wheat, and pea nuts; get equal parts of each, and well mix together. Also give ripe fruit, biscuit, nuts (one or two Brazil nuts daily), greenfood (lettuce, green cereals, green peas, etc., according to season); keep cuttlebone in the cage, supply grit daily, also pieces of wood for it to cut up. If it is tame enough to be let out of its cage, a little exercise daily out of its cage will be very beneficial for it. If the bird is thin, give it half-a-dozen drops of cod liver oil twice a day on a piece of biscuit, bread, or plain cake, according to which the bird will take most freely. Keep it out of draught, yet where it will get light and air. Unless it gets worse, report progress in a month. If you have to write sooner, give me a short history of the bird since you have had it, including your treatment generally.

JAVA SPARROWS AND CANARIES (J. Bridgman).—If you mean, will the Java Sparrows and Canaries cross-mate, I should say the union was a very improbable, but not impossible, one. If your query is, will they agree together in a cage, this entirely depends on the size of the cage; but in confined quarters some Java Sparrows, both the Grey species and the White variety, are very spiteful. They have immense beaks and are somewhat dangerous company for the ordinary crowd. I do not consider a pair of Canaries and a pair of Java Sparrows in the same ordinary size breeding cage to be safe; but a pair of either in the ordinary breeder should do well. With Java Sparrows, the plumage of the sexes is alike, but the beak of the female is more wedge-shaped, and the culmen of the upper mandible less arched than that of the male. The male is bolder in demeanour, more noisy and demonstrative than the female. In a roomy aviary they should do fairly well together.

FEATHER-PULLER AND BUDGERIGARS (Novice).—Pleased to note your bird is on the mend. Continue the treatment till the unfavourable symptoms cease. The treatment should also help to check the feather-pulling. This will most probably be less freely indulged in when the bird is once really fit again. Give some ripe fruit, such as it will eat, daily, and do not omit to give Parrot grit regularly. You might try painting the parts it is regularly addicted to pulling, with Spratt's "Pannakura," but do not get the whole plumage greasy, put it on lightly. (2) I fear the bars of a Parrot cage would be too wide to contain Budgerigars; and as regards a young Grey, you must not dream of bringing it into contact with an established bird till it has been quarantined for five or six weeks. As regards screeching, that is a matter of individualism, and unless you procure an established and trained bird, already talking, etc., there is no warranty that you will not get a screecher. A Grey or an Amazon (Blue-fronted) would be the best, but your only safe course is to get an established and trained bird. All young birds squawk considerably at first, and till this has ceased you would have to keep them apart, but as soon as they get fairly quiet and steady they could be kept in the same room. Their introduction to each other would probably cause much excitement, and probably some screeching, but they should soon settle down.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. G. Castle.—Pneumonia resulting from cold.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Recipe Wanted (A Beginner).—The preparation you mention is a patented article, and we should not be allowed to give you the prescription even if we knew it. You should send your full name and address in asking questions. Kindly see rules.

A Question of Specials (C. Bryden).—As the matter seems to be of purely local interest among your members, we think we should scarcely be justified in giving space in our columns for your letter. Besides this, you are making an allegation against one of your members of spreading a false and damaging statement, and there is such a thing as a law of libel.

Are They the Same? (Novice).—The Yellow Bunting and Yellowhammer are the same bird.

Weight of Seeds (W. Pugh).—A peck of good canary seed weighs 15lbs.; hemp seed, 11lbs.; teazle, 8 to 8½ lbs.

Breach of Contract (W. F. Wilbee). If you have the written promise of payment of carriage both ways in case of returning the goods, we think you could certainly recover.

Newspaper Cutting (E. Harcombe).—Thanks for your kindness in sending cutting. We will keep it by us and use it as space permits.

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Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, March 15, "British Oak," Hotel, Carbrook: 1, Newton; 2, Robinson; 3, Rogers; also a show at night with a good attendance: 1, 3, Mr. Parlett; 2, Gregg. E. Robinson, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' singing, March 14, headquarters, when 24 birds sang for three good prizes; 1, A. Cooper, 86; 2, 3, J. Cooper, 38 and 39 respectively.—A. Tamlin, Sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, March 15, Skinners Arms, when 19 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Clayton and Sellars. 1, Jarman; 2, Malone; 3, King.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club, March 15. 19 pairs were hung for 3 prizes, 19 minutes' singing: 1, Parmantent, 3 score 13; 2, W. Hunt, 3, score 8; 3, G. Roper, 3, score 5.—J. Baker, Sec.

BROOM PARK.

Linnet singing, March 14, Broom Park Hotel. Thirty-eight birds faced the judge, Mr. Thos. Farrey, Hollenside. Wilson and Heslop divided. Timekeeper, J. Farrow. Linnet singing, March 28. Draw at 2 o'clock.—T. Farrey. (Please send address. Ed.)

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

First open Linnet sing, March 14, club house, Canterbury Arms, for three prizes given by the landlord, P. Finn. Forty birds faced the judge and some good singing was heard. 1, Hughs; 2, 3, Reay. Judge, Vincent; time-keeper, Burns.—J. Nugent, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, March 14. Thirty-five entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. Four minutes' time singing: 1, Nelson; 2, Beard; 3, Merrick. Open sing, March 15. Forty-six entered for three prizes, three minutes' time sing: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Williams.—G. Pugh, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Special meeting, open to all, will be held March 26, at Windmill Hotel, 7.30. If secretaries of other societies will send me notice of their singing contests, I will advertise same in this district, as all sings and shows are stopped on licensed premises here, and we are ready to go out of it if given proper notice.— Alex. Donnelly.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, March 14, "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, for four minutes' time singing; 45 birds entered, and some very good singing was done. Mr. J. Brindley's bird sang 62 seconds at one break, which I think is a record for the Castleford club: 1, Williams, 105; 2, Liversedge, 95; 3, Nelson, 89; 4, Brindley, 85. Also March 15, 20 birds entered. Three good prizes for three minutes' time singing. 1, Nelson, 64; 2, Morley, 61; 3, Wainwright, 53.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEIGH.

Linnet singing, March 7, Albion Inn. Forty-two birds sang for eight prizes, quality and time. Time singing was very good, but the quality not up to the usual style. Winners for quality: 1, Page; 2, Aimson; 3, Smedley; 4, Barnes. Time: 1, Statham, 149; 2, 4, Knowles, 128 and 112; 3, Benson, 124. Judges for quality, J. W. Jones and T. Gibbons; for time, Mr. Holcroft. J. Halliwell. Minute man and bird man, J. Lunn. We had Mr. W. Sisson down from Leeds, but he had bad luck in his bird not going off.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contests for quality, "Prince of Wales" Hotel, Wandsworth-st. Thirty-two birds sang for three prizes. 1, Playford; 2, Mooran; 3, Smith. Judges, Messrs. T. Dobson and J. Googwill. Also March 15; 29 birds sang for three prizes, our host adding one. 1, Smith; 2, A. Mcgran; 3, Playford. Judges, Messrs. Sissons and J. Mcgran. W. Lipman, Sec.

Open Linnet contest March 14, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, for quality. Mr. Bowyer gave the first prize. Thirty four birds entered. Fanciers came from other Linnet clubs and made it a great success. 1, 2, Ward; 3, Bribiner; 4, Towers. Judges, Messrs. Green, Lunn and Clayton. March 15, 26 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, Holt; 4, Rosendale. Judges, Messrs. Pyrah and Lunn.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, March 14, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. Twenty-five birds sang for three prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, E. Wood; 3, S. Hardcastle. Judges, Richardson, S. Butt and Naylor. Also March 15; 22 birds sang for four prizes. 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Wood; 4, Buttery. Judges, Richardson, Mellia and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S. Mar. 23, Crown Hotel, 8. Special meeting; last night for entries for pair shows. All members requested to attend. D. Harwood.

Altrincham Open C.B.S. Mar. 25, Station Cafe, Altrincham. To consider the committee's formation of code of rules, syllabus, etc.—C. Bailey.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S. Mar. 28, Queen's Hotel, 7. Very important business.—Matt Archer.

Annfield Plain C.B.S. Mar. 31, Mr. Hannigham's, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—E. Peart.

Bradford West C.B.A. Mar. 21, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, 8. Special business.—W. H. Kilburn.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S. Mar. 26, Rose Street Schoolroom, 6.30. British Bird and Mule Show. Judge, Mr. A. Keech.—A. Simons.

Bedlington C.B.S. Mar. 21, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Classification, other important business.—C. E. Boulter, Sec.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S. Mar. 5, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. Washing competition and exhibition. Will members bring along cotton bag for above process.—R. Elliott.

Bonayrigg C.B.S. Mar. 25, Forester's Arms, 7. Enrolling of new members, election of judges; booking of hens. Hens must be booked at this meeting.—J. Stirling.

Boscombe C.B.A. April 11, Railway Hotel, 8. Linnet singing contest. Friends invited.—M. Cook.

Buckhaven C.B.S. Mar. 21, Free Gardener's Hall, 6.30. Business of importance.—W. Foster.

Burnhope C.B.S. Mar. 21, Colliery Inn, 6.30. Election of officers. Date of show, judges, etc. New members invited.—J. W. Robson.

City and Suburban A.C.B. Mar. 23, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. F. J. Martin, entitled "Canary Breeding," with special reference to Plainheads. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S. Mar. 21, Masonic Arms, 7. Selecting of judges, and other important business.—Alex. Robertson.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S. Mar. 22, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Special business; fanciers invited.—G. T. Lynn.

Darvel C.B.C. Mar. 24, Town Hall, 7.30. Business important.—J. Robertson, junr.

East Ardsley C.B.S. Mar. 21, Black Swan, 7. General business.—H. Cockrem.

East Ham F.S. Mar. 26, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Extraordinary general meeting. Removal of headquarters, and other important business.—E. Oakes.

Edinburgh C.B.S. Mar. 21, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 3. Replies from judges, etc.,; new members enrolled. Table show for Brit., etc. 10 classes. Mr. Sykes, judge; fee 2d. J. Charlton.

Great Harwood C.B.S. Mar. 23, Mr. McNally's. Business important. W. T. Mattinson.—(Time not stated.—Ed.)

Guisbrough Priory C.B.S. Mar. 21, Weir's Room, 7. Election of officers, and other important business.—Wm. Waraker.

Hanley C.B.S. Mar. 25, Temperance Hall, 8. To fix date of show, and business connected with show and society. C. J. Robinson.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. Mar. 21, Colliery Hotel, 7.30. Nomination of judge for F.F. show, and other business.—Geo. Vipond.

Leyton C.B.A. Mar. 23, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 7.15. Dramatic entertainment, comedy, Caste.—Forse and Son.

Littleborough C.B.S. Mar. 24, Mr. Bamford's, Howarth Cross, 8. General business. Jno. R. Widdle.

Llanelly C.B.S. Mar. 21, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important. Judges and patronage. D. John.

London Federation of C.B.S. Mar. 27, The "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Discussion on the advisability of the Fancy Press keeping the register of closed rings. Visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Middlesbrough C.B.S. Mar. 21, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open show date, business very important.—A. Wake.

North Manchester C.B.S. Mar. 24, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Very important.—J. Davey.

National British Bird and M.C. Mar. 26, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—J. P. Carr.

Newsham C.B.S. Mar. 21, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Important business.—C. Snowdon.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S. Mar. 25, Club Rooms, Alhambra Buildings, 8.30. Business important.—A. W. Newton.

Oldham C.B.S. Mar. 24, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of judges for F.F. and back-end shows.—J. Cope.

Porth and Rhondda Valleys C. and C.B.S. Mar. 23 and Mar. 28, at 7.—J. Shephard.

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S. Mar. 25, Headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition, and important business.—G. T. Hale.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S. Mar. 25, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Lecture.—Robt. Heggie.

Queen's Park C.B.A. Mar. 26, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8.15. Settlement of conditions for Brit. and For. Bird Cup.—H. R. Lowe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. Mar. 25, Temperance Club, 8. Committee, F.F. show business; judge, etc. Please attend.—Wm. Adams.

Stratford and East London F.S. Mar. 25, "Eagle," Chobham Road, Stratford. Evening show of cage birds, stage at 7, close 9.45; judge, Mr. C. H. Cooper; 2/6 cash special by Mr. Parker for most points, ditto by sec. for 2nd highest.—A. Wasey.

Southern Border F.C. Mar. 26, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 7.45. Patronage and other business.—F. W. Burton.

Sale C.B.S. Mar. 23, Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, 8. Last meeting until 1st October. Meetings held during summer at 10, Brook St.—H. Whitney.

St. Quintin's Park, Kensington, F. and F.S. Mar. 26, 235, Portobello Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Maddison. All fanciers welcomed.—A. J. Foy.

Scotland Gate, Choppington C.B.S. Mar. 21, Social Club, 7.30. Classification and lecture by Mr. H. Seely, of Seely Bros., on Pairing, Feeding, and Management.—T. Rigg.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S. Mar. 26, Wharf Hotel, Sowerby Bridge, 8. Adjourned annual meeting; very important business. Members please attend.—A. Sutcliffe.

Universal Club. Mar. 21, Universal, 7.30. To consider and take new member. Case very important.—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S. Mar. 24, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.30. General business; bring orders for rings.—W. G. Andrews.

Wakefield O.S. Mar. 21, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Question of inter-club show and other business. Members please attend. J. Isherwood.

Wandsworth F.S. Mar. 26, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, Wandsworth, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

Wanstead F. and F.S. Mar. 23, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Lecture by T. H. Harrison, and general meeting; admission free. H. S. Lofthouse.

Warrington C.B.S. Mar. 26, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8. G. M. Nelson.

Watford C.B.S. April 1, 20, St. Albans Road, 8. General business re open show. Kindly note new headquarters. W. Rackley.

Windhill C.B.S. Mar. 21, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' show business, etc. Quarterly subs. now due. Taylor and Ellis.

West Stanley Empire Workmen's Club. Mar. 22, Club Room, 6.30. Fixing date for annual show, and other show business. Wm. Robinson.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. Mar. 21, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Business: Annual general meeting, balance sheet, election of trea., and payment of delegates expenses; applications for membership.—H. Hall.

Yorkshire C. and C.B.S. of Ireland. Mar. 23, 47, York St., Dublin, 7.45. C. Tattimore.

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(Correspondence continued from page 269.)

Thirty Years' Experience in Bird Breeding.

Sir,—I have often thought of writing a few lines to Cage Birds, of which I am a constant reader, with reference to my experience in breeding. I have bred birds for the last 30 years, chiefly Canaries, but have also bred Mules with Goldfinch and Siskin. I have a Greenfinch, a Linnet, two Goldies, and six pairs of Norwich ready to pair this season, and hope to have some success. I find the birds are best by themselves if it is possible to keep them so. I have built a kitt in the garden, it is nine feet square, partitioned up by quarter inch mesh netting. In the corners I have put some pieces of fir tree and find the birds build their nests very readily in them, and I have little trouble with bad breeding hens. I find they do much better than in the ordinary cage. Of course, I have cages into which I put the young until they are able to do for themselves. I feed my birds as follows: Staple food, plain canary seed with various tit-bits. In the season I gather as many wild seeds as possible, such as dandelion, hardhead dock, shepherd's purse, and plantain. I buy a little German rape, maw, teazle, niger and wild seed from the seed merchants and mix them together, giving a teaspoonful every other day all through the winter, adding a little hemp occasionally. I never force my hens, preferring to leave nature to take its course. I may say that I always give dandelion leaves, and the heart as soon as I can find them, and grass seed for the hens when feeding the young in the nest. I have always had good results by taking notice what the hen feeds on. If she likes hemp give her plenty of it, if egg food, let her have it. I have had a hen refuse everything but grass seed, and I gave her plenty, and she reared me a nest of four fine birds. It is to this that I attribute much of my success, namely, humouring the birds with what they like best. You can't force them into your way of feeding, let them have whatever they prefer. My egg food is Osborne biscuit and new laid egg, one egg to about four biscuits well mixed together. I find Cage Birds very helpful, and look forward to Friday morning for it. Many thanks for Cage Birds Annual. It is very useful, and a guide in many ways.

E. Jones.

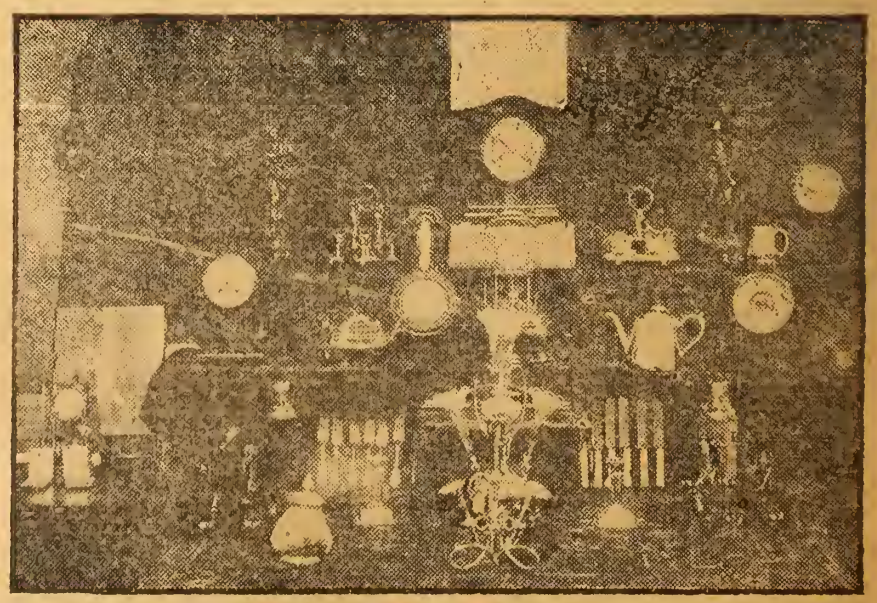
Cup Running at Irish Shows.

Sir,—Although I cannot properly understand from his letter what grievance concerning the novice members of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of I., "Hard Hit" wants rectified, I must confess a real grievance exists at the provincial shows that have the patronage of the above society. The novice has too liberal a classification, and specials are so placed that the genuine novice, with only moderate exhibits, has no chance to recoup his outlay. It is all right at the Dublin fixture, giving six classes for Yorkshires, where they get from fifteen to twenty-five entries per class, but at the provincial shows that have the patronage, the allocation of six novice classes is the ruination of the Fancy, as they can only command an entry of about three or four birds per class, with the consequent result—half prize-money or entry money returned to the exhibitor who is unfortunate enough to get three first prizes (in this poor competition), the compulsion to exhibit in champion classes, where in nine cases out of every ten he cannot get in the money prizes, so gives up in disgust, and leaves exhibiting to the fancier with the long pocket. Another serious grievance is the compulsory nomination of three birds for the novice cup. It is just a game of chance, more especially with the novice, whether he nominates the right ones or not. In the first place, being a novice, he does not know his best birds till he sends them out, and then again the birds that one judge prefers may be left cardless by the next. So I would respectfully suggest that the three highest birds count points towards cup, also that they reduce the novice Yorkshire classes at patronage shows to four, and that members giving specials for novices will place them out of the money prizes, and so encourage both entries and the genuine novice.

Champion Exhibitor.

Sir,—In reply to "Hard Hit," allow me to say that the meetings did come off. I was a good attendant, but did not see "Hard Hit" there. "Hard Hit" denies that he wrote that the novice, unless he has a long pocket, receives any advantage from the champions' experience. What does he mean by the statement "that the long-pocket novice enjoys a monopoly of the champion stock"? Does he suggest that the winning novices were exhibiting borrowed birds? If so, this is a serious accusation to make in the Fancy Press under the seclusion of a nom-de-plume. If "Hard Hit" is a genuine fancier, let him state openly at the general meeting, shortly to be held, who the offenders are, and have them dealt with by the society, according to their deserts. "Hard Hit" is, I believe, a type of fancier sadly common in Dublin at present, and elsewhere it seems; who, if he fails to annex the cup at the first attempt, instead of resolving to take his defeat cheerfully and having another try next year, immediately proceeds to flood the columns of the Fancy Press with pessimistic drivel, and makes all kinds of insinuations against all who have the effrontery to dare to successfully compete with him. "Hard Hit's" suggested definition of a novice is an absurd one. How does he intend to prove that the birds exhibited by any fancier were bred by that fancier? Could not a long-pocket fancier send rings to Yorkshire to some of the cracks, and so have birds bred outside of his own room? No! It is impossible. I think "Hard Hit" had better look up his geography if he does not know that Ireland's length is over 320 miles, and that in his first letter he was referring to fanciers, not shows. Even so, the distance from Cork to Derry is as near 300 miles as makes no matter, and there were shows at both these cities in the last season. "Hard Hit," I am sure, would not like to pay the fares to Dublin of delegates of either of these societies. "Hard Hit," if a novice, has no lack of self-estimation if he thinks he can manage the affairs of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland better than the fanciers who were fanciers before he was born (unless, that is, he is one of those who are novices all their lives). "Hard Hit's" reference to my stock is distinctly amusing. He is angling for my identity with a bait of falsehood, but that fish is not to be caught with such commonplace tackle. There is no necessity for me to angle for his name. Fanciers having read the report of the phantom City of Dublin C.B.S. would be dense indeed if they failed to see that "Hard Hit's" first letter was hatched in the same nest.

A Contented Novice.



Some of the "CAGE BIRDS" Prizes distributed at the Yorkshire Union Annual (*see report in last week's issue.*)

The Norwich Plainhead Club and Its Competitions.

Sir,—In his report to the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club at the annual dinner, Mr. F. Cunliffe made a passing reference to a certain member who had written to the press over a "nom de plume," and added that it would have been better if he had written direct to the committee. When any suggestion to alter the existing administration of a club is made, it should not be dealt with by the committee alone, but by the whole of the members. My reason for using the Press for the purpose of outlining my scheme was not because I was ignoring the committee, but because I wanted the whole of the members to know what it was. If I had written direct to the committee, and they had not approved of the scheme (and from the remarks the sec. let fall at the dinner, it is evident it was not favourably viewed in that quarter), the members would not have heard anything more of it. What else are the correspondence columns open for, if not for the ventilation of grievances and the propounding of fresh schemes for the benefit of the Fancy?

Of course, anything which disturbs the calm serenity and complacency of the N.P.C. Committee is anathema, but if the Committee are really not unmindful of the steady decline in the membership, and want to arrest it, let the scheme have a trial. Any average fancier will prefer a known certainty to a possible betterment, and this scheme is a certainty, so far as arresting the decline in membership is concerned. Mr. Cunliffe was considerably troubled about the want of patronage of the members, and the steady decline of same since 1900, and badly wanted to know the reason. I should say the reason is obvious to anyone. After the first show, those who are not in the running for the trophies simply leave off showing, or patronise some show where the competition is less keen; and many of them cease membership because they don't see what use the club is to them. Offer the members an inducement, and they will show up all right. Those exhibitors who are not members soon will be when they see the good things they are missing. If we can find some fancier with the means and the philanthropic spirit to give a trophy, by all means accept it. If subscriptions other than the usual subs. can be collected to buy one, by all means get one, but use the club's funds to further the interest of the members as a whole, and to further the popularity of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, the objective for which the club was formed.

I can assure the committee that they, as fanciers and committeemen, have my respect and admiration; but on matters such as these we may possibly be at variance. Still, that should not be anything to raise their ire, any more than the anonymity of the writer. Personally, I always examine any scheme suggested for the benefit of the Fancy, irrespective of the author's signature. On the other hand, I have to allow that it is difficult to get some people to understand that one is not always seeking notoriety through the columns of the Press.

Sub Rosa.

Are We Dissatisfied with the Winning Norwich Plainheads of To-day?

Sir,—I was pleased to see two letters in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, Feb. 28, re the above subject, as I was the first to publish a letter after visiting the Palace show. I am sure it is very gratifying to see some of the old hands taking this matter up. This is a point that must soon be settled, either to benefit the novice exhibitor or kill him. As I have stated before in your columns, there is nothing more down-heartening to a novice than to journey miles to visit a show, and gaze on the winners in the champion Plainhead classes, only to find them with browing and long in tail. A prominent exhibitor asked me at the Palace show, jokingly, "Is this the Crestbred Class?" I said, "No; it's meant for the yellow Norwich Plainhead Class." Being but a novice at the game, I have done my best to submit to fellow fanciers' opinions a model, which, after studying out carefully, is as near to my idea as I can picture a Norwich. I have exceeded Mr. Floyd's sketch by ¾in. in length, ¼in. deeper in chest, and ¼in. shorter in wing. Now, fellow fanciers, especially novices, do come forward and express your opinions of this suggested model, as I have done my best to give some idea of a Norwich Plainhead. I trust other novices will do the same, and stick to their guns, for I think the time will come when we shall get satisfied.

Raw Novice.

[Please write only on one side of the paper.—Ed.]

(See sketch on page 274.)

The Goldfinch Class at Bathgate

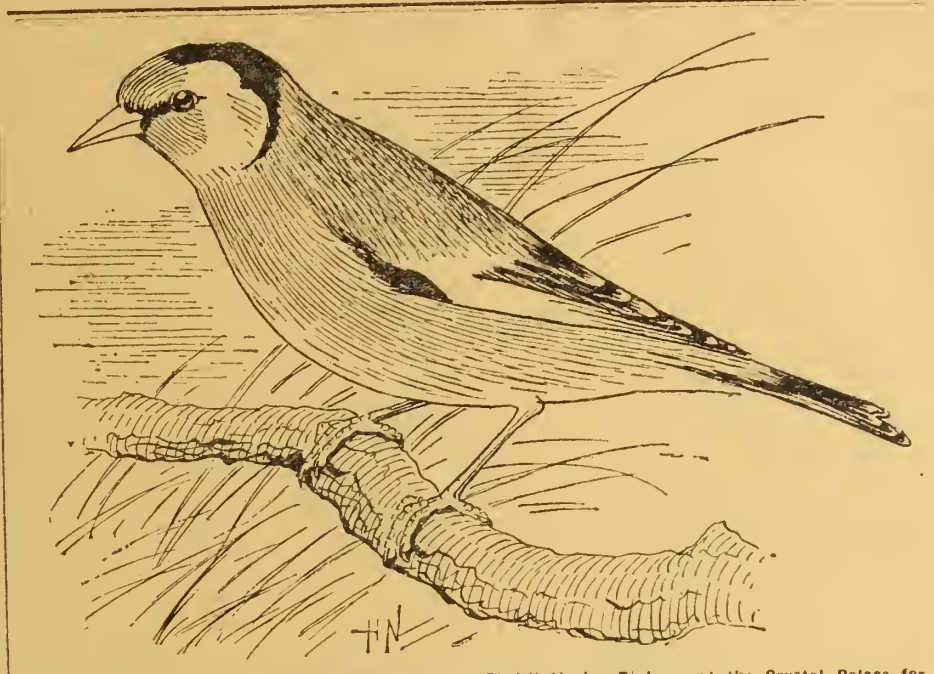
Sir,—The owner of Goldfinch No. 6 at Bathgate show has refused £9 9s. for him, and I have been asked by quite a few why the bird stood cardless there. Perhaps the judge would state if he had any doubts as to nationality, as no other reason seems feasible. Mr. Pringle, owner of the bird, would feel obliged by an explanation. This bird has been under 17 judges, and has only once been defeated (2nd Palace). Steel.

New Society for Port Talbot.

Sir,—A new society has been formed for Port Talbot and district. Several members have been enrolled already; a meeting is to take place at 11, Clarence Street, March 23, at 7.30 p.m., for election of officers and other important business, and it is hoped that all intending members will kindly take this as an invitation and attend on that night.

E. George, Sec. pro tem.

Woodfield, Taibach, Port Talbot.



The Goldfinch which won 1st in its class, and "Cage Birds" Novice Diploma at the Crystal Palace for its owner, Mr. W. H. Hobden, of Wallington.

Bird Clubs in New York.

A Special Cage Bird Show Foreshadowed

Sir,—In the Xmas copy of Cage Birds you make reference to Foreign breeders. I have waited to see if anyone else in New York would write you, but I have not seen any letters in Cage Birds from anyone, so am writing myself. I am a bird breeder, and keep almost every kind of English bird, and Finches from South America. I belong to the Empire C.B.C. of New York. We have but one other club in the City; our club is composed mostly of Englishmen and breeders of English Canaries. Mr. Hibbart, of 1929, Washington Avenue, New York City, is Sec., the entrance fee is one dollar. The dues are 25 cents per month. I am quite certain that any Englishman would do well to join, as, apart from the birds, he will go a long way in this country before he will meet as fine a lot of Englishmen as belong to the club. I am sure I am only expressing the wishes of all my fellow clubmen in extending a hearty welcome to any reader of Cage Birds in this City to one of our meetings; a line to the Sec. will give them all particulars, and they may find a few very old friends from the Old Country. Our shows up to the present have always been run in connection with the poultry shows, but we shall soon have enough members now to run them on our own, and Maddison Square Gardens may yet look like the Palace on a show day. At present, even with all the clubs in the U.S. it would not.

Stafford Severn.

The Need of the Novice.

Sir,—Please allow me to answer "John O'Gaunt's" letter in last week's Cage Birds. He asks what a local secretary can do for novices; if "John O'Gaunt" read a letter in Cage Birds of Feb. 14, he would have seen a novice asking for the fanciers to help novices to buy birds. That writer suggested getting a man of experience to look at the bird, and if he thought it was worth the money, to send word, and be paid for his trouble. I answered, "Could not secretaries of societies take it up?" There was no harm in that. "John O'Gaunt" says "the outery of novices is about professionals showing in novice classes, but this cry of Mr. R.'s is something new." Then he says some won't be said, led, or driven; I would ask "John O'Gaunt" down to my place, for I am willing to learn anything about the Cage-bird Fancy, if he will sign his full name. I might know him, and I hope he will send his address. What a vast amount of difference between Mr. Hargreave's letter and "John O'Gaunt's." Hey, Jack, thou art pulling thy own leg!

M. Rainford.

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The Record of a Champion Bramblefinch

Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of cheque value £3, also the coloured diploma of honour, as winner in the British Hardbill Champion Section of Cage Birds Championship Competition at the recent Palace show. The coloured diploma is most beautifully designed and charmingly executed by your clever artist, Mr. Norman. I need hardly say how delighted I am in gaining this distinction, more especially as the honour was conferred upon my well-known Bramble, my sole representative in the competition. I consider the scheme a brilliant idea, and judging from the many complimentary remarks I have heard expressed by exhibitors at the numerous shows I have visited where it has been in vogue, I think there is little doubt but that the same view is shared by many others. I believe I am correct in saying I was the first to gain a diploma in the British Hardbill Champion Section my Bramble gaining the award (at the first attempt) at Longton, which I think was the first show at which the competition was held, then by winning the championship at the Palace, this bird has had the unique experience of being first at each end of the competition. For the small sum of one shilling, I gain £3 and a charming hand-coloured diploma of honour, not a bad investment, by the way. This bird has now won thirty-three firsts (twice at the Palace), in addition to many other prizes, including second at the recent Scottish National, and has been adjudicated upon by no less than twenty-three different judges. Wishing Cage Birds the success it so richly deserves,

Arthur C. Brotherhood.

Pet Thrush Dead After Ten Years.

Sir,—It is with much regret that I write to tell you that our hen Thrush which mated, laid eggs, sat on same, and hatched out one young bird in a Canary double breeding cage in 1908, has at last gone over to the majority. She was a great favourite, and wonderfully tame, and would answer to her name. She was housed in our back-yard for upwards of ten years, and was always bright and happy and in the pink of condition, with a beautiful bloom on her plumage. She once got out of her cage in the early morning, and was missing for half-a-day. We thought we had surely lost her entirely, but at mid-day she turned up again and hopped through the open cage-door into her old home. If appearance be anything to go by, then I say she was brimming over with happiness in finding herself at home again after her escapade. How does her story tally with our opponents' story of the cruelty of confining our pets in cages? Oh, that they had a little more knowledge of the subject, and a little more tolerance, tempered with wisdom, for us poor town dwellers who have a keen love for nature and our feathered pets!

W. Downing.

Novice Mules at the Palace Show.

How Perseverance Brought a Southern Fancier Success.

Sir,—Last week I saw (not in "C.B.") "Rambler" in his notes stating that he heard many strong comments about the winning Mules in the novice classes at the Palace show, i.e., that neither the birds nor the exhibitors appeared to be novices at exhibiting; that genuine novices were not capable of turning out birds in such fine condition; and that if they had been got up by a champion, then they ought to be shown in the champion classes. Comments such as these, might, unless contradicted, make many novices throw up the Fancy in disgust, in the belief that they have to meet unfair competition. Being the second prize-winner in the Dark Mule class, upon which exhibit the criticism in Cage Birds states "Staged to Perfection," I take some of these remarks to myself, and for the benefit of those complaining should like to state the following facts:

1st—That the bird has been in my possession sixteen months, and since then no one but myself has ever handled him.

2nd—That the bird has never been washed in his life. I might state here that none of my birds at the Palace show were hand-washed, except one of my Grecnies, which I considered my best bird. Having heard so much of hand-washing, I thought I would try my luck at it. Result, four or five feathers minus from each wing, so I came to the conclusion that birds looked better with all their feathers unwashed, than with only a few feathers left washed.

3rd—That previous to this show season I have never shown outside of Brighton, except at one small fixture (Lewes).

I trust that these remarks will establish that I am still a novice. I would like to add, for the encouragement of novices, the following experiences. A year ago at our club open show I exhibited twelve birds, bringing home one glorious honour—he.

This set me thinking. After spending every moment of my spare time getting these birds in condition to the best of my ability, and getting one he, was it worth the trouble? I came to the conclusion it was not sportsmanlike to take this lying down; so I made up my mind to go to a few of the principal shows and see what really constituted a show specimen. My next move was to get in touch with a few catchers, and by paying them a fair price, obtaining the pick of their catch. By this means I have got most of my stock together. But what a job! I would not advise any but those gifted with an abundance of patience to start this way. I get over the steadying part of the difficulty now by promising the wife and children a little present for every fresh caught bird they can get to take a seed from their fingers. (Novices, take note; it works wonders.)

I think there is much more pleasure in buying your birds in the rough and moulting them yourself, than in buying winners; and I am very pleased with my success this year, having made 49 entries at the principal shows and getting 41 in the tickets. In addition, out of ten entries at the Palace, I secured one first, two seconds, two thirds, one fourth, one fifth and a commended. My Mule was claimed at £3, my Chaffinch for £2 10s., and I was sorry to part with both birds. I hope my success will encourage novices to continue to try. Make up their minds that they are going to win, and success is theirs. I must also add that my success has been due, coupled with the hard work, to the reading week by week of the valuable articles issued in Cage Birds, and not only to the reading of them, but to the digesting of them.

Brighton. Hy. James.

Not Always the Nightingale at Night.

Sir,—I was passing this morning through a village called Glenfield (Leicestershire) at 1.30 a.m.; the moon was shining, it was as light as day. The Blackbirds and Thrushes were singing at the top of their voices. I thought this rather strange, for I have been out all hours of the night for getting on for 9 years, and I have never heard the birds whistling so early in the morn. I don't know if any of our readers of Cage Birds have ever heard of such a thing before. I thought it might be interesting to bird lovers.

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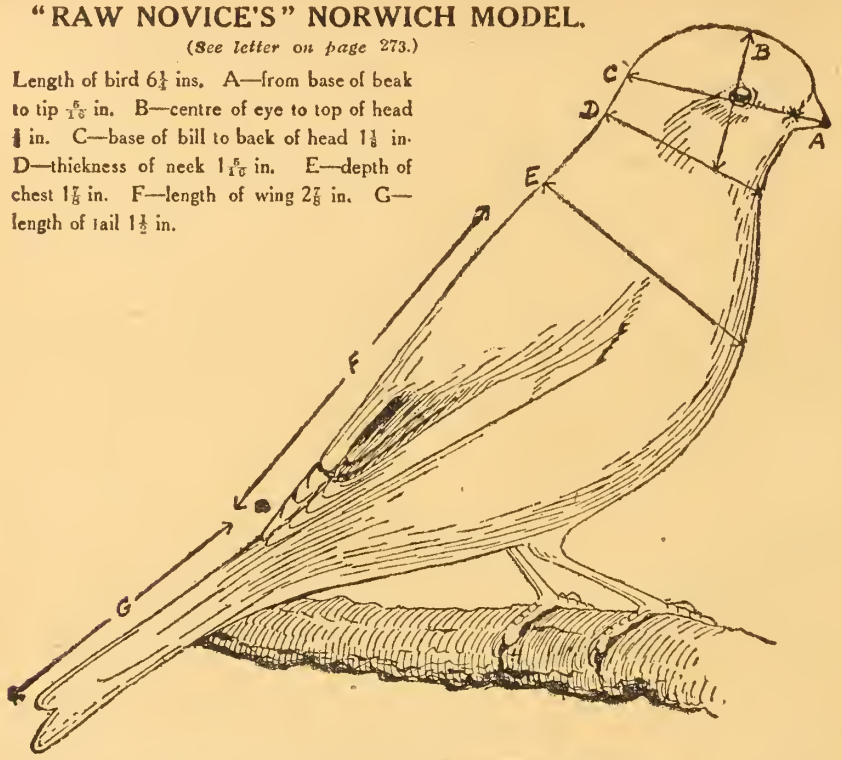
"RAW NOVICE'S" NORWICH MODEL.

(See letter on page 273.)



Length of bird 6¾ ins. A—from base of beak to tip $\frac{5}{16}$ in. B—centre of eye to top of head ¾ in. C—base of bill to back of head 1⅛ in. D—thickness of neck $1\frac{5}{16}$ in. E—depth of chest 1⅞ in. F—length of wing 2⅞ in. G—length of tail 1½ in.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from previous page.)

Who is Liable for Specials at Shows?

Sir,—At the meeting of the B.R.C.C., held March 10th, the question of a special promised by Mr. — was brought up, and I am requested to bring the following to your notice. At the International Show held by the B.R.C.C. in 1913, Mr. — promised to give a special, value £1 1s., which was gratefully accepted by the Committee, and allotted. Mr. — was notified who had won his special, but from that date to this the special has not been sent on by him, though he has been written to a good many times. He has made excuses for the delay, and promised to send it on, but, as mentioned, it is not to hand yet. At the meeting it was thought that, for the credit of the Club, something ought to be done; a proposal was made that the members present subscribe for same, which was quickly done, in fact more money than was needed was subscribed; £1 2s. was decided on, £1 1s. for the special and 1s. for postage and packing. The special was bought the next day and sent on. The names of the members who kindly subscribed are: Messrs. Aspinall, Buffin, Clapinson, Fisher, Gutierry, Guttridge, Hocking, Lester, Norris, Neugebauer, Sauter, Webb and Williams. The question arises—Are the promoters of shows liable for the specials printed in their schedules, or the donors?

J. W. Norris,
Hon. Sec. B.R.C.C.

[In the absence of any statement from the donor we have withheld his name as given by the secretary, but the answer to the question raised is as follows: The promoters of shows are liable for all the specials offered in their schedules.—Editor Cage Birds.]

Sir,—It is not surprising to me that so few of the "Novices" enter the different competitions if they are all treated as I have been. On 1st Jan. I entered a bird for the Paisley Show. I got Mr. ——'s "special," but up to date, Mar. 16, I have received no prize. I have written two letters to the secretary of the Paisley Club, and in his reply to me dated Feb. 17, he says that if he does not get the prize from the donor, do I expect him to go and steal it? Comment is needless. W. Thomson.

Shettleston.

New Society for Alfreton.

Sir,—A meeting was held at the Red Lion, Alfreton, March 14, to form a Cage-bird Society for Alfreton and District. There was a good attendance, and the following officers were elected: Mr. W. Marsh, Pres.; Mr. J. Adnit, Vice-Pres.; Mr. G. Beardall, Chair.; Mr. J. Smith, Treas.; and Mr. L. M. Inman (Cressy Road, Alfreton), Sec.. Will intending members in the district note that a meeting and show of British birds and Mules will be held at the Red Lion, Alfreton, April 4, at 7; Mr. J. Smedley, judge?

L. M. Inman, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Birds Shelling Seed.

Sir,—In answer to "Yell.-Green," re birds shelling seed and not eating same, I would like to submit the following solution for his (and others) approval. Some time ago I had mine do the same, viz., eating nil, but destroying all seed in hopper. I gave it earnest thought, and after a time came to the acceptance of either of two answers to the riddle! 1st, seed not sun-dried but kiln-dried after getting soaked in ear whilst ripening, and consequently "must" setting in. 2nd, bird getting surfeited with nothing but plain Canary, and wishing a change of diet. Milk sop was my alternative, and it seemed to work the cure. En passant, I would like to warn all young readers against the false economy of buying cheap canary, as it sometimes causes dire harm to young stock. About four years ago I got some seed from a wholesale grocer's at a penny per lb. cheaper than that at the seed-shop. After using it a week I was bereft of four promising young birds, which died without warning, as if they had imbibed poison.

"Plodder."

Prize-money at Bristol C.B. Show.

Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you, or any of your numerous readers, could inform me whether the prize-money won at the show held by the Bristol C.B.S. in November last, has yet been paid. I have written the sec. three times, asking if mine has been overlooked (the last occasion I enclosed a stamped-addressed envelope for reply) but have been unable to obtain a single word in answer to my enquiries.

H. W. Carrier.

The Clashing of Kelty and Markinch Shows.

Sir,—I see that the Markinch secretary, Mr. J. Lindsay, complains that Kelty and Blairadam have taken up their date for their open show. Why not? Kelty and Blairadam is a go-ahead society, catering solely for cage birds, and if they think that date is suitable to cage bird fanciers, I don't think that they will lose entries by clashing with Markinch. A society that can get a club show with more entries than Markinch Open Show will never feel the pinch. Is there a remedy? Certainly. First call a meeting of cage bird fanciers, through Cage Birds, and I am sure that the fanciers of the district will turn up to form a club. It is only money needlessly spent sending notices of meetings to local papers, wherein no fanciers look for such things. Secondly, get men appointed for committee that have the Fancy at heart, and do not turn up only on the show day. There are some of the present committee who are good men, and these are the few that keep it going. A hint how to avoid clashing with Kelty and Blairadam. It is this, shift your date. It is not yet too late. Leave November alone, and get the show held in the middle of January, 1915. There are no shows held in Scotland at that time, as all the shows are crammed in the last three months of the year, and the birds are lying idle two months before the breeding season. Now, then, Markinch fanciers, wake up.

Well-wisher.

(For further Letters, see pages 272, 273.)

GLASGOW DERBY O.A.

Annual meeting Feb. 20, Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, Mr. J. F. Renwick chair. Balance sheet submitted and adopted, showing a small credit balance. Office-bearers for 1914 elected:—Pres., Mr. J. J. M'Ilwain; vice., Mr. J. F. Renwick; sec. and treas., Mr. Jas. Stewart, jun.; auditors, Messrs. Scott and M'Mahon. Rules passed as submitted, except Rule 5, which was amended as follows: "Any member taking prize in wrong sex or class will be required to return same to sec., who will retain it till next year." A motion was made that all classes be limited to 10 guineas. After discussion, vote was taken, and the previous question was carried. Vote of thanks to past office-bearers, and to the chair, brought meeting to a close. Fanciers caring to join can have full particulars from Jas. Stewart, jun., 21, Ormonde Park, Muirend.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, March 5, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones (Pres.) in chair. A good number present, and a very enjoyable meeting was spent. Minutes passed included some very important items, such as classification and judges for season's shows; also that fixed prize money will be paid at all shows during 1914. Entrance fees as usual, all particulars in syllabus. Decided to have a closed ring competition. Discussion took place on the subject of closed rings, and the following committee was elected to formulate some scheme to bring before the April meeting: Messrs. Woolhouse, Furniss, Carr, Beven, Richards, White, and Jones. Any suggestions will be welcomed. Interesting pairing competition was held. Judges, Mr. J. G. Cowley, Nor., and Mr. W. T. Furniss, Yorks. The members naming most correct pairs were: 1, tie, Messrs. Sparks and Marcroft; 2, Bagshaw; 3, tie, Messrs. Holt and Sissons. Committee is indebted to following members for bringing birds, Messrs. Drabble, Jones, Webster, Kelley, Sissons, L. Woolhouse, J. Woolhouse. Members elected, Messrs. Drabble Bros., Howe, Senior, Brookes, White, Goodison, and Bearder. Next meeting, question night by ballot; fanciers invited.—J. Woolhouse.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual tea and prize distribution Mar. 14, headquarters. There was a grand turn-out, 52 members and their wives sitting down to an excellent tea. A long and entertaining programme was gone through, with Pres. Mr. W. A. Cowgill in the chair. The three cups were won by the following: Champ. cup, Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury; Payne cup, Mr. G. A. Bennett; nov. cup, Mr. S. Ratcliffe. Mr. G. A. Bennett wins the 21s. tea service given by Mr. Crabtree. Mr. S. Ratcliffe, the 15s. tea service by Mr. Cooper; and Mr. E. Clegg, the 10s. tea service by Mr. Cooper. The club sps. were won as follows:—CHAMP. SECTION: 1, E. Clegg; 2, Whitwham; 3, Whitley. NOV.: 1, Bennett; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Butterfield. Money specials: Mr. Bennett won 5s. for most points gained at F.F. show; 5s. specials were given at each old bird show for best bird each colour, Mr. Clegg winning three of them; Whitley, 5s.; Ratcliffe, 5s.; McEwen, 5s.; E. Clegg, 5s. sp. for most entries in champ; sec. throughout the year. Mr. Neesom, 5s. in nov. sec. for most entries. Mr. Cowgill said that competition had been very keen in the past year, and he hoped it would be as keen again next, as the prizes and money sps. were well worth winning. The musical programme was then proceeded with, the following artists acquitting themselves very creditably: Messrs. Bennett, Brook, Birbeck, Whitley, Woodgate, Medley, Gorrill, and Starr. Last, but not least, was Mr. F. Hills with his electric shocks. Votes of thanks to the host and the artistes who had kept us without a dull moment throughout the evening, were carried, also to Mr. H. Lee for his able work at the piano. This brought a very agreeable evening to a close.—W. H. Kilburn, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

List of points gained throughout season's competitions in the Champ. Secs.:—YORKS—J. W. Metcalfe, 95 points, cup; F. Handley, 57, medal; Benson and Young, 96, divided cash sp.; J. McDermott, 38; W. Movemont, 27; S. Robinson, 30; S. McNaulty, 17. NOR. SEC.: L. J. Harding, 96 points, cup; J. Walker, 84, medal; F. Handley, 67, cash; E. Ball, 36; E. Lawson, 33; J. Pyke, 11. BORD. SEC.: J. Johnston, 104, medal, according to his own arrangements; A. Montgomery, 47, cup; W. Middleton, 39, cash; E. C. Little, 38; Parker, 27. OUTSIDE NOV. SEC.: W. Jones, 23, medal; W. Carruthers, 12, cash 10s.; G. Skilling, 8, cash 6s.; S. Woods, cash 5s. OPEN LOCAL NOV. SCHEME: R. Brotherton, 121 points, Mr. Deacon's Cup; S. Woods, 111, medal; W. Jones, 93, cash; T. Howcroft, 91, cash; J. Lomax, 82; W. Bell, 79. Members and friends, please note annual dinner and distribution of prizes Mar. 18, St. George's Restaurant, Redcross Street, Liverpool, 7.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from the sec. or any of the committee. Ladies specially invited. Programme and menu par excellence. The Liverpool bird breeders are joining us in the dinner.—Hon. Sec., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree.

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Annual pair show, headquarters, Oxford Coffee Tavern, March 10. The inclemency of the weather unfortunately caused a slump in entries. Mr. Harry Jenkins judged, and gave every satisfaction. On April 14, Mr. Jenkins will give a very interesting lecture on "The Egg," dealing with the incubation period, and as the lecturer has made this one of his chief studies, we may look forward to the lecture being of great educational interest. The meeting is an open one to all fanciers in Swansea and district, to whom a hearty invitation is given to attend.

NOR.: 1, 3, 4, Thompson; 2, vhc, Ford. BORD.: 1, Allen; 2, Ford. BORD., GR.: 1, 3, Allen; 2, Ford; 4, Woolsey; vhc, Jenkins. CINN.: 1, Jenkins. HYB.: 1, 2, Ford. MULES: 1, 2, Ford.—S. H. George, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Annual pair show, Feb. 21, when a record number of 55 pairs were judged by Mr. John Young (Rutherglen).

CRESTS: 1, T. McArdle; 2, 3, McNair. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Tawse; 5, McNeill; 7, Kane. BOR.: 1, McArdle; 2, Tawse; 3, McBride. YORKS.: 1, Ferguson; 2, 3, Kane. A.O.V.: 1, McNair. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Laing. HYB.: 1, Laing; 2, 3, McArdle. HYB. PAIRS (Bullfinch Hen): 1, Hutchison; 2, Laing; 3, Morton. LINNET-CAN.: 1, Morton; 2, McArdle; 3, Laing. Social was held same evening, when a company of about 30 sat down to an excellent tea. After the good things had been appreciated the following ladies and gentlemen kept the harmony going. Mrs. Hutchison, Messrs. Laing, Black, Ferguson and Kane, while Mr. Easton favoured us with some good selections on his gramophone. After a few remarks from Mr. Sheridan, who presided, the company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and gave a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—Wm. Kane.

BRIGHTON & HOVE C.B.A.

Table show, March 11, headquarters; some typical pairs of Canaries were staged. Mr. J. E. Gravett judged Canaries, and Mr. H. James, British. Specials: Award of merit for cage bird shown in the finest condition, Miss G. Mantell, lovely Chaffinch; best Novice Canary, G. Absolon, very typical Nor.; champion, D. Dean, Green Crest, in top form; British, Miss G. Mantell, bonnie Chaffinch, in the pink. CANARY CLASSES: 1sts, Boxall, Dandridge, Absolon (2), Dean; 2nds, Wall, Dandridge, Oakshott, Dean (2); 3rds, Dandridge, King; vhc's, Oakshott, King; hc's, Wall, Oakshott; c's, Wall. BRITISH: 1sts, Miss Mantell (4), Farncombe, Pazel (2), Brown; 2nds, Dean, Farncombe, Pazel, Bignell, Absolon; 3 ds, Dean, Pazel; vhc's, Boxall.—Wm. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Adjourned annual general meeting, Mar. 10, El Vino; Mr. J. Robson, chair. Balance-sheet was passed, and votes of thanks accorded to the officers for their services for the past year. Mr. Wallington elected assist. sec. An ordinary meeting was held after committee. Mr. A. J. Clark declared winner of Mr. R. L. Crisp's teapot for most points at the young bird, annual, and pair shows. Messrs. Wallington and Watcham were elected delegates on the London Federation for the ensuing year. Messrs. V. Wynn, C. R. Tyson, W. Taylor, and F. Wright nominated for membership. Mrs. Warren Vernon kindly promised a 2-guinea cup for competition. Unfortunately the lecture on "Mating" had to be postponed owing to pressure of business. Vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting April 21.—F. Knight.

NORTHERN BRIT. MULE & F.B.C.

Meeting Feb. 28, Lockbart's, Grainger Street. Chairman, Mr. Pettersson, presided over a fair attendance. For final table show, decided to have classes, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, Bramble or Chaff., Greenf., Goldf., or Bullf., A.O. Brit., Mule or Hyb. pairs, and Foreign. Mr. Maddison judge. Decided to hold next meeting (annual) Mar. 28, at above address, to give country members a chance to attend, and we hope they will also bring some birds with them. Birds to be staged at 7. Winners of cups and medals over the shows where our patronage was given: Mule cup Mr. Butler, British Mr. J. Scott, Foreign Mr. T. Almond; medals: Newcastle show, Messrs. Butler, Scott and Almond; Carlisle, Messrs. Butler, Scott, and Christer; Alnwick, Davison and Almond; Gateshead, Bertram and Pettersson; Sunderland, McGuire and Waters. If any other member claims to have won a medal, please write at once. The annual dinner, April 1, will be held in connection with the Northern Yorks. and Norwich Clubs, at Princess Restaurant, Bigg Market; tickets, 2s. Those desiring a ticket please write at once, as number is limited. Table show was held; Mr. Jobling, Shields, judged, and gave every satisfaction. LINNET: 1, 3, Waters; 2, McGuire. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF.: 1, 3, Bertram; 2, Pettersson; 4, Hooper. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Pettersson; 2, hc, Hooper; 3, McGuire; 4, Waters. Birds at next table show are to be field-moulted, except pairs for Mules or Hybrids and foreign; two specials will be given for first and second most points, only the three highest birds to count. Entrance fee 6d. Following were elected members: Messrs. Carr and Cairm, Chopwell; Jobling, Shields. Vote of thanks to the judge brought a pleasant meeting to a close. —W. Curry, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 12, Mr. Havenhand presiding. Mr. Perry, in a short lecture, gave us some valuable hints on the selection of stock suitable for building up a successful strain. He also dwelt on the treatment of birds previous to the breeding season, which treatment must have a great influence on the success of any fanciers' breeding. The lecture was followed by a number of questions put to the members present by ballot, and these questions gave Mr. Perry, as well as others, an opportunity to give their views on other subjects interesting to all. We made two new members, and the meeting ended with a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Perry. At next meeting Mr. G. Fletcher has kindly consented to act as critic and judge. This is a British table show, so please let us have some entries.—E. Johnson, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST COUNTIES.

Meeting and pair show Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, on Mar. 7. Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over a good attendance of members. Four members enrolled: Messrs. Wm. Cassells and Jas. Dinwoodie, Glasgow; John Liddell, Cambuslang; and Jas. Dick, Glasgow Bridge, Kirkintilloch. A grand lot of Plainheads faced the judges of the pair show, but Borders did not come up to their usual pitch. Messrs. J. Liddell, Cambuslang, and Wm. Telfer, Lesmahagow, judged, and their decisions were well received. Show of muling pairs, April 4. Goldf.-Can., Linnet-Can., A.O.V. muling pairs, Hybrid pairs. Awards of show:—NOR. CL. (2): 1, Macfarlane; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Bannerman; 4, 5, Findlay; 6, Campbell. VARIEG. (17): 1, sp., Campbell; 2, Macfarlane; 3, Findlay; 4, Bannerman; 5, McGowan; 6, Halbert. BORD.: 1, Findlay; 2, Pettigrew. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS: 1, Findlay; 2, McGowan.—Jas. McGowan, Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, March 10, Roe Buck Hotel, Mr. Ratcliffe chair. Proposed and carried that Mr. P. E. Barker be again appointed Sec.; Mr. Ratcliffe, Chairman; Mr. Walker, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. J. Davies, Pres. A vote of thanks was passed to retiring officers. Subs., are raised this year to 4/- instead of 3/-, and new members pay 1/- entrance. Proposed that four specialist judges be written to as regards their fee for judging our annual open show. We retain our old date (first Saturday in October) for open show, which Mr. J. W. Metcalfe will judge. Decided to spend 25/- with Cage Birds for advert. in that paper, and that we ask for full patronage of the M.C. and Y.C.C.. Also decided to hold next feather show one week before Stoke-on-Trent Soc., and that the Sec. write Mr. F. J. Weaver as regards judging the same; also that we have the Longton Town Hall for our open show.—P. E. Barker, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Mar. 2, Mr. J. Roberts, chair. 15 members present. Decided to hold young bird show, July 1. Mr. J. Jeffries will judge the annual show, Nov. 11 and 12. Results of the monthly show were: NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Roberts; 2, Olive; 3, Lewis. TKD. OR VARIEG. CK.: 1, Roberts; 2, Stevens; 3, Jacobs. HEN: 1, 4, J. Roberts; 2, 3, H. Olive. UNFLIG.: 1, Churchill; 2, Stevens; 3, 4, Roberts; vhc, Stevens. PAIRS: 1, Roberts; 2, 4, Olive; 3, Jacobs; vhc, Churchill. YORKS., TKD. OR VARIEG. CK.: 1, Stevens; 2, 3, Olive. HEN: 1, 3, H. Olive; 3, 4, E. Stevens. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Olive; 4, Stevens. PAIRS: 1, 3, Roberts; 2, 4, Olive; vhc, Stevens. GOLDF.: 1, Grant; 2, Rolls. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, 2, Grant; 3, Rolls. LINNET: 1, 3, Grant; 2, Rolls; 4, Jacobs. GREENF.: 1, Grant; 2, 3, Jacobs. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Lewis; 2, 3, Grant. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Roberts; 3, Rolls.—R. Churchill. (Please write on one side of the paper only. Ed.)

SCOTTISH B.B. AND M.C.

Annual general meeting, March 7th, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, before a rather poor turn out of members. Mr. Watson chair. Balance sheet was gone into and passed, the Chairman remarking that considering the great quantity of medals given this year the balance in hand of £4 10s. was very satisfactory. Office bearers elected: Pres., Mr. Alf. Hoyle; Vice-President, Mr. J. McHolen; Sec. and Treas., J. Allan, 5, Duncan-place, Leith. Committee same as last year.—J. Allan, Sec.

WINGATE F.S.

Meeting, March 14. Decided to have another open show and a members' show. Dates and judges to be fixed at next meeting, March 28. The Society has a six miles radius, and all who would like to join will be heartily welcomed at this meeting.—J. Burdett, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting Mar. 11, headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel; Mr. Willmott, chair. Mr. Cowley, Little Bromwich, was nominated a member. Important items were dealt with, and Mr. Burke gave a very instructive lecture on "Canary Breeding," dealing chiefly with suitable cages, how to prevent egg-binding, etc., etc. Many useful items were included in his paper, which was very enjoyable, and a very warm vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Willmott, seconded by Mr. Stevens, and carried with the heartiest support of all present.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Season's specials won as follows: — CLUB'S TROPHY: Proctor 90, Mrs. Tweddle 85, Donmer 69, Bentley 62, Rev. B. Nume 58, Godley 44, S. Wilson 24, Smalley 15, Roberts 12, Hartup 10. AGGREGATE: Rev. B. Nume 128, Proctor 118, Mrs. Tweddle 113, Donmer 102, Godley 50, Bentley 42, Wilson 24, Smalley 15, Roberts 12, Hartup 10. NOV. SPECIALS: Cup: Wagstaff 29, Ahardyce 19, Smalley (? novice) 15, Andrew Bros. 12, Chubb 9, Rae 5. Protests to above points must be made to the secretary by April 1, when specials will be paid out. Will members who have not paid their subs. send on at once to be included in the balance-sheet?—J. W. Metcalfe.

MORPETH C.B.S.

Meeting, March 14; Mr. Seely, chair, before a good attendance. The evening was taken up with show classification. Decided to pay members' prize money on the sliding scale. New members made: T. Carman, W. Smails, B. Baird, Henderson, and F. Strong. Terms of membership are 1s. on nomination, and 3s. subs. I shall be very pleased to have the names of any fanciers who wish to join.—W. Summers, 82, Newgate Street, Morpeth, Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, March 14, "Prince of Wales" Hotel. There was a good turn-out of members, Mr. J. Parfitt chair. Schedule for open show was thoroughly gone through and finally approved, with a few additions to the Canary classes. Decided to hold a question night at next meeting, April 11. Questions to be placed in a hat. Each member in turn to pick out of hat and answer the same, or to select a substitute. This should be interesting to all. Mr. Albert J. Salter, Abergavenny, was elected a member. This gentleman was once a fancier of For., and was for many years a member of the Avicultural Society. He has now taken up Canaries, and we wish him every success with his new variety. Any member desirous of altering the rule of competing for trophy should put in a notice of motion at our next meeting.—G. Broome, Hon. Sec.

QUEENS PARK C.B.A.

Meeting, March 12, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-rd., Mr. G. Glanville chair, and a good attendance. Unanimously decided to purchase a cup for Brit. and For. birds out of the funds, with a view to increasing the competition and membership in this progressive society. After business members listened to a very instructive lecture by Mr. Robson, entitled "Birdy Topics." At the conclusion Mr. Robson was plied with questions, all of which were satisfactorily answered. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson for his kindness brought a pleasant evening to a close.—H. R. Lowe, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Annual presentation of prizes, March 14, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke. There was a large attendance of fanciers and friends. I was pleased to see such a lot of City of Bradford members present. The one disappointment of the evening was that our President was unable to present the prizes as expected, therefore that honour fell to Mr. Richmond, an old fancier. I was sorry not to see Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley there as usual. No doubt everyone feels for them in their sickness. The talent was admirable; it would have been impossible to select a more varied programme. Messrs. Atkinson, Langley and Co. gave numerous glees, songs and duets, which were highly appreciated. Mr. Dover gave a few sentimental songs. Mr. Cassell and Mr. Wood gave comic songs and other artistes, including Mrs. Thornton and Mr. Winter, were greatly appreciated. The pianist was Mr. Herbert Binns. The Chairman, Mr. Leo Hodgson, moved a vote of thanks to the artistes. Mr. E. Padgett seconded on the condition that the Sec. and Chairman be included for the excellent manner in which they had got the concert together and the able way they carried it through. I should like clubs round about to have more musical evenings. I think it would be the means of keeping fanciers together better than at present. I would do my best if any club would like one or two musical evenings.—W. H. Syms, Sec.

SOUTHERN YORKS. C.C.

The following are the results of competitions for season 1913-14:—TEN-GUINEA CHALLENGE CUP, Mr. R. L. Crisp, 111 points; runners-up, Messrs. Hawes Bros., 69 points. TROPHIES—£3 3s., Mr. R. L. Crisp, 80 points; £1 1s., Messrs. Easterling and Carson, 70, 15s.; Messrs. Hawes Bros., 38; 10s., Mr. G. T. Green, 32. Sp. No. 7, Messrs. Owen and Son; Sp. No. 8, Mr. H. Smith; Mr. Easterling's Six-guinea Cup, Mr. R. L. Crisp. DIPLOMAS—Clapham, Mr. Fulford and Mr. H. T. Jones; Plymouth, Mr. R. L. Crisp and Messrs. Hawes Bros.; Wimbledon, Mr. R. L. Crisp and Mr. Pattrick; Taunton, Mr. R. Crisp (2); Leyton, Mr. R. L. Crisp and Messrs. Hawes Bros.; Cardiff, Mr. R. L. Crisp (2); L.C.B.A., Mr. R. L. Crisp (2); Cheltenham, Messrs. Easterling and Carson and Mr. L. Bousfield. NOVICE TEAPOTS—Wimbledon, Mr. A. J. Clarke, 19 points; Taunton, Mr. A. Plumb, 19 points; Cheltenham, Mr. Langley; Leyton, Mr. Bush, 19 points; L.C.B.A. Mr. Scudder, 19 points. MEDALS—Wimbledon, Mr. Scudder, 16 points; Taunton, Mr. Gardner, 16 points; Cheltenham, Mr Granville; Leyton, Mr. C. A. H. Bennett, 17 points; L.C.B.A., Mr. Avis, 17 points. DIPLOMAS—Wimbledon, Mr. Langley and Mr. Clarke; Taunton, Mr. Plumb (2); Cheltenham, Mr. Fawle and Mr. Langley; Leyton, Mr. C. A. H. Bennett and Mr. Bush; Cardiff, Mr. Gardner (2); L.C.B.A., Mr. Avis (2). Sp. No. 5, Mr. Johnson; Sp. No. 6, Mr. Merritt. MR. EASTERLING'S MEDALS—Wimbledon, Mr. Gardner; Taunton, Mr. Fawle; Cheltenham, Mr. Glanville; L.C.B.A., Mr. Scudder.—J. W. Rennie, Hon. Sec.

KINGS LYNN C.C.

Meeting held in the Rechabites Hall, Feb. 18; 18 members present, Mr. Kent chair. A pair show was arranged; 14 pairs were staged. Judge, Mr. Bennell. 1, Hately, extra large and well matched; 2, Thurston, both birds nice size and making a good pair; 3, Harrod, non-fed, nice size and subs., short and typical; 4, Greenfield, tkd. yell. cock and gr. hen, nice pair, but not size or subs. as leaders; vhc, Breeze, good stock pair, a bit soiled, cock bird a good stock bird, might have stood higher up; he, Kent; c, Chapman. Several good useful pairs were cardless, which should breed something good for their owners, and taking the birds all round they were a credit to the club and the members.

After the usual comments had been passed on the birds, questions were asked. Mr. C. Greenfield asked "What are the benefits obtained by use of sawdust in the cages." Mr. Breeze said it kept the birds in a much cleaner condition, and that it was as well to give fresh supply every week, not omitting to give some sand or gravel in a tin. Mr. Ricketts said he found sawdust was cheaper, but caused maggot and lice; these were caused by the dirt and fine sawdust, and he found it advisable to sift sawdust and use the coarser article. He preferred pine dust when obtainable, being more of a disinfectant. Mr. Langford said if pine dust was unobtainable, would it answer the same purpose if one disinfected the ordinary wood dust? "Yes," replied Mr. Thurston, "but Joye's disinfected sawdust would be better; this would do away with all maggots, wood lice, and also stop a lot of bird lice and red mite." Mr. Greenfield asked "What was best for a sick bird?" Mr. Hately asked what the bird was suffering from. Mr. Greenfield said he had not any bird ill, but he meant any bird which was ailing. Mr. Kent said it was necessary to try and find out what was the matter with the bird before doctoring it; birds sometimes suffer with inflammation caused by the change in the weather and errors in feeding. He had found that a small piece of a Beecham pill relieved inflammation, and two drops of rape oil put into the patient's beak. For lung and throat troubles nothing was better than about six drops of glycerine in water and two or three drops mixed with egg-food. Mr. Langford and Mr. Thurston recommended Epsom salts once a week. This, they found, was a medicine which kept all their birds in proper condition, and was a good preventive. A prevention was better than cure. Mr. Breeze said it was astonishing that a lot of fanciers would let one of the best cures, in his opinion, trip them up, and that was dandelion root. This he had found a very good medicine for a sick bird, but what he would like to know is the prevention. Mr. Thurston said an old bird catcher told him, and, in fact, came to see one of his sick birds, and recommended a small spider, which he gave to it, and the bird recovered. This remark caused some laughter; but another fancier said that a spider given to chickens was a good old cure, and he saw no reason why a small one given to a Canary or any other bird should not be successful. He also had found a small piece of Beecham pill was a good cure. Chairman pointed out that questions had been asked as to prevention, and in his mind trouble was caused by feeding the birds on plain Canary seed, with nothing else until just previous to the breeding season, when the sudden change in diet, with the variation in the weather, upset the birds. If fanciers gave their birds pieces of raw apple, boiled carrot, and any nice fresh green stuff, being careful no frost is on it, with an occasional bit of egg food, this would keep the bird's blood and bowels clear during the winter months.

NORTHERN BORDER AND S.F.C.C.

Annual general meeting, Mar. 2, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Mr. W. Smith chair. The sec. read his report, and said there was a balance of £2 9s. 3d. Officers elected:—Pres., W. Parkin; vice-pres., W. Smith; chair, W. P. Smith; vice-chair, J. Johnstone; auditors, Messrs. Montgomery and Affleck. Proposed and seconded that rose bowl be won outright at five table shows. Mr. J. Johnstone promised two show cages for second most points in novice competition at table shows. Winners of club's trophies were as follows:—CHAMP. SEC.: Clock and bronzes most points, J. Nicholson, Haltwhistle; case of carvers, second most points, J. Johnstone, Wallsend. NOV. SEC.: Gold medal most points, W. Howe, Greenhead; set of china for second most points, W. Tallantyne, Haltwhistle; silver medals most points at the shows with three highest birds, Champ., Newcastle, J. Johnstone; Blaydon, T. Parker; Haltwhistle, J. Nicholson; Gateshead, T. Chapman; Sunderland, A. Montgomery. NOV. SEC.: Newcastle, J. Graham; Blaydon, W. Howe; Haltwhistle, W. Tallantyne; Gateshead, J. Wilson; Sunderland, T. Davison. A grand social for the distribution of these prizes will be held Mar. 13 in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-st., when all members are invited to be present. Proposed and seconded that the meeting be altered from the first Monday to the first Wednesday in the month.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Meeting Mar. 3, Mr. Dewhurst's room, Fishergate. There was a splendid turn-out of members, along with a few non-members, to hear Mr. J. W. Cleminson, of Ashton-on-Ribble, lecture on "The Norwich Plainhead." Mr. Cleminson took for his standard the Norwich Plainhead Club standard, because, he said, that standard had been drawn up by men who knew what an ideal Norwich Plainhead should be. The lecturer said he thought the Norwich as a variety was the most popular and interesting of all, but that, in his opinion, there had been a great deterioration in type and quality during the last few years, caused through too great a desire to get size in the birds, to the detriment of quality of feather. Mr. Cleminson instanced the great amount of browing to be seen on a lot of the birds that have been winning on the show bench recently, and said that if they had been judged according to the N.P.C. standard they could not possibly have won, as that standard says: "Head, round, full, and neat, with short beak," and if a bird had a good round head it could not possibly be browed. He went on to say that long feathered birds could not stand the wash, as after one or two shows the feathers in the neck came out, and the bird was not fit to show again that season. Short feathered birds as a rule carried a better colour, and could stand washing much better, besides having that sheen on the feather which catches the eye of the judge. He brought a few examples with him so that he could show us the different points that he spoke of. He pointed out that we should always have an object in view when pairing up, and try to breed out any faults the parents might have, not pairing two birds having the same fault. Mr. Cleminson said double-buffing needed careful study, as also did double-yellowing, but that he had got good results from both. The lecturer was asked a good many questions, and answered them all in a most able manner. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cleminson, the meeting came to a close.—H. F. Marsh, Assist. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Special meeting, Mar. 3, Boot Inn, Mr. F. C. Parker chair. Decided that N.F. show be held July 4. Mr. Bracegirdle elected member, and L. Cavanagh hon. sec.—L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicars Cross, Chester.

ALTRINCHAM OPEN C.B.S.

Meeting, Rigby Memorial Schools, Navigation-rd., Altrincham, was well attended. It was announced that J. S. Procter, Esq., had consented to be the President of the Society, and also that he had generously promised to give a handsome special prize. New members continue to join, and everything gives promise of a prosperous Society. Next meeting March 25, at 8, Station Cafe.—C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH F.S.

Meeting March 2, Pres. E. J. W. Matthews chair. A good gathering present. Members confirmed the annual show, to be held Kingsley Halls, Dec. 9 and 10, Judges for Can., Mules, and Hyb., Mr. Payne (Gloucester); Brit. and For., Mr. Swaysland (Brighton). Messrs. Hallett and Stopley elected members. A small committee was appointed to revise present rules of soc. and submit same to a special general meeting, to be called later. Subs., 2s. 6d. for 1914 now due.—G. J. Kirton, Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 16th; arranged to hold first members' show Mar. 21, at headquarters. Schedule passed providing 10 classes Canaries, 1 Mules, 7 British, 1 Foreign; 2s. 6d. cash special for best Brit. by Mr. W. J. Hunt. Medals are for most points gained by members showing in all shows during the season. At present two medals are promised, one Brit. and one Canaries.—J. Alderslade, Hon. Sec.

PENICUIK O.S.

Meeting, Mar. 7, Cowan Institute, Mr. James Thomson presiding over a good attendance. Some discussion took place as to the ringing of cage birds, and it was agreed to leave the question open to members to ring their birds if they desire. Several items as to rules, etc., were remitted to the committee to discuss and report on. Next meeting, and last for new members, April 4, 7.30, Cowan Institute. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to chairman.—Jas. Weir, Sec.

STANLEY VICTORIA CLUB F.F. AND C B.S.

Annual meeting Mar. 1, Mr. T. H. Curry chair. Decided to hold our annual show Dec. 5 and 6. Election of officers took place: Mr. R. Peart, chair; Mr. J. N. Elliott, vice-chair; Mr. W. Elliott, sec. and treas., 15, Fairford-ter., Stanley. Decided to hold our annual char-a-banc trip first pay Saturday in July. Moved and carried that the thanks of our members be given to Mr. T. H. Curry and R. Peart, chairman and sec., for their services on behalf of the society.—R. Peart.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting "White Swan," Mar. 3. Mr. Gibbins presided over a good attendance. Mr. R. Gladwell was elected a member. Usual table show was held which terminated the rose bowl competition, and the trophy is won by Mr. W. Hennecy; other specials, Messrs. Butler, Pole, Laundon and Start. Mr. J. Heighton judged.

NOR. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, Freestone; 2, 3, Sturgess; vhc, he, Moores. A.O.V. CAN. or MULE: 1, Brooks. NOR. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, Hughes; 2, vhc, Pole; 3, Brooks. MULE: 1, 2, Henney. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Butler. Mr. Heighton also gave an interesting lecture on Hybrid breeding, giving advice on the best and easiest pairs to select. Questions were invited, and a good discussion followed. Usual vote of thanks closed the meeting.—A. Freestone, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting March 7, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, Mr. Jno. Montgomery, pres. chair. Sec. gave detailed report of pair show, stating that Mr. Martin was winner of points' special instead of D. Whitelaw. Owing to the inability of Mr. J. Laurie to be present his lecture was deferred until April meeting. Nomination and voting for judges for annual show Nov. 28 then took place. New members are now being enrolled; all particulars from secretary.—W. Hutchinson, 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow.

GREENOCC, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.S.

Presentation and smoking concert, Mar. 14, Imperial Halls, Greenock. A good number of members and friends sat down to tea. Mr. Stewart, pres., chair. The guests of the evening were: Mr. Rodden, late sec., Mr. Bryden, late min. sec., and successor to Mr. Rodden for present year, and Mr. M. Service, who, to the regret of all, was unable to be present owing to a family bereavement. The chairman, on behalf of the members, presented Messrs. Rodden and Bryden with beautiful gold badges, suitably inscribed, as a token of esteem from the members, and appreciation of their work, in connection with the society for the past year. Messrs. Rodden and Bryden suitably replied. Great credit is due to the committee for the able manner in which they carried out their work. The musical programme was of a high standard, and the following artists acquitted themselves with great credit: Messrs. McLaren, Allison, Falconer, McAfferty, Brown, Chamers, Campbell, McDermind, Bryden, and Master J. McCormick. Special vote of thanks was given to the artists, including Mr. Allison, for his able work at the piano. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Next meeting April 1.—C. Bryden, Sec.

OTLEY O.S.

Annual dinner and prize distribution March 14, Queen's Head Hotel. About 20 members sat down to a splendid dinner, after which a concert was held, chair being taken by Mr. A. Brown, Yeadon. Songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Stokes, Robinson, Dawson, Tempest, Galling and Thomas, all of which were heartily appreciated. Mr. Brown presented the prizes for the winter show and the cup and specials for most points for season. Mr. Myers won silver cup for the third time. This now becomes his own property. He also wins £1 cash for most points during the season, this too being for the third time. Mr. Wheatly 2nd, J. Iveson 3rd. Mr. Myers received five other class specials for the winter show, remaining specials being won by Messrs. Iveson, Thomas, Crawshaw and Shaw. The first toast was "The Otley Cup-winner," and the Chairman heartily congratulated Mr. Myers on his success. Mr. Myers suitably replied, and kindly offered a guinea gold medal for competition in coming shows. The next toast was the "Otley O.S.," which was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. Thomas, the Sec., responding, heartily thanked the Chairman for hurrying from London to preside. The toast of the Chairman was then drunk with musical honours. The final toast was to our host and hostess for providing such a substantial repast.—J. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

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SALE or exchange, four pairs of Glucke and Water-Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, Randall's strain, £1 pair; offers in ½-plate cameras and double dark slides, or Pekinese dob; approval, both ways: C. Ramsey, 10, Croxdale Colliery, nr. Durham. (1459)
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EXCHANGE 12 rolls of wallpaper, patterns sent, for cock Canary: Dean, Papernanger, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1461)
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EXCHANGE six-chamber revolver for Yorkshire cock, with little cash, for pair: Ceombs, Rother-st., Stratford-on-Avon. (1459)
WILL give new boots or Canaries for oilskin coat and leggings, or cape, also pullets wanted: Redhead, Bootle, Cumberland. (1462)
WILL exchange new bugle (Butler) for two H.M. Roller cocks; approval; birds first; A. K., 60, Lowden-rd., Herne, Hill. (1452)
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WANTED, buff hen, in exchange for buff marked cock, 1913 bred, in splendid order: Craig, 17, Grey-st., Wallsend-on-Tyne. (1452,
GOOD English buck and doe, exchange either for fowls or Norwich Canaries, hens: R. Oldfield, Folly, Wymondham, Norfolk. (1462)
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EXCHANGE magneto battery, in good condition, for four good muling hen Canaries, or sell 12/6: Robson, 92, Mid-st., Kirkcaldy. (1462)
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WANTED, good pair of Crests, in exchange for four show cages and case, used twice, or sell to 6: England, 7, Huish, Yeovil, Som. (1455)
EXCHANGE suit length, good tweed, value 17/6, for two Roller cocks (rung), good singers: Gray, tailor, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath. (1457)
BARGAIN; Cornet, complete in case, new Christmas, sell 50/-, or exchange Roller Canaries: G. Ambrose, High Wycombe, Bucks. (1455)
EXCHANGE five new cages, 14 x 12 x 16, for a good cock Canary, best offer taken: Houghton, 47, Elliott-st., Tyldesley, Manchester. (1451)
WANTED, yellow Norwich cock, exchange gent.'s black overcoat, new, sell 25/-: James, Abbot's-cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham. (1459)
EXCHANGE, violin, bow, and case, good order, for pair of Norwich or Borders; yours first: Vassie, Causlawayside, Tolleross, Glasgow. (1456)
EXCHANGE two Lizard hens, engineer's callipers, hand camera, for pair good Norwich: Foden, 22, Mellor-st., Prestwich, Manchester. (1454)
EXCHANGE grand pair of Dragoons, good breeders Conference rung, for Canaries; offers; approval: Harver, St. Francis-st., Penzance. (1457)

WANTED, a good unflighted yellow Yorkshire stock cock, in exchange for 27 10-inch records; yours first: T. Brown, Foxhouses, Whitehaven. (1455)
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TURKEYS, one cock, two hens, splendid stock birds, 50/-; would exchange and pay cash for African Grey talking Parrot: 778, High-rd, Tottenham. (1449)
EXCHANGE Lachenal concertina, English make, 20 keys, value 25/-, for good Yorkshire Canaries: John Bell, 224, Tudhoe Colliery, Spennymoor. (1455)
LARGE box breeding mealworms, thousands, sell 30/-; exchange yellow cinnamon Norwich cock, unflighted: Harrison, Regent-st., Hebden Bridge. (1466)
EXCHANGE good zither harp for cock Goldfinch mule (full song) or cock Roller (full song), or anything useful: Callen, 828, Manchester-rd., Poplar, E. (1451)
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EXCHANGE set carvers and six table knives, ivorine handles, for two cocks or four good hen Canaries; approval; or sell 10/6: B. Turton, 42, Huntst., Sheffield. (1455)
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EXCHANGE large Green Parrot, tame, says few words, for two cocks and four hens, Borders or Yorkshires; approval: John Fairweather, 53, Barngreen, Arbroath. (1461)

SELL or exchange Norwich, British and Muling pairs; show and breeding cages, for anything useful; going abroad: Donovan, 16, Randolph-st., Openshaw, Manchester. (1457)
EXCHANGE No. 2 folding Brownie Kodak, good condition, for good cock Linnet Mule, songster, Linnet notes, or sell 10/-; bird first: Lord, 3, Mountgrove-rd., Highbury. (1448)
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EXCHANGE gramophone, His Master's Voice hornless and records, cost £10 at Christmas, for African Grey, must be good talker and mimic: J. White, 106, Liverpool-rd., Islington. (1453)
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EXCHANGE good air gun, perfect condition, for good Border cock Canary, cinnamon or cinnamon marked, or yellow: Hurle, 6, Coronation-st., Williamstown, Peny-Graig, Rhondda. (1458)
FINE tone guitar-zither-harp, 10/-; ½-plate hand camera and accessories, 5/-; pair men's clogs, new, size 9, 3/-; bargains; exchange birds, anything useful: Howland, Ockendon, Romford. (1451)
SIX large Flemish Giant Rabbits, 10 weeks, three Polish Rabbits, 3 months, two Dutch does; will exchange any for Bantams or Canaries, or fowls: Nicholls, High Oak-rd., Ware, Herts. (1463)
FOR sale, six hen Canaries, all bred Mules last year, three cock Linnets, moulted indoors, also one cock Goldfinch, take £1 1s. for lot: J. Forshaw, 4, Threlfalls-lane, Marshside, Southport. (1449)
EXCHANGE, pair grand Norwich and one young hen, also two cock Goldies, one a beauty, double breeder, two box cages, for ducks or fowls: Graver, West End Bakery, Wattou, Norfolk. (1458)
PAIR of high-class Seiferts, 1913 bred, one Roller cock, also Norwich cock and double breeding cage, giving up, sacrifice, 32/6, or exchange for Pom brood bitch: Bolton, Willham-st., Blackburn. (1455)
SIX hand-forged ivorine-handled knives, six nickel-silver forks and teaspoons and dessert spoons, all to match, the best, for two cock Canaries or Mules: J. Toms, 64, St. Mary's lane, Sheffield. (1462)
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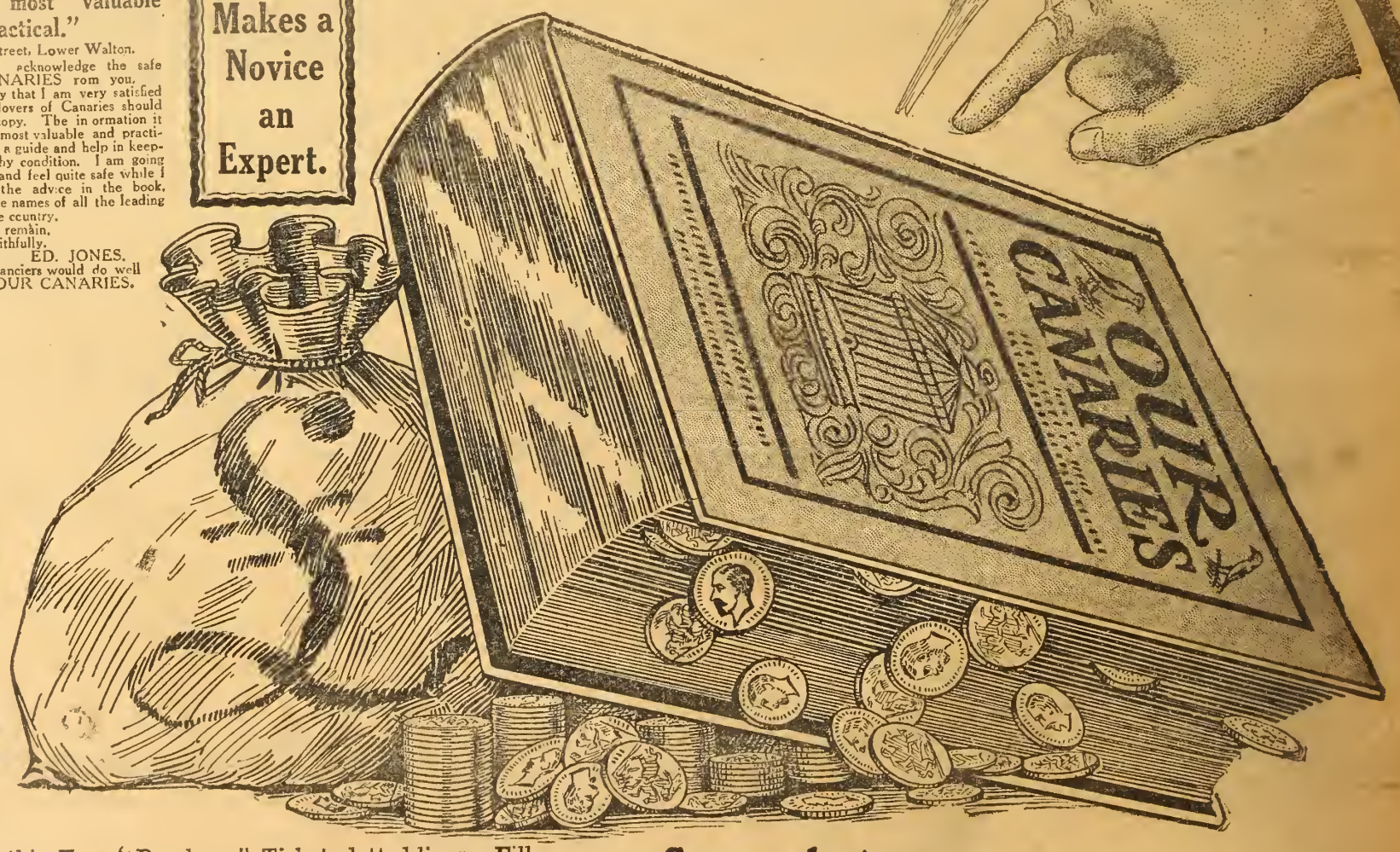

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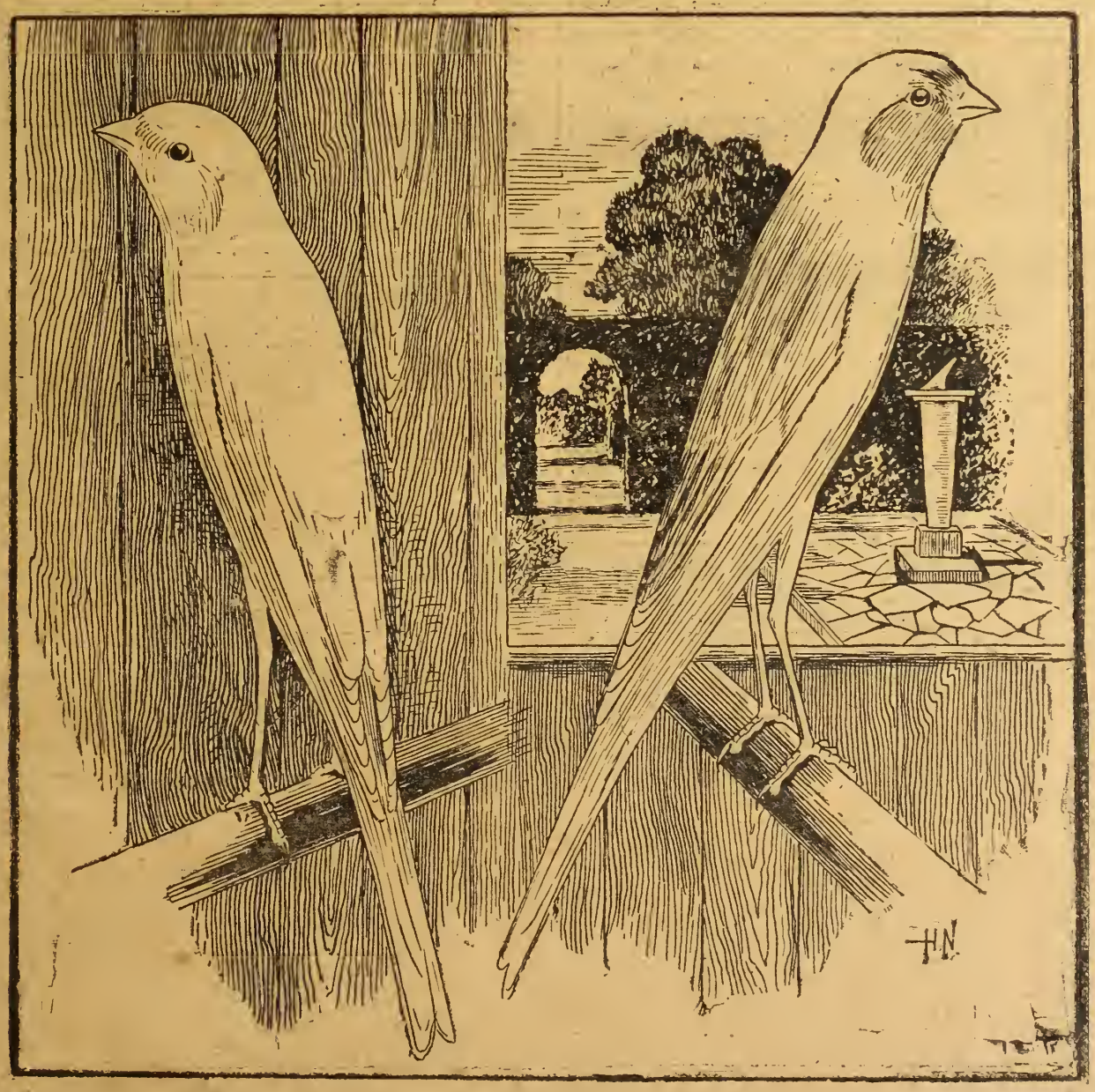

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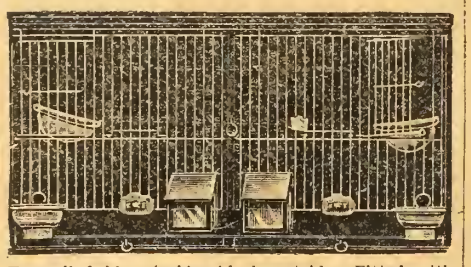

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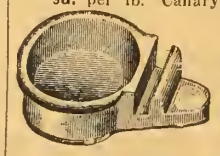

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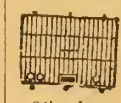

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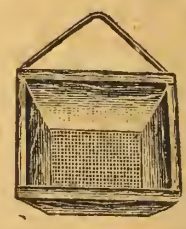

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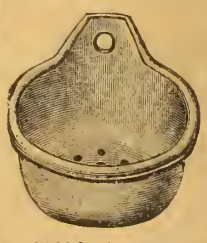

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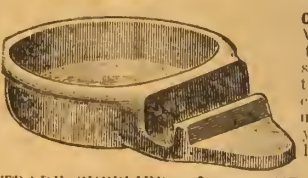

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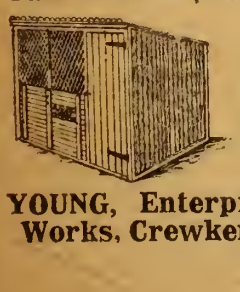

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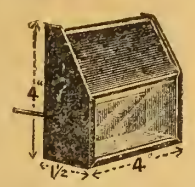

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

SEVERAL large unflighted buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6; few buff hens, 5/-, 6/-; splendid type and quality; cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1489)
AFTER pairing up, have a few unflighted and flighted hens and cocks to part with at reasonable prices: no yellow hens; approval, deposit: A. Crawford, 12, Witton Drive, Glasgow. (1481)
WINNING large framed deep fed buff Norwich cock, won at East London, Leyton, and Bathgate; accept 15/-; great sacrifice, worth treble; approval: Hawkes, 25, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1494)
MISS GWYN has very large clear yellow cock, 17/6, grand stock bird; two pairs, 15/6 each; yellow and buff cocks, 8/- and 10/- upwards; all very cheap to clear: Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (1480)
PRIZE-BRED Nofwich: three buff cocks, one yellow hen, one buff cinnamon cock, breeding condition; cold room bred; approval; cheap to clear; stamp: 34, Wenloch-rd., Simonside, Tyne Docks, Durham. (1484)
MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers three clinking pairs Norwich Plainheads at 4/6; one pair 19/6; don't miss these; fine breeding trim; cold room; also few hens; approval; packed free. (1486)
MR. ECKERSLEY offers two unflighted buff cocks unflighted yellow hen, 6/- each to clear, bred from toppers; big unflighted yellow, grand stock bird, 40/-; bargain: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1488)
SPECIAL, Special, Special, several monster Buff Norwich hens, immense size, make champion rulers, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/6 each, all cold-room bred, satisfaction guaranteed: approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1490)
GRAND clear buff Norwich cock, winner, 17/6; another, grand type, colour, quality, 10/6; variegated yellow ditto, full of colour, right type, 10/6; clear yellow ditto, 9/6; bargains to clear; see appliances: Clarke, Oxford. (1492)
NORWICH Roller cocks, excellent singing strain; my own breeding; every bird on full song, and warranted, 7/6 each; special selected songsters, 10/6, genuine bargains: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1480)
NORWICH to clear half-price; buff cock, yellow hen, 20/-; two good clear yellow cocks, 1912, 1913, 15/- each; two unflighted clear buff cocks, 10/- each; see wins Glasgow, Paisley: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (1484)
SIX clear unflighted buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; six Norwich hens from 2/- to 5/-; good sound birds, cocks on full song, good type; exchange two buff cocks for good unflighted yellow Norwich hen: Joseph Dodd, 7, Vicarage-st., Whitwick, Leicestershire. (1489)
SPECIAL, Special, Special, several very large typical Buff Norwich hens, rare size, type, and quality, suitable for stock or exhibition, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, and 21/- each, all cold-room-bred, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1490)
THREE clear, one variegated buff cock, 6/6 each; one clear yellow, one variegated yellow hen, 3/6 each, 1913; one buff, one yellow variegated hen Norwich-Lancashire for muling, 1912; approval, deposit: Whent, Postmaster, Cambridge Town, Shoeburyness. (1491)
OVERSTOCKED, must sell at reduced price; two clear yellow hens, 6/- each; two foul-marked green buff hens, 5/6 each; three clear buff hens, 5/6 each; one big buff ticked cock, good quality bird, 10/6; variegated yellow cock, big bird, 10/6; all the above are of the best blood: T. Woodall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1493)
MR. C. W. SILK can offer a few of his champion winning Norwich, the best blood in the Fancy:—(1), very large 1912 marked yellow cock, good head and neck, and nice quality, 45/-; (2) grand unflighted clear buff hen, plenty of size and nice head, good quality, 21/-, will make a grand pair; (3) unflighted marked buff, a winner, good head, thick neck, short wings and tail, and nice quality, 15/-; (4) top-top yellow hen, daughter of my winning yellow cock, will make a good mate for No. 3, price 30/-; (5) grand unflighted yellow cock, marked on head and wings, good in all respects, will make a big winner for next season, 45/-, worth £4 in show season; (6) clear yellow, good size, well bred, nice colour and quality, will make a nice stock bird, 20/-; approval willingly: Glenrosa, Emsworth. (1481)
CHAMPION Norwich stock birds; have only a few more left. Don't delay if you want something which must breed exhibition birds. The following birds are correctly described; large means large, etc., etc.: (1) Very fine big yellow cock, extra grand head and neck, a good one, 40/-; (2) good large marked yellow cock, perfect feather, rare head, short wings and tail, 35/-; (3) massive buff hen, grand type, fine substance and colour, this hen is fit to pair with the finest yellow cock you have, 40/-; (4) another next sister to above, looks one wonderful size, only 30/-, a very cheap hen; (5) big fine buff cock, with a proper head on it, grand body, 30/-; (6) unflighted buff cock, can win with another month, only 20/-; (7) extra good yellow hen, regular Norwich, fine head and quality, 15/-; (8) unflighted yellow hen, bred from same parents as my well known unflighted, 15/-, a good genuine Norwich; (9) unflighted buff hen, rare hen, the right sort to get a winner from, 15/-. These birds will be sold to any champion exhibitor with pleasure, and I know they will please the most particular. Norwich with heads without knowing. Fine strain, you know, is the best: approval 5/- for cocks to known fanciers. Note the only address of the greatest Norwich specialist: Judge Silk, Wellington, Salop.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN
Has a large selection of Norwich cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1485)

RETIRING FROM THE FANCY
Norwich, winners and stock birds, cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-; inspection invited: Roberts, 19, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (1403)

NORWICH CANARIES
Cock, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; yellows or buffs: if not suited, money returned: 134, Hayelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

FIRST PRIZE UNFLIGHTED YELLOW
Novice section, was bred from birds supplied by me. I have some typical birds for sale, at reasonable prices; approval; state wants: J. Pitchford, 21, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH
Large, typical cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/- each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Bewsbury. (1488)

EIGHT BUFF NORWICH STOCK COCKS
Marvellous size, good heads, rich salmon colour, and in full song, price 10/6, 12/6 each; two good yellow cocks, 10/6 each; all 1913 bred, six days' approval, cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 471, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1457)

BULLFINCH TYPE
Buff ticked hen, winner two 1sts, 30/-; extra large clear yellow stock cock, 20/-; six fed cocks, full song, 33/-; approval: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (1453)

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Owing to business change must sell the following: Norwich, 1912 clear buff cock, 12/6; clear yellow hen, 8/6; 1913 clear buff hen, 7/6; also typical ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, 15/-; clear yellow, 8/6, fed; the above are bargains, worth double, approval: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1478)

HENS NORWICH HENS
Having paired up, can spare few lovely hens, 5/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; few grand mated pairs, 17/6, 12/6, 15/-; cages, 3d.; breeding condition: honestly worth double; approval; interesting list free: B. Hanford, Derby. (1492)

A RARE CHANCE
Having paired my birds, offer grand buff cock, 1912 bred, fine size, exquisite feather, lovely type, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; splendid stock bird; few short, cobby, neat buff cocks, unflighted, 10/-; approval: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland. (1468)

AT LOW PRICES
for quick sale about a dozen high-class stock birds: Yellow cocks 10/- to 20/-; buff cocks 10/- to 20/-; yellow hens 10/- to 20/-; buff hens from 5/-; all in breeding condition and no faults; stock cages and bird room utensils; inspection invited: J. Almond, 29, North Lonsdale-st., Gorse Hill, Stretford, Manchester. (1487)

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Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains; matched pairs, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; cocks or hens. Yellows or buffs from 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the original testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

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HIGH-CLASS Roller hen, nesting, 3/6; good feeder: Kirton Bland, Hosier, Kirkdale, Sydenham, S.E. (1482)
THREE Roller hens, own breeding, 1913, 2/6 each, or 6/6 lot: Hopkinson, Harness Maker, Newark, Notts. (1488)
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TWO hens, 1913, good strain, own cold-room bred, ready to nest; approval; 3/ each: A. Kimpton, 31, Eldon-rd., Walthamstow. (1488)
SIX nice Seifert Roller hens, 2/6 each; two for 4/6; ready nesting, 12/6 lot: Wright, Ironmonger, Main-on Cross, Monmouth. (1481)
ROLLERS, 1913, four hens, ready for nesting (Fould's strain), cold room bred, 3/- each; bargain: Lakerwood, Ladmills, Mold. (1482)
THREE deep Glucke hens, 1913, breeding condition, 3/6 each, winning strain; approval: Parker, 5, Gladys Road, Bearwood, Birmingham. (1493)
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I have a magnificent collection of pure **SEIFERT ROLLERS,** consisting of 400 cocks, and a large number of hens. These birds have not been picked over. They have come direct from the rooms of some of the best breeders in Germany, and include some exceedingly good birds. They are in full rolling song, with a good variety of tours, and are sure to give complete satisfaction anywhere. Kindly note the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Hens, same pure strain, **2/-, 4/-, 5/-** each. Genuine schoolmasters, specially trained for contest singing, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-** each, upwards. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra in all cases.

I am also offering a limited number of hens bred from some of the best strains in England, at **7/6** and **10/-** each. These are worth treble to any breeder. All B.R.C.C. rung. I invite fanciers requiring Rollers to come and hear these birds, and make their own selection. To those who cannot come I offer to send one or more birds to any address in the Kingdom at my sole risk, on ten days' approval, and undertake to return cash in full, if not absolutely satisfactory. Is it possible to make a fairer offer?

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HIGH-CLASS Rollers, British Roller Club rung; cocks 10/-; hens 3/6; breeding pairs 13/-; breeding cages 1/6; singing cages 1/-: Swift: 56, Potter-st., Workshop. (1479)
SEIFERT Rollers, Bould's strain, cold-room, cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, hens 5/-; related to my winners; approval, deposit: N. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (1489)
NOTICE; grand lot Roller Canaries, full song, day and gaslight, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)
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SEIFERT Rollers, B3 rung, matched pairs 15/-; cocks, winning strain, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6; ready for nesting; only three pairs now for sale: Smith, 11, Disley-st., Sudden, Rochdale (1488)
HIGH-class Glucke and Water-Glucke, 1913 rung, hens, bred from cup and Crystal Palace winners, 5/6 each: money returned if not satisfied: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood. (1452)
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FOR sale, a few good stock birds, 15/- each to clear, hens 5/-; winner of two 1sts, two 2nds, two 3rds, young bird classes, this season; approval, cash or deposit: Morris, 35, Dale-st., Wrexham. (1452)
RANDALL'S pure Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. 1913 rung; hens of this noted strain, guaranteed untried, 5/- each, in forward condition: Hoyle, Kitchen-terrace, Grimsargh, Preston. M.B.R.C.C. (1478)
GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room English bred, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, Roller Breeder, 25, Withington-st., Broadst., Pendleton, Manchester. (1370)
HIGH-CLASS Rollers, pure Seifert and Glucke strain, cold-room bred, perfectly trained cocks, in full song, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each: grand lot of young hens, in perfect condition, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; approval; Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1493)
WATER Glucke Rollers (Randall's-Rochl's contest strain), cold room bred, organ, Schoolmaster trained, 1913 cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; Schoolmasters, 15/-, £1; unflighted hens, 3/6, 5/-; champion breeders; approval, deposit: Evans, 16, Northgate-st., Aberystwyth. (1487)
E. STANTON, Cycle Stores, Alvester, member B.R.C.C., has for sale eight pairs prize strain water glucke Rollers, parents cost £3 pair; sell for 12/6 pair; or nearest offer or the eight pairs, to make room for this season's young: approval, deposit. (1481)
CHAMPION Rollers (Rochl's strain), thoroughly trained, full rolling song, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, for immediate breeding, some already laying, outdoors; inspection invited; also two grand large Siberian Goblies, 8/6, 10/6, genuine cocks, acclimatised; full song: Morris, 8, The Mall, Kensington, London. (1490)
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Largest collection in Europe. Handsomest and best selected in Norwich, Yorkshires, or Goldfinch Mules; my prices are for specially selected and tested personally, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up.; cage, 3d. Week's approval.
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HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS. The finest quality for money in the world. Grand Seifert Trained Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. A grand lot of hens, in excellent breeding condition ,same strain, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, and 5/- each. Pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cages, 3d. Rollers' Cages, together with cabinets, from 4/- each.

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The finest blood in the Fancy, 3/6 each, two 6/6; cocks, 15/-; all 1913 B.R.C.C. rung, and on approval: **Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.**

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I have also supplied birds that have won highest honours for my clients, including winners of this year's Palace show, in very strong classes. I have letters filed here for anyone to see in proof of this; also a large number of letters from fanciers who have bred winners from stock bred and sold by me. These are **FACTS**, needing no comment. They speak for themselves, and they cannot be disputed. I am now offering marvellous value in the following varieties:—

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Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- to 100/- per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain of winners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Grand cobby hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Matched breeding pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/- per pair.

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Grand lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position and in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Effet racy hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Matched breeding pairs, personally selected and ready for immediate breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- per pair. Also a few special pairs bred from open winners and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. I am in a special position to give amateurs a good start with the best blood in the Fancy ,or to supply the old hand with good stock birds, either Cocks or Hens, at a reasonable price.

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DARVEL C.B.C.

Meeting, March 10, Town Hall. Letter read from secretary of Kilmarnock C.B.C. re proposal made at last meeting that a joint competition be held between the two clubs. Committee of four appointed to interview the Kilmarnock Committee, to see what arrangement could be come to. Moved by Mr. J. Brown, sec. by Mr. H. Allan, that we hold a First Feather show in July. This was agreed to. But arrangements for same were left over to be discussed at next meeting. It was left in hands of committee to arrange rambles for summer season. Table show as follows: NOR. PAIRS: 1, Anderson; 2, Hopkins; 3, 4, Allan. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Allan; 4, Nisbet. GOLDIE AND CAN. MULING PAIRS: 1, Hopkins; 2, Allan; 3, Connell. VAR. MULING: 1, Allan; 2, 3, Hopkins. BULLF. HYB.: 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Anderson; 3, Molton. VAR. HYB.: 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Anderson; 3, Hopkins. Mr. J. Johnston, Kilmarnock, judged. At the close of show he gave a short address on Mule Breeding, giving results of his own experiences in this branch of the hobby. Vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Johnston for an entertaining hour. Sec. announced result of table show pts. competition as follows: CAN. SECT.: Mr. H. Allan, with a total of 21 points. BRIT. SECT.: Mr. D. Hopkins, 50 pts. Agreed a meeting be held on Tuesday, Mar. 24, 7.30, to make further arrangements re club's proposed shows. Members requested to turn out in force to this meeting.—J. Robertson, jun., Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Mar. 19, Maskell's Hotel, one of the best attended meetings we have had for years. Sec. reported that Messrs. Vardy and Patrick had accepted judging engagements for the open show. Sec. instructed to write a judge for the Brit. and Mule Sec. Election of officers as follows:—Scrutineers, Messrs. Whetton and Banks; chair, E. Allsopp; vice-chair, E. J. Banks; treas., E. J. Davies; sec. and show manager, E. Thomas; committee, Messrs. James, Ball, Smith, Dugmore, Raymond, Wiseman, Merritt, Pearce, and Whetton. Mr. W. Sampson and Mr. T. Mellmish elected vice-presidents. Auditors, Messrs. Smith and Ball, reported audit of books, and congratulated the soc. on the result of the year's working. Mr. Smith saying he had been auditor for a number of years, and this was the first time we had been able to declare a balance on the right side. He appealed to members to pay up all arrears of contributions. After reading of balance-sheets of the open show and general and cup fund, Mr. Whetton, our late chairman, congratulated the sec. on the result of his labour. Mr. E. J. Banks and others endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Whetton. Balance of £13 5s. 2d. in hand, and cups to the value of £30. Mr. Palmer, 150, Pembroke Road, enrolled. Resolved to hold two young bird shows on June 17 and July 15. Resolved to hold table show of Brit. Hardbills at next monthly meeting. Mr. H. C. Smith will judge. Will members please bring birds with them? No entrance fees. Sp. for most pts., box of chocolates, given by Mr. Ball. Resolved to have questions regarding Canary breeding at next meeting. If any fancier in this district would care to join, I should be pleased to supply him with particulars.—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff, Sec.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Mar. 18. Chair, pres., Mr. H. Milling, J.P., who said it gave him great pleasure to preside. He was pleased with the working of the soc., and thought many of the well-to-do people in Harrogate might be approached with a view to their becoming patrons. Having looked through the report and balance-sheet, he said he must congratulate the soc. in having such an invaluable sec. Balance in hand, £2 15s. 10d., which, considering the receipts for the year are so small, viz., £43 5s., shows we are in a healthy position. Election of officers as follows:—The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., and Lady Dorothy Wood re-elected patron and patroness; Mr. H. Milling, pres.; and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc; committee, Messrs. Brown, Botham, Gill, Ireland, Hamlyn, Long, Leatham, Walker, Veitch; W. E. Fergusson, hon. treas.; and G. H. Barnwell, hon. sec. Vote of thanks to chairman brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, Mr. Brotherton presided over a good muster. Presentation was made to Mr. Foster, host of the "Mail Coach" Inn, of a bird and cage, kindly given by members. Mr. Foster expressed his pleasure at receiving the bird, and hoped the soc. would continue to prosper. Three new members made: Messrs. Dransfield, Clarke, and Allott. Proposed to hold two Nest Feather shows, June 13 and July 11. Points in all shows to count for cup. Also proposed to hold members' show New Year's Day.—J. Taylor, Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High Street, with a large turnout of members. Principal business was selection of judges for annual show. The following gentlemen have accepted: Nor., Mr. W. Grewar, Lochgelly; Bord., J. Dewar, Edinburgh; Brit., Mr. C. Sykes, Musselburgh. Agreed to have usual young bird show, July 4, and Mr. Dewar has kindly consented to place the tickets, several specials being promised for this show. Two new members enrolled, bringing the membership up to double that of last year.—Jas. Stormont, Sec.

BANKFOOT C.B.S.

At a special meeting, March 9, it was finally decided to disband the society. For the past few months meetings have been barely attended, and consequently the work of the Society has fallen on the shoulders of a few willing workers, who have always had its welfare at heart. The last three shows of the season had to be abandoned owing to lack of entries, and no doubt this was due to the majority of the members having sold their stock. Events of financial importance have been allowed to be managed by the few staunch members already referred to, and instead of those events resulting as they have always previously done in financial success, there has been a slight deficit. This has been met by the kindness of Messrs. Mitchell, Wilman, and Hudson. The society started the year with a really fine balance, but this has been depleted owing to cause already alluded to. No doubt now that the Society is disbanded, the worst sufferers will be those who were content to let matters drift, so long as they themselves were put to no inconvenience or expense.—F. Gelder.

PELTON FELL AMALGAMATION.

Meeting, March 14, Mr. W. Forster chair, before a good muster of members. Annual show dates fixed as follows: Chester-le-Street, Nov. 7, or near that date; Birtley Show, Dec. 7, or near; Pelton Fell, Jan. 2. Schedule drawn up giving a classification of 44 classes (5 novice), with the same rules as last year. Fanciers residing within six mile radius invited to join. Sub. 7/6, 1/- entrance fee covering all three societies. Next meeting, March 28, at Station Hotel, Birtley.—R. Ward.

GRAVESEND F.S.

Annual meeting, Bat and Ball Hotel. Balance-sheet, which shows a year's satisfactory working, not so much in regard to a slight balance in hand, as to the payment of outstanding accounts, was passed. To the efforts of the hon. show sec., Mr. A. H. Terry, this is attributed, not omitting the able manner in which the hon. treas., Mr. A. E. Lambert, has handled the treasury. The following were elected to office:—Mr. A. H. Terry, chair; H. C. Martin, vice-chair; A. E. Lambert, hon. treas., this gentleman entering on his fifth year of office; W. J. Greenslade, financial sec., a conspicuous member in this year's election of officers, and ardent supporter; A. Caithness, hon. sec.; T. Johnson, assist. sec., this being a new office on account of the pressure of society business. Hearty vote of thanks to committee and members was passed. Mr. A. H. Terry responded, saying how the society had benefited by so able a leader as Mr. Ibbotson, the ex-chairman. Late officers were all duly thanked. Annual open show date settled for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Secs. kindly note.—A. Caithness.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Annual meeting, Mar. 13, Mr. R. Topping, chair. Three new members elected: Mr. S. C. Crawhall, Mr. E. Kennerson, Sunderland, and Mr. H. Briggs, Bearpark. Balance-sheet read and adopted, showing a small balance in hand. Officers re-elected, and rules were gone into, and an amendment proposed and carried that in future the sec. be called the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club, and that all societies desiring our patronage must give six classes for champ. and two or more for nov., as we wish to encourage novices of this variety in the North if they will only join us. It was recommended to adopt closed rings. Members requiring same can get them from sec. We received an invitation from Newcastle C.B.W. to hold our table shows in conjunction with theirs for coming season. This will come up for discussion at our next meeting. I am still open to receive any subs. up to Aug. towards the cup fund. Please try and help the lovers of the Norwich Plainhead by making a good competition. Annual dinner and prize distribution, "Princess," Bigg Market, Newcastle, April 1; tickets, 2s. Next meeting, April 18.—F. W. Laidlow.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Annual general meeting, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, Mar. 14. Mr. Charles Campbell (pres.), in the chair. Correspondence read from Messrs. McNaughton and Shillinglaw. Financial statement for past year was then submitted by treas., showing £5 19s. 4d. cash balance in hand, this being considered very satisfactory. Balance-sheet was passed unanimously. Gold and silver medals won during past show season were presented to winners by president, recipients receiving the hearty congratulations of their fellow members. A very spirited and interesting discussion took place in regard to club rule 12. Agreed to appoint a special committee, Messrs. Campbell, McLay, Barron, Smart, and Secretary, to revise rules and submit to general committee. A complaint from Mr. Thomson (Broxburn) about not having received schedules of patronage shows, was put to meeting, and sec. was instructed to see that in future each member be supplied with schedule of those shows getting patronage, otherwise support to be withdrawn. Mr. McNaughton proposed that subs. be paid by end of May, and that 1s. entrance fee should be added. The meeting endorsed the suggestion regarding the time limit, but not the entrance fee, the time limit not to be compulsory this year, or till revision of rules is completed. Mr. McNaughton also asked the meeting to consider the advisability of adopting closed rings, but as this matter affected every individual member, it was considered right that a ballot should be taken, secretary being instructed accordingly. Mr. McLaren (representing West Fife "C.B." League) brought to notice of meeting a move which was on foot against the exorbitant railway charges existing, and asking S.C.C.C. for their support. The meeting promised to give every support to the movement. The following were admitted to membership: Messrs. Wm. Scott, Gartsherrie, Coatbridge; Matthew Donaldson, Kilsyth; and Charles Noble, Kilmarnock. Meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to chairman.—John Young, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Extraordinary general meeting, March 11, to reorganise the affairs of the society. Unanimously carried that in future it should be kuown as the Walton and Everton C.B.S., will members please note change of name. Meetings second Wednesday in month at Mission Hall, 3, Priory Grove, Heyworth Street, Everton. In response to a circular sent to all members whose names were on the books (if any member missed will he kindly send his address to the undersigned) fully 60 fanciers turned up to give the society a good send off. Twelve new members were made. The Rt. Hon. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P., has consented to be hon. pres. The new officials are: Chair., M. E. Hilson; vice, J. Holmes; committee, Messrs. Bell, Rothwell, Bush, Brindle, Steinart, Walker, and Handley, Auditors, Wilkins and Metcalf. New rules were drawn up and will be sent to members, with a syllabus of the year's lectures, in due course. A series of rambles in Lancashire and Cheshire will be arranged. For next meeting the committee have been fortunate enough to get the services of that well-known exhibitor, Mr. W. Young (Benson and Young), to open a debate on "Which is the best and most profitable Canary to keep, Green or Clear?" Mr. Young takes the Greens, and one of the greatest authorities in Liverpool is advocating the Clears. It will be a great debate, and we invite all fanciers to attend. A lot of new business was gone into, which will be dealt with by the committee, and brought forward next meeting. A most interesting lecture on "Canary Management" was given by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, who dealt with the pairing up of the birds, detailing all points from the egg to the show bench. A general discussion followed. Numerous specials have been promised for the coming shows.—W. C. Robinson, G. Burns, joint secs., 7 and 9, Gerald Street, Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting March 12, Oldham Hall, Mr. Maxwell in the chair. Seven new members made, and one nominated, Mr. Barker, Wallasey. Decided to have three nest feather night shows, one Saturday afternoon show, one novice night show, and one pair show; all points gained at these shows to count for season specials. There will also be a series of lectures and discussions. Anyone desirous of particulars can have same on applying to Sec. A night show of Brit. was afterwards held, 55 birds being staged, and judged by Messrs. Jones and Carruthers, who gave every satisfaction. Vote of thanks accorded the judges.—J. Lloyd, 33, Briardale Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, Kentish Town, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester, judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

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W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties Cage Birds, Norwich Plainhead Specialist.

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NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Feb. 19, Mr. J. Robinson presided over a very large meeting. The following elected: President, Col. H. M. Wilson, J.P.; vice-pres., A. L. Lees, J. Roy; chair., J. Robinson; sec., J. Davey; assist. sec., A. Colley; treas., W. Whittaker; committee, Messrs. Evans, Slater, Clarke, Dutton, Howarth; auditors, A. Cooper and J. Evans. Decided to have a picnic during the season. Particulars to be announced later. Pair show, Feb. 24, 15 pair of Yorks. and four pairs of Nor., judges, E. Dooley Yorks., and W. N. Turner Nor. Yorks. were especially good, and gave Mr. Dooley a lot of trouble. YORKS.: 1, 4, Howarth; 2, vhc, Evans; 3, c, Slowe; c, Clarke. NOR.: 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Swindells; 4, Jackson. Six members took part in the judging competition which was won by Mr. J. H. Woods. Vote of thanks was proposed to Messrs. Dooley and Turner for their services as judges. March 3, members were given a washing exhibition by Mr. Sam Cook, the well-known Nor. Fancier, who washed four birds, not before they wanted it. Mr. Cook answered various questions about the process. Mr. Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Cook.—J. Davey, hon. sec.

Twitterings.

We hear from Mr. C. Hunt, hon. sec., that the annual open show of the Doncaster C.B.S. has been fixed for Jan. 9.

We hear that Mr. H. J. Chick, Nottingham, will judge at Leicester Nov. 4, Nottingham Nov. 13, and Stoke-on-Trent Nov. 19.

I must compliment you on the sound advice given on front page of CAGE BIRDS, Mar. 14. —J. Steel (Queen's Park).

At Reading C.B.S. pair show, March 4, in Amat. Yorks. Class 1 won 1, 2, vhc, and sp. for most points, writes Sergt. A. Thomas.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S. has decided to hold its open show Oct. 17, writes Mr. Wm. Waraker, sec. Will secretaries and others, to avoid clashing, please note.

At a meeting of the Selkirkshire O.F.A., March 12, writes Mr. J. Robertson, sec., the date of annual open show was fixed for October 31.

We hear from Mr. J. G. Royce, hon. sec., that Messrs. T. Heath, W. Yardy and H. J. Chick will judge at the show of the Nottingham and Notts O.S., Nov. 13-14.

The open show of the Southampton C.B.S. has been fixed for Dec. 2 and 3, Mr. H. Norman judge, writes Mr. W. L. Page, hon. sec. Will secretaries in the south with dates not yet fixed kindly note to avoid clashing?

We have received manual of The North London C.B.A. for 1914. It is full of useful information, including list of fixtures, particulars of cups and trophies and members' names and addresses.

Mr. Bagnell has kindly consented to give our members a lecture on "Canary Breeding and Management," on March 28, at the Mail Coach Inn, writes Mr. J. Taylor, sec. Rotherham C.B.S. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.

We are holding a series of lectures, etc., monthly, writes Mr. Jas. Hulton, sec. Middleton C.B.S. The first is on the Norwich Plainhead Canary on March 30, by Mr. Sharples of Oldham. We shall be pleased to see other fanciers and friends among us.

I was very pleased to see my Marsh Troupial pictured on CAGE BIRDS front page, writes Miss A. B. Smyth. It is a most lifelike drawing and shows the character of the bird exceedingly well. It was 1st Palace, not 2nd.

Allow me to say how delighted I am with the coloured plate of Borders which appears in your "Hardy Annual" (excuse the joke, but I think it is quite in keeping). Every lover of the "Wee Gems" should not miss the opportunity of getting a copy of CAGE BIRDS 1914 Annual before it is too late.—Wm. Hornby (Leeds).

The Canary's Canine Friend.

A curious friendship has sprung up between two Canaries and a rough haired terrier belonging to Mr. J. Webber, Newcastle. The Canaries perch upon the dog and often peck it, but the animal takes it all in good part.

Progress at Inverness.

We have not paired up yet, as the weather keeps so cold, writes Mr. E. Harcombe (Inverness), but we are hoping, with good weather and the help of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, to have a successful breeding season.

Winners Change Hands.

I have sold my champion Goldfinch Bull finch Hybrid (The Monarch) for a big price to Mr. S. R. Oldham, of Manchester, also my champion winning Linnet to Dr. M. A. Wilson, of Pannal, near Harrogate, for a big price. I hope they will be successful with them.—T. H. Inman (Bradford).

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But when I mad loud shrills a tune
To waken me.

E. G.

Champions Old and New.

A collection recently acquired by the Liverpool Museum, and now placed on exhibition, should prove of great interest not only to the local fancier, but to everyone owning a Canary or Mule. Here are shown some of the finest example of the graceful Yorkshire, the high coloured Norwich, and the compact Border birds of position, the Belgian and Scotch Fancy. The collection also contains some past champions of the local Fancy, the Liverpool Green Canary, and in the Hybrid section are birds that as local champions brought fame to their owners. A very interesting feature of the exhibition is the arrangement which illustrates the way in which special "fancies" have been produced by blending others, and that all the varieties have been originally bred by selection from the wild Canary. (Liverpool Evening Express.)

WHERE TO ADVERTISE.

"Please thank all those that answered my advert. in CAGE BIRDS. I had 11 replies on the day after paper came out, and they still keep coming every post. Wishing CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves."—J. KING (Grantham).

"Would you thank all those that answered my small advertisement last week. I got so many letters that I was unable to answer them all, but I have sent back all postal Orders. Birds were sold on the Saturday."—R. MACKENZIE (Kinghorn).

"I sold the whole of my Norwich to one fancier and have answered all letters with stamps enclosed. Others too numerous. My best thanks to them all for their response to my CAGE BIRDS advert."—H. GOODLAND (Bournemouth).

"I was told CAGE BIRDS was the best paper to advertise in by my cousin, Mr. Acton, Caversham, who is a fancier and a subscriber to your paper for I don't know how long."—ALICE WISE (Wanstead).

"Kindly thank through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, all those who replied to my advert. re Roller Cock and Shutter Cage exchange. I have had offers from all parts of the United Kingdom, and have made a suitable exchange."—J. WATSON (Hexham).

"I thank you for introducing your Paper to me. I could have sold a dozen dogs through it, if I had them to dispose of, and I shall certainly use CAGE BIRDS whenever I have occasion as I consider it a very good medium, and your terms are MOST FAIR."—T. B. BROAD (Ilkeston).

"Cage Birds Annual" received, and I am highly pleased with it. Another feather in your cap. No fancier should be without one; it's well worth the money.—W. Connelly (Glasgow).

Your 40-page Palace Show number was a marvellously cheap twopennyworth. The coloured plate of the Goldfinch Bullfinch hybrid is exceedingly well executed, and is worthy a place in every fancier's room. Please accept my best wishes for the continued success of CAGE BIRDS, which is indispensable to the fancier.—J. B. Waterman (Dulwich).

Kindly accept my very best thanks for cheque, value £3 10s., prizes won under your Coupon Scheme at the Crystal Palace. I have been connected with, and an exhibitor of, Canaries for twenty-seven years, and I must say your Coupon Scheme has fairly topped anything previously attempted in the way of cash prizes, and the enterprise shown by CAGE BIRDS in offering such handsome cash prizes is sure to reap its reward. Independent of the three £10 10s. prizes, I think the twelve cash prizes of £3 each, or I should say £6 10s. in each class, established a record, which will be hard to beat. The very pretty hand-painted Diploma of Honour, which also arrived quite safely to-day, I am delighted with. It is most beautifully finished off, and quite a work of art, and I shall prize it very much indeed. Again thanking you, and wishing good old CAGE BIRDS the best of luck.—F. J. Green (Lowestoft).

East Ham C.B.S. Starting in Force.

I have much pleasure in submitting a few particulars of what the members of the East Ham C.B.S. are doing as regards breeding this year, writes Mr. F. Onslow, sec.:—Mrs. Ballard, 28 pairs Norwich and Yorks; Messrs. Parker, 30 to 40 Yorks; Farmer, 16 ditto; Pask and Webb, 30 Yorks and Mules; Potten, 28 Borders; Onslow, 10 ditto; Kybert, 8 Borders, Greens; H. R. Hammonds, 5 Borders, Cinnamons; Daw, 3 Borders; Stevens, 6 Borders, 12 Yorks; Bennett, 20 Yorks; Burrows, 7 Norwich; Wilkins and Son, 16 Yorks; Ferris, 8 Norwich; Wells, 3 ditto; Taylor, 12 ditto; Major, 10 ditto; Perry, 8 ditto; Fox, 20 Yorks; Baxter, 12 ditto. We have secured the Town Hall for annual show, Oct. 31, and several new members have joined since handbook was printed.

A Redpoll's Wonderful Record.

I was more than surprised when receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS on Friday last, writes Mr. R. T. Campbell, Dunfermline, to see portrayed in life-like accuracy my winning Mealy Redpoll. As your footnote says, this bird has had a wonderful winning record during the last three years, and when we consider that he was competing along with those two wonderful Twites of Messrs. Sykes and McQuisten his wins were all the more creditable. Not until last Saturday at Bathgate was he ever led by another Mealy Redpoll, but he has stood second to either the one or the other of the aforementioned Twites at Palace 1913, Kirkcaldy 1912-13, Lochgelly 1912-13, Coaltown of Wemyss 1912-13, Bathgate, Buckhaven, Dysart, Kelty 1913. He stood first Dunfermline 1913-14, Dunfermline and Dis. 1911-12 (second in 1913), and Bowhill 1913. He has also carried a long list of specials, twice taking special for best British. I compliment your artist on his work, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I am engaged to judge the Crest section at the Scottish National on Dec. 31, writes Mr. J. Brotherton.

Mr. J. Walsh, bird specialist, Blackburn, has been engaged to judge British and Hybrids at Cardiff open show, Nov. 18.

In Mr. Collingbourne's (East Sheen) advt. on page 276, in our last issue, the words "Winning Scarlet Madagascar won Palace" should read "Winning Scarlet Madagascar, win Palace."

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. Clempson, Hurley.

It is with regret that I have to write of the death of Mr. Jack Clempson, of Hurley, of Wells and Clempson, who passed away on March 17, after an illness of three weeks' duration, at 39 years of age. It is sad to think he has gone from amongst us, as Jack was ever to the fore where his hobby was at interest. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. Fanciers' sympathy will go out to Mrs. Clempson in her bereavement, as no one who came into contact with her could help but admire her love for the birds, but now she will have to part with them. Fanciers will find the stock advertised in CAGE BIRDS. The funeral, which took place March 23, was attended by Mr. W. Wells, his partner, who is very much cut up, and has taken it very much to heart. Mr. J. H. Jones, sec., represented City of Birmingham Society; West Bromwich was represented by myself. I hope fanciers who require stock will write Mr. Wells; it will help the widow.—W. G. Andrews.

Mr. John Davison.

With the deepest regret, writes Mr. G. T. Lynn, sec. Dubmire Workmen's Club, I have to inform you of the death of Mr. John Davison, Free Gardeners' Arms, Colliery Row, Fence Houses, on March 15, at the age of 49 years. He was president of our C.B.S., also an expert judge, and he was much respected by all fanciers in the district. The members express their heartfelt sympathy with his wife in her sad bereavement.

SENSATIONAL RECOVERY OF MISSING NORWICH FROM GLASGOW SHOW.

This case was heard in the Sheriff's Court, Glasgow, Mar. 18. Mr. W. Hutchison, sec. of Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., and of West of Scotland N. and B.F.C., M.B., and F.B.C., deponed that the former show was held Nov. 21st and 22nd, 1913. On the opening morning, about 8 o'clock, Mr. W. Griffiths, Springburn, Glasgow, offered his services, which were accepted. When the judge was making his awards it was discovered that one of Mr. D. Noble's birds was missing (a buff Norwich). A search was made for the bird, after which the case was found, inside of which was the voucher bearing the signature of the officials who had unpacked the box. The voucher was handed to his lordship, who examined it, and found it as stated. On the following Saturday, Mr. Noble paid a visit to the West of Scotland show, where he spotted his missing bird in the unflighted buff class. He therefore informed the secretary (the witness) that his missing buff cock was in the above class. Witness asked if there was any mark or marks by which he could identify the bird. The bird, it was stated, had been rung with a closed ring, but this had been removed, and the bird was lame as a result of tampering with the leg. The bird appeared a clear buff to the casual observer, but Mr. Noble explained that if the bird was handled and examined, a dark feather would be discovered on the shoulder. Witness then invited some of the Glasgow and Dist. committee, who were at the show, to attend at the examination of the bird, which was found to be marked exactly as Mr. Noble had said.

The detectives who had charge of the case also bore witness, and had Mr. Griffiths called in to make an explanation for himself, but as he had temporarily lost his voice, he could only answer by writing on paper. Mr. Griffiths' agent thought the mark mentioned as being on the bird would be a private mark, but Mr. Hutchison said it was a natural mark, and one which would be very hard to find similarly placed on another bird. Mr. Noble was then placed in the witness box, and stated that the bird in question was hatched in the month of May, 1913, and he rung it with a closed ring. It was shown at the City of Glasgow, where it was 3rd, and later, 2nd Kirkcaldy, 3rd Kelty, 1st Galashiels.

Councillor Gardener, Newtongrange, spoke to seeing the bird in Mr. Noble's house, and saw it with the ring on, and also the aforementioned mark on the shoulders of the bird when it was moulting; he was perfectly certain that the bird in question belonged to Mr. Noble. Mr. Noble's brother was then put into the witness box; he had examined the bird in court, and had not the slightest doubt that the bird was the property of his brother, because he had often told him that he did not care for it, as it was too long behind and a bit weak in head points. Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, said he had been a lifelong fancier; he had no trouble in recognising the bird, as he had judged it at the City Show, where he had awarded it 3rd, and was afterwards called in question for putting in a bird that was weak in head, but Mr. Chalmers maintained that it was good otherwise, and that one must allow a little. Mr. E. Barron stated that he and Mr. Matthew Craig had examined the bird very carefully under a glass, and found a mark on the leg just above the foot, which looked as if the ring had not been removed. Asked if he thought that the bird had been washed, he was certain that the bird had been washed, as Glasgow fanciers could not win unless they did wash. Mr. J. F. Park, president of the Glasgow and Dist., was next called into the witness box, and was being sworn, when Mr. Griffiths' agent asked leave to retire, that he might have a consultation with his client, and returning shortly afterwards, squashed the case, whereupon his lordship granted decree with expenses against defender, his agent asking that his client get plenty of time to pay up. Mr. D. Cook defended for Griffiths, while Mr. Strang, of Messrs. Miller and Strang, acted for Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona fide* one.

England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.W.M.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Hollywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., H.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).** (J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.** (T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. E. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.H., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Sing, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 59, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 406, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L. Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Boyce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Hayver, 1, Theresa St.).

Nov. 14.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.U.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Ellingham St.)

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.).

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 61, Napier Rd.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.)

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).** (J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 18, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smythe, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.)

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MODERN CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS FOR THE NOVICE.

By THOMAS LANE (Barnstaple).

(Continued from page 283.)

SHE was not an old-age pensioner, but a bird of the current year. I took a nest from them; the hen hatched and reared two youngsters, a cock and a hen, both Plainheads. The hen was very dense in feather all over, but a bit short at the entrance; the young Plainhead cock was the better bird of the two. He had all the characteristics of a real good Crest-bred. His head feather was not only wonderfully dense, but well over the beak end. Unfortunately this bird hurt his hind claws, so I retained neither him nor the hen for breeding purposes, although, had he been all right I believe there would have been good possibilities in him.

The Feeding and Management.

The next step will be the feeding and general management of the birds. I am no faddist as concerns the feeding of my stock. I like the seed to be of the best quality procurable. Spanish seed should be short, full, and plump—not dull-looking. There should be something for the birds to eat, which there cannot be when the stuff is nearly all husk, as is the case with most of the cheap sorts. The German rape seed should be clean and bright, and of a reddish appearance, not blue-black and dull as many samples are. The hemp should be the best Dutch, and grey in appearance.

I may say that I am not a great advocate of hemp. This may be hard on the Dutchman, but I cannot help it. True, I use it during the breeding season, during the moult, and in very cold weather (my bird-room being a cold one), but in very small quantities. I find that many other breeders think with me that hemp seed does not agree with young Crests. They are all very fond of it though, and some feeding hens will not feed unless they have it *ad lib.* Linseed, maw seed, and niger or inga seed should look clean and bright, and be free from dust.

I make a practice every other day of blowing the seed husk from the hoppers, and twice a week I empty the latter of all seed and put into a sieve, which is made of perforated zinc, 12ins. by 8ins., nailed to a wooden frame 1½ins. deep. After thoroughly sifting the seed and getting rid of the dust, I blow away the husks that remain on top, returning the clean seed together with fresh to the hoppers after they have been cleaned out.

Rough on the Red Mite.

This is important if you wish to keep the red mite—that bug-bear of the fancier—in check. It is wonderful how they multiply if left to their own sweet will. In the hoppers they appear to be in the seventh heaven of delight! A very good plan is to wash your seed hopper in very hot water, to which has been added a few drops of Jeyes' fluid; this should be done every fortnight during the hot weather.

Do not forget to wash the perches as well. You will find that this will greatly reduce the pest. I should also mention that I sprinkle Keating's Insect Powder on the cage bottom, i.e., under the sand trays. I like all my cages to be fitted with sand-trays, as these can be drawn out and given a good scrub at the same time as the weekly wash. This is done by my wife, who takes the keenest interest in the birds, not only attending to their daily wants and hygiene, but also to their toilet for the shows. I say this, as credit should be given where it is due.

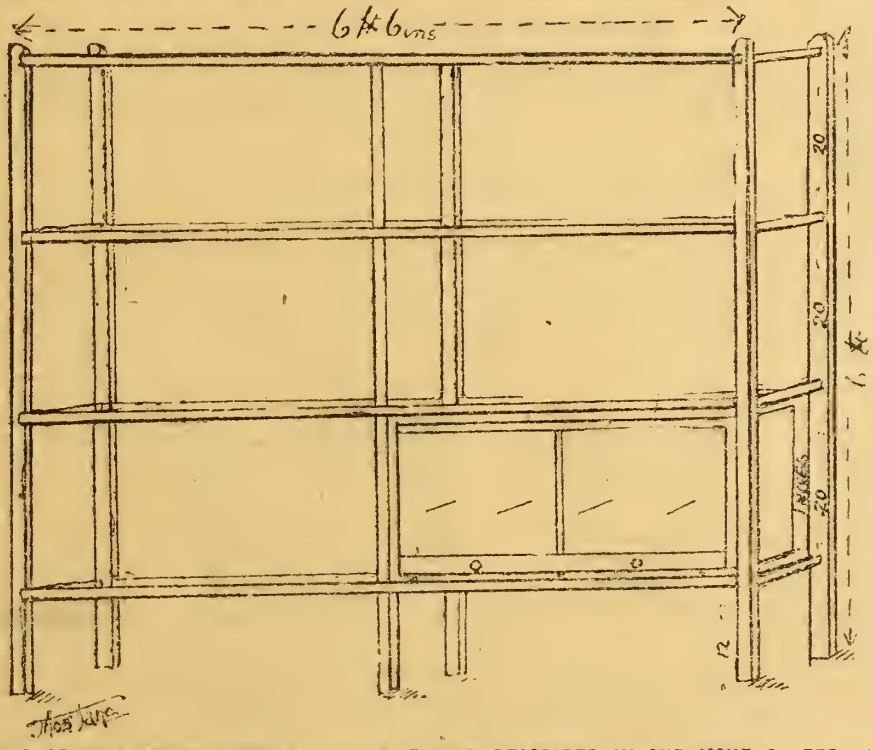
Keep the Drinkers Clean.

Another item which should not be forgotten is that of the drinkers. They should be washed out twice a week in hot water and soda, and be well rinsed. They should also be emptied and refilled every morning, and during the hot weather twice a day. This will repay you—if you doubt it, watch your birds and see. You should also make use of the bath. Hung up in the morning on a suitable day, it will do them good. I do not advise the use of the bath in the latter part of the day, as the birds have not time to get thoroughly dry before going to roost, and are liable to catch cold if their feathers are damp at roosting time.

Pairing the Birds.

In the beginning of February I take the hens from the flights and put them into the breeding cages, separating them from the cocks by a wooden slide. Towards the middle of March I withdraw the wood slide and replace it with an all-wire one. This will get them accustomed to one another, and will stop a great deal of the fighting which is likely to take place if this plan is not adopted.

In the meantime they should have been got into breeding condition, or what fanciers term, fed up. My method of feeding for this purpose is as follows. During the winter months I give my birds as a staple food the best Spanish canary seed, and twice a week mixed seed composed of rape, maw, linseed, groats, and a little hemp, if the weather be cold. These mixed seeds should always be given in a separate vessel, otherwise you will encourage your birds to scatter them all over the place in their endeavour to find the dainties they like best.



THE CAGE RACK RECOMMENDED BY MR. LANE, AND DESCRIBED IN OUR ISSUE OF FEB. 14.

Good and Bad Dandelion.

Twice weekly I give a piece of sweet apple, and once a week egg-food consisting of hard boiled egg and stale bread crumbs, or a little milk sop. In the beginning of March I give egg-food twice a week, and to the cocks young dandelion leaves, not forgetting just a pinch for the hens to make them "come to" as the saying is. The young dandelion leaves should be of the colour of lettuces, and should be picked from the middle of the hedgerows in back lanes away from the dust. Avoid dark, coarse leaves growing under walls; such leaves are rank and poisonous, and should not be used.

The Claws and Crest.

In the beginning of April I trim the bird's claws, to prevent egg puncture, and cut away vent feather to ensure coition, likewise cutting the crest close to the head. This allows the birds to see better. If the weather be favourable, and the birds are ready, I pull out the slide, after having noticed the cocks feeding the hens through the wires. The novice should be able to judge the right moment by the wing-flapping of the hens and shrill whistling of the cocks.

(To be continued.)

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A FEW "STRAIGHT TIPS" BY M. E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

(Continued from page 283.)

HE tarries; with what result? During the time he has lingered in the House of Destruction we have succeeded, in too many instances, in deadening his perception, his moral tone has been impaired, and altogether the long rest and free indulgence in the good things provided have not fitted him for the real journey ahead. Only when he has been kicked over the fence to continue his journey does the pilgrim realise that it is a long and arduous one, and that sooner or later he must do battle with the giants. After a feeble endeavour to meet the real issues, he then with a sigh sinks into oblivion!

It must be patent to anyone in the Fancy that amongst the annual crop of novices there are many who are not fitted to do the journey. As far as we are concerned, they are the weeds: just the sort that the old breeder, in going through his stock, twists the necks of, with a contemptuous sniff, for coming along and disgracing his stock. Of course, we must not take such drastic measures with novices. As far as I can see, however, there is no reason why you should not tell them plainly, even brutally, that they have set out on no fool's errand, and that they must rely upon their own strength and ability to overcome all obstacles if they are to at last rest in the lap of the goddess who waits to caress the successful fancier.

Drastic, but Effective.

'Tis true that very few may reach the goal of their ambition, the rough wind encountered on the way blowing away a lot of dust, chaff and parasites. And, say I, a good job too, for instead of indulging in so much sickly sentiment and spending so much time, money and thought in trying to determine what should be mixed with the milk and water in the feeding bottle which is stuck into the mouths of a lot of sickly squalling novices, better by half be merciful and allow them to shift for themselves. Sweep away the whole machinery which professes to guard and help the novice, and what will happen? Well, you will have remaining a better and more solid fabric than is in evidence to-day; more solid bricks, held together with some really good solid mortar, a smaller edifice, it is true, but one in which you may put your trust.

It's Dogged that Does It.

How can the beginner measure his real position or strength, so long as he is content to remain in the novice section, where everything is much of a muchness? Contrast him with the novice who scorns the good things prepared for him, and who plods and plods, almost silently and unseen. With pride and care he tends his birds, each season marking some little progress, and should he dwell in or south of London, views with eagerness the day when he will test his strength in a small way, with Collings, of Devonport; Spillman and Gill, and Pethick and others of that ilk down Plymouth way; Baker, of Cowes; Houghton, of Gloucester; Redwood, of Newton Abbot; Hodder, of London; Rippon, of Chelmsford, and others worthy of his steel. He puts his strength against these stalwarts in due season, and upon each occasion something has been attempted and something done, even though his birds are still cardless. But some day these stalwarts must squeeze up and make room for another who is worthy to stand amongst them, one who has not turned to rest or imbibe at the Half Way House.

The Value of Roughing it.

I declare, after due deliberation, that the pampering of our novices has wrought much evil and mischief. Many promising beginners, those inclined to vacillate a little, have had false hopes raised, and I maintain that a frequent cause of non success is the fact that the beginner has failed to keep ever before him the fact that he has embarked upon a serious mission when he enters the Fancy with the idea of climbing. 'Tis far better to teach him as I have been taught, since I left my father's roof at 21, to go battle with life, and all it may hold, with nothing better than a trade to pursue, a tin trunk containing odds and ends representing my personal estate, a head always a wee bit smaller than my hat, but also full of odds and ends, with less than 20s. in my pocket and nothing in the bank, but enjoying a fair measure of health and strength. I can now review, after endeavouring for some few years to steer a fairly smooth course for myself, and, later for my wife and children, that Dame Fortune has both caressed and kicked me. Needless to say I have much appreciated the caresses, and can do with some more any time she is passing. Regarding the kicks, well, to be candid about it, though I still have a tender spot or so, I am nevertheless grateful for those she has administered, for have they not been the kicks of actual experience, which are freely dealt out for our ultimate good. Yet we wrap the miserable carcases of our novices in cotton wool. They are so precious, and difficult to rear, a little bump might break them! When I read the various reports, setting forth what is going to be done for the novice, I always feel that I should like to bag every committee sitting in solemn conclave, and arraign them before some fearful tribunal for being found upon the premises conspiring with evil intent. Just what the sentence ought to be when found guilty I cannot say, other than that it should be short and merciful.

The Best will Reach the Top.

Remember, I refer to this matter in a broad sense. I do not desire to wound the feelings of anyone. I readily agree that there are some fanciers who have climbed to success even by way of novice classes, and could mention the names of several, but let us have no ambiguity, for I say, "Yes, and the same fanciers would still have climbed to the top without novice classes!" They tarried no longer than they could help, glad to shake off the attractions held out and proceed upon their journey, which, to them, has only one end, that of success.

You may fling at me mountains of eloquent forceful language in defence of the novice, and I will retaliate by hurling at you one by one the names of the stalwarts of the breed who have scorned to enter the Half-Way House, and who, if about to set out again in the Fancy, would still scorn to do so. Remember, what they have accomplished you also may do, and perhaps better. These are irrefutable statements which I will bang on the counter because they cannot fail me. They have the genuine ring and are not spurious. No mercy have I for the weed, the parasite, he who dreads his entry into open competition, and who has only a lust for what he can grab easily; he who toils not nor spins.

In this way I could continue, but enough! Suffice it to say that whilst there is nothing I would not do within my power to render some little help if needed to the genuine novice, whom it is a pleasure to help, on the other hand for the weed I have nothing better than a good honest pair of winter boots, which I can guarantee possess other qualities than those the makers put forth, and which I should like to put to the test. If one of the milk-and-water breed of novices will only come forth, I am sure I could put into one hearty kick the pent-up feelings that I have had bottled up for years regarding this burning question, and which would ensure at least one black sheep being cast either into outer darkness, or landed bang amongst those champions he fears, who would perhaps mercifully finish him.

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BIRD-ROOM APPLIANCES EXPLAINED.

By H. NORMAN (Carshalton).

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FIGS. 17 and 18 show two types of egg-drawers, one of which, as everyone knows, should be fitted to all breeding cages, and, in the case of double and three-compartment cages, one to each compartment. The form of drawer is much a matter of individual choice; they are all useful, but in selecting one should see that the interior corners are nicely rounded, which facilitates the cleaning, and there is then much less likelihood of a small quantity of egg-food being left behind to become unfit for food, and quickly to contaminate the remainder.

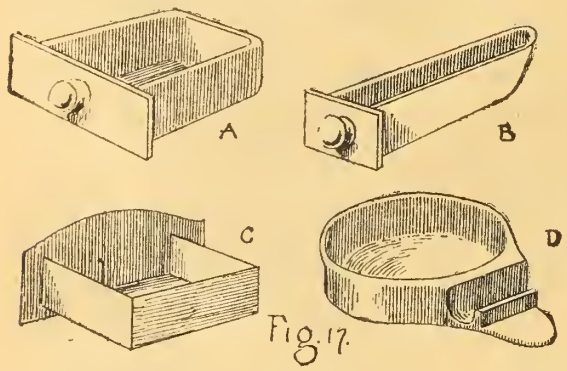


Fig. 17.

When I first took up the breeding of Canaries the only receptacle obtainable for giving the birds egg-food was one made entirely of tin or zinc, as depicted at C, Fig. 17. In the use of this, one required to be very careful; cleanliness was a matter of necessity or the young died off like flies. What with bad cages and worse fittings, the hobby in those days was carried on in a way that needed hard work and careful management to reap a modicum of success. Now it is otherwise, everything is made in the best possible manner, with thought for the welfare of the birds, and saving of labour to the Fancier.

Fig. 17A shows the form of glazed pan mostly in use, the best of them are beautifully made and glazed and fit for any purpose; they are usually fitted to the front part of the cage, a slot being cut in the woodwork for their reception; one should see that they fit nicely, are interchangable with others, and are easily removed, so that the brooding hen is not disturbed when giving her fresh food.

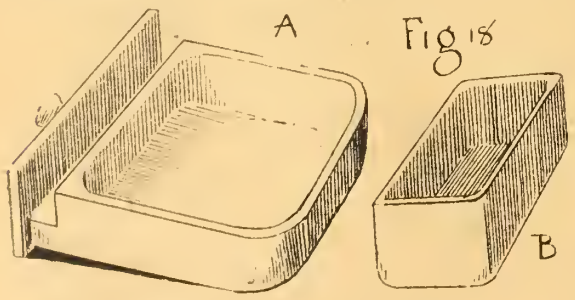
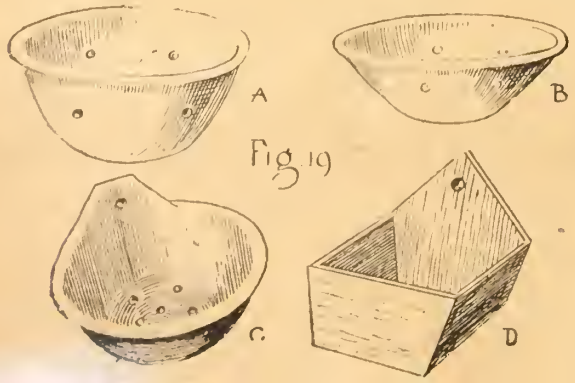


Fig 18

B is quite a small affair, and is mostly used for a single bird, either for giving just a little food or a pinch of choice seed. D and the one depicted at Fig. 18A are pans constructed on the same principle, but of different shapes. To make use of these one does not need a slot in the front of the cage, the door is slightly raised and the pan put in place, the door is then allowed to fall into the slot shown in the drawing, and this keeps the pan rigid and prevents it falling either into the cage or upon the floor of the bird room. Fig. 18B is a small oblong dish often used in flights or single bird cages, it is made in the same material, and those of the best quality are nicely rounded inside.

A group of nest pans is depicted in Fig. 19. Although to all appearance anything is good enough for a Canary to rest in, it is not so if one wishes to get the best possible results, and when dealing with high-class stock we must not neglect any matter that is likely to increase our success.



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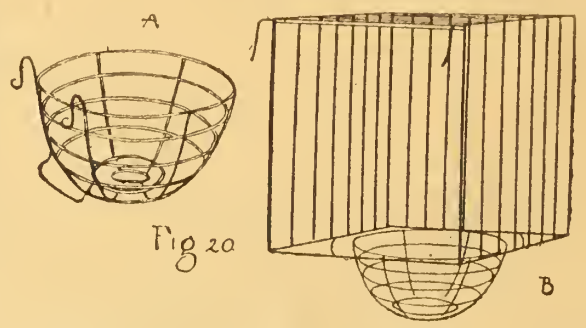

Fig 20

During the last year or two a nest pan has found its way upon the market something after the style of the one at Fig. 19A, but somewhat less wide at the rim. I consider this pan too deep and narrow for general use. Until the young ones are nearly ready to leave the nest they are unable to reach over the top, and the excrement falls back into the nest, thus fouling it, and if dirt is allowed to accumulate it will soon prevent the brood making progress, and possibly be the cause of the hen refusing to feed, so that in using too deep a nest pan one runs the risk of losing a valuable lot of birds.

If these deep nests are used they should be well packed with building material so as to raise the clutch halfway up the interior, and even then it would be as well to change the young ones to a more shallow pan as at B. when a few days old. The shallow pans have another advantage, that is, hens are less liable to sweat the young, which by a slight effort can put their heads out from under her and thus admit fresh air.

These two types of pans are generally hung up at the back of the cage by means of a wire hanger, mostly sold with them. One should see that these hangers are constructed of good stout wire to ensure firmness. The nest pan C needs no such contrivance as it is made to hang upon an ordinary nail. These pans are made rather deep, with ventilation holes in the bottom.

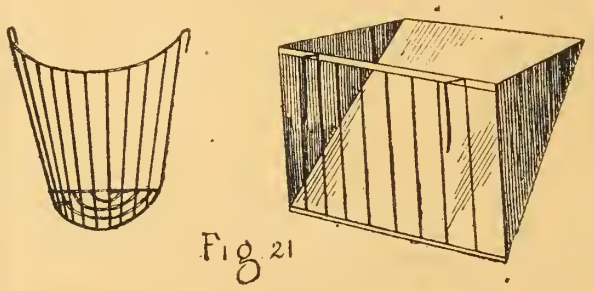
Fig 21

The old wooden nest boxes are still in use, some fanciers preferring them, especially for the early nests, as they consider them warmer than the terra cotta ones. Boxes similar to the one depicted at D can be purchased at most up-to-date dealers, the bottom is covered with perforated zinc and is somewhat smaller than the top. They are certainly very warm, as the birds usually carry a considerable quantity of building material into them for lining the interior. Unfortunately insects breed very rapidly in them.

Our list of nest arrangements would hardly be complete if we did not mention those made of wire and other materials mostly used by Roller Canary fanciers. Ordinary fanciers seldom make use of any of these, although the one of a similar shape to B, Fig. 20, but generally made entirely of wood, was at one time in use by breeders of Scotch Fancies in the North. This wire nest is now fixed to some of the all-wire cages of German construction, and finds favour with some on account of its freedom from red mite. The wire nest, shown at A, Fig. 20, can be hung at any part of the cage, and if a little nesting material or felt lining is placed in it the birds take to it quite naturally.

Following on the nest pans come the receptacles for holding the nesting material (Fig. 21). These are not absolutely indispensable but give a neatness to the arrangements in a room and prevent litter. One, it will be seen, is constructed entirely of wire, and the other of wire and metal combined. They are used not only for nesting material but are useful for holding green-food in the summer months, and apple during the winter. They are made to hang on the outside of the front of the cage, and are then easily filled by the attendant.

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DRY HEAT FOR AILING BIRDS.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

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I MUST mention that my friend, Mr. H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., has several times advised dry heat in the post-mortem reports in "Bird Notes," especially as a remedy for egg-binding, and I think he is the first to have done so in the public Press. He kindly permits me to quote him here.

"The cause of death was the so-called egg-binding (this closely resembles the uterine inertia of mammals), which is very common during the chilly, but not intensely cold, weather. When it occurs, place the bird in a metal cage, which should be covered with a piece of flannel, so that the bird can get a little air, and place it in immediate contact with a hot-water radiator, or even a boiler. If the bird is not too far gone before this is adopted, it generally relieves the creature, if not of the egg, of its suffering. I have left birds at night time in contact with the radiator, quite expecting to find them dead in the morning, but to my surprise found them all right, quite lively on the perch. In a few instances, although the bird seemed relieved of its suffering, it has not passed its egg until two or three days later. The so-called egg-binding is due to a muscular spasm of the oviduct, and not to the egg itself; the so-called lack of lime in the food plays no part in its causation. The usual method of steaming acts not by the moisture, but by the heat given off by the water. The normal temperature of birds being usually very high (106-110 degrees Fahr.) is the reason they can stand a very high artificial temperature. The smaller the birds, the higher the temperature, e.g., Swallow 112 degrees Fahr.; some water birds have a temperature as low as 100-102 degrees Fahr.; the Ostrich's temperature is 98 degrees Fahr. I have seen birds collapsed by the cold when first put out in the aviary, recover entirely after being wrapped in flannel and placed in the oven with the door left open."

Nearly the whole of the above appeared in "Bird Notes" for March, 1912, and I am much indebted to Mr. Gray for allowing me to quote.

(*To be continued.*)

Nestlings, Food & Feeders

A lecture given to the members of Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S. by J. Steel (Dalkeith).

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I HAVE noticed that many breeders discontinue the egg food at too early a stage, and in types in which size is a desideratum I am sure this too sudden deprivation acts as a check on development, indeed, a similar method is adopted to stunt the growth of certain species of fowls and dogs in which lack of size is essential. As a green food I find the best results with tender dandelion leaves, but entirely discard these whenever the ripe seed heads of that plant are procurable, which I supply ad lib., and which I know to contain a large amount of nutriment in a very assimilative form, inasmuch as I have noticed that the first broods of the Greenfinch are reared almost exclusively on these, and I have repeatedly substituted Canaries and had them reared by the Finches.

In preparing the egg food care should be taken to thoroughly mix the crushed biscuit and egg, and I am indebted to Mr. Grewar, of Lochgelly, for explaining the best method of incorporating the materials in a manner which ensures its entire consumption, as most hens have a habit of picking out all the particles of egg and leaving the remainder. Mr. Grewar uses sponge biscuits, and by the careful use of a wooden pestle makes one of the finest samples of food I have seen; the light rubbing of the ingredients being entirely preventive of the stodginess which prevails in some samples I have seen.

I never deprive weaning youngsters of a continual supply of fresh water, but on the least sign of softness I isolate the affected bird and by observation of droppings and colour of abdomen endeavour to diagnose its trouble. If undue relaxation (scour) is evident I supply scalded milk sop, or egg food made sloppy by the addition of milk of magnesia.

Wild Seeds Good for Nestlings.

This latter I have found to be a valuable agent for digestive troubles in both Canaries and British birds when the droppings have been indicative of over-relaxation, but its use must be avoided when the opposite symptoms are evident, a slight addition of Glauber's salts to the drinking water, and a few drops of salad oil in the egg food, being much preferable to the old-fashioned method of administering castor oil direct.

I supply nestlings with plenty of ripe mouse-ear, and very rarely lose any at the weaning stage; last season I only lost one. The good properties of that plant are fast becoming recognised among Canary breeders here, and though it bears a close resemblance to chickweed (which I only use when in the seeding stage) it differs entirely in its effect, and does not decompose however long left in the cage, the foliage is never eaten. Shepherds' purse in the ripe state I give freely, but avoid supplying this while wet. Salads I avoid, except at the beginning of the breeding season, when, as I have stated, a tender leaf of dandelion or spray of watercress is supplied occasionally to the parent birds, slightly increasing the supply of the former to any bird which is back in breeding condition, the active principle in that plant (*Taraxacum*) having a stimulative effect.

I will conclude with this advice to the novice. Despite all I have said to-night, and all you may hear or read about systems of feeding, if you have a fair measure of success with the method you at present practise, stick to it, and if you would maintain any good feeding qualities your stock is possessed of, to say nothing of that quality which has no place in the class breeder's lexicon, stamina, there is only one method, elimination of the undesirables or unfit; metaphorically, the Jack Hammer.

A Noted Fancier of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries Interviewed.

Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, the well-known judge, breeder, and exhibitor tells of his methods and management.

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THE hens, like the Norwich, were in flight cages, and of that stylish order indispensable for really satisfactory production. The yellows were absolutely superb—the buffs the most charming damsels you ever set eyes on. Space precludes further eulogy of the characteristics of these bonny birds, but it may be taken for granted that they were "all there"—captivating in the extreme, and exhibiting all the traits of good breeding.

Pairing Up.

"Yes," said Mr Barnes, "pairing up is by far the most important item. Success or the reverse depends entirely on how this is done. The matter is not as a rule thought out as it should be. Haphazard mating is disastrous. No matter what variety is gone in for the breeder should be quite clear in his mind as to what he wishes to produce. He should have the idea fixed in his eye. Old breeders know what they are aiming for, but the beginner is often somewhat in a mist. Now to the 'raw recruits' of the Fancy my advice is, whether it concerns Yorkshires or Norwich, study the standards set up by the Yorkshire Union and Norwich Specialist Clubs and endeavour to produce stock as near to them as possible."

The reason I say "near to" is that no bird is perfect, it may be almost so, but there is always some deficiency that a critical eye can detect. Type, quality, colour, substance, and carriage, must receive your keen attention at all times. Competition on the show bench was never so strenuous as it is at present, so don't leave anything to chance.

Instances: Should your cock bird fail in head character, pair up to a good bold headed hen, or if he fails in colour to a rich coloured mate, or if he is not the best of type, put to a hen excelling in this respect, or if too free in feather pair to a very close feathered partner, and so forth right along the line. Never breed with birds that are not sound; no matter how good they once were, discard them. For satisfactory attainments health must be in evidence.

Being in the company of a fancier as reliable as Mr. Barnes undoubtedly is, I suggested that a few tips for the benefit of young readers of CAGE BIRDS might prove very acceptable. Mr. Barnes expressed himself very willing to accede to my request, and detailed a number of hints relative to breeding, which he has accumulated in his many years of experience as exhibitor and judge.

Some Questions and Answers.

What age do you prefer your birds?—Mr. Barnes replied: The cock the older of the two, say a two-year-old cock with a one-year-old hen.

From which do you consider the best results accrue?—Yellow cock with buff hen or vice versa.

For size of progeny?—Buff cock with yellow hen. For quality?—Yellow cock with buff hen.

How do you get colour and quality of feather?—By judicious pairing. Selecting year after year, your best feathered stuff, and putting same together you will eventually fix this very desirable item of quality. Colour is got by using dark-blooded birds, green is the fountain head of colour. On many occasions I have won trophies for hottest fed, and most have been with marked specimens, hence my contention.

What do you consider the hardest point to obtain in a Norwich?—Undoubtedly the head, without which a bird is no use whatever as regards shows.

What about the Yorkshires?—Well, position; a bird should be straight. Many are apt to drop tail.

What are the great faults with the Norwich-Yorks?—In the former small heads, long bodies, and hook tails; in the latter snaky heads, thin necks, and frill breasts.

How many nests do you take; and why?—Generally two, because when more nests are run, your birds are apt to lose stamina and substance.

Do you recommend one cock with two hens? No, best run one cock with one hen. My candid opinion is that you retain size better than by having two hens with one cock.

Do you allow your cocks to feed the young?—Certainly, if they behave and don't molest either the hen or young. Two feeders are better than one.

What seed do you use? Best Spanish Canary as a staple diet, with mixed seed (three parts canary, 1 part hemp, half part German summer rape, half part maw seed) twice a week, given in a separate vessel.

What method do you adopt for feeding purposes?—Egg and bread crumbs, with a little maw seed added. Give twice or three times a day. Eggs to be boiled for 15 minutes. Allow to get cold, then chop up fine and add twice as much bread crumbs (bread two days old or more).

As to green food?—Dandelion or watercress. Both are good. I advise readers not to give any green food until the young are a matter of three days old. If given earlier it often does mischief.

When do you put birds together for breeding?—There should be no hard or fast rule. I mostly let the weather guide me. Approximately the last week in March.

As regards colour feeding, do you use tasteless pepper only?—No. I add 2oz. of hot Natal to each pound of tasteless.

In exhibiting, what mistakes do you consider the main ones a novice makes?—They vary. Some show Norwich with small heads, others birds too long in barrel, others stage birds too free in feather. In Yorkshires thin necks and bad position are very prominent failings. Again, some put down birds in poor form, often soiled in plumage, or staged in untidy cages, and so forth.

What do you consider the chief requirements to ensure healthy stock?—Cleanliness throughout; clean water every day; gritty sand, sweet and bold seed; plenty of fresh air and light; and a well ventilated birdroom.

Time was getting short, so I had to bid "Good-bye" to Mr. Barnes, after having spent a most enjoyable visit. I had many pleasant impressions to think over upon the return journey. One of the best private collections of Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires that I have ever seen grouped together provided ample evidence that close study had been given by Mr. Barnes to his subject, and that his success had been achieved only by judicious breeding.

CANARY BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT.

Lecture by Mr. Barker Clegg to the members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

ON March 16 about 50 members and friends of the above society heard a very interesting and instructive lecture. The following are a few of the points on which Mr. Clegg spoke. On commencing the hobby of bird keeping the bird-room, he said, is one of the first things to be considered. Of course, every fancier cannot arrange to have the ideal room, but it is best to try to have good light and ventilation, and the room should be as dry as possible and free from draughts. Cleanliness is of the utmost importance, both in cages and room. All cages should be cleaned out at least once a week, and plenty of clean sand and grit supplied. The number of birds to be kept should be in accordance with the size of room, and the amount of time the fancier can devote to them. Overcrowding is a great mistake, and is detrimental to the health of stock. In purchasing birds, the lecturer advised the beginner to buy best his means would allow. In all varieties it is best to have size and colour on the cock's side, and type and quality in the hen, and to have both birds as near to the standard model as possible. There has been much said and written as to when is the proper time to pair Canaries for breeding. The lecturer advised fanciers to watch their stock and to pair birds when ready, which can be easily judged by their actions. The cocks should be in vigorous song, and the hens jumping from perch to perch, flapping their wings and calling to the cocks. If the bird-room is situated over a kitchen and the temperature does not fall below 55 degrees breeding can be commenced any time after the middle of February. In colder rooms the birds will be later in coming into condition. In the Lizard variety early breeding is advisable, so as to have the young through the moult in time for the early shows. In pairing strange birds it is best to place same in a double breeding cage separated by a wire partition to prevent fighting and feather pulling. The lecturer stated that the best results were to be obtained from pairs that mated of their own free will, and advised keeping birds that are intended to be paired in sight of each other for some time previous to the breeding season. In cases of egg-binding the most effective remedy is to oil the vent with castor oil. In bad cases, and when the hen is otherwise healthy, the best way to save the hen is to oil the vent, and insert the round end of a hairpin, thereby breaking the egg, which the hen should have no difficulty in passing. A good way to prevent egg-binding is to keep a piece of mutton suet in the cage wires for hens to peck at. Green food should also be supplied to keep the birds in good condition. When young are hatched a watch must be kept to see that none of them get pulled out of nest, and also that they are being fed. In cases of poor feeding hens add a pinch of salt to the egg-food and water and keep a piece of rock salt in cage for hen to peck at. The young should be separated from parents as early as possible after leaving the nest, either with wire slide or by placing in a nursery cage so as to prevent feather pulling. If any youngsters show signs of going thick and puffy add a few drops of tincture of rhubarb to the drinking water and give one drop of Fellow's syrup direct into the beak. All young should be supplied with milk sop after leaving the hen, in addition to the usual egg food. The moult is the most critical time in a bird's life, and should start soon after the middle of July, according to the age and health of the bird. Birds should be kept quiet and comfortable to ensure a quick moult. In colour feeding the lecturer recommended using 2ozs. of hot Natal pepper to each pound of tasteless feed, this, he considered, helped to fasten the colour. To intensify the colour in the dark feathered varieties 2ozs. of Madder and ¼lb. of Turmeric may be added to each pound of colour food. Make the food as palatable as possible, so that the birds will eat freely of it. To assist the moult moisten the colour food with a few drops of the following tonic: Take 2d. worth saffron, 2d. worth cochineal, pour boiling water on same. When cool add ½oz. spirit of nitre, ½oz. tincture of capsicum, ½lb. honey and one gill rum and water to make up to three pints. In place of this tonic a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a pea may be placed in drinking pot. To get the best results in colour feeding the strong light should be kept shaded from the birds either by means of a blind or sheeting down the cages.

At the close of the lecture a number of questions were put to Mr. Clegg which he answered in a very masterly way, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clegg brought to a close a very interesting evening.—F. Hayward, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

A Seed Box that Prevents Waste.

Sir,—In his interesting article on bird-room appliances, Mr. Norman, describing seed boxes, mentions the fact that there is usually a waste of seed, and that he knows of no one offering seed boxes which prevent seed wasting. I would just like to call his attention and also readers of the article, to the fact that I am offering through your advertising columns a glass-fronted metal seed box which has this advantage. The arrangement is very simple, and does not add to the cost, while experience has proved it to be effective.

J. PITCHFORD.

P.S.—I enclose a sample; also one of my new wire hangers for earthenware nest pans, made of unrustable wire, no soldered joints to come loose.

Birds Shelling their Seed.

Sir,—I think none of the answers referring to the above gives a cure for the habit. It is not a case of birds being mischievous, but of there being something wrong, probably some bowel trouble. If I find any of my birds shelling their seed without eating it, I treat them as follows: Give them scalded bread and milk with a pinch of maw seed on it, and four drops of Friar's Balsam in the drinking water for a week; the following week six drops of tincture of gentian in the drinking water.

BUFF GREEN.

Very Early Greenfinch Mules.

Sir,—From a cock Greenfinch and a hen Canary I have already had two nests this year. The first brood were a week old when the Greenfinch pulled them out of the nest, and I lost them. The second clutch hatched to-day, March 17. Has anyone else bred Mules so early in the season? The Greenfinch was caught only this winter, and this makes the early breeding still more extraordinary. I shall take more care of the young this time, and shall part the Greenfinch from them.

R. ELLIS.

The Artificial Improvement of British Birds at Shows.

Sir,—The show season being past, I think there are many subjects which might be profitably discussed in the columns of your popular paper, CAGE BIRDS. I am what might be termed an all-round fancier, but British birds are my favourites. I never miss an opportunity of visiting a show, and, of course, the British classes receive most of my attention. But I regret to observe that in this section the artists are increasing in numbers. The most glaring cases that I have noticed have been in Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls and Brambles, and the greatest number seen at any one show was at Bathgate, Feb. 23. Fanciers in Scotland like to see a Linnet with what is termed a solid front, and Siskins and Redpolls with big black bibs. Such birds were present in numbers at Bathgate, but evidently the judges failed to appreciate the artistic merits of most of them, which probably accounts for your reporter's remark that some grand birds were left cardless. The judges perhaps judged the birds on their merits as they appeared to them at the time of judging, and not according to the number of prizes they may have won previously, which is far too often done. I may here relate a rather amusing incident which occurred this last show season. A fancier sent a Siskin to a certain show, and on his arrival found that his bird was cardless. He asked the judge the reason. The judge promptly replied that the bird had an artificial bib, to which the exhibitor retorted, "Why! that's the same bird and the same bib which in your report of — show you said was the best bibbed bird in class, and should have won." The question arises, what is the cause of this regrettable state of affairs, and what the remedy for it? Is not this continual praising of solid fronts and big bibs, and condemnation by reporters of birds which fail slightly in those points, the principal cause of fanciers supplying the solid front and big bib which are so sternly demanded? Woe betide the judge who has the audacity to place a Linnet, minus the indispensable solid breast, or a Siskin lacking the monstrous bib. He is sure to be brought to book the following week. But what is the remedy? Some may say judges should disqualify instead of simply passing such birds. Perhaps they should, but the experience of some who have tried it has not been very encouraging. I know of one judge who disqualified some birds (not British) years ago, and he is still being boycotted by the owner of the birds and his friends. I know of another case where an exhibitor lodged an objection against another exhibitor's birds. The objection was upheld, and for his pains that exhibitor has been persecuted by the owner of the birds, and his associates, ever since. I am not a disappointed exhibitor, for I have been very successful in my time, but have done no exhibiting for some considerable time, although I am as keenly interested as ever.

A. B.

The Goldfinch Class at Bathgate

Sir,—In CAGE BIRDS, March 21, a correspondent writing over the signature of "Steel" states that a number of fanciers have asked him why No. 6 Goldfinch at Bathgate was cardless. Strange to relate, quite a number have asked me why "Steel" or his friends should ask such a question, when with very little trouble they could have found out that No. 6 was vhe, and not cardless. But why ask "Steel"? Was he by any chance the reporter? He says £9 9s. has been refused for this bird, which may be true. I know a fancier who refused £10 for a bird and afterwards was glad to get 15s. for it. The first prize Goldfinch at the recent Palace show was catalogued at £6 10s., and a Goldfinch in the same class, winner of 28 first prizes, was cardless, although 16 cards were awarded. The friends of the owner did not rush to the Press with all manner of complaints, they are sportsmen, and can accord fair play to a judge, conduct in striking contrast to that of some would-be judges and infallible critics. "Steel" says No. 6 has been under 17 judges and only once beaten. I question this statement, and challenge him to prove it by giving a list of shows, dates, and judges' names. When he proves it I will send to the Editor cash equal to the first prize, to be sent to the owner of the bird. Here is a chance for "Steel" to benefit himself and his friend. I will go further, and allow him the choice of the whole class to find a bird that has accomplished the feat mentioned whilst in the possession of its present owner.

STEELYARD.

The Goldfinch mentioned was very soft and out of condition at the Palace Show (vide our report).—Editor.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(FOR RULES SEE ISSUE OF MARCH 14.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

GOING BLIND (Old Joe).—Keep the bird in a comfortable place, free from dust and irritating fumes, and throw a light muslin cover over the cage just to tone down the light a little, but do not make cage too dark for the comfort of the bird, and see that the cage and perches are kept as clean as possible. Then infuse six or eight camomile flowers for half an hour in a teacupful of boiling water, strain off the clear liquid, add thirty drops of tincture of opium, and bathe the eyes with this for a few minutes morning and evening. Use a little fresh liquid and a fresh dossil of wool each time, and burn them after use. If the eyes are not considerably better in a week or so, write again, and say whether any whitish specks are to be seen in the centres of the eyes.

A POSER (J. H.).—Really, your question is quite too vague for me to give you any definite advice. You should have said how long the sore has been there, whether it was the result of an accident or not, and described its appearance as nearly as you could, and also have said whether the bird appeared otherwise in good health. You had better write again and give these particulars. Meantime add a small pinch of sulphate of soda to the water for three or four days, and anoint the sore daily with boracic ointment, being careful not to daub the plumage unnecessarily.

ONLY TWO CHANGES (Inexperienced).—Possibly the bird may not have a great number of changes, but at this season you can hardly expect a Roller to be at its best for quality of song, especially when it is in high breeding condition, as your bird appears to be. If you do not wish to breed with the bird your best plan to keep its song at its best as long as possible would be to keep it in a song-box during the next few weeks, and close the door for, say, a week at a time, more or less, according to the excitement, and loudness of song, of the bird. There is very little room to mend your dietary. Give a staple of equal parts good summer rape and canary, and for the rest go on feeding the same as advised in the Nutshell booklet on "The Roller." Give a spray of watercress, or fresh crisp chickweed or groundsel, daily. If the bird has really only two changes it is exceedingly doubtful whether you could increase them now the bird has its song fixed, and in any case you could only do so by keeping it in the company of a bird singing other tours.

FOUND WANTING (Thrush).—It is a pity you did not get another suitable mate for the hen when she began to build her nest, as by that means you might have saved the clutch being unfertile. The chances are all against these eggs producing a single chick. Still, I advise you to let the hen sit on them for her full time, and thereby prevent her coming into too forward condition again before the cock is in sufficiently good condition to play his part successfully in the next round. It will probably be the second week in April before the cock will be in this condition. When the hen has begun to sit, cage the cock by himself for a fortnight, give a small teaspoonful of soft food every second day, a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle on the alternate days, and two leaves of dandelion daily. In the water give six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel every second day for one week.

FIRST ROUND CLEAR (A. G., Bristol).—Whatever may have been the cause of your failure last season, you can set down the cause of this clutch of eggs being infertile to mating too early, and before the birds were ready for mating. You need not separate them now, but treat them as advised to "Thrush," in this issue, until the hen has gone to nest again. But you will, of course, only give the gentian, etc., in the water for the first week. I suspect your management is at fault generally, so the best advice I can give you is to get our Manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free for 7d., and adhere strictly to the advice you will find therein during the coming season, as it is impossible to go into full details here. The sample of seed you sent is totally unfit to form a staple diet for Canaries. The hemp it contains is not fit for use at all, otherwise it would make a tolerable mixture for occasional use as a tit-bit.

IS HE FIT? (C., Bosworth).—If the bird is in good vigorous health and active there is no reason whatever why it should not be quite fit for breeding with this season. I suppose you are doubtful whether it is too old at five years old; if this is so, then it certainly is not. See if its claws are much overgrown or not, and if they are trim them back to a proper length before mating it.

STOPPED SINGING (W.B.).—Certainly the bird's age, only three years, is not necessarily the cause of its loss of song. The moult is a much more likely cause. See that the bird is kept in a comfortable and healthy place free from cold draughts or extreme and rapid fluctuations of heat and cold, and treat it for two or three weeks the same as advised to "Thrush," in this issue, which should suffice to put the bird right once more.

SCRATCHES HIMSELF (Tilly).—(1) Your friends are wrong in telling you the birds are now moulting, only those in an abnormal condition are moulting at the time of the year. The proper moulting season is the autumn. If the bird is dropping feathers you are probably keeping it in a position where it is exposed to cold draughts, extremes of heat and cold or fumes from burning lights. Remedy these things, keep the bird in a comfortable place, not overheated, but fairly equable, and in addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the water give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day during the same time. You can easily discover if lice are the cause by catching the bird and holding it in the hand a few moments, when the lice will soon be seen running about on your hand. In this case add a little quassia essence to the bath each time for a week or two. Examine the cage itself for red mites, and if any are found, touch the ends of the perches, joints of doors, etc., with the quassia essence three times a week for a time. (2) The overgrown claws are strong evidence circumstantial, at least that the bird saw the light long before last season. Anyway, it is not too young to trim them back to a proper length. You will find details for doing so in this column quite recently. (3) For a cheap book on general treatment of Canaries you cannot do better than get our Manager to send you "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free. For a more comprehensive work, "Our Canaries," of which you may see a full page advertisement most weeks in this paper. Sorry, I cannot tell whether this work is in your public library. Why not enquire?

HEN IGNORES NEST (E. G. S.).—As you made the nest for the hen I take it that she would not perform this domestic duty for herself, or is it possible that you interfere with her arrangements too much for her liking? When you have put a pair of birds together for breeding you should avoid all interference except what becomes absolutely unavoidable. You can do nothing whatever to make a hen sit against her will. The only way out when a hen refuses to sit is to give the eggs to some other hen that is just beginning to sit, for her to hatch and rear. But in a case such as this, where a hen ignores the nest whilst laying, she will frequently come into a more reasonable frame of mind as soon as she has laid her full clutch of eggs. The broodiness begins to develop strongly about the evening of the day the third egg is laid, so that if you make a comfortable nest and replace the eggs in it on the evening of third day, you will find in the vast majority of cases that the hen will take to it, and settle down to incubation quite naturally.

DOUBTFUL GENDER (H. C.).—It is certainly possible for a hen to sing as well as you describe. Some rare exceptions closely rival cocks in this respect. At the same time I should rather suspect the bird was a cock, but it is quite impossible to be dogmatic on the point without so much as seeing the bird. At this season you might form a tolerably sure opinion by examining the vent, and comparing it with that of a known hen, preferably of last season. If a cock the vent will be found rather more protuberant and pointed compared with the hen, which is flatter, and more on a level with the line of the abdomen.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR (R. P.).—I am strongly inclined to think that the peculiar behaviour of the bird is simply due to it being in high breeding condition, and when it partakes of soft-food, or any special delicacy, it calls a real or imaginary mate to share the dainty with him. Does not he sometimes regurgitate half digested food and dab about the wires, perch, or his feet? Give a spray of watercress daily, and give very little sort food or mixed seed for a fortnight, and during the first week dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda in the water every second day. If this does not set things quite right, please write again. Glad to hear the last advice was quite successful.

A DOUBTFUL PAIR (B. C. P.).—It is quite possible for the clear buff to be a cock, and if you got them from a respectable dealer I think this will prove to be the case. Its silence may be due to several causes. At least, one thing is certain, that it was far from being in breeding condition when you mated it. Also the hen's abnormal laying points to her being out of condition. The fact is, you owe this failure to mating the birds too soon, and before they were in breeding condition. Separate them, and feed them up as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," for backward birds, and do not put them together again until both are full of life and energy, even if it runs into the second week in April. (2) The turned claw, as shown on your sketch, will make practically no difference whatever to the bird breeding successfully.

SEED SAMPLES (Blanc).—The Canary is a trifle small, but is very clean, sweet, and of very good quality. Judging from this sample, the bulk would seem to contain a perceptible proportion of linseed, rape, and a sprinkling of millet. The summer rape is a very poor sample, and is not fit to feed high-class contest singers. I suspect the bulk is infested with seed mites.

COCK OFF SONG (Riverside).—(1) Yes, if the birds hatched last June are strong and healthy and in breeding condition, they will be quite fit for breeding this season. But you should not mate them until the beginning of April, nor take more than two nests from them this season. (2) Keep this bird in a comfortable place, not quite cold nor yet overheated, and fairly equable. Stop giving the mixed seed for a week or two. Continue the same staple, give the sponge cake, etc., every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed. If obtainable, give a small growing stool of dandelion daily instead of other green food. In the water dissolve a pinch of Epsom Salts daily for three days, and after this substitute six drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a fortnight.

A NON-SITTER (A Beginner).—Sorry, but I know no means of making a hen sit after she has laid her clutch of eggs when she refuses to do so voluntarily. You cannot reason with these creatures. If the incubatory fever does not develop naturally when the eggs are laid, the only way out is to put the eggs under some other hen to hatch and rear. See reply to another querist this week on this subject.

NORWICH HEN PANTING (A. E.).—It is quite useless to mate a hen in the condition you describe. Do you really mean that you give egg food twice a day, as you say, or is it a slip of the pen? If the former, the bird is probably very much overfed. Cage her alone in a fair-sized cage, give a diet of plain canary only, supplemented with a free supply of green food daily, and add as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day for a week, and after this give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day for another week, still keeping to the above dietary. If bird is not better at the end of the fortnight, write again, and I will advise you further. Do not think of mating her until quite well.

ANXIOUS TO BEGIN (J. M.).—Your anxiety to begin breeding early is misplaced, and would be more usefully devoted to getting the birds into breeding condition. You can at least console yourself with the knowledge that you are losing no time, because there is not the least prospect of these birds breeding successfully just at present. I am inclined to think that they have been more or less ruined for breeding by being kept in the kitchen in unsuitable positions. I would advise you not to think of breeding at present, but complete the fitting up of the outdoor bird-room you mention and transfer the stock there about the middle of April, choosing a spell of nice mild weather for the removal. Meantime see that the birds are kept well away from the fireplace, where the fluctuations of temperature are the least violent, but at the same time see that they are not exposed to cold draughts from doors or windows, and do not hang them too high near the ceiling, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half teaspoonful of egg food per bird, with half this quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give about the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give two or three crisp young dandelion leaves to each bird daily. Continue this feeding until the birds have gone to nest, and by the time you are ready to move them to the outdoor room they should be in a more fit condition for breeding. For those that are ill and out of song, add three drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the egg food each time for a fortnight or so. In the water give a pinch of Epsom Salts daily for three days, and afterwards six drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and tincture of tolu every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid.

A STOCK EGG FOOD (Forward III.).—An excellent substitute for the usual fresh egg food is to get a pound of maizena, wafer biscuits and crush or grind them to a coarse powder, then add half a pound of desiccated yolk of egg and mix thoroughly together. Store this mixture in air-tight tins and keep in a cool dry place. When required for use, take the quantity required and slightly moisten it with a few drops of water. If properly stored, you may make sufficient at once to last three months or so.

LOSS OF FEATHERS (B. J. Daw).—It is very doubtful whether the lost feathers will now be reproduced before next moulting season, and you cannot treat it properly if you wish to breed with her at the same time. If you forego breeding for a time, you may try what the following treatment will do for it. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for three weeks, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts niger, linseed, teazle, and millet, and add to the water on these days as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Give a small stool of growing dandelion four times a week. You may slightly anoint the bare places twice a week with sulphur ointment, but avoid daubing the plumage unnecessarily.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

AVIARY MATTERS (Derby).—I think you could very well manage a couple more pairs of birds in your aviary, and as you are a beginner I would advise the following:—Cock Goldfinch, cock Siskin, and two or even three more hen Canaries. If you have any difficulty in getting the Siskin, simply add the Goldie and one or two hen Canaries, the less you have the more likely you are to be successful. Give them plenty of nesting boxes, so that there will be no quarrelling among the hens for choice of site, and put in moss, cow hair, and short lengths of grass, etc., to build with. If you find any particular bird at all troublesome, you must take it out; one meddler spoils the harmony of the whole family. After you have had a season's experience with these you could try some of the more difficult crosses.

THRUSH OFF SONG (C.P.).—Your food is hardly good enough to keep a bird on continually. Buy a few good puppy biscuits, break them up, and soak in hot water, and give him this twice a week. Get a pound of good insectile food, make a little damp with scraped raw carrot or boiled potatoes, and give this also twice a week; on other days give the food you are now using, but mix a little green food or scraped carrot with it. Put as much crushed Glauber Salts as will cover a shilling in his drinking water for one day only, repeating the dose three days later. Make a mixture of equal parts honey, fresh lemon juice, and whiskey, and give thirty drops in the water on days that you are not giving the salts; discontinue when the bird is better. Hang him out on fine days and let him bathe frequently. Give a little fruit occasionally, also a house sunil. If you have not procured our Nutshell booklet, on the Thrush, I think you would find it of great use to you.

MOULTING HYBRID (Lucky).—I think your best plan is to let the hen fly all the summer in a good light or aviary, so as to keep her thoroughly sound and in good fettle before the moult. You might with advantage occasionally give her a tonic. would advise the Tincture of Gentian, three drops in a tablespoonful of water; but it is just possible that you will never be able to get her quite as tight in feather as you could in her youth. (2) I certainly would advise you to use the washed sand; one never knows what impurities are allowed to run into a liver, and it is as well to be on the safe side when catering for valuable stock.

HAWFINCH WITH DIARRHOEA (Wag).—It is just possible that the water you are giving your bird is the cause of the looseness of bowels; you had better boil it first and give when cold, but first would give him a dose of Epsom Salts—not a very strong one, about as much as will cover a sixpennypiece in his drinking water. Purchase from the chemist an ounce of Citrate of Iron and Ammonia. Dissolve as much of this as you can lay on a sixpence in twenty drops of port wine and give him in the water three times a week. Then miss a week and give again. I fear you treated your bird wrongly from the start. One of the benefits of hand-rearing birds is that you can bring them up to eat almost any seeds and foods you care to give them, whereas you say yours will only eat sunflower. You should persevere and get him on to something else as well, still giving sunflower as his staple food. Try a little sunflower, also good bold hemp, linseed, and a little canary and rape, see that the sunflower he has is perfectly sound and not musty to the taste or smell. Give him a little night and morning, and let him have the other seeds in the cage during the day. He will gradually take to them, and I do not think you will have much difficulty as regards the sunflower; it is much like sunflower in appearance, only smaller. You might offer a little green food during the summer months—watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc.; he will not eat much, but if he nibbles a little bit it will all help to keep him in condition, and if you possess a garden, let him have his share of the green peas.

BIRDS NOT SINGING (D. Dockray).—Blackbirds are naturally rather late in coming into song, and the age of your bird would possibly make him less tuneful than in former years. A little good insectile food and a few mealworms would help him considerably. Respecting canary seed as a staple food for Goldfinches, this was dealt with last week, but possibly you did not see it. Make the following seed mixture: Six parts of teazle and hemp, 4 parts canary, one of summer rape; put this in his seed box, and mix two parts of niger and one of maw, and give him half a teaspoonful every other day; in between give half a teaspoonful of a good wild seed mixture. You could also offer him half-dozen sunflower seeds three times a week; these you should crack for him, so that he can easily get at the kernels. He should also have a spray of green food daily, as it comes into season. Dandelion leaves are now quite plentiful, and later on you will be able to get the seed pods. Have you our Nutshell booklet on the Goldfinch? If not, I would advise you to send for one; it would help you considerably.

REDPOLL GREENFINCH HYBRIDS (Glasgow Lad).—You can hardly expect your birds to go to nest quite so early when in captivity as they do when at liberty, specially as you have paired different species together. Your fancier friend is right; there are more Hybrids bred in captivity in the month of July than any other, but that does not mean that your birds will not breed before; they may in May or June, and by your description, I should say your cock Redpoll is getting fit, and the hen will no doubt be ready presently, but you must have patience. It is impossible to rush these matters. Give them plenty of sunflower seed and wild food, such as dandelion, chickweed, groundsel, etc. This will help to bring the hen along, and then about the middle of next month introduce an old Greenfinch's nest in the centre of a small bush, and offer plenty of moss and hair. (2) The beaks of nearly all birds are changed in the breeding season, some much more than others, and you will find some little difference in yours when they are quite fit. (3) As regards your Linnets, the darker one would be the better for exhibition, that is, providing he is of good size and nicely marked. I do not think there would be any difference in them for breeding purposes; if they were mine I should certainly use the larger of the two, size is so important in exhibition Hybrids.

CHAFFINCH-CANARY (Chaffy).—The Chaffinch-Canary cross has not yet been produced, but I still would advise you to have a try for it, the cross will no doubt come some day. I think you would do right to leave him in your aviary for the second nest, but do not force him into condition. If you let him come along naturally, he will be in time, and he less likely to interfere with the other birds. If you think you would rather try him with a hen Bullie, you had better run them together, to see if they agree. Bullies are not easy to please, and yours may strongly object to a Chaffinch mate; if so, you must part them. (2) You do not say how you are feeding your Chaffinch; anyway, he should have mealworms, and all kinds of insect life, such as greenfly, small caterpillars, beetles, etc. The proper feeding of Chaffinches has been given several times lately. Perhaps you can look up back numbers, it may assist you.

JACKDAW WITH FITS (Jackdaw).—As you say you lost a Daw some time ago with fits, and you have one that has them now, there must be something radically wrong with your feeding. You say you are giving him dog biscuit, but you do not tell me what else; and, besides, there are so many makes of dog biscuits, good, bad, and indifferent, that your information is not much of a guide. First of all, shut him up for a day or two, and give a dose of Glauber salts; mix as much as will cover a shilling in two ozs. of water, repeat the dose in a couple of days. Purchase some good puppy biscuit, break up sufficient for the day, and soak in hot water, or a little gravy; also get some coarse chicken meal (best quality), mix a spoonful of meatmeal with it, and soak in the same way; this you can give for a change, also Melox soaked. Offer him scraps from the table, potato, pudding, cooked vegetables, scraps of meat cut up fine, or shredded, also give him two or three mealworms now and again, or any other insects you can lay your hands on, such as beetles, caterpillars, etc. Jackdaws are such general feeders that they will eat almost anything, but most people make the mistake in feeding them entirely upon one food; this is quite against nature. In a wild state they are having a constant change; try the same with your bird, give him a piece of apple and banana, and other fruits, as they come in season, and let him bathe frequently. With the above method of feeding you should have no trouble to keep a Jackdaw in the pink of condition.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (J. Pauley).—The beetles die after they have laid eggs, but I am sorry I am unable to tell you the exact time it takes for the cycle of reproduction. I should think it would depend somewhat upon the contents of the box, and the temperature in which they were kept.

BULLFINCH ROUGH AT THIGHS (W. H. Walsh).—At shows many Bullfinches are put back on account of being rough at the thighs. In some cases this is caused through nervousness, but certain birds never get over this, and are consequently always a trouble. If your Bullie is quite smooth at times, when at home, he may possibly be all right after another moult. For improving the feather and getting into condition, there is nothing to beat plenty of bathing, using rain water if you can get it. He must, of course, be properly fed and trained, so that he is quite steady when exhibited. If after next season's moult your bird is of good colour, but shows a bit of roughness at the first show, do not be discouraged; try him another time. There is nothing like exhibiting birds for steadying them, and giving them confidence.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

ALEXANDRINE (G. Jones).—It is perfectly natural for a Parrot to regurgitate and then re-swallow the partly digested food from the crop. Apparently your bird's digestive system is a little out of order, but this should gradually right itself under treatment. I should retain the oats in the seed mixture, but you can leave out the wheat if it persistently refuses it; otherwise continue the treatment given in our previous reply, and I shall be very much surprised if there is not a marked improvement shortly. There should be a continuous supply of seed in the cage; the other items can be offered at intervals. Do not fail to supply Parrot grit, cuttlebone, and pieces of wood for it to cut up regularly.

SILVER-EARED MESIA (J. G. Steele).—(1) Give this bird milk-sop, made from Horlick's malted milk and sponge cake. After the daily supply of soft food has been moistened, add ten drops of cod liver oil and well stir it in. Give the bird three drops of castor oil at intervals direct to the beak, till the bowels have been fairly well cleared, and if it has not gone too far, the other treatment should soon build it up again. Bring it indoors, and keep it warm till it is fit again, and do not put it out again till weather is fairly settled. While it remains thin, let it have 6 to 12 mealworms daily for a time. (2) Duly noted and complied with.

JAVA SPARROW (A. L. H.).—The White Java Sparrow goes to nest fairly readily in captivity, while the wild Grey species does not, hence the preference for the former. However, if a white hen be paired to a grey cock, they usually go to nest fairly freely, and the bulk of their progeny are pure Greys, with a few pied birds. If the young hens are paired with imported Grey cocks, the result usually is a free breeding strain, and only an occasional pied youngster is thrown. These pied birds, however, are really handsome. A coconut husk, Hartz travelling cage, or a small square box, with an elliptical hole cut out in one side for entrance, are mostly the more favoured nest receptacles. The Budgerigars would be the most likely to do the damage, but these two species usually agree to differ.

GREY PARROT (S. Steward).—It is a case of weak constitution, and it would be better without the sop, but of course you must continue this till it is eating freely of a more general seed mixture. Give it a mixture of canary seed, white millet, oats, sunflower, and hemp, and Indian corn; half the bulk of the mixture to be Indian corn, the other items in equal parts. If it will not take the mixture so, then give the Indian corn separately, and the other mixture in another tin; it will ultimately take to it. Apple is one of the most wholesome fruits it can have; do not stint it. It would have helped me if you had described the sop, but if it will eat a piece of biscuit, plain cake, or crust of bread, then give 5 drops of cod liver oil on one of these twice daily for some time, and if it will take it so, then you must give the sop as dry as possible, and put the cod liver oil with that. Put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in its drinking water every other day, and give occasionally one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia (in the drinking water), as required to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voiding must not be continuously liquid. Report progress later. It will keep its feathers as it gains in stamina.

BUDGERIGARS' NEW FEATHERS (A. G. H.).—(1) Nothing extra required, the feathers will be reproduced in the normal period. (2) If you put in a husk, it is very probable that they will breed, but to give the birds proper exercise, it should be at least half as large again; no birds get out of condition quicker for lack of wing exercise than Budgerigars, yet they are a very hardy species. You will have to fasten up a coconut husk in one back corner, and this will occupy about a quarter of the space of your present cage. (3) Budgies are plain feeders, when it is obtainable, flowering and seeding grain is what will most appeal to them as a tit-bit. At the present time, they might pick the seed from the end of a millet spray, if held against the wires. (4) It will be best to give them the opportunity to breed, and this will quite appeal to your little daughters, but your cage is certainly not large enough for four birds of the size of Budgerigars and if they breed the young, must be removed as soon as they are able to crack seed for themselves. A cage to accommodate two pairs of Budgerigars or 1 pair each Budgies and Lovebirds must be at least 3½ft. long, 1½ft. deep, and 2ft. high.

AILING AMAZON (N.F.A.).—Continue to treat as per our former reply, but in lieu of the oxymel of squills, get the following: ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts. Use half-teaspoonful of this mixture to each two tablespoonfuls of the drinking water, and continue daily till relief is given. Give the castor-oil as required, that is, sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose. If the nostrils are moist, with a tendency to run, spray or bathe with a dilute glyco-thymoline solution. All the items you name of its dietary are permissible, but if the "etc." includes tea, coffee, or milk sops, or animal food of any kind, stop such at once. It can have nuts in variety, any kind it cares for, and it should have continuous supplies of grit, cuttlebone, and pieces of wood to cut up. I should continue the cod-liver oil till the bird is quite strong again. As soon as weather is more settled and regular, it can go out-of-doors during the genial warm periods of April days in some unexposed position. In the meantime, use precautions against draught and chill as per previous reply.

MACAW (Miss A. K.).—Re collar, I have sent you details per post. Macaws are hardy birds and can be kept out-of-doors most of the time from Spring to mid-Autumn, but even at these periods they should not be subjected to biting winds or deluging rains. At the present time, even in the South, I consider the weather too treacherous to subject birds in a cage or on a stand to it. About a month hence it can go out on all suitable days; in fact, will be all the better if out most of the time during the day. For a month at least give it five drops of cod liver oil daily, on a piece of cake, bread, biscuit, or anything similar the bird will take.

A FEATHER-PICKER (B.C.T.).—You give me no idea as to how you are feeding and treating it. The diet consisted of a good seed mixture (see other replies), ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, dry crusts, etc., with regular supplies of grit, cuttlebone, water and pieces of wood to chew up. Give the magnesia every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery loose, and on the intervening days give half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. The powder bloom is quite natural, but the bird is evidently in a heated condition, but this should soon pass, and as soon as weather permits, let it have an airing out-of-doors on suitable days, but do not place it in a draughty position. If you have been in the habit of giving sops and table scraps, stop these at once. Get our Nutshell, "Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our Manager; it will help you. Do not use a metal drinker when giving drugs.

RUSSIAN SPROSSER (G.E.L.).—You cannot do a great deal to assist the bird; it will probably get no worse, but you may help matters a little by paring away the lower mandible on the side where the pressure is, and thus prevent further pushing out of line. I take it from your letter that the formation is of much the same substance as the mandible. In such case it might be almost entirely filed away, or, at any rate, sufficiently so as to relieve all pressure. It would almost appear to me as if the lower mandible had been fractured while the bird was in the cage, and that the malformation was the result of the fracture. In such case the malformation is not likely to increase. It will be better to leave the formation alone if it is not growing up the side of the mandible and pushing it over, as in such case it is not likely to increase, and if such is the case it is not likely to cause the bird any inconvenience, though of course it mars its beauty. Perhaps on examination you could give me some idea of the character of the formation. Is it of a calcareous nature, or of what substance is it?

ROSETTE PARROT (Mrs. L. F.).—I presume your bird is a Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo. The sample mixture is not a good one, dusty, and contains items which would be better left out. Try the following: One quart each canary, white millet, and oats, one pint each sunflower, hemp, maize, and paddy rice; half-pint dari and pea nuts; well mix the whole. Also supply ripe fruit (any kind it will eat), biscuit, stale crusts, nuts in variety, green food (table salads will answer the purpose), cuttlebone and grit must be regularly supplied. Cease giving the rice pudding. Continue the use of honey and horax. Of course, while the tongue is sore it will roll it about. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a month. Give five drops of cod liver oil twice daily on a piece of crust, biscuit, or anything similar the bird will eat. Keep it warm and out of draught, yet not away from light and air. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half-a-teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. Report progress in a month. Of course, if the bird becomes worse, write at once, or let your nearest veterinary surgeon see it.

WHAT PAROT? (Hibernia).—While your description reads very like a Festive Amazon, there is one feature lacking in your description, viz., the Festive has the lower back (just above the tail) crimson, like the forehead; if this patch is lacking in your bird, it is not a Festive and must be, I think, a Diademed Amazon—there are several species, which do not differ greatly from each other, and which makes it very difficult to make a definite pronouncement. If you could sketch out a rough diagram of the shape of the bird, and roughly mark out the different colour areas, writing the name of the colour in each part, I could possibly reach a definite conclusion, a very rough diagram would suffice. The values of the species referred to would be about that given in previous reply, one or two of them, 25 per cent. more.

BISHOPS (H.C.).—The Scarlet or Madagascar Bishop is a little darker brown, especially on the underparts, and more striated than the Orange Bishop. There will be no difficulty in picking out the sexes as soon as they don nuptial plumage about June, as then the former will be principally fiery scarlet, and the latter vivid orange and black. Millet and canary about meets their needs for seed. A millet spray is good for them, also seeding and flowering grass, and two or three live insects per bird per diem. They make plenty of noise during the nesting season with their rather raspy, screechy song, but tastes differ, for I once heard a juvenile who was watching the Weavers in the Western Aviary at the London Zoo, exclaim: "Can't they sing, mother!" So, perforce, I must say they have a song, or at any rate a noise which passes for such.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. Harrison.—Avadavat died as the result of a fit. The beak was broken at the edges through some cause or other. The bird was otherwise quite healthy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Mary Scott.—We are much obliged to you for the sketch, which we will endeavour to utilise in the near future.

Proposed New Society (F.A.S.).—When you have decided on the date and place of the meeting we shall be very pleased to publish the notice, provided, of course, that it is authenticated with your own name.

Newspaper Report (Pro Bono Publico).—Sorry, but we cannot make use of cuttings forwarded without the name and address of the sender.

Newspaper Cutting (Visitor).—Thanks for cutting of which we have been pleased to make use.

Interested.—Your sketch is ingenious, but we are afraid its publication might stir up "trade jealousy," eh?

One of the Seventeen.—The allegations contained in your letter are libellous and, of course, actionable at law, as surely you must realise.

Cuttings (W. Connelly).—Thanks for cuttings received.

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Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 31, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. B.R.C.C. rings, draw hooks, and ticket money to be brought in. Ordinary business.—J. Whitehead.

Ayr C.B.C.—Mar. 31, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. Annual general meeting. Election of office-bearers; other important business.—R. Aitken.

Bradford National Show Com.—April 1, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Classification, allocation of judges, applications for patronage, and other important business. All welcome.—S. Midgley, Sec.

Blaydon C.B.S.—April 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business; fanciers given a hearty invitation to join us. I regret to announce that our vice-chairman, Mr. T. Teck, has sustained a great loss by the death of his beloved mother, at the great age of 88.—G. Havver.

Blyth C.B.S.—April 1, Allison Barber Shop, 7.30. New members invited.—J. Henderson.

Bramley O.S.—Mar. 28, Carnival Rooms, 7. Judges, classification, etc.—F. Page.

Bristol C.B.S.—April 1, City Hotel, 8.—B. L. Pool.

Bridlington and Driffield C.B.S.—Mar. 31, 20, Prospect Street, 8.15. Rules for new society, subs., etc. All fanciers invited.—J. Chadwick.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S. April 1, King's Head, 8.15. General business.—J. C. Bell.

Burnley O.S.—April 1, Star Inn, Church Street, 7.30. Selection of judge for first feather show, June 27th. There will also be a lecture by T. Edwards.—G. Whittaker.

Burslem C.B.S.—April 2, Barnfields Inn, 7.30. Nominating judges and fixing date for annual show, etc.—L. James.

Cramlington C.B.S.—April 2. Reading from "Our Canaries," by Sec., on "Breeding and Feeding." Discussion to follow. New members cordially invited.—J. R. Chestney. Time not stated.—Ed.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—April 1, Crown Hotel Hill, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. Jacquemen on Brit. Rollers. Arrange date for Nest Feather show. Also nominate judge.—J. H. Jones.

City of Dundee C.B.S.—April 1, Doig's Rooms, 8. Nomination of judges.—Andrew Low.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 28, Flying Dutchman, 8. Continuation of members' shows for 1914.—W. Helliwell.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 1, Lamb Hotel, 8. Brit. bird show. Judging by vote.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Boot Inn, 8.30. General business.—L. Cavanagh.

Chorley C.B.S.—April 1, White Lion Inn, 7.30. Show and other special business.—J. H. Welch.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 1, George Hotel, 7.30. Discussion on Canaries and open show business.—H. Todd.

Derby C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Election of secretary, and other business.—G. H. Wharam.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Co-op. Hall, 7. Nomination of judges for annual show. Business of April table show.—R. T. Campbell.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Headquarters, 8. Results of show.—J. Alderslade.

Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.—April 2, 142, High Street, 8. Booking hens and general business.—J. Stormont.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—April 2, Riego Street Hall, 8. Election of judges, booking of hens. Intending members kindly note this is the last meeting that members can be admitted.—C. Grant.

Erith F.S.—April 1, West Street Schools, Erith, 8. Business very urgent.—G. A. Rickett.

Fife C.B.L.—April 4, Penman's, Cowdenbeath, 6. Young bird show, alteration of meeting place, railway charges, general business.—J. Cordery.

Gainsboro' C.B.S.—Mr. W. E. Cooper has been appointed hon. sec. of above soc. in place of Mr. J. E. Conway, resigned.—W. E. Cooper, Rectory Avenue.

Glasgow West of Scotland O.S.—April 4, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Business of utmost importance.—W. Hutchison.

Glasgow and West of Scotland C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Masonic Halls, 100, West Regent Street, 8. General business.—A. K. Chalmers.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 30, Headquarters, 8. Delegates' report of Council meeting, and other important business.—A. Lawford.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Mar. 31, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8.—A. Roberts.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Table show and general business.—W. Ayers.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—April 1, Railway Hotel, 8. Final instructions for schedule, result of ballot paper, etc.—W. H. Symes.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 1, Bull's Head, 8.30. Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.V. Bunting, A.O.V. British, A.V. Brit. hen.—J. Hardbattle.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 1, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Very interesting business.—R. Charleson.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—April 4, Sawley Road C. Schools, Committee, 7, general 7.30. Receive report of rules, sub-committee, and general business.—G. Baines.

Middlesex O.S.—April 2, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. General business.—J. Jefferis.

Middleton C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Old Boar's Head, 7.45. Lecture on the Nor. Can., by Mr. J. Sharples, Oldham. All bird fanciers and friends invited.—Jas. Hulton.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 27, Cossars Tea Rooms, 7.30. Classification and other business.—A. Hoyle.

North Shields and Dis. C.B.C.—April meeting postponed. Next meeting May 6.—R. Fox.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—April 2, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Discussion on "Breeding." Mr. Crawhall will open. Committee's report on classification for open show. Subs. now due.—J. W. Reed.

North Liverpool C.B.S.—April 1, Headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Benson on Pairing.—E. S. Broadbent.

New Cross C.B.S.—April 2, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E., 7.45. General meeting and cage-making demonstration, by Mr. E. Meades. Fanciers invited; admission free.—Burton Bros.

Northern British M. and F.B.C.—Mar. 28, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Table show, for classes see report in CAGE BIRDS, March 21st. Judge, J. Maddison; fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—April 1, Pillars Cafe, 8. Members please note, Wednesday—not Monday.—M. C. Potts.

Oxford C.B.S.—April 1, "The Welsh Pony," George Street, 8. General business.—A. F. Filield.

Paisley Tannahill O.S.—April 4, White's, 2, St. James' Street, 8. Business important.—J. Stewart.

Provincial R.C.C.—Mar. 28, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 4. Ordinary business. The meeting will be followed by the annual dinner at 6. Presentation of cups and medals.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—April 2, Granby Hotel, 8.—W. Jagger.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—April 1, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. Wareing, Tottington, on Rollers.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—April 1, Palmer Ha[illegible] ture and washing exhibition, by Mr. Ha[illegible] portant business to settle. O. C. Smith.

Redhill C.B.S.—April 1, Watkin's Ho[illegible] nual general meeting, selection of offic[illegible] —A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 1, [illegible] ance Club, 8. General meeting, F.F. show, Ju[illegible] etc. New members invited. Please attend.—Wm. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 30, Club Rooms, 8.30. General business.—R. Blincoe, Sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Mail Coach Inn, 8. Arrangements for open show, also show rooms and classes. New members cordially invited.—Taylor and Bailey.

Runcorn B.B.A.—April 3, Headquarters, Old Cocoa Room, 7.30. Paper on Feeding.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—Mar. 31, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Very important.—E. C. Job.

Stirling C.B.S. April 4, McDonald's Temperance Hotel, Arcade, 8. Fixing judges, etc.—J. Gillies.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—April 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Question by ballot, and balance-sheet.—A. Hobson.

Shipley O.S.—April 1, Victoria Hotel, 8.—E. Grange.

South Moor C.B.S.—Mar. 28, South Moor Hotel, 6. Table show and other important business.—C. Davison.

Springburn Possil Park B.C.—April 8, Reid Hall, 8. Table show, Brit., Goldf., Bullf., Greenf., Siskin, For.. Gold. or Bullf.—T. Penman.

Stockton C.B.S.—April 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedule for open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Mar. 31, "Trinity House," Shaw Heath, 8. General business.—W. Stalford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 28, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Markers and show dates to be appointed. General business.—J. Peacock.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Mar. 28, 7. Selection of judge, consider Nest Feather show, subscriptions, and special business.—A. Teasdale.

Walkden R.C.S.—April 7, The Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—Hy. Howard.

West London F.A.—April 2, "Windsor Castle," Hammersmith, 8. Lecture on birdy topics by Mr. J. Robson.—J. W. Dewhurst.

Windsor C.B.A.—April 1, Star and Garter Hotel, 8.15. General business.—H. W. Simms.

Walsall C.B.S.—April 1, White Hart, 8.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers.—F. Price.

Wingate F.S.—Mar. 28, The Institute, 7. To fix dates and judges for open and members' shows; fanciers invited; six miles radius.—J. Burdett.

Singing Contests.

WEST AUCKLAND.

Linnet singing, March 14, at Geo. Robin Hood. 36 entries; J. Parker gave three prizes: 1, Jenkinson; 2, Million; 3, Bell. March 21, 38 birds faced the judge: 1, Jenkinson; 2, Bell; 3, Million. Judge, Jonas Parken; timekeeper, Chas. Hope.

ESH VILLAGE.

Linnet sing, March 21, Cornsey Colliery Inn, 32 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Brady, of Cornsey. 1, 2, 3, was divided between Heslop and McQuirk. Next sing, Broompark, March 28.—A. McAvory. Please see notice above as to advertisements (Ed.).

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, March 21, 35 entered for three prizes, four minutes time sing, and some good singing was done: 1, Nelson, 123; 2, Beard, 74; 3, Beard, 67. Open sing, March 22, 49 birds entered, two minutes time sing: 1, Proctor, 70; 2, Beard, 65; 3, Williams, 59.—S. Pugh, sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest for four minutes time singing, March 21, George and Dragon, Bridge Street. 47 birds entered for four prizes, and some very good singing was done. 1, Liversedge, 101; 2, Morley, 102; 3, Kirk, 88; 4, Caddy, 74. March 22, 27 entered for three minutes sing for three prizes. 1, Liversedge, 84; 2, Brindley, 58; 3, Wainwright, 57.—J. Brindley, sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest for members on March 21, when a good number of birds faced the timers: 1, Harrison, 155; 2, Benson, 107; 3, Partington, 84. After the contest there was a knife and fork tea to which 25 members and friends did justice. After tea we heard some good songs, etc., by the following: Brothers A. and F. Kennedy, Mr. Jones, Mr. Benson, who all sang in grand form; Mr. Harrison accompanied.—P. Harrison, sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, March 22, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street, Sheffield, nine pairs sang for three good prizes: 1, Brown, 44 sec.; 2, Woodcock, 38; 3, Thompson, 30.—W. Bingham, sec. Kindly send address (Ed.).

Linnet singing contest, British Oak Hotel, March 22, Mr. H. Austin gave three prizes, and some good singing was heard by a good attendance: 1, Newton; 2, Robinson; 3, Gregg; also a show at night, when Mr. Parlet won all three prizes.—E. Robinson.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, March 21, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. 19 birds sang for three prizes: 1, W. Sissons; 2, Hardcastle; 3, shared by E. Wood and W. Sissons. Judges, A. Richardson, W. Naylor. March 22, 26 sang for four prizes: 1, 2, E. Wood; 3, B. Farrar; 4, S. Johnson. Judges, Cooper, Naylor, Crane.—Walter Naylor, hon. sec.

Contest for quality, March 21, Linnet singing, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadworth Street, Kirkstall Road. 30 birds faced the judges for good prizes: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Hayes; 4, shared Moran and Rosendale. Judges, Messrs. Goodwill, Sellers, and Lorriman. Also March 22, 24 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Smith; 3, Garman. Judges, Goodwill and Moran.—W. Lipman.

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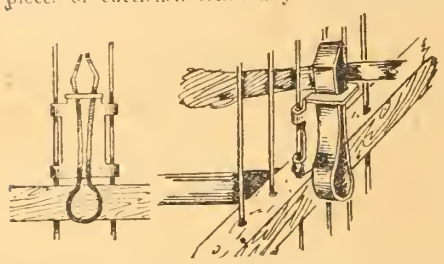
CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 293.

A Holder for Cuttlefish, Green Food, etc.

Sir,—I am sending you an illustration of a small green food or cuttlefish-bone holder. It has been designed chiefly to hold the small pieces of cuttlefish-bone: any small bits that



break off when cutting larger pieces. It also holds green food down to a single leaf of dandelion. I hope it will commend itself to readers of CAGE BIRDS generally. I have had many good ideas from CAGE BIRDS, and I think I owe a little in return.

E. BAYLISS.

The Border Fancy C.C. and Rung Birds.

Sir,—I trust you will forgive me for again trespassing on your space, but I am surprised to find that my letter appearing in your issue of the 7th has either been overlooked or treated with contempt. I can hardly think that the latter is the case, but as I am still in doubt as to what my position is, as pointed out in my letter, I should be pleased if either the secretary would reply, or some other member who was present at the general meeting when the matter in question was under discussion. On the other hand, if there is nothing forthcoming, I have only one alternative left, i.e., to hand in my resignation to the Border Fancy Canary Club. Perhaps it might be of some interest to the officials to know that I have done a considerable amount of good in this district for the "Wee gem." In fact, I have just been successful in getting one or two prominent fanciers to take up the same and am sure that ultimately the outcome will be beneficial to the variety. I might further add that all the young birds bred around here will be rung.

ANXIOUS.

The Making of Seed and Water Holes.

Sir,—Perhaps some of your readers who make their own cage fronts would like to know of my method of making the wire holes for seed and drinking purposes. My method is as follows: Procure a screw stopper from a mineral water bottle (they can very often be found in the streets). Remove rubber band and drill a hole large enough to admit a piece of cage wire, close to the screw shank and through the top of stopper. Bend wire about ½ inch from the end at right angles and insert through the hole. Bend the main wire round shank until it meets the piece in the hole. Take off and bend the main wire in position for going through the punch bar. Clip off the projecting piece which was bent to go in the hole and you have a perfectly round ring of nice size for the purpose required. I enclose a ring made with above method to let you see the result.

A. W. HOWARTH.

The Points Cup at Cowdenbeath.

Sir,—At the last open show in Cowdenbeath, the competition for the above cup was particularly keen, almost resulting in a dead heat, in fact. When I counted the points, I made Mr. Robert Heggie to be the winner by a bare majority over Mr. John Sykes. The latter gentleman (in quite a friendly way) challenged, as he thought he should have won, so I got them both together, and we went over the classes again, with the same result. Mr. Sykes congratulated Mr. Heggie on his win, and there I thought the matter had ended. Later, however, our new sec. has been drawn over the coals by certain members of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, who maintain that Mr. Sykes did win the cup, and that Mr. Heggie had got more than justice. I give here in detail the classes and points scored by both exhibitors, which I hope will convince all interested of the truth of my statements.—Mr Heggie's points. Class 22, 1st, 3rd, 6th, 11 points; 23, 1st, 6; 24, 1st, 5th, 8; 25, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 12; 26, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 11; 27, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 9; 28, 1st, 5th, 8; 30, 1st, 6; 61, 1st, 6; total 77 points. Mr Sykes' points: Class 26, 2nd, 5 points; 67, 2nd, 3rd, 9; 69, 1st, 3rd, 10; 74, 2nd, 5; 75, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 15; 77, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 15; 78, 2nd, 5; 80, 1st, 6; 84, 1st, 6; total, 76 points.

It should be stated, in fairness to all, that a mistake occurred in the marked catalogue in class 27, but the foregoing figures are taken from the judging slips, and the entry books, and can be vouched for by any of our society officials as absolutely correct.—J. R. Reid, late asst. sec., Cowdenbeath C.B.S.

Laid 15 Eggs—then Died!

Sir,—A Ribbon Finch of mine laid 15 eggs in one clutch and is dead. Has any of your readers any experience with them in breeding? If any of them could enlighten me as to the cause of this strange happening, I should be pleased. The eggs were laid in fifteen days.

H. E. LALLEN, JUNR.

The Waxwing Crowd in the Isle of Man.

Sir,—In CAGE BIRDS of March 14 I see "Tom Dipper" writes of seeing "a huge flock of Waxwings" in the Isle of Man. Is there any one on the Isle of Man or the next isle to it who has seen a crowd of Waxwings similar to a great flock of Starlings? Surely a sight in a lifetime, and yet he has not given your readers the benefit of his name. For over twenty years there have been only two isolated incidents of Waxwings on the island so far as I have known. Perhaps "Tom Dipper" would let readers of CAGE BIRDS know if he has noticed their return from Scotland?

H. GALE.

The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

Sir,—Mr. Foster, secretary of Buckhaven C.B.S., says he is sorry that he has offended me and my committee. He and his society could soon find a remedy for that sorrow, by choosing a date different to ours, or any other show in Fife. There is nobody to blame but themselves, seeing that I made them aware of what they were doing. He says I have misrepresented the case altogether. I have misrepresented nothing. Did I not, with all courtesy, make you, Mr. F., aware that our date was the last Saturday of October, whether it be the 25th or the 31st, just as all dates vary, year in, year out? What do you mean by Buckhaven being lenient with dates? Buckhaven has had quite a variety of dates, and it is not the case that they have been clashed with, but the other way about. As to being first in the field—which field? Kirkcaldy had a society and show before you were born. Nobody has ever disputed that the last Saturday of October was Dysart's date for a long time. But we did not clash or try to chase Dysart from their date, as Buckhaven is doing now. On the contrary, Dysart Society and Kirkcaldy have never quarrelled about dates or anything else. Dysart left that date quite voluntarily, and Kirkcaldy stepped into it, as we considered it better than the one we previously held. These are facts which none can contradict. Mr. Foster thinks it would be a proper thing for Dysart to fight Kirkcaldy for a date which they left quite voluntarily. That would have meant three shows (Dysart, Kirkcaldy, and Buckhaven) all on the same day, and all within seven miles, which would have been disastrous to all of us. I say that Kirkcaldy is on the main line. I repeat that Buckhaven is on a branch line. Even although it is only a question of a few miles, it is not the mileage that is the drawback, it is the delay that matters. Thornton is certainly on the main line, but Thornton is not Buckhaven. Mr. Foster says they intend keeping their date. That is entirely their own responsibility. I know Kirkcaldy will keep the date they have a right to claim. Re my advice, I have no time to address you any more than my duty calls me to, as secretary.

THOMAS ARNOTT.

Helping the Novice.

Sir,—In the first place M. Rainford has not answered my question. I asked "How can secretaries of local societies help the novice?" If M. R. means he (the secretary) has to approve of a bird for a man he does not know, and from a distance, he, in my opinion, has got "something on." He must not forget what suits one man does not suit another. Then again, the secretary may be a far more raw novice than M. R.; then the fat will be in the fire, and no mistake! How on earth can I go and see M. R. when I don't know his address, and if he knew my name it would make him none the better; at present I want no free advertisements, and am content to sign.

JOHN O'GAUNT.

Prize Money at Bristol C.B.S. Show.

Sir,—I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS a letter from Mr. H. W. Carrier asking other exhibitors at Bristol C.B.S. Show if prize money has been paid. I was a winner, but have not yet received any prize money, although I have written the secretary on two different occasions, with no reply.

H. J. DAVIS

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Carrier's letter in your paper of last week, Mr. Carrier was only awarded the 4s. at our show held in November last. I am enclosing a catalogue for you to see. Class 26, No. 1.

R. L. POOL, HON. SEC.

The Clashing of Kelty and Markinch Shows.

Sir,—Re the clashing of Kelty and Markinch Show, as mentioned by "Well Wisher" in last week's CAGE BIRDS, it is not the case as Kelty Show is on 14th Nov., and Markinch, as far as I know, on the 7th Nov.

A. DICKSON, SEC.

Misnomers and Misrepresentations.

Sir,—These are a couple of spinsters, who I fear only too frequently appear in bird advertisements. "Misses," who, like militant suffragettes, should be seen and heard no more. Hill Tits, as they should be called, otherwise Liothrix, are euphonised as "glorious singing Nightingales." Innocent bird fanciers think that such a thing, with a cage included, for something like 8s. 6d., is worth having; and only too often the bird is not even a male "Japanese Nightingale" or "Pekin Robin," and is worth one shilling, or less! Then again, the untutored mind of the public, untutored, I mean, in the matter of birds, naturally connects a Grey Parrot with talking; so, instead of advertising Rose-breasted Cockatoos, as they really are—birds which are most poverty-stricken in enunciating words—some dealers call them "Australian Grey Parrots," knowing full well that such a name will catch on. Then too, all that balderdash and nonsense of "Skylarks as big as Thrushes," and the rest of it! Why not say Pheasants whilst they are about it? It would be just as true.

Again, there are individuals who have been dealers in only the commonest birds, and who advertise and puff themselves up as having won hundreds, even thousands, of prizes; and call themselves "expert judges." Some sellers of birds sell the public also; if the latter really believe that certain "hand-reared" British birds can be continuously advertised; and I presume sold, for two shillings. The individual who sells them must have been uncommonly energetic in the rearing of this numerous family, and uncommonly generous after all that trouble in parting with the birds for 2s. apiece. Either a great many were sold, or a great pecuniary loss in advertising must have accrued! Another trade trick is the advertising of birds which have never arrived on the premises, and probably never will! I have known Ducks, Swans, etc., advertised as "all on water," when I have also known that the water, which was most filthy, was contained in a shallow depression of cement measuring at the most about five feet square. All this kind of thing reacts hardly on honest dealers who have good birds, and who shrink from having intercourse with those two disreputable females—Miss Nomer and Miss Representation!

AN EXPERIENCED AVICULTURIST.

"A Wail from Aintree."

Sir,—As a member of the committee of the Aintree and Fazakerley Society, I claim the indulgence of the readers of your esteemed paper in answer to your correspondent, Mr. G. A. Skilling. I and a very big majority of the members consider Mr. Anderson, one of the ablest secretaries in this district, and one who has done all that lay in his power to make the society a success. Myself a bird man, I certainly consider these fanciers are to blame for the society having to wind up. I should have thought Mr. Skilling would be the last to write to the Fancy Press condemning the secretary. I should like to ask Mr. Skilling why he has not given up the silver cup (the property of the club) after application by the secretary, by order of the committee. Has Mr. Skilling ever been known to give anything to the above society? He has promised medals galore. Mr. Anderson I know is at a big loss over this club, and he is not the only secretary who has had this kind of sportsman to contend with in this district. The club now owes to different tradesmen, close on £5, and that money has to be found. Perhaps, as Mr. G. A. Skilling is a committeeman, he will have the pleasure of finding his share. Talking won't pay it. The Fur, Feather, and Cavie members of the club have been very generous, according to the club's books, but Mr. Skilling has never given a penny piece of his prize money towards the club funds. Mr. Skilling says that the Aintree Society owes him seven pence. We will make a collection at the next meeting for him, if he will only turn up and return the club's property, namely, the silver cup. We have an offer for it, and the money can go towards clearing off the debts of the club. It will make his share less, when payment is enforced in another place, and promote the harmony he so desires. As this letter represents the views of two-thirds of the members of the Aintree Society it is desired that it also should go through your valuable paper in justice to the loyal members of the society.

YORKSHIREMAN.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Nomination of officers, 1914-15. All nominations must be sent to the Sec. on or before March 31. Copies of nomination papers will be found in the Club's Handbook. Please fill in and send on at once.—J. Greaves, 279, Hollings rd., Bradford.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 19, headquarters, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax. Mr. E. Stobart presided over a splendid attendance. All officers appointed. The Soc. has now been accepted as member of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. decided to hold open show under Yorkshire Union rules, the date not yet decided upon. Fanciers desirous of being Union members can now join and participate in the benefits. A portion of the syllabus was gone through, but left over for the sub-committee to draw up and bring before the members at the next general meeting, April 2, 8. Also decided to have a supper on April 16, 7.30, headquarters. Fanciers or friends interested kindly give in name early. Several new members enrolled.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec., 46, Hammond Street, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting Mar. 9, 81, Kilbowie Road. Mr. McGown presided over a good attendance. Sec. read letters received from the gentlemen nominated to judge our annual show, and after discussion it was agreed to engage the following:—Can. Sec., Mr. A. H. McLean, Baltoch; Brit. Sec., Mr. J. McWatt, Bonny Bridge. Sec. then disposed of 200 closed rings, as the members mean to give them a trial this year. This being all the business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting, Mar. 18, Headquarters, Mr. Heighton, chair. Presentation of the pair of Canaries provided by the subscribing members took place. Mr. Heighton said a few suitable words in handing them to Mr. Hardy, who in reply said that although the birds came as a great surprise to him, he received them gratefully, and would do his utmost to be a useful member of the society. There was a small balance in hand from the fund, and it was decided to spend it in seed. Decided that we have a moss-gathering expedition, Mar. 28. Train, L. and N.W. to Glen-Parva, 1.40, cycles meet Old Horse Hotel 1.45. Table show:—GOLD., F.M.: 1, Crane; 2, Yates. BULLF.: 1, West; 2, 3, Heighton. BRAMBLEF., ETC.: 1, 3, Brooks; 2, Ross; vhc, West; hc, Heighton. LINNET: 1, Hester; 2, Heighton; 3, Brooks. A.V. NOR. CK.: 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Cook. HEN: 1, Brooks. Vote of thanks to the judges concluded the business.—J. Hardbattle.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Whist drive, Warren's Social and Recreation Club, Mar. 18. The attendance did not come up to expectations, only about 100 people attending. Mrs. Rougier obtained the first prize ladies, which was a Canary and cage, with 178 points. Miss Fisher, 2nd prize of Canary and cage, 175; and Mrs. Lammas 3rd prize, 169 points. Mrs. Amor, highest interval, 97 points; and 1st prize gent.'s, 176; and Mr. Earle, with 174 points, obtained 2nd prize, both prizes being lovely Canaries and cages; 3rd prize, Mr. Warren; highest interval, Mrs. Adams (played as gent.). The prizes were presented by vice-pres. Mr. Fox, who expressed his pleasure in presenting these prizes, and hoped he would have the pleasure of seeing the winners become fanciers and members of the East Ham C.B.S. Mr. W. Tarring acted as M.C.—F. Onslow, Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting Mar. 4, Star Inn, Church Street, Burnley. Mr. T. Chadwick presiding over a good turnout of members. Besides the usual business, there was election of sub-committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Baker, Callow, West, Hargreaves, and Spencer. Following classes were fixed for F.F. show, June 27:—Nor. Champ.; Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell. (2); Buff Varieg. Yelt.; Buff Nor. Nov.; Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell.; Buff Tkd. Variegated. Yell.; Buff Yorks Champ; Clear Tkd. Variegated. Yell.; Buffs Yorks Nov.; Cl. Tkd. Variegated. Yell.; Buffs; A.O.V. Can., Mules and Hyb.; Brit. Hardbills; Softbills. Next meeting April 1. Our host, Mr. T. Edwards, has kindly promised to give us a lecture on pairing up and rearing of young ones. This should be of great interest to all. Fanciers are cordially invited to join this rising society. Novices specially invited. Subs. 1s. quarter.—G. Whittaker, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting March 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd chair, and 37 members present. Mr. R. Jenks elected member. The Hon. Sec. presented balance sheet for pair show, and also reported decision of Council regarding Mrs. G. E. Weston's claim to Mayfair cup. Resolved to abandon the next meeting, which falls on Easter Monday. Our generous "anonymous" donor again presented a very nice cake, beautifully iced and ornamented, for competition amongst members for estimating the number of members and visitors present at meeting. The count was taken at 9.15. Messrs. Chard, Lye and Sayer had the lucky number, 37, and rather than disappoint their expectant families, they agreed to divide into thirds. Mr. F. J. Martin then gave his lecture on "Canary Breeding," with special reference to Norwich Plainheads, and dealt very fully from a novice's start in the Fancy, illustrating how easy it is by injudicious pairing to have many disappointments. He also gave results within his own experience of double buffing, and the introduction of cinnamon blood. In the discussion which followed, many valuable hints were gained by members as to feeding both the old and young birds, and how to treat them for various ailments. Members all agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed the very interesting and instructive lecture, and heartily thanked Mr. Martin for his kind attendance. Vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—F. Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

AVICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Those who are interested in British and foreign birds in freedom and captivity are invited to send in their names, with references, to be proposed as members of this society, whose monthly magazine has been published since 1894, with articles by all the best known and leading aviculturists, beautiful coloured plates and black and white illustrations, portraying birds of many species. Dr. Butler, the Marquis of Tavistock, Mr. St. Quintin, Mr. A. Trevor-Battye, Miss R. Alderson, Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. Seth-Smith, and others are constant contributors. Nearly 120 members, including aviculturists in the United States, Australia, and Africa, etc. Editor, Hubert D. Astley, Esq., Brinsop Court, Hereford, to whom communications should be addressed.

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LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, Mason's Arms, Mar. 21, Mr. A. Jardine presided over a good attendance. Members present booked their hens, and absent members were allowed to the end of month. Election of judges resulted in the secretary being left with the names of very prominent fanciers, whose names will be published on accepting. Among correspondence, the question of closed rings led to a great deal of discussion, the finding of the meeting being to leave it an open question. Mr. James Johnstone was admitted a member. Anyone wishing to join can do so before the end of the month. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair brought the meeting to a close.—W. B. Smart, Sec., 13, High-st.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting, Mar. 19. Mr. M. C. Potts (chair. Classification for open show was considered. Committee's recommendations will be brought forward at next general meeting, April 2. As this is important, will everyone who has the interests of the society at heart make an effort to attend? There will also be a discussion on breeding; novices please note. Everyone welcome, members or not. Mr. Tindale outlined a scheme for N.F. show, July 4, whereby we could ask for the patronage of the Northern specialist societies. More particulars later. Subs. now due.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S

General meeting Mar. 21, Portland Arms, Codnor Park, when a good number attended, the business being selection of judges and other items for next feather shows. Two new members proposed, and a pleasant evening was spent. Next meeting April 25, Three Tuns, Eastwood.—Smith and Lees, Joint Secs.

SHETTLESTON C.B.C.

Meeting Mar. 11, Johnstou's Hall, Mr. Wood presiding over a good turnout. Mr. McClure (Shettleston) is presenting the club with a handsome silver cup, this making five cups to be competed for annually. Six members enrolled and four proposed for next meeting. Club is giving a handsome silver medal to the member who brings most new members. Next meeting April 8, when a lecture will be given on pairing and management in Canary breeding.—A. Berry, Sec.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 21, Colliery Inn, with a good turnout of members. Election of officers:—Chair, Mr. Wm. Rushton; treas., Mr. J. Dixon; committee, Messrs. Dawson, Bates, Mitchell, Barron, Davison, Burnip, Robson, Clark, Hogg. The following made members:—W. Elliott, C. Piper, J. Armin, F. Brown, A. Redhead, A. Dawson, J. Ridley, J. Mortimer. Decided to make subs. 1s. to join and 4s. 3d. per year. We are holding our annual open show on Oct. 24 and N.F. show July 4. Secs. please note to avoid clashing.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

Meeting Mar. 16, Deansgate Hotel. Chairman presided over a very large muster. Two new members elected. The following judges were elected for open show in Oct.: Messrs. J. Garner, C. A. House, W. Booth, J. Johnston, and C. Honlton. Decided to hold same at the Hulme Town Hall if not engaged for dates. Also decided not to conduct any of the society's business next meeting, April 6, but to devote this night solely to Mr. Cutmore's lantern lecture on "British Birds." Ladies are invited to this lecture, which is to be held in the St. Paul's Schoolroom, Bennett Street. Next item was a lecture on "Canary Breeding and Management," by Mr. Barker Clegg, a report of which I have forwarded to "Cage Birds" for publication, to appear in due course. The lecture was listened to with keen interest, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clegg. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.—F. Hayward, Hon. Sec

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 28. Business was nominating judges for the annual shows, and a few popular gentlemen have been put forward. One new member was admitted. Mr. J. C. Davidson has granted the association a valuable cup also medal, to be competed for annually for points; members to nominate four birds specials to count. Agreed to appoint Mr. Davidson hon. pres. Next meeting Mar. 28, when a large meeting is requested; very important business, confirming judges for first and annual shows.—Walter Clarkson.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Brit. and For. show, Mar. 13, Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Although entries totalled only 53, some really good specimens were included. Special thanks are due to Mr. E. Stephens, who made a splendid entry, although a few were damaged, being minus tail feathers. He hereby sacrificed points to the benefit of the assoc.—the true sporting spirit. I also offer my sincere thanks to the other exhibitors for their support.

GOLDF. (11): 1, c, Sadler; 2, Stephens; 3, r., Pace; vhc, Hammond; hc, Bell. BULLF. (3): 1, Stephens; 2, Pettet; 3, Sadler. GREENF. (9): 1, vhc, Stephens; 2, 3, Pettet; r., Hammond; hc, Bell; c, Madell. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF. (9): 1, Hammond; 2, r., vhc, hc, c, Stephens; 3, Sadler. LINNET (5): 1, Sadler; 2, Stephens; 3, r., Hammond; vhc, London. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Pettet; 2, 3, hc, Stephens; r., Hammond; vhc, Sadler; c, Madell. A.O.V. HARDBILL (3): 1, Madell; 2, Bell; 3, Stephens. SOFTBILL: 1, Madell; 2, Stephens. HEN (1): 1 Stephens. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, Hammond.—P. W. Jeffries.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 4, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Mr. Broadhurst chair. Messrs. Bayliss and Cawley elected members and three nominations received. Balance sheet held over for discussion until next meeting owing to pair show. Whilst Mr. G. Baker judged the exhibits, Mr. Weaver, chairman of the Wolverhampton Soc., gave an address on the Norwich P.C., telling us what to do and what not to do in pairing up if we wanted to obtain the right type of bird. A splendid gathering of over 40 members and friends heartily applauded Mr. Weaver's interesting and instructive lecture. Many of us who were absent have been told we missed one of the best addresses ever given at our meetings, and it is a pity a full report was not taken for the benefit of the Fancy. The sec., in sending me his notes, disposes of the pair show in the following few words: "It was a poor show, only 20 entries all told," and members can guess his feelings at such a feeble response after asking him to arrange the table show. Next meeting April 1, 8 p., in the large "Society Room." Mr. Jacquemin, the Roller judge, of Wolverhampton, will deliver a lecture on Rollers, and we heartily invite all fanciers to join us that evening. A gratuity of three guineas was voted to Mr. J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., as an acknowledgment of his valued services during the past year.—J. H. de Maillet

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Annual general meeting Mar. 21, at the Market Tavern. Mr. H. W. Walsh presided over a good attendance of delegates. Minutes of previous meeting, of special sub-committee meeting, and last annual general meeting were confirmed. The result of the annual ballot was announced to the Council, the following officials being duly appointed for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mr. Wm. Ornise; vice-pres., Mr. J. Butter; trustees, Messrs. Towers and Brown; auditors, Messrs. Halliday and White. The Council then elected treas., Mr. F. Hammond being duly appointed to that position with a unanimous vote. Mr. Hammond, in response to the vote, heartily thanked the delegates for their renewed confidence. Balance sheet for the past year's work was presented to the Council, and showed a satisfactory increase, both in membership and finance. This also was unanimously adopted. The auditors, Messrs. Halliday and Armstrong, gave their report as to finding the Union books and accounts in perfect order. Bankfoot C.B.S. tendered their resignation owing to lack of support, and this was accepted with regret. Halifax C.B.S. made application for membership, which was granted unanimously. They also signified their intention of running an open show, and asked permission of the Council to have the same date and same judge as previously allotted to the Halifax Soc. before the split. The Pres. retired until this point was discussed, and after due consideration the majority of delegates favoured the idea of taking this question back to their respective societies and getting the opinion of their members in order that they can come to the next meeting fully prepared to settle it satisfactorily. A vote of thanks to retiring officers was passed with enthusiasm, and Mr. F. Armstrong, retiring auditor, who has held office in the Union for a good number of years, replied, as did Mr. H. W. Walsh, the retiring pres. An honorarium of £10 was unanimously granted to the sec. for his past year's work, and Mr. Hill, in reply, thanked them for the kind things which had been said about his work, which he hoped to improve during the ensuing year of office. A grant of £1 was also made towards defraying the expense attached to the annual prize distribution. The delegates travelling expenses were paid at this meeting; those of delegates who did not attend will be paid at next meeting. Will secretaries of all affiliated societies who have not already notified me of any change in representative delegates kindly send on the names and addresses of same at the earliest opportunity, so that they can be postcarded to attend the next Council meeting?—H. Hill, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting and table show of Brit. birds (hardbills), Mar. 13, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. A. Hendry presiding over a good attendance. The services of the following well-known judges have been secured for the annual members' shows, Nov. 21, viz., Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh, and Mr. P. McQuisten, Ayr. Four new members enrolled, viz. Messrs. Fleming, W. McKenzie, Wm. Morrison, and J. Scott. Entries for table show were well up on last year, quality being exceptionally good. Mr. R. V. Raine judged, and gave full satisfaction. Many thanks are due to him for his kindness. Specials for show were given by Mr. G. G. Henderson. Mr. J. Campbell, and Mr. G. McClown. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, sp, Henderson; 3, Gillespie. LINNET: 1, sp, Henderson; 2, Allan; 3, Mitchell; 4, Gillespie. GREENF.: 1, Henderson; 2, 6, Allan; 3, Gillespie; 4, McGarry; 5, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Henderson. LESSER OR MEALY REDPOLL: 1, Allan; 2, Henderson; 3, sp, McGarry. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF.: 1, Henderson. HENS FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Henderson. Members please note next meeting and table show of Brit. and For Mules and Hybrids, Co-operative Hall, April 10, 8 p.m., when we hope to see a large turn-out.—W. S. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual meeting Mar. 18, Mr. Crawhall presided. Following members elected: J. H. Hutchins, R. Thompson, W. Smith, W. Frost, H. O. Pyman. Sec. presented balance sheet, a credit balance of £3 4s 7d. being considered highly satisfactory. The thanks of the members were accorded to our pres. Mr. Crawhall, for his generosity in returning the value of championship trophy, which he won, to the club's fund. The following were the officials elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., T. C. Crawhall; vice-pres., W. J. Taylor, G. S. Ellwood, J. Curry, Dr. Duncan, O'Neal, Shepherd, T. B. Tomlinson, G. W. Cuthbertson; chairman, C. Cattell; vice chair, S. C. Dix; committee, Messrs. Hutler, Stewart, Tweedie, Potts, Wigglesworth, Hedley, Mirley, Smith, Witherley; auditor, W. Mather; hon. sec. and treas., R. Tindale. Decided that in future we hold our table shows in conjunction with Newcastle C.B.S. Will members using closed rings kindly place their orders for same with sec. as soon as possible? I should like to make again a strong appeal to fanciers interested in our variety, and residing within the four northern counties, to join our ranks. In the past year we have given in trophies and specials something like £3 more than our total income derived from members' subs., and with an increased membership we shall be able to still further increase the value of our specials. We especially appeal to the novice, as we give to this section (apart from the trophy, gold and silver medals, and other valuable specials), the right to compete for the challenge and Crawhall cups, the latter being won by a member of this section in the season just closed. Annual subs. 2s. 6d., any anyone desirous of becoming a member can do so by sending in name and address to the sec.—R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting Mar. 9, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, Mr. George Harrison chair. It was pleasing to see such a good number of members present. Business was proceeded with very quickly, although there was some lively discussion over last year's affairs. Three members nominated for membership. Decided to open a cup fund, and a very good response was made to the appeal for subs., 32s. being quickly handed to treas., which shows the business spirit of those present. Everything appears to be going along in first-class style. A number of special prizes have been received for the coming shows. Subs. are now due, and members who have not paid will greatly help by remitting same as quickly as possible. Decided that Mr. J. E. Shepherd should judge the young bird and annual shows. Mr. Shepherd was then requested to proceed with his lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," which proved very interesting even to the oldest members. His preliminary remarks on how he was brought into the Fancy, the experiences of thirty years in the principal towns of England and Scotland, were most amusing and well received. Numerous questions were asked and ably replied to. Hearty vote of thanks closed a very pleasant evening.—H. F. Bowring, Hon Sec.

JARROW HEBBURN C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, Victoria Hotel, Mr. R. Sanderson judged. PAIR CLASSES: 1, vhc, he, Hutler; 2, c, Harrison; 3, Baxter; 4, Fullerton. BRIT.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Walker; 4, James; vhc, he, Best; c, Douglass. After judging, meeting was held, when a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Sanderson. Decided to hold table show Mar. 31. Classes, Nor. ck., Yorks ck., Bord. ck., Brit. A.V.—W. Ayers, Sec.

FORFAR C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 19. Unanimously agreed to alter our annual open show date from Nov. 14, as advertised, to Oct. 31. Our committee was informed that Perth were not running a show this season, so we thought it advisable to take their date, Oct. 31, as there are four shows on Nov. 14, two in the West of Scotland and two in Fife. Will other secs. please note to avoid clashing?—D. Kerr and J. Robertson, Joint Secs.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 10, headquarters, Mr. T. Ridal chair. Sec. read balance sheet and gave a short retrospect of soc. We have five cups and a balance in the bank of £13 13s. 9d., the year's income being £36 15s. 3d. and expenses £30 8s. 3d., leaving a balance this year of £6 7s. after paying fixed prize money on two shows. In an egg-food making competition four competitors took part. Result: 1, Woolhouse; 2, Lawton; 3, Everard. The various methods employed proved very interesting. Mr. Woolhouse used one egg, four Osborne biscuits, and a mill, taking 2½ minutes; Mr. Lawton an egg press and four Osborne biscuits, time 1m. 50secs., his method being very clean and quick; Mr. Everard, using one egg and a slice of stale bread, made a very light mixture, but took five minutes. It proved very interesting to the small number present. Next meeting April 9. Lecture by Mr. P. Walsh on Brit. Two new members made.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

On Mar. 18, at Royal Oak Hotel, there was a crowded attendance, nearly 60 being present, for the lecture by Mr. T. Wraight, of Tunbridge Wells. Subject, "My Thirty-five Years' Experience of Bird-Keeping." All sincerely regretted the absence of Mrs. Wraight through illness, and wished her a speedy recovery. Many others were prevented from attending through the same cause. The President (Rev. J. M. Paterson) was unable to occupy the chair, having two confirmation classes, and Mr. F. Slack kindly presided. Many thanks to Mr. F. Wraight for his splendid lecture, which was greatly enjoyed by all present, and resulted in four new members being enrolled. Among those present were Mesdames Frank Shaw, Kirk-Bullock, Greengrass, A. W. Swaffer, Ellis, Crofts, H. Morris, J. Stevens, Barrow, M. Wilson, A. M. Elliott, Misses Vale, Reeks, Hill, and Hon. Sec., Messrs. Ellis, W. Elliott, A. M. Elliott, Pennells, Godden, A. W. Swaffer, Veness, Douch, Cragg, H. Morris, M. Wilson, Stevens, Turner, Barham, J. Stoakes, etc. After the lecture, which everyone appreciated, many questions were asked, and then a musical programme was gone through. Warm votes of thanks were unanimously carried to the lecturer, vocalists, and chairman. The vocalists were:—Madame Elise Davenport, of the Berlin Conservatoire; Mrs. Swaffer, Miss Hill, Miss Reeks (violin), Mr. P. H. Goldberg, A.R.C.M., Mus.B. (piano), Mr. A. M. Elliott, and Master A. Johnson ('cello). Members please note that on April 15, 8.30, "Question Night" will be held. It is an experiment, and I hope to see a good attendance. Later, an informal musical evening and smoke amongst members only. No professionals will be invited. So musical members please practice and bring along your songs, music etc.—I. Kirk-Bullock, hon. sec.

W. STANLEY (Empire Workmen's Club) F.S.

Meeting Mar. 22, in Club Room, for election of officers and nomination of judges. The following were elected officers: Mr. R. Peart, chair; Mr. J. Smith re-elected treas.; Wm. Robinson, re-elected sec.; and the following nominated of judges:—Mr. Wm. Reed, Mr. J. Hands, Mr. J. Stanger, Mr. A. Brown, and Mr. J. Riseborough. Decided to keep our old date for our annual show, Nov. 21 and 22.—Wm. Robinson, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Annual meeting Mar. 19, Silver Grill, Tredegar, Mr. J. Griffiths chair. Sec. submitted annual report and balance sheet, which showed a cash balance of 17s. 3d., and was adopted. On recommendation of sec., night of meeting was changed from Thursday to Saturday to enable night workmen to attend. Messrs. Griffiths and Watkins introduced prize schemes for our young bird shows. After discussion, both schemes were adopted and decided that three young bird shows be held during season; that points gained with three highest birds at each show count for specials; that two cups be purchased one for each section. Members wishing to compete for same will be asked to contribute 2s. each towards cost. All birds competing for above competitions must be rung, and must be bred by exhibitor. Rings to be obtained through sec.—W. B. Watkins.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.A.

Meeting Mar. 17, headquarters, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham. Mr. H. W. Tomsett chair, supported by Mr. F. Cole. Attendance was good. Meeting opened with a discussion on British birds. Several questions were asked and answered. On the table were a very nice Goldfinch and Siskin. The question of sexing was answered by Mr. Wyatt. The following questions were asked and answered:—The best time to leave off egg food for the young birds; temperature of bird room when breeding; should eggs always be removed until third is laid; best cure for asthma; how to increase size in the Nor.; how long may a nest of eggs be left uncovered in ordinary warm weather without harm to the unhatched. Vote of thanks passed to Mr. Tomsett for occupying the chair closed a very pleasant and interesting meeting. Next meeting April 7. Lecture by Mr. J. Hazell on "Rearing of Young Birds."—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

EAST LOTHIAN C.B.S.

Third annual general meeting, Plough Inn, Haddington, Mar. 20, Mr. Geo. Scott presiding over a moderate attendance. Balance sheet was adopted, showing a credit balance of £8 7s., which was considered very satisfactory. Office-bearers elected: Geo. Scott, pres.; T. Paterson, vice; W. Fraser, treas.; J. Fairgrieve, 10, Hope Park, Haddington, sec. Decided to hold annual open show on the old date, Oct. 17. Also decided that three judges be appointed instead of two, so that judging would be over sooner. Several judges were put up, and the sec. instructed to write for terms. Classification to come up at next meeting, April 3.—J. Fairgrieve, Sec.

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EXCHANGE exhibition Linnet and Lesser Redpoll for good Bullfinch hen: J. Gibb, 14, Whytes-bldgs., Montrose-st., Brechin. (1480)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, grand bird, for good h.m. cock Grey Linnet, muling; no rubbish: Gilliland, Ilow Mill, Carlisle. (1476)

WILL sell or exchange a splendid piping cock Bullfinch, finger tame, in splendid feather, 10/6: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1481)

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COCK Linnet, Norwich hen, bred Mules, 7/6; two good Norwich hens, 7/-; exchange Norwich cocks: Lea, Waterloo-square, Camberwell. (1494)

EXCHANGE slim, breedy buff York hen, value 25/-, for slim buff York cock; yours first: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W. (1480)

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire hens, 1913, for cock Goldfinch, winner, or stock Buff Yorkshire cock; approval: Wills, Aviaries, Wadebridge. (1484)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, breeding condition, for pair Rollers, sell 10/6; yours first; approval: James, 27, Merthyr-rd., Abergavenny. (1495)

WHAT offers in Canaries for gent's suit length, tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1393)

INDIAN Green Parrot with good cage, value 20/-, or exchange pair good Norwich Plainheads: Barclay, Allan Cottage, Bridge of Allan. (1481)

FOUR feeding hen Canaries, only 2/3 each; cock Bullie, 2/-, cold room, or exchange for fowls or other live stock: Rennie, East End, Prestonpans. (1483)

EXCHANGE good yellow Yorkshire cock, large cock Linnet, for Schoolmaster Roller, sell 10/6: Tolley, Espana, Raynead-rd., Maidenhead. (1483)

EXCHANGE cock Canaries, 1 Crested cock, 12/6 and 2 Norwich cocks, unflighted, for 2 Roller cocks; yours first: Krohn, Keithhall-rd., Inverurie. (1494)

WANTED real good pair Norwich or Roller schoolmaster, exchange lady's gold-cased watch, nearly new, sell 15/-: 162, Bellingdon-rd., Chesham. (1494)

EXCHANGE a good 1913 Crestbred cock for two good yellow Border hens, 1913 bred; yours first: David Smart, 178, Lumley-st., Grangemouth. (1486)

EXCHANGE three unflighted hen Canaries for pair Green or Yellow Budgerigars, adult; yours first: G. Pitchford, Wing, Leighton Buzzard. (1481)

CANARY-reared cock Goldfinch Mule, breeder; hand-reared cock Skylark, full song; exchange Canaries; approval: J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk. (1479)

SIX extra nice green and variegated glucke Roller hens, 1913, 2/- each; 10/- lot; any useful exchange entertained: Gabbott, 48, Altom-st., Blackburn. (1477)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks. or Norwich for scrap brass, copper, block tin, solder, or gold jewellery: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester Road, Bradford. (1467)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for pair Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Redpoils, picked birds, flying with Canaries since October: Carter, Ironmonger, Southwold. (1491)

EXCHANGE a large clear buff 1913 C.B. cock or large green crested cock for good Roller cock; yours first: Walker, 6, Lambert-ter., Aberdare, Wales. (1485)

EXCHANGE two Lizard hens, engineer's callipers, hand camera, for pair good Norwich, Borders, or Yorkshires: Foden, 22, Mellor-st., Prestwich, Manchester. (1481)

EXCHANGE two hens, Crested and Crestbred, for big typical clear yellow Norwich hen; approval: Armstrong, 3, Park View, Oakenshaw, Willington, Durham. (1485)

HENS, common 1912-13, good feeders, mad to nest, 1/6 each; few good Rollers 2/-; cold room, exchange hornless gramophone: Parker, 25, Woodseats Housed., Sheffield. (1481)

WANTED to exchange 2 pair Canaries, 2 cock Cinnamons, one Goldfinch, and two hen Canaries, for good lady's cycle, on approval both ways: Huddy, Cheshum, Bucks. (1489)

THREE pair Canaries and one Scotch Linnet, good ones, all in pink of condition; exchange Toy or medium Bull terrier; or offers: J. Palmer, 45, Sidney-st., Arbroath. (1490)

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TWO variegated dark Crest hens, young, bred from 2 Crests, 12/6 and 17/6 each, Palace strain: approval; exchange overcoat, to fit 5ft. 5in.—Fred Clapham, 324, Langsett-terrace, Stocksbridge, near Sheffield. (1489)

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WANTED, offers in singing cock Canaries, cock Goldfinches, or pedigree miniature Pom puppies; exchange pair Scotch blankets, 25/-, or tweed suit length, 25/-; approval: William Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas. (1483)

WANTED, Plainhead or Crested Norwich, or anything useful, in exchange for Blue-Roaned Cocker Dog, Fulage Cracker, Reg. No. 163,636; good stud dog, grand pedigree, or sell £2; approval: Isaac Nicholson, Allanby-st., Flimby, near Maryport, Cumberland. (1486)

EXCHANGE grand pair Norwich Canaries, yellow-green cock and yellow hen, both bred from winners, 1913 birds, for good pair of Norwich buffs, also exhibition muling cock Goldfinch, mated to buff hen, sure muler for good pair of Yorks., or offers: Abel, The Grove, Necton, near Swaffham. (1482)

EXCHANGE 2 volumes of "Modern Power Generators," cost 42s., for pair of good Crests; and 1 "Canaries, Hybrids, British Birds," by J. Robson, edited by S. H. Lewer, cost 25/-, for clear yellow Norwich Plainhead cock; approval; books quite new; no rubbish wanted: Hately, Jesmond House, Queens Avenue, King's Lynn. (1485)

TWELVE Turkeys, hatched last May, cocks 17/6 each, hens 12/6 each, in good plumage; Canaries Crest and Crestbred, 15/- a pair; Norwich, Yorkshire or German Roller cocks in song, 8/6 each; also I want to buy a quantity of hen Canaries: A. Leatherland, 117, Carlton Hill, Nottingham. (1479)

CLEAR buff Yorks cock, 2nd at Tetbury, only time shown, 12/6; yellow Border cock, 7/6; Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch song, 7/6; cock Goldfinch and clear Norwich hen, 7/6; clear buff Yorks. hen, all cocks on full song, 5/-; would exchange for good pair of Scotch Fancies; no rubbish offered: W. Clark, 1, Tan-yard, Malmesbury, Wilts. (1483)

Mainly Foreign.

FOR sale or exchange, 14 Green Budgerigars and hen Cockatiel, hen breeding condition: A. Frankland, Rawdon, Leeds. (1493)

EXCHANGE talking Parrot and cage for Canaries or other birds; or sell 30/-; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1488)

SULPHUR-crested Cockatoo, soon talk; exchange unflighted buff or yellow Norwich hen; sell 30/-: Willoughby, House Decorator, Wolverhampton. (1479)

INDIAN Green Parrot and cage, 2 years, acclimatised, exchange silver watch, chain, gramophone, Canaries; offers: Tomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green. (1470)

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SPLENDID acclimatised Galah Parrot, with new cage, perfectly tame, 25/-; also beautiful Indian Parrot, talking, with cage, £1; or exchange either for small Yorkshire terrier bitch, anything: Minikin, Clay Hall, Thwaites, Keighley. (1486)

COCK Cockatiel, 3 pair yellow Budgerigars, 2 cocks, yellow and green, all perfect, outdoors; wanted, pair Zebra Finches, cock Madagascar Love. What offers in exchange? Anything useful: H. J. Phillips, Boatbuilder and Shipwright, Rock Channel, Rye. (1486)

YOUNG male Cockatiel, commencing to talk, bred from finger-tame talking parents, make excellent pet, outdoors, 10/-; dozen unused husks, 4/-; three-compartment Palace aviary, new condition, 12/6; wanted, pairs White and Grey Javas, Cutthroats, Zebra Finches, Californian Quails, Adult Green Budgies, Goldfinches; offers: F. Bull, Sutton, Surrey. (1480)

Miscellaneous.

WILL buy anything alive for cash: Cecil, 190, Shaftesbury-av., London. (1488)

EXCHANGE, 7 hares, for Canaries; offers: Nickels, 15, Princes-st., Babbacombe, Torquay. (1476)

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EXCHANGE good lobed Black Minorca cockerel for big Norwich cock Canary: Webber, Chapel-st., Exmouth. (1484)

WHAT offers, cash or exchange? Black frock coat, vest, unsoiled, 11t tall, stout man, cost 55/-: Sides, Southwell. (1483)

ALMOST new mandoline, sell 25/-; exchange for pair of Canaries to value: Ben Davies, Hundleton, Pembroke. (1483)

GENT.'S gold watch, good order; exchange fowls; offers: Mrs. Goldsmith, Mount Pleasant-rd., Reydon, Southwold. (1492)

GENT.S cycle, good running order, exchange Canaries, or offers, or sell 20/-: H. Westell, 9-11, Essex-st., Oxford. (1471)

WANTED, concertina, good condition; must be on approval: Mr. G. Fisher, 125, West-rd., Shoeburyness, Essex. (1488)

EXCHANGE pair of racing homers, rung, for muling Goldfinch cock; yours first: Paley, 9, St. Marysgate, Ripon. (1480)

EXCHANGE 36 twopenny tins vermin destroyer, for two hen Canaries or anything: Pearson, 2, Naseby-st., Oldham. (1493)

WILL give two good razors for 8ib. hen, or double breeder; yours first: Yeoman, 62, Hydethorpe-rd., Balham, S.W. (1472)

WANTED pair Canaries, in exchange for joiners' tools; apply for list: S. Roberts, Joiner, 4, Octagon-st., Plymouth. (1479)

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FOR sale, double breeding cage and square hanging cage, 7/-; or offers: James Webb, Front-st., Cockfield, Durham. (1483)

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EXCHANGE, six-chambered pin-fire revolver, perfect order, for cock Canary, bird first: Lunt, 125, Boaler-st., Liverpool. (1477)

GENT'S mackintosh, almost new, accept 15/-; cost 30/-; or will exchange for birds: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1488)

PAIR bronze warrior figures, each holding clock, new, 10/6; exchange; approval: Algar, 21, Sunderland-st., Sunderland. (1493)

EXCHANGE 8-day clock, plain and good, for Crests or Rollers; sell 15/-; birds first: F. O. S., 2, Hardy-rd., Parkstone, Dorset. (1490)

SALE or exchange for fowls, 150-egg incubator, used one season, sell for £2 10s.: English, 6, Foulbaire-rd., Walthamstow. (1491)

HAND camera, ½-plate, perfect condition, 12/6, or exchange for pair of Yorkshires: Walton, 85, Somerhall-st., Mansfield. (1481)

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EXCHANGE Whiteley's chest expander and exercise book for good cock Canary in song: Hallen, 651, Old Kent-rd., London. (1486)

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SELL or exchange for Goldie, Sebright Bantams, Old English sheep dog pup, three months: Holden, 25, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton. (1482)

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SALE, micrometer gauge, also 20 clean coloured plates; exchange anything useful; offers: J. Greatrex, 44, Victoria-avenue, Rugby. (1486)

EXCHANGE 13ft. greenheart rod, value 15/-, for cock Goldie and Linnet mulers, good noted: Griffiths, Gardener, Newtown, Mont. (1488)

GENT'S silver lever watch, value £2. Offers Norwich. No rubbish wanted or offered: Price Williams, High-st., Penrhyndendraeth. (1487)

EXCHANGE three sets of printing blocks, suit any business, for gramophone, anything: J. W. Brown, 21, Dicconson-st., Wigan. (1485)

SEWING machine, hand, lockstitch, perfect worker, new condition, 25/-, cost £4; exchange Canaries: Finch, 421, Portobello-rd., London. (1476)

VIOLIN, high-class, bow, case, quantity music, £2; large pair field-glasses, £1; exchange Canaries; offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (1482)

CONCERTINA by Lachenal, 26-keys, good condition, 30/-, or exchange gramophone and records: Hills, High-st., Mildenhall, Suffolk. (1483)

LAWNMOWER, Green's, 6in., 7/6; knitting machine, cost £5 10/-, 20/-; darning machine, 1/6: Morgan, York Villa, Westgreen-rd., London. (1490)

EXCHANGE silver-plated cornet and case, for good talking Parrot and cage; mutual approval: Gear, Rose-cottage, Library-rd., Parkstone. (1489)

SILVER lever watch, nearly new, for Roller cock, pair Lizards, or 2 green Yorkshire hens. Offers: John Thomas Roe, Whittington Moor. (1488)

EXCHANGE silver Waltham watch and pair field glasses, for four Norwich hens (mutual approval): Pegg, 59, Furness-st., West Hartlepool. (1484)

SEA rod, greenheart, 5/6; 50-hour American clock, 3/6; quantity of tools, 5/-; exchange for Canaries: Middleton, 96, Northgate, Canterbury. (1480)

EXCHANGE for birds, Canaries preferred, good strong useful handcart, for particulars apply Caddy, 5, Ivy-terr., Pantygraigwen, Pontypridd. (1485)

FOR sale or exchange, large quantity gramophone records, and 60 phonograph records. Wanted, stuffed birds: Bettomley, Boatmaker, Keighley. (1488)

WANTED, coloured pictures from books or coloured almanacks in exchange cases of stuffed birds: Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex. (1485)

EXCHANGE "Countryside Books," vols. from 1 to 9, clean, unbound, for Norwich hen Canary: John Cowie, 22, St. Mary-st., Peterhead. (1481)

WHAT offers in Roller Canaries or British hardbills, for two dozen good double-sided disc records: B. Bailey, 21e, Kingwood-rd., Fulham, S.W. (1476)

EXCHANGE Canaries and Hybrids book, cost 25/-, for pair Norwich Canaries; no rubbish offered or wanted: P. Nielsen, 33, Smith-st., Glasgow. (1491)

WANTED, lady's or gentleman's tricycle, or Bath chair; give talking Parrot and cage, or silver English lever watch: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (1483)

METRONOME, as new, gent's evening coat and vest, 36 to 38 chest; exchange Roller schoolmaster: Hough, 126, Watling-st., Bridgtown, Cannock. (1478)

CANARIES wanted, will give pipes, pouches, knives, hair brushes, sticks, cigars, razors, purses, etc.: Birchinshaw, Fancy Stores, Skegness. (1476)

BARGAIN, splendid double breeding cage, large size, removable fronts, trays, nice fittings, complete, 3/-, cheap: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris. (1482)

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TWO Black Japanese Bantam pullets (Horsfall's), 17/-; exchange genuine singing Roller and cage; yours first: Johnstone, Rosebank, Markinch. (1481)

EXCHANGE chicken rearer, excellent condition, with wired run, for pair Canaries, Yorkshires preferred: Plympton, 36, Ermine-rd., Lewisham. (1489)

CANARY dummy eggs, 1/6 per gross; exchanged entertained, taking 6 or 12 gross; carriage paid: H. Hughes, 44, Wellington-rd., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. (1484)

EXCHANGE ladies' wristlet and gent's black oxydized watches for three hen Canaries, Yorkshires: J. H. Thompson, 15, Bransley st., Sheffield. (1489)

25/- EDISON gem phonograph and 16 records, good order; will exchange for Canaries or toy pom. dog: Barraclough, 24, Bismarck-st., Bradford, Yorks. (1487)

WANTED, song birds, Rollers preferred, for ladies' and gents' metal watches, new, gold-cased; good timekeepers: Professional, Golf Club, Thetford. (1487)

EDISON Gem phonograph in case, 43 records, perfect, 30/-; exchange Rollers, offers; approval, deposit: Sanford, 17, Kensington-rd., Morecambe. (1480)

EXCHANGE lady's Whitby hard jet collar for two good Norwich hen Canaries, yellow and buff; approval: J. P. Stamp, Fleece Inn, Whitby, Yorks. (1491)

DOME aviary, 36in. high, 33in. wide, 6/-; two flight cages, 4/-; two double breeders, 2/6; exchange: Mack, 58, South-grove, Walthamstow. (1480)

EXCHANGE pair good carvers and 6 knives, ivorine handles, also six nickel-silver forks, for good pair or four hen Canaries: Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1489)

EXCHANGE book, Canaries, Hybrids, and British, cost 25/-, unsoiled, for Norwich cock, or pair to value 12/6: Wilson, 139, Stone-place, Shotts, Lanarkshire. (1479)

WHAT offers Linnets, Larks or common Pigeons for silver Geneva watch in going order, or sell 10/6: H. Hughes, 44, Wellington-rd., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. (1484)

WANTED, good yellow Yorkshire cock or extra Norwich hen, unflighted: exchange 3-guinea watch, wants little repair: Bennett, Paddock-rd., Shanklin, Wight. (1485)

WHAT offers, Roller training cages preferred, for 250 mounts, 9 printing frames, 8 developing dishes, 2 squeegees, or sell 10/-: Eber Gill, 50, Castle-st., Skipton. (1479)

15-COMPARTMENT carrying cage, for Canaries, etc., very compact, smart finish, sell, 4/- or exchange birds or anything: Franks, 18, Hilton Arcade, Oldham. (1413)

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, also razor strop, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1494)

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FOUR pure water glucke Roller cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, Randall's strain; gent's higher-grade bike wanted, or sell £4 10/-: Smith, 43, Wood-st., Grimsby. (1477)

WANTED, Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets or tweed suit length, gent's travelling rugs, sell 25/-; or Canaries for cash: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1382)

LARGE Norwich cock, 8/-; yellow Yorkshire hen, 5/-; Siskin Mule cock, 6/-; pure Black Leghorn cock, 7/6, or useful exchange; Nolan, 39, Mefford-rd., Plaistow. (1456)

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch Mule and hen Goldfinch mule for egg mill and seed mill; approval; yours first: Edwards, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (1481)

THREE show homer cocks, 15/-; lady's cycle, 20/-; exchange slim cinnamon Yorkshire cocks, two Border hens, winners; exchange cocks: Brooker, 15, Frometerr., Dorchester. (1491)

GENT'S cycle, 30/-, good riding order; also muling hen, 2/6, and 1913 Roller hen 2/-; exchange anything; approval willingly: A. Golding, 132, Norman rd., Leytonstone. (1489)

EXCHANGE hand camera, ½-plate, book of photography, 32 parts, complete; wanted, two good Yorks hens, buff and yellow: Pace, 23, Albion-st., West Hartlepool. (1481)

CAGES, two treble, six double, with accessories, last year; joiner made; cheap at £3; cash or exchange anything useful: Prince of Wales, Penygroes, North Wales. (1485)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; exchange china, oil paintings (good), useful household articles, etc.; list sent; all letters answered: H., 93, Portland-rd., Hove. (1488)

TWELVE strong Leghorn, Rock or Buff chicks, week old, 10/6; handsome Grey and Red Parrot, 15/-; make intelligent talker; exchange entertained: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1494)

SELF white smooth boar Cavy, well marked blue Dutch doe; exchange Canaries, children's boots, anything useful; sell 5/- each: Brown, 25, Elsdon-st., Felling. (1482)

OFFERS in British for solid copper phonograph horn, polished and lacquered, 55-in. long, 19½in. at mouth, suit Edison or similar; cost 30/-: T. H. W., 50, George-lane, Lewisham, S.E. (1486)

WHAT offers, cash, or cock and hen Canaries, for volumes 2, 5, 4, 5, 7, and 8, Tit-Bits, bound, in fair condition: Apply to D. P. O'Mahoney, 2, St. Finn Barrs-place, Cork, Ireland. (1477)

EXCHANGE 12 flying homers, rung N.U.R.P. 1913, and all trained 48 miles, for anything useful, or sell 5/- each; parents have all flown 150 miles: Charles Christie, 14, Seagate, Peterhead. (1479)

GRAND toned mandoline, nearly new, complete with leather case; sell 27/6; or exchange good Yorkshires or Norwich; approval: Hodkin, South-st., South Normanton, Alfreton. (1485)

MORSE sounder and key; pair 5-line intercom. telephones, dark grey raincoat, "Les Miserables," French language (illustrated), for Rollers, foreigners, or cash: Reed, Post Office, Blyth. (1481)

LOVELY Prince Charles Spaniel bitch, 2 years, good breeder, typical specimen, healthy, 84/-; exchange Canaries, cycles or anything valuable: Swann, 219, Falkner-st., Liverpool. (1486)

WANTED, buff Norwich hen or tip-top British to moult; will give slick-haired Retriever brood bitch, value three guineas; particulars: Bernard Robinson, Heathfield-rd., Webheath, Redditch. (1497)

SOLID silver English lever, capped, jewelled, practically new, cost 6 guineas, sell 30/-; approval, deposit willingly; exchange £2 in Canaries, or British: Rose, 152, Wormington-rd., North Kensington. (1476)

TWELVE double-sided records, mostly new, 10/-; also good female Labrador Retriever, 30/-; exchange small foreign Finches, Canaries, or Parrot and cage: C. Laxton, 21, Chapel-st., Peterborough. (1485)

WANTED Canaries; exchange cock Linnet Mule, Bullfinches, grandfather clock, leather-seated chairs, lawn mower, patent garden spray, billiard cues, etc.: Westrope, Agent, Bumpstead, Haverhill. (1492)

HANDSOME 5-dome compartment wire aviary, sliding partition, perfectly new, cost £3 10/-; 4ft. 2in. long, 3ft 2in. high, 14in. wide; take 25/- cash or useful exchange: Williams, 163, Lee Green, S.E. (1485)

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BIRDS of any description taken in exchange for double or single breeding cages, or loose fronts and size made; state offers and what wanted to: Leigh, Cage Maker, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (1488)

WANTED, Norwich hens; exchange tools, new condition; planes, saws, twist and centre bits, carving tools, Indian oil stones; mutual approval; particulars: Penfold, 226, Queen's-rd., Dalston, London. (1481)

WHAT offers for two clarionettes in leather cases; wanted, Yorkshires, yellow cock, 3 buff hens; Norwich, 2 clear buff hens; prize strain only; mutual approval: J. H. Crossley, Outfitter, Crosshills, Keighley. (1486)

EXCHANGE almost new Welsbach Cwm incandescent gas stove, cost 22/6, also double inverted-burner outside gas lamp, cost 35/-, for gent.'s boots, size 6, or Canaries; sell cheap: Wm. Slee, Grocer, Pembroke. (1491)

SPLENDID ornamental aquarium with mirror back and sides, and gilded frame on front, cost two guineas; exchange for typewriter with cash, or exchange for birds or anything useful: Ditchfield, Nugget-st., Oldham. (1483)

EXCHANGE, breeders' egg-drawers, nest-pans, water fountains, glass feeders, wire food racks, etc., giving up; want good disc records, or offers; full list of articles sent on application: Hughes, 219, Harvist-rd., Kensal Rise, N.W. (1477)

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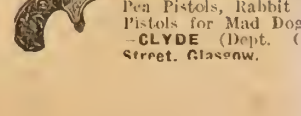

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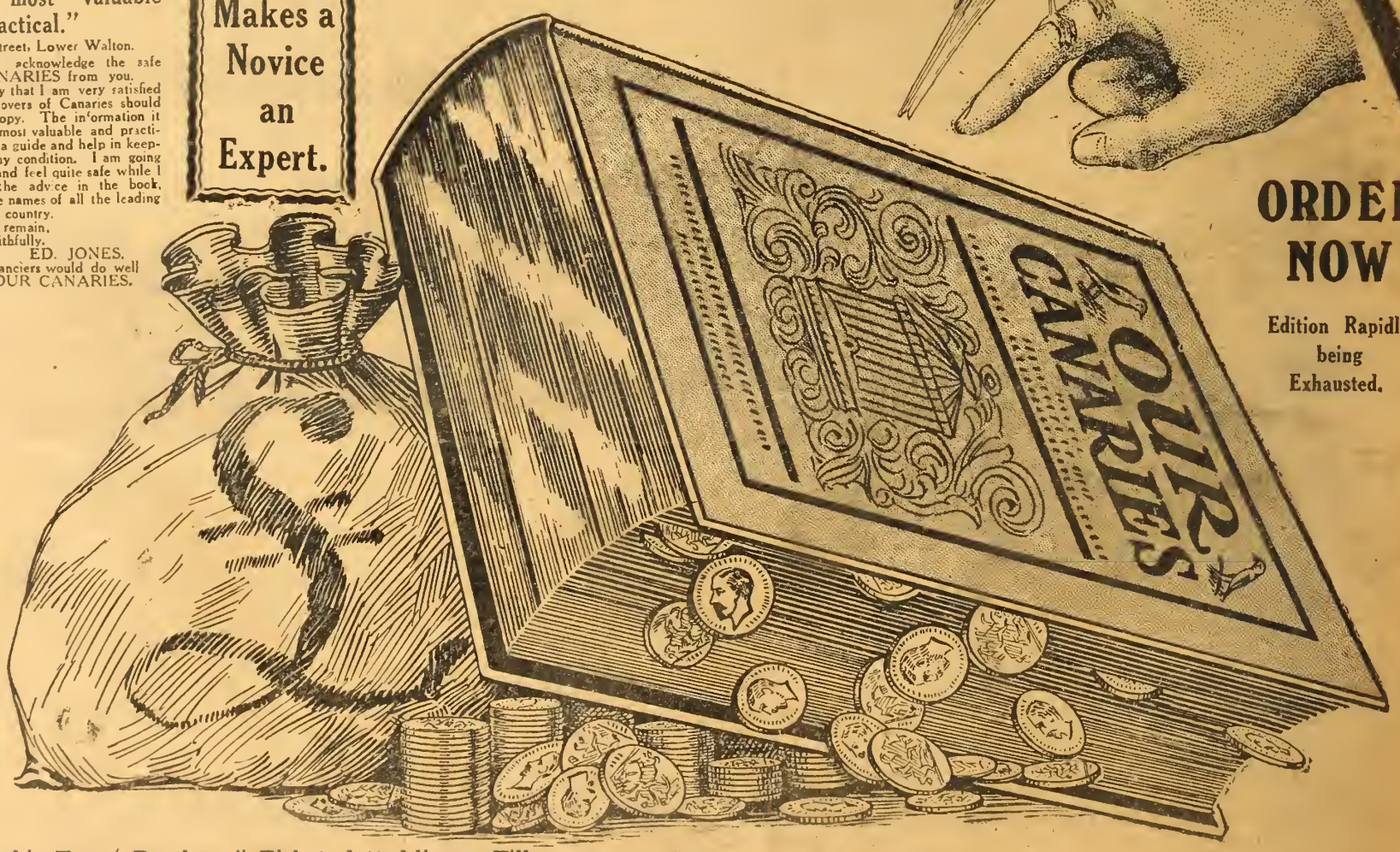

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IMPORTANT.

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2.—END OF TRANSACTION.—The deposit is retained by us until we hear from **both** parties that the transaction has been completed. If a sale has been effected, we hand the amount deposited to the seller. If a sale has **not** been effected, we return the amount to the depositor. The transaction must be conducted by the parties themselves. We merely hold the deposit.

3.—AMOUNT OF COMMISSION.—The fee is 6d. for each £1, or fraction of £1, and it must be sent at same time as the deposit.

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5.—A SATISFACTORY PURCHASE.—When a transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of both depositor and seller, both parties must at once return the deposit receipts as a guarantee of its completion. The depositor must at the same time instruct us to pay over the deposit to the seller.

6.—GOODS ALREADY SOLD.—If the goods are sold before our deposit note reaches the seller, or if for any other reason he declines to do business, he must at once return the deposit note to us. Failing its receipt, we reserve the right to return the deposit to the sender after the expiration of three days.

7.—FRESH TRANSACTION.—In case no sale is effected, a deposit is available for purposes of a fresh transaction, provided another deposit fee be paid.

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9.—PAYMENT OF CARRIAGE.—The payment of carriage must be a matter for arrangement between the vendor and depositor. We do not undertake to settle disputes affecting questions of carriage. But in the absence of other arrangements the purchaser is liable for the carriage of the goods, and if the goods are sent on approval and returned, each party pays the carriage one way.

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So you have not seen my new 1914 Catalogue. It is without any swank the finest price list of cage-bird fittings, foods, and utensils ever offered to the cage-bird Fancy. It has 72 pages, 162 illustrations, printed on fine art paper; and I will send you one post free on receipt of postcard, or if you are waiting for any oddments for your birdroom order from my advertisement, and I will enclose price list with your order.

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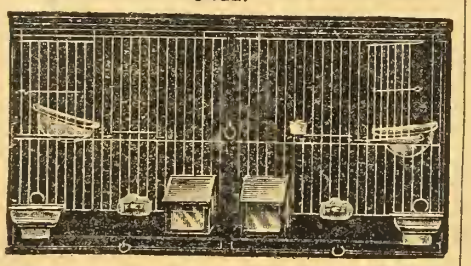

Enamelled blue inside, black outside. Fitted with best earthenware fittings and metal seed boxes.

No. 23.—Fitted with Sliding Partition.

Sizes: Length		Height		Depth	Price
30in.	x	15in.	x	10in. double	... 6/6
36in.	x	15in.	x	11in. double	... 7/6
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TAMS' SPECIAL SINGLE PERFECT BREEDING CAGE.

Fitted with Sliding Partition, Best Earthenware Fittings, Metal Seed Boxes, Enamelled Blue Inside, Black Outside.

Sizes:

18in. long, 15in high, 10in. deep. Price 4/-
20in. long, 15in. high, 10in. deep. Price 4/6
24in. long, 15in. high, 10in. deep. Price 5/6

FOR BOX CAGES, SEE PRICE LIST.

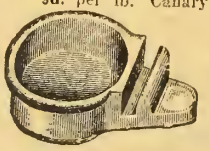
No. 55a.—TAMS' SPECIAL NEW NEST PAN.

Price **2d.** each. 2/- dozen.

This Nest Pan has an incurved Verge inside, which holds the Swansdown Lining. Made in one size only. A special neat size, suitable for Rollers, Norwich, and Yorksbires.

Wires, **9d.** doz.

Swausdown Linings, **1/-** doz. Canary Eggs, **6d.** doz. Nest Bags, **9d.** doz. Moss, **9d.** per lb. Purified White Deer Hair, **1/9** per lb. Brown Cow Hair, **9d.** per lb. Canary Rings, **6d.** doz., 4/- 100.



Egg Drawers, new round partition, 2/- dozen; square partition, 2/- dozen; half circle, under partition, Egg Pan, **1/6** dozen; Hat Fountains, **1/-** dozen.

FINGER DRAWER.

Fits between half and five-eight wire. **1/-** doz.

No. 56.—TAMS' NEST PAN.

Made of best White Unglazed Earthenware, with solid back to prevent swinging. Wholesome, warm, clean, and sanitary, with Perch pattern grip. **3d.** each. **3/-** doz. Glazed, **4d.** each. **3/9** doz.

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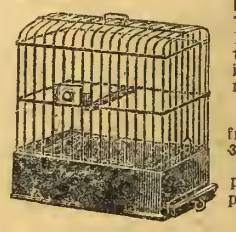
The following sizes are always in stock:—

	Each s. d.	Dozen s. d.
12in. long x 12in. high	0 5	4 6
15in. long x 12in. high	0 6	5 6
18in. long x 12in. high	0 8	7 0
24in. long x 12in. high (1 or 2 doors)	0 10	9 0
30in. long x 12in. high (1 or 2 doors)	1 0	10 6

If none of the above sizes are just what you require, send me a postcard and state exactly the size required, and I will quote you price per return. **Cage Wire,** 7lbs. **2/-,** 14lbs. **3/6. Punched Bars, 1/-** dozen. See Price List for Wood, Nails, Hinges Perches, etc.

THE MARVEL SEED MILL.

will grind rape to sunflower, price **1/6,** post paid, **1/9**; large Egg and Bread Mill, **2/6**; small Egg and Bread Mill, **1/6,** postage **3d.** extra.



No. 111.—TAMS' PERFECTION NURSERY CAGES. Extra well made with detachable tops, loose sliding bottoms, all complete, ready to hang on cages. Price **2/6** each.

Tin Seed Boxes, glass fronts, 2in. **2/-** dozen, 3in. **3/-** dozen, 4in. **4/-** dozen.

Export orders receive prompt attention. Send postcard for price list.

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CAGES, appliances of every description, cheapest in the trade; lists free: Cottingham, Peveril-st., Nottingham.

TWO double breeding cages, good condition, ready for use, 2/- and 1/6 each: Willoughby, Langley, Bromfield. (1507)

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WILL exchange safety razor, Wilkinson's patent strop and stropping machine, cost a guinea, nearly new, for double breeders; offers: G. Smith, Sandhurst, Berks. (1503)

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ONE dozen breeding cages, 18 x 16 x 11, enamelled black, blue inside, loose fronts, seed boxes, glasses, nests, all complete, 21/ the lot: perfectly clean, been used one season: Jowett, 148, Marsh-st., Bradford. (1510)

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BEAUTIFUL Crystal Palace aviary, size 5ft. long, 3ft. high, enamelled white base, bright wire tops, ornamented ruby glass panels, opal cups, swings, perches, sliding partitions, forming three compartments, packed in crate and put on rail free, 15/6; cheaper make, 10/6: Ross, Cage Works, Forres, N.B. (1483)

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connected with birdroom and aviary, foods, medicines, etc., see my

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH

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A SIX-COMPARTMENT CAGE FOR 9/-

Nine compartment, 12", made of best quality timber, one piece back, loose fronts, loose partitions, suitable for breeding, store, or flight cages, useful all year round; illustrated catalogue free: Pass, Hucknall, Notts. (1961)

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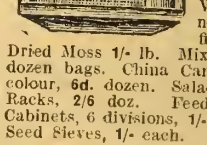
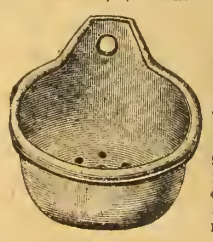


Walsh's Ideal Nest Boxes. Very warm, perfectly ventilated, hangs firm. No fear of sweating or broken eggs. Used by all the principal breeders. Price **3d.** each, **2/6** dozen.

Nest Linings, Etc.—White swansdown linings, 1/- dozen; white wool linings, 1/- dozen; brown felt linings, **9d.** dozen. White Deer Hair, the perfect nesting material, **1/9** lb. Purified Cow Hair, **9d.** lb. Selected Dried Moss **1/-** lb. Mixed Nesting Material, **9d.** per dozen bags. China Canary Eggs, natural size and colour, **6d.** dozen. Salad Racks, **2/3** dozen. Nesting Racks, **2/6** doz. Feeding Boards, **2/6** doz. Egg Cabinets, 6 divisions, **1/-** each. Egg Sieves, **6d.** each. Seed Sieves, **1/-** each.



Improved Patent White Earthenware Nest Pan, with hanger combined, with patent ridge to prevent birds dragging out the nesting. Price **3½d.** each, **3s.** doz. White Earthenware Nest Pans, **1/9** doz. Strong Wire Hangers for above, **9d.** doz. Brass Screw Hooks, for holding Nest Pans, **4d.** doz. Walsh's Perfected Egg and Bread Mills, small **1/6,** medium **2/6,** large **3/-.**

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Single Breeding Cages, **3/6, 4/6, 6/6** each.
Double Breeding Cages, **6/6, 8/6, 12/6** each.
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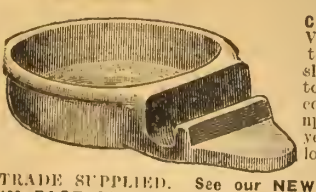
Nursery Cages, **2/6** each. Bath and Nursery Cage combined, **1/6** each.
Ideal Muling Cages, **11/6.**
Flight Cages, **6/- 8/-, 10/6.**

WALSH'S ALL-METAL SEED CRUSHING MILL.—This mill will crush a pint of Hemp, Canary, or Sunflower Seed in three minutes. This mill is fitted with movable plates, so that it can be set to grind different grades. Plenty imitators but no equals. Price **1/6** each. **WALSH'S PERFECTED WHITE EARTHENWARE EGG PAN.** Fits under sliding door. Price **2/3** dozen.



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BEST SELECTED SILVER SPRUCE BOARDS, for cage making, planed both sides and edges; 10in. 9/-, 9in. 8/3, 8in. 7/-, 7in. 6/6 per 100ft.; 10in. 5/-, 9in. 4/6, 8in. 3/10 7in. 3/8 per 50ft.; 10in. 2/9, 9in. 2/6, 8in. 2/2, 7in. 2/1 per 25ft.; about 7ft. lengths. Three-ply wood sheets, about 55 x 38, 5 sheets 7/-, 1/7 per sheet; 1st quality, 5 sheets 8/-, 1/9 per sheet. Stamp for list of cage sets and all bird room appliances, bird houses, 7ft. x 7ft. x 5ft., £2 19/-; best workmanship only: Orford, 105, Cromwell-rd., Patricroft. (1493)

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New Designs and Latest Novelties in Aviary and Birdroom Requisites.

Latest Nest Pan, incurved to prevent lining coming out; has perch pattern rim, cheapest and best pans on the market; price 1/6 dozen.

Improved Wire Hangers for Nest Pans, made of unrustable wire, has no soldered joints to come loose; far superior to ordinary hangers, but offered at same price, 9d. dozen. Swansdown Linings, blocked to shape, 1/- dozen, post paid. Brown Felt, 9d. dozen; large, clean, medicated Nest Bags, 9d. dozen; brass-screwed hocks, 3d. dozen; **Round Partition Egg-Drawers**, 2/- dozen; Nesting Racks, 2/- dozen: Canary Nest Eggs, 5d. dozen.

The Champion Seed Crushing Mill, the original mill, with seed to run out of side. The pattern for some laughable imitations now being offered. Cheapest and best mill on the market.

Price 1/6, by post 1/9.

Improved metal glass-fronted Seed Boxes, prevent birds wasting seed. 2in. 2/- doz., 3in. 2/9 doz., 4in. 3/6.

The New Round Partition Egg Drawer. No corners, rounded inside, made with leadless glaze. Superior finish. Price 2d. each; 2/- doz.

Finger Drawers, 1d. each, 10d. doz.

PITCHFORD'S NON-SPLASH EARTHENWARE BATHS, used by leading fanciers; imitated by keen business-men. Complete, with wire frame to hang on door, 4in. sq. 8d., 4½ins. 10d., 5ins. 1/-, 6½ins. x 5½ins. 1/3. Nursery Cages, 2/- each. Send for illustrated price list.—**J. PITCHFORD, Fanciers' Stores, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.**

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Owing to such great demand for my folding breeding cages, which close together on brass hinges, I have been compelled to keep advertisement from "Cage Birds" for one week; completed my orders, I am quite ready to receive more; particulars: Tresise, Bird Cage Manufacturer, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (1504)

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All made by practical workmen, with best unrustable tinned wire, 12 by 12 or 10, 3d., 2/6 doz.; 14 by 12, 3½d., 3/- doz.; 16 by 12, 4d., 3/4 doz.; 18 by 12, 4½d. 3/9 doz.; 20 by 12, 5d., 4/2 doz.; 24 by 12 or 14, 6d., 5/- doz.; any odd size, 3d. per foot; for punched bars, tinned wire, baths, nestpans, linings, net traps, clap-nets, and cages of every description, and utensils, send for printed list, post free; owing to increased trade, have removed to larger premises; J. Ashmore, 19, London-st., Smethwick, Birmingham. Late of Heath-st. (827)

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Box cages from 1/-; single breeders from 1/9; double breeders from 3/-; three-compartments from 5/6; these are real good cages, made of best quality materials by experienced joiners, declared by hundreds of customers to be absolutely the best and cheapest cages on the market; illustrated catalogue of 124 sizes, free; trade supplied: Pass, Hucknall, Notts. (1276)

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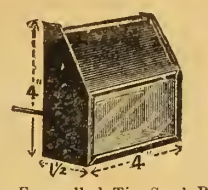

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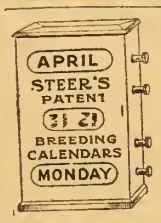

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LARGE young buff dark Crest cock, lovely formation, 15/-; also young yellow dark Crest hen, 15/-; buff green Crest-bred cock, 12/6; genuine; Barnett strain; cash or deposit: Irvine, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard. (1516)

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PRIZE-bred Gold and Silver cocks, 6/- each; money returned if unsuited: Brookes, 32, Longacre-st., Macclesfield, Cheshire. (1485)

CHAMPION Lizards, stock or show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; cock or hen; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1335)

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MASSIVE Lancashire Plainheads, 10/6 each, cock or hen, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1310)

TWO clear yellow Coppy hens, 10/- each, 1913, approval; cash or deposit: Doleman, No. 1-2 Court, Market-st., Shaw, Oldham. (1508)

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LARGE foul cock, 10/6; ditto hen, 7/6; giving up: Morrison see Mules. (1495)

SEVERAL Cinnamon marked cocks, 6/- each, also few hens, 4/-; week's approval, deposit: Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (1508)

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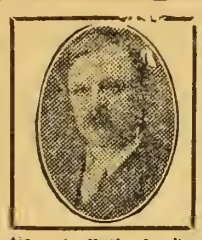

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THREE clear Sib-bred 1913 Yorkshire hen Canaries, 3/- each: Marlitt, Pickering. (1503)

CANARIES, 1913 Yorkshire cocks, singing, 3/-; two, 5/6: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1425)

COCK and two hens, Yorkshires, 1912 birds, 9/-: 6, Eldon-rd., High-st., near Palace, Walthamstow.

WM. CLIFT can spare few Yorkshires, best of blood, cocks from 8/6, hens 4/-: 1, Coldstream-terr., Cardiff. (1510)

SEVERAL good cocks from 8/6, hens from 4/-, ready for breeding: Major, 78, Grafton-st., Mile End, E. (1505)

WANTED Yorkshire, give 5/6 cocks, 2/9 hens: any quantity; cash deposited; stamp: Oliver, 2, Bridport Place, Hoxton. (1575)

FOUR smart marked hens, ready to nest, 2/6 each, 9/6 lot: Plum, 7, Victoria-parade, Church End, Finchley (1501)

WANTED, a large or small quantity of Yorkshires for cash: best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1510)

GRAND yellow Yorkshire and Belgian cross 1913 cock bargain, 12/6; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland. (1517)

YORKSHIRE hen Canaries, 2/6 each to clear, also breeding cages, or exchange: 19, Mand-avenue, Beeston Hill, Leeds. (1504)

GRAND hens bred from the best, nesting, 5/6 each; one lovely clear yellow 10/6: Saunders, Tobacconist, Broadway, Ealing. (1517)

LONG, racy Yorkshire hens, bred from my winners, 3/-; cocks, 6/-; must clear: Jacomb, Morley-rd., Leyton, N.E. (1513)

LONG stylish yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6 pair; two yellow cocks, 6/-, 4/-; clean, healthy: J. Bagnley, Bulmer, Welburn, Yorks. (1481)

JAMES THOMAS, Bugle, Cornwall, will sell a few more choice, smart, racy Yorkshire cocks or hens, reasonable; approval. (1486)

CHAMPION Yorkshires from my winning strain, cocks from 7/-, hens from 5/6: Mr. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1513)

HIGH-CLASS yellow and buff colour-fed Yorkshires, cocks 7/-, hens 3/-, ready for breeding: Bruce Smith, Emsworth. (1502)

HAVING paired up, can spare smart Yorkshire hens, from 3/-, cocks from 8/6: Goodwin, 136, Warham-st., Kennington, S.E. (1502)

YORKSHIRES for sale: A few good birds for disposal, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford. (1481)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some fine, from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (1306)

YORKSHIRES, unflighted, buff cocks, feathered like wax, winners, from 15/- each; cash; approval: Saylor, 78, Tivoli-pl., Bradford. (1511)

TWO only left; very smart, typical, clear buff Yorkshire hens, 8/6 each; bargain: Breeder, 84, Richmond-rd., Cricklewood, N.W. (1510)

SHACKLETON'S unflighted typical yellow cocks, 9/6, buff hen, carrying nestings about, 4/6, pair 12/6: Haystock, Florence-st., Rochdale. (1506)

GOOD yellow cock, 25/-, winner; buff cock, two seconds, 15/-; yellow cock, 7/6; approval, deposit: Adams, Westend, Southampton. (1503)

LONG, stylish cocks, full song, from 8/6; hens, breeding condition, 5/-, cold room; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill. (1485)

WANTED, clean, healthy Yorkshires, best price given, any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1513)

FOR disposal, Yorkshire Canaries, from 8/6, hens 3/6, cold room, or exchange for boots: 49, Banstead Grove, Roundhay rd., Leeds. (1504)

BELGIANS; grand long yellow hen, also few good cocks, suitable Yorkshire crossing; cheap, approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (1513)

LONG buff cock, 1913, 6/-; stylish cinnamon marked yellow cock, 1913, 6/6; full song; approval, deposit: Parkinson, Thornton Dale, Pickering. (1500)

TWO nice long 1913 yellow hens, one clear, one very slightly marked near eye, perfect health, 5/- each: Porter, Rock House, Rideford. (1499)

GREEN-MARKED yellow Yorkshire cock, winner, 17/6, bargain; approval; or exchange two Yorkshire hens: Wright, 32, Church-rd., St. Annes. (1501)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6, own breeding; inspection invited: Harris, 9, Whitecross, Riverside, Richmond, Surrey. (1488)

ONE yellow, two marked, long Yorkshire hens, breeding condition, 3/6 each; approval; bargain: F. Santer, 41, Rosemary rd., Peckham, S.E. (1517)

TWO lovely 1913 hatched Yorkshire cocks, in full song, fine birds, 6/- each, or with good hen, 8/6 pair: Mrs. Headington, "Sonning," Epsom. (1505)

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THREE grand quality, typical unflighted yellow hens, from exhibition stock, 12/6, 15/-, dirt cheap: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1507)

SELLING off Four grand 1913 Yorkshire hens, clear yellows and buffs, ready for nesting, 12/- lot, cash or deposit: Alfred Adcock, Chalteris. (1508)

CANARIES, bred from my cup winner, cold room, cocks 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6, 5/6, 1912 and 1913 birds, approval, deposit: Harrold, Fruit Grower, Welch. (1509)

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WINNER, Greenfinch Mule, two years old, winner of four firsts, champion when fed, 30/-; approval: Carroll, Maretimo, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. (1500)

CANARY-reared Goldfinch, bred mules last year, 12/6; exchange good cobby yellow Norwich hen: Bousfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresbro. (1509)

MULING hens, unflighted, breeding condition, 4/- each; also some high-class Yorkshire cocks and hens reasonable: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

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LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, 5/6; cocks, on full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1160)

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GIANT yellow, wing-marked Norwich cock and fine chubby Siberian hen Bullie, been together three months, 17/6; two grand yellow hens for dark muling, 6/- each; bargains: H., 24, Jenner-rd., Stoke Newington. (1509)

EXTRA good large Sib. hens for light Mule breeding, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6 each; all ready to nest at once; all on seven days' approval at my risk; travelling cage, 3d. extra: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (1500)

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TORONTO (Canada).

The National Canary Society held its annual open show, Jan. 21, in St. Andrew's Hall, all members working hard to make it a success. Mr. Barber, sec., had every exhibit staged in order. There were some very good Norwich, Yorks., and Crests, including some very fine cinnamon Norwich and Yorks. The Canadian fanciers are improving by leaps and bounds, the birds coming more and more up to the English standard. Barber cup was won by Mr. Mountford; Crest and C.B. cup, Mr. Palmer; Morrison cup, Mr. Mountford; Palmer cup, Mr. Gibbs; Clark cup, Mr. Bain; C.N.E. special, Mr. Bain; bronze medal, Barber; Carter sp., Mountford; nov. sp., Palmer. Mr. J. W. Hinde, late of Lancaster, England, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mountford, rare qual. and subs.; 2, Barber, close up, loose in col.; 3, Walkey, nice bird, will improve. BUFF: 1, 3, S. Given, cl. buff, a beauty, one of the best, soon claimed, won sp. for best Nor., nice exhibit; 2, Bain, good qual., nice bird, well shown. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Sanderson, rare size and col., wins well; 2, Bain, good yell., fails in subs. to winner. BUFF: 1, S. Given, saddle mark, rare size and subs., wins well; 2, Walkey, close up, good qual., fails subs. to winner; 3, Bain, pressed hard for 2nd place. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN: 1, Barber, cl., one of the first water, a beauty, wins well; 2, Sanderson, lovely hen, fails in head to winner; 3, Walkey, nice exhibit, will improve. BUFF: 1, Mountford, good quality, rare size, bonny hen; 2, 3, Walkey, close up, good 2nd, fails in head to winner, 3rd nice qual. of feather, will make a good one. BUFF VARIEG. HEN: 1, Sanderson, well-known winner, good hen; 2, Barber, rare qual., not one of the largest, but a beauty; 3, Walkey, very nice bird. BEST NOR. FOR COL.: 1, W. Given, lovely col., wins well; 2, 3, Walkey, very nice exhibit. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, (name not stated—Ed.), winners nicely balanced, 2nd could do with more size. CINN. SELF YELL.: 1, 2, Mountford, extra good birds. BUFF: 1, Mountford, good size and col., wins well; 2, Walkey, fails in subs. CINN. YELL. HEN: 1, Mountford, good hen. BUFF: 1, 2, Mountford, wins well; 3, Walkey, fails head and qual. FOUL: 1, Mountford, good bird. YELL. GR. SELF: 1, Sanderson, rare size and subs., well shown; 2, Barber, good qual., fails size to winner. BUFF: 1, Sanderson. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mountford, rare length, straight as a rush, wins well; 2, 3, Bain, fail qual. winner, but nice exhibits. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Mann. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bain, extra nice exhibits. YELL. OR TKD. HEN: 1, 2, Bain, good hens. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Mountford. BUFF: 1, Bain, rare qual. of feather, good pos., tail, and wing carr.; 2, Smith, nice exhibit, close up; 3, Bain. VARIEG. BUFF HEN: 1, Bain. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, Bain, wins well; 3, Smith, fails size to winners. BUFF: 1, 2, Bain, nice exhibits; 3, Smith, nice bird, will improve. CINN. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Bain, good exhibits. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bain, 1st lovely hen, will take some stopping. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Craigie, good pos., nicely drawn; 2, 3, Bain, nice qual. and size. BUFF VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Bain, very nice birds. YELL. VARIEG. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Bain, nice exhibits. BUFF: 1, 2, Bain, two lovely hens, rare size and qual., good pos. and wing carr.; 3, Craigie, fails size to winner, but a nice exhibit. STOCK PAIR: 1, 3, Palmer; 3, Bain. GR. BUFF: 1, Given, good qual. and col., nicely drawn, good pos.; 2, Craigie, close up, fails col.; 3, Bain, nice bird. FOUL GR.: 1, 2, Bain; 3, W. Given. COLLECTION OF 6 CANARIES: 1, Bain; 2, 3, Palmer. 6 WILD BIRDS: 1, Barber; 2, Bain. A.O. WILD BIRD: 1, Barber. LANCS.: 1, Naylor. COL.-FED YORKS.: 1, Naylor, topping variegated buff, rare length, well drawn, straight as a rush. CREST, YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Sanderson, a good one, wins well; 2, Palmer, fails size and crest. CL. OR GREY CREST: 1, Bowman and Sanderson. VARIEG. BUFF C.B.: 1, Palmer; 2, 3, Gibbs. CREST HEN: 1, 2, Palmer. C.B. HEN: 1, Bowman and Sanderson, easy win; 2, Palmer. GR. C.B.: 1, Bowman and Sanderson, one of the best seen out here. YELL. C.B.: 1, Gibbs. A.O.V. CREST, YELL.: 1, Mountford. BUFF: 1, Palmer. LIGHT MULE: 1, Naylor. DARK: 1, Mountford. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Barber. RUSSIAN GOLDF.: 1, Mountford. BULLF., RUSSIAN: 1, 3, Mountford; 2, Barber. GREENF.: 1, Mountford. LINNET: 1, Barber. LIZARD, BROKEN CAP GOLD.: 1, Mountford. HEN: 1, Mountford. CL. CAP SILVER HEN: 1, 2, Mountford. BROKEN: 1, Mountford. A.O.V. SONG BIRD: 1, 2, 3, Barber. ROLLER: 1, 2, 3, Naylor.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 21, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road. Mr. A. W. Watson chair. There was a large turnout of members. Replies from judges were read, the same meeting with approval. The following gentlemen admitted to membership:—Messrs. G. R. Smith, Wm. Gunn, J. Clark, Wm. Ritchie, John Steel, A. McIntosh, R. Atkinson, Mr. Stenhouse, Thos. McGinty, A. Bowie, A. Craig, Robt. Williame, Wm. Murray, and J. Ferguson. A suggestion by Mr. George Brown, of Leith, that all members pay the nominal sum of 1d. or 2d. per bird at annual show, instead of ten free entries and 3d. per bird afterwards, was allowed to stand over to general meeting. Pres then intimated the death of our lady member, in the person of Mrs. Hall, who was esteemed by all. Sec. was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mr. Hall, also to record same in the minutes. There being no other business, the meeting closed, and members repaired to the table show. Mr. John Sykes (Musselburgh) judged, and Mr. J. Napier (Juniper Green) acted as steward. There was a good turnout of Brit., also muling and hybridising pairs. GOLDF. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, sp, Ferguson; 2, Dick; 3, Adam; 4, sp, Brown. LINNET: 1, 4, Watson; 2, 5, Allan; 3, sp, Bell; 6, Thomson; 7, Hay. BUNTINGS: 1, 2, sp, Watson. SOFT-BILLS: 1, sp, Watson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Allan; 2, 6, Adam; 3, 4, Thos. Brash; 5, Dick. A.V. FINCH: 1, 2, sp, 3, Allan; 4, Stormont; 5, Spittal; 6, Sibbald; 7, Wallace; 8, Adam. A.V. HEN FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Adam; 2, Wallace. MULING PAIRS: 1, Ferguson; 2, Stormont; 3, Staines; 4, Spittal. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Adam. OLD MULES: 1, Watson. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Sykes and Napier. Next meeting April 21.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Table show Horse and Groom Hotel, March 28. A good number of birds was staged. Mr. Pickering, of Shirebrooke, judged to everybody's satisfaction. CHAMP., NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Vardy; 2, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Vardy; 2, Shepherd. BRIT HARDBILL: 1, spl., 2, Gabbitass and Son; 3, vhc, Hare. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Hare. NOV., YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Holland. BUFF: 1, Holland; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sankey and Leivers. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Toplis; 3, vhc, hc, c, Cantrell. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Cantrell; 2, vhc, Toplis; hc, Worton. CREST CK.: 1, Miller. C.B. CK.: 1, Miller. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Mallatratt; 3, Worton; vhc, Evans; hc, Weston. MULE: 1, 2, 3, hc, Mallatratt; vhc, Evans. "Robin Hood."

ABERDEEN SOCIETIES (Amalg.).

There was a large attendance of fanciers, representative of the Aberdeen, the Bon-Accord, the Granite City, and the Wood-side Ornithological Societies, at a meeting held in the Trades Hall, Feb. 10. The meeting, which was called for the purpose of considering the question of amalgamation of the four societies, was presided over by Mr. John Hector. Statements were made by representatives of the four societies, who stated the result of their various meetings, which were in favour of amalgamation. Mr. John Hector was appointed president of the new society, and Messrs. James Sandison, William Rae, and Matthew Rae, vice-presidents. Mr. William Allison, 3, Burnett Place, was appointed secretary and treasurer, with Mr. John Bryson as assistant sec. and treas. A representative committee as follows: James Balfour, W. Clubb, P. M. Craighead, Alex. Cruickshank, Jas. Dick, J. Ewen, George Fleming, John Forsyth, A. Johnstone, Alex. MacDonald, George Mackie, John Main, J. G. Milne, Alex. R. Morrison, R. J. Robertson, Frank Scott, P. Stewart, J. Strachan, Alex. Thomson, Lewis Will, was appointed to decide upon the name of the new society, and to arrange when exhibitions are to be held, also the area for amateurs, membership fee, and rules and classification for shows.

At a meeting held Mar. 18, a circular which had been drawn up was approved, and has been posted to all known fanciers around Aberdeen. In this is an address by Mr. John Hector, president, which puts the whole matter before Aberdeen bird lovers, a code of rules for the management of the club and for the governing of its shows, and the classification for the members' young bird show, Nov. 28, 12 classes, and the open show, Dec. 18-19, with 63 open and 34 amateur classes. Those desiring a copy of this circular should apply to Mr. W. Allison, Sec., 3, Burnett Place, Aberdeen.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.S.

Annual dinner March 28, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation-street, Manchester. Forty-one partook of the splendid repast provided by the host and hostess, and did ample justice to the good things on the table. After the tables were cleared a splendid concert was provided. Our old friends from Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Partington and Mr. T. Pilkington gave of their best, Mr. and Mrs. Partington with duets, and Mr. Partington also with some good songs on his own, all of which were much enjoyed, whilst Mr. Pilkington was in great demand, being a general favourite with his descriptive songs. Then came Mr. Butterworth, a fine baritone with some good rollicking songs, "The Admiral's Broom" being especially good. Then we had Mr. Jas. Leach, a tenor singer of ability, who gave us, amongst other songs, the well-known "Veteran's Song," and who also sang "Excelsior" along with Mr. Partington, it being heartily applauded. Towards the close Mrs. Massey, wife of the well-known member of that name, gave us two old favourites in "Flight of Ages" and "Killarney," making altogether a feast of music worthy of the best traditions of the Provincial. Mr. Waring, the genial president, occupied the chair, and welcomed all present in the name of the society. We had also Mr. and Mrs. Ives and a couple more friends from Grimsby, whilst Mr. Lester was expected to come, but sent a telegram to say he was very ill with an attack of bronchitis. During the interval the cups and medals won by members were presented. The winner of the cup in the points competition champion section was Mr. Ives, who took also about half-a-dozen medals. Mr. Ives, in response to calls for a speech, said a few words in his bluff, hearty style, in the course of which he said he was surprised that the Lancashire members let him run away with so many trophies, and it was up to them to see that he did not do it again. Mr. Albert Percival won the novice cup and the Provincial challenge cup, to be held for twelve months. Other medals were presented to the winners. At the close "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" were sung with great gusto, which brought to an end one of the most successful gatherings ever held. Mr. Joseph Kilshaw officiated at the piano in a very able manner. A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

First evening show, "Eagle," Clobham Road, Stratford, March 25th. It speaks well for the enthusiasm of the members that 41 specimens were staged. Mr. A. Skinner, who judged, afterwards congratulated the members on the high quality of the exhibits, remarking that it was one of the finest exhibitions he had ever assisted at in East London.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, res, vhc, Hawkes; 2, hc, Parker. BUFF: 1, Bayliss; 2, res, Parker; 3, Hawkes. NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hawkes. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Hawkes. MULE or HYB.: 1, Reed; 2, Hawkes. FOR.: 1, 2, hc, c, Reed; 3, res, vhc, Bayliss. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Certif., 2, Parker; 3, res, Hawkes. GREENF. or CHAFF.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, c, Reed; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Rev. Soames. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Reed; 2, Hawkes; 3, res, Parker; vhc, Rev. Soames. Point specials: 1, Hawkes; 2, Parker.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

British Bird show, March 17th, at Ablett's Cafe. Entries came up well, and in good variety. All the birds shown were in the pink of condition, and many winners during the season again did battle. Mr. Barker had on view a pure self Cinnamon Skylark, a very fine bird of good size, with pink eyes; none of the members had ever seen anything like it here; it is to be hoped he will be successful in moulting the bird, as it will make a fine show specimen. Mr. Mallinson, Liscard, judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all. After the judging it was decided to draw up the syllabus for 1914. Messrs. Cutmore, Barker and Mallinson all promising to give lectures. Mr. Hodgkins was made a member. A hearty vote of thanks to the judge ended the meeting.

BULLF.: 1, Walton, fine Bullie, its fourth win this season; 2, Barker, 3, Walton; 4, Cave. GREENF.: 1, Barker, an old winner, often described in "Cage Birds"; 2, Walton, will win when housemoulted; 3, Phillips; vhc, Barker; hc, Barr; c, Morton. LINNET: 1, Walton; 2, Cooper; 3, vhc, Philips. BRAMBLE or CHAFFIE: 1, Barker; 2, Barr, a bit rough on Mr. Barr to be up against this old winner. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Barker, Siskin and Redpoll; 3, hc, c, Walton; vhc, Philips. MULE or HYB.: 1, Barker, good Linnet-Greenf., showing the parentage of both birds, wild caught, a rarity; 2, Morton. GOLDF.: 1, Mealor; 2, Barr; 3, Philips.—G. Morton, Sec.

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS F.A.

Points cup show, Friendly Society Hall, March 25, with over 60 entries. Canary section was short owing to lateness of season, but British filled well. Messrs. F. Knapp and F. Richards judged to everyone's satisfaction. Principal winners: Wraight, Hurst, Dunnings 21, Goodchild 26, Cross 22, Borman 19, Walker 16, Dicken 14.

NOR., BUFF: 1, Borman. YELL.: 1, 2, Borman; 3, Dunnings. NON-FED: 1, Dunnings. PAIRS: 1, 2, Hurst; 3, Denton; res, Borman; vhc, Dunnings. YORKS., BUFF: 1, 2, Wraight. YELL.: 1, res, Wraight; 2, 3, vhc, Walker. PAIRS: 1, 2, Wraight. GOLDF.: 1, Colebrook; 2, res, hc, Goodchild; 3, Hurst; vhc, Dunnings; c, Dibley. BULLF.: 1, Dickens; 2, Wickens. CHAFF. AND BRAMBLE: 1, Dunnings; 2, Cross; 3, Dickens. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 3, Hurst; 2, Dunnings; vhc, res, Goodchild; hc, Cross; c, Tickner. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Dunnings. HYB. OR MULE: 1, Hurst; 2, Cross; 3, Dibley. PAIR FOR MULING: 1, Dunnings; 2, Hurst; 3, Cross. FOR.: 1, 2, Goodchild; 3, Hughes.—H. Whibley, Hon. Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

First members' show, Boy Scouts' Room, Mar. 21. Canaries did not turn up well, but Mules and British were well represented, and some very nice birds were staged; sp. for best in show was awarded to Mr. Vale's Goldfinch. The room was light, and all the birds were seen to perfection. The sec. and committee worked well, and deserve great credit for the way in which the show was conducted. Mr. W. Hayson, Southampton, judged, and gave every satisfaction, and the award cards were quickly on the cages. NOR. CL.: 1, Alderslade, nice col., on small side. TKD. OR MKD.: 1, 2, Vale, marked wings and cap, nice body; 2nd, heavy var., similar stamp. GR. OR VAR.: 1, 3, Alderslade nice body Green; 2, Lacy, close on winner. HEN: 1, Cook, booming hen cl buff, nice head, neck, and well across perch; 2, Vale. YORK. GR. OR VARIEG.: 1, Clark; 2, Lees; both Greens. HEN: 1, Lees, cl. A.O.V.: 1, Lees, Bord. Fancy, eye tkd.; 2, Woolgar, heavy mkd. Bord.; 3, Thornback. MULE OR HYB.: a good class, all Dark, but good birds; 1, Lacey, Siskin-Can. a gem; 2, Page, Goldie-Can., in fine form; 3, Alderslade, Goldf.-Can., nice buff; 4, hc, Alexander; vhc, c, Hunt. GOLDF.: 1, Vale, good blaze and cond., a gem, wins sp. best in show; 2, Alderslade, fails in blaze to winner; 3, Cook, nice blaze but, not so bright; 4, Weston; vhc, Page; hc, Clark; c, Hunt. BULLF.: 1, Lees, nice col. and cap, wins; 2, 3, Cook, 2nd close up; 3rd, not so tight as winners, good col.; 4, Vale; vhc, hc, Woolgar. LINNETS: A nice lot: 1, Cook, good stamp and colour; 2, Vale, very near winner; 3, Alderslade, nice bird, but smaller; 4, Lees; vhc, hc Johnson; c, Clark. GREENF. OR CHAFF.: 1, Vale, Greenie, a really good one; 2, vhc, Cook, Chaffinch, nice and full; 3, Lees, Greenf., in good form; 4, Alderslade, Chaffinch, fails in size; hc, Vale; c, Thornback. REDPOLL OR SISKIN: 1, Lees, Mealy Redpoll, in fine form; 2, Weston, Siskin, nice col., cap, and bib; 3, Clark, Siskin; 4, Cook, Redpoll. A.O.V.: 1, Vale, Reed Bunting, well shown. SOFTBILL: 1, Hunt, Skylark, in good feather. EXTRA STOCK CLASS: 1, Page; 2, hc, c, Clark; 3, Thornback; 4, vhc, Alderslade. FOR.: 1, Vale, Cape Blackcap, perfect in feather; 2, Case, Cape Canary, in good condition; 3, Clark, Saffron Finch steady; 4, Lacy.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, March 18, George Hotel, before a good attendance. Yorks. and Nor. were very good. There were also some good muling pairs and Hybrids. The room was packed, and all were pleased at the prospects of the coming season. Mr. P. Wilcock judged. YORKS.: 1, c, Carter; 2, hc, Reynolds; 3, vhc, Stephenson. NOR.: 1, c, H. Todd; 2, hc, Reynolds; 3, Stephenson; vhc, Carter. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Carter. MULING: 1, Hearfield; 2, Robinson; 3, vhc, J. Todd; hc, c, Ord. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, vhc, J. Todd; hc, c, Ord.—H. Todd, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Table show, March 4. The selling class was well filled, but only three entries turned up in Brit. Mr. W. Ordish judged, and gave every satisfaction. SELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, c, Charleson; hc, Charnock. BRIT.: 1, Charleson; 2, Hamer; 3, Hare.—R. Charleson, Sec.

BEDFORD UNITED C.B.S.

Capital show of Brit. and Mul[illegible] Mar. 26. Mr. A. Krech judged. [illegible] 1, 2, Wilmot, lovely light Goldf., [illegible] Linnet, both in prime form; 3, Hartley's fine Goldf.-Redpoll, in good trim. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, vhc, Wright, grand Goldf., rich col., great size and brilliant plumage; 2, hc, Gough, nice bird just lacks the polish of winner; 3, 4, Notley, good col. and cond., and smart Goldf.; c, [illegible]. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Wright, lovely Siskin good cap, rare col. and cond.; 3, nice Linnet, cut to pate; 2, vhc, Greenaway, fine large Linnet, good col., wants a bath to improve it; 4, Notley, smart Siskin, might have gone up one; hc, [illegible], c, Wilmot. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 3, Wilmot, rich col. Bramble and Chaffinch; 2, hc, Notley, very fine large Greenf.; 4, Hunter; vhc, Wright. A.O.V.: 1, Wright, charming Hedgesparrow in lovely cond.; 2, Wilmot, well-known Bawfinch in good form; 3, Notley, very pretty Reed Bunting; 4, Simons, nice Yellowhammer. JUNIORS: 1, Mobbs, nice Linnet; 2, 3, Colman, smart Lesser Redpoll and good Greenf.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Show of Brit. and For. March 3, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E. Entries were slightly lower than last year, but quality was grand throughout, some real good birds heading their respective classes. Sp. for best in show went to Mr. C. E. Gunnell's well-known Goldie Mule, after a keen tussle with the same owner's Bawfinch—a grand bird, which took sp. for second best. Messrs. Pope, Deane and Weston also had very good teams out, and competition all round was very keen. Mr. C. Botting judged and gave general satisfaction. LINNET (6): 1, Gunnell; 2, hc, Weston; 3, vhc, Deane; c, Hall. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Pope; 2, Weston; 3, Rev. Soames; vhc, Burton Bros.; hc, Hill. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (9): 1, Gunnell; 2, Weston; 3, Deane; vhc, Burton Bros; hc, Hall; c, Adams. GREENF., ETC. (6): 1, hc, Deane; 2, Bartholomew; 3, Rev. Soames; vhc, Burton Bros.; c, Weston. A.O.V. SEEDEATING: 1, Gunnell. A.V. INSECT.: 1, Deane. A.V. HYB. (4): 1, Mr. Gunnell; 2, Weston; 3, Pope; vhc, Adams. A.V. HYB. BRED 1913: 1, 2, 3, Pope. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Deane; 2, Weston. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, Pierce.—Burton Bros., Hon. Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Brit. and pair show, Feb. 26, Baptist Schoolroom, Earle-street, Garston. There was a good entry of 92, quality throughout being very good. Mr. Young, New Brighton, judged, and gave every satisfaction. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Rothwell; 2, vhc, hc, Maddock; c, Lowe. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, c, Lowe; 2, 3, Rothwell; hc, Mullock. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Mullock; 2, Simons. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, vhc, Mullock. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Mercer; 2, Mullock. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Mullock. MULING PAIRS: 1, Hartley; 2, Bryant; 3, vhc, Mullock. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, W. Hartley. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Rothwell; 2, Bryant; vhc, Mullock. LINNET: 1, Hilton; 2, Lloyd; 3, Lowe; vhc, Simons. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, hc, Mullock; 2, Hilton; 3, Rothwell; vhc, Lloyd. GREENF.: 1, Mullock; 2, Rothwell. BRAMBLE, OR CHAFF.: 1, Mullock; 2, Lloyd; 3, Hartley; vhc, Simons.—A. T. Mullock, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Brit. table show, Mar. 19, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, with 50 well-staged entries, among which were some grand birds; Mr. Hill judged.

MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, hc, Shiers; vhc, Lafbury; c, Juby. HYBRID: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Shiers; hc, c, Lafbury. MULES: 1, Lafbury. GOLDIE or BULLIE: 1, 2, 3, Shiers; vhc, Wilson; hc, Lafbury; c, Linsell. LINNET or REDPOLL: 1, 2, Shiers; 3, vhc, Lafbury. GREENIE, CHAFF, or BRAMBLE: 1, 2, 3, Shiers; vhc, Newnham; hc, Gomm; c, Lafbury. A.O.V.: 1, Lafbury; 2, 3, Shiers. HEN BRIT.: 1, 2, Lafbury. Two new members were made. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Hill, whose awards gave every satisfaction.—F Botell, Hon Sec.

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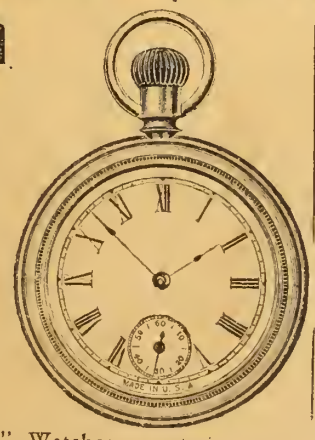

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Twitterings.

We have arranged to hold Lowestoft F.S. 26th Show on Nov. 4 and 5, Mr. Jacob Mackley to judge the cage bird section, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the hon. sec.

It is with pleasure I inform you that our chairman, Mr. J. Hands, has been selected as judge for Bedlington Show, writes Mr. G. Havver, hon. sec., Blaydon C.B.S.

Owing to the Easter holidays the next meeting of the South London Col. and F.A. has been postponed from April 9 to April 16, writes Mr. Geo. Burton, the hon. sec.

I have resigned my position as secretary and treas. of Arbroath C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Gray, and all further correspondence must be sent my successor, Mr. G. M'Ardle, 38, Sydney Street.

We hear from Mr. A. W. Douglas, sec., that at the show of the Elgin C.B.A., Dec 25, Mr. J. Winter, Edinburgh, will judge the Canary section, and Mr. F. A. Watt, Banff, the remainder.

Societies wanting the patronage of the Northern British, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club should apply early, stating number of classes and judge.—W. Curry, secretary, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

For the May meeting of the Preston O.S. Mr. J. W. Cleminson, of Ashton-on-Ribble, has kindly promised to give a lecture on "Birds I have seen in a Day's Ramble," writes Mr. W. H. Cottam, the secretary.

We have changed our headquarters to The Victoria Hotel, corner of Charterhouse Street and Farringdon Road, E.C., where we have a much better hall and show room, writes Mr. G. Stubbs, hon. sec., London and Counties A.C.B.

Will members of the Yorks and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., and all intending members, come to the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, at 7.30 on April 4. All are welcome. We should like to see one of the best meetings we have had yet.—T. H. Inman, hon. sec.

At our last meeting it was mentioned that we might insert notice in Cage Birds when our meeting was to be held. It was the general opinion all round that every member took in Cage Birds. One member said it was the first thing he looked for when he returned from work. Another that he generally kept Cage Birds to read first thing on Sunday mornings, etc., etc. It must then be of value to fanciers for information and interesting items relative to the Fancy.—J. R. Chestney (Cramlington C.B.S.).

The catalogue issued by Mr. Jeffrey Walsh, of The Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, is a compendium which should be in the hands of every bird-keeper. Every possible requirement seems to be offered in its pages—cages, cage furniture, paints and enamels, woods for cage-making, seeds, seed hoppers, and bins, nest boxes of every kind, foods for softbills, colour food—in fact, nothing of consequence seems to be beyond the power of Mr. Walsh to supply. Readers should send to the address named for a copy of this encyclopædia for the bird-keeper.

The coloured plate issued with the Avicultural Magazine for March, the organ of the Avicultural Society, is a finely executed picture of the Australian Green winged Dove, by Mr H. Goodchild. This is accompanied by an article on the species by Miss Rosie Alderson. The Hon. Walter Rothschild gives "Notes on some Conures," and Mr. E. C. Stuart Baker "Some Notes on Tame Serpent Eagles," which are very entertaining. An article on the Golden-eye Duck is from the pen of the hon. editor, Mr. H. D. Astley, and Dr. Lovell Keays gives some hints on the sexing of Black cheeked Love birds. Mr. P. F. M. Galloway contributes a most interesting article on the Grasshopper Warbler. Mr. Graham Renshaw, M.B., writes on recent improvements at the Amsterdam Zoo. Miss Lilian M. Medland relates an amusing incident between a Nutcracker and a Chough at our own London Zoo, and Miss Alderson gives some notes on birds in her own aviaries during 1913.

A Mile and a half of Birds or the Wing.

Naturalists on the east coast are greatly exercised at present over an immense flight of birds which passed over Gorleston by Yarmouth, the other day. Those who saw them say they were not Starlings but smaller birds, resembling Larks or Linnets, but none were obtained for identification. So numerous were the birds that the flock extended for nearly a mile and a half, and part was of sufficient breadth to cause an appreciable darkening of the sky as it passed over. It would be interesting to know the variety. This is the season when birds will be on the wing in great numbers. The great migration has already begun. Although it is a month before the time we should generally look for arrivals in Lancashire, leaders of the mighty host are already reported, the Wheatear and the Ring Ouzel having both been sighted.—"Northern Daily Telegraph," March 24.

Mr. W. Lilley has removed from 3, Elmfield Road, to 62, Ramsden Road, Balham.

We hear that W. N. Turner, Manchester, is engaged to judge the Norwich section at the Scottish National, Dec. 31.

Falmouth F.A. are this year adding a cage bird section to their show, on Oct. 8; secs. are Burton and Lenderyon, 19, Berkeley Vale, Falmouth.

Owing to business reasons, I have resigned the secretaryship of Rochdale O.C., writes Mr. R. Blincoe, and Mr. J. Butterworth, 70, Entwisle Road, my predecessor, will again take up the office.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays next week's issue of CAGE BIRDS will be published one day earlier, and be on sale Thursday Morning, April 9th.

All "copy" must reach us on Monday, or by Tuesday (April 7) first post at latest.

ADVERTISERS:

Remember to send your advertisements NEXT WEEK to reach us TUESDAY FIRST POST CERTAIN.

FURTHER: Kindly send along your advertisements for The following week's issue (April 18th) at the same time.

The offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Thursday evening, April 9th, to Tuesday morning, April 14th.

Mr. F. Joiner, of Portsmouth, has received a postcard (post-marked Chatteris) offering to exchange Norwich for Yorkshires, but the writer gives neither name nor address. Will he kindly send these necessary particulars to Mr. Joiner?

Please alter fixed date for open show from Nov. 14 to Nov. 28, writes Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. sec. Alnwick C.B.S., to avoid clashing with another show to be held in the North. Will other societies please note, and prevent a repetition of this.

We hear from Mr. J. W. Ramsden that all prize money won at the Crystal Palace Show has been paid, and that all specials, both in money and kind, have been sent. If anyone has by accident been overlooked, Mr. Ramsden will rectify the matter immediately upon application.

Norwich Plainhead Club Patronage.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich P.C. should make application at once to F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley.

Early Goldfinch Canaries.

On March 23, writes Mr. B. R. Williams, Port Dinorwic, my hen Canary hatched three Goldfinch Mule youngsters, which I consider very early, and entirely does away with the idea that Goldies will not breed till May. I have them in an ordinary cage and in my shop, quite a public place.

A Revival at Derby.

I and my committee intend to revive the Derby C.B.S. in earnest, writes Mr. Jordan, the hon. sec. I trust to let you know all business, etc., that we shall transact and keep in touch with others in the Fancy. All our members (57) are readers of Cage Birds. I wish you every success with the paper, to which I have been a subscriber for nine years.

Roller Society for Audley, Staffs.

A meeting of Roller fanciers was held March 21 at Mr. Aldridge's club room, Audley, North Staffs, with the object of forming a Roller Canary Society. Seventeen fanciers expressed their desire to become members, it was decided that club be named The Audley Roller Canary Society, subs. be the same as the North Staffs. R.C.C., 2s. per year. No further business was done, as all respectfully declined to hold office, pleading inexperience. A suggestion was made that Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, be approached, with the view of putting the club in working order. The writer interviewed Mr. Tomlinson, who kindly promised the benefit of his wide experience. The second meeting was held on March 28, Mr. Tomlinson in the chair. Mr. Tomlinson was elected president, Mr Geo. Cross sec., and Mr. Thompson treas. Meetings will be held first Saturday in each month, next meeting April 4 at 6.30. Decided that permission be asked to use B.R.C.C. rings, and if granted, a supply to be obtained. Other matters of a minor character were discussed, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a pleasant and enjoyable meeting. Fanciers desirous of further information kindly apply to Geo. Cross, sec., 106, Heathcote Road, Miles Green, near Newcastle, Staffs.

"The small sixpenny advt. I inserted in CAGE BIRDS last week has elicited replies so numerous as to prevent my replying to each individually. I effected a ready and satisfactory sale, and could easily have disposed of many more birds if I had them. I must say, from this instance and previous similar ones, that CAGE BIRDS is a most effective advertising medium, yielding as it does maximum results at a merely minimum cost."—B. BALL (Penrhyn).

"Kindly thank all who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, dated March 21st. I have answered letters with stamps enclosed and have made satisfactory exchanges."—B. HATTON (Charlton).

"Please thank all those who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS. I disposed of all my surplus stock through the medium of your valuable paper."—J. SHRIMPTON (Tooting).

"Kindly inform all those who answered my advert. re pair of Yellow Norwich that I am suited, thanks to CAGE BIRDS."—W. COOK (Pembridge).

"Kindly thank, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, all those who replied to my advt. re Greenfinch Mule. I had offers from all parts and could only answer those that sent stamp."—A. MOORMAN (Carisbrooke).

"Please thank all who replied to my advert. re Yorkshire Hen. I had so many letters that I could not reply to all."—J. GUNNING.

"I have had several good deals through CAGE BIRDS, including an exchange of two pairs of my Canaries, value £5 per pair, for two champion bred wire fox terriers."—F. TEMBLIN (Uppingham).

The syllabus of Leeds C.B.S. is to hand, and contains an attractive table of fixtures for the year, together with particulars of cups and specials, classification for the various club shows, and a list of members' names and addresses.

I feel I should like to thank you (writes Capt. B. Evans) for the very flattering remarks you published in "C.B." of my birds in the late Palace Show. The success I met with is extremely gratifying to me, as until last year I had never thought of cage birds. I got very smitten with the hobby, and have spent a lot of time with my birds. I should like to add that I have received the greatest assistance from tips out of your paper, and also from the various books I have bought through your columns. A win at the Palace is, or ought to be, the ambition of every fancier, and when this is coupled with the very fine report, such as you published, it is every inducement for a novice to try and be among the cracks next season.

Note our Front Page this Week. You May Win Five Shillings.

Prize-money at Bristol C.B.S. Show.

Mr. H. Elston writes:—Seeing letters from Messrs. Carrier and Davis, I beg to say that I was a winner, but have received no prize-money, or reply to my letters.

Cinnamon C.C. Specials.

Mr J. W. Metcalfe writes to say that in the aggregate points the Rev. B. Nume scored 118, not 128, as sent; and Mr. T. Proctor 122 not 118. This, of course, reverses the positions of 1st and 2nd.

Early Mules.

I see in last week's Cage Birds Mr. James Winstanley writes that Mr. R. Ellis, who has bred some early Mules, would like to know if anyone else has bred them earlier than himself. I might say that I have three Goldfinch-Canary Mules, three weeks old last Friday, March 27. They are out of a second clutch of eggs from the same birds. The first lot died at three days old. I hope you will insert this in Cage Birds, which I might add gives me every help I require, and I wish it every success, also Mr. Ellis.

British and Chinese Siskins Meet in London.

An interlude in the business of the National British Bird and Mule Club at the committee meeting held March 26 was interestingly filled by the production by Mr. Frostick, of two Siskins he had just imported from China (Tien Tsin). Mr. Allen Silver brought a hen British Siskin for comparison with the two arrivals from the far east, these being both hens. Great astonishment was expressed at the exceeding similarity between the foreign ladies and their English relation. It would seem that after a cage moult there will be so little difference as to make the birds difficult of identification. Considerable merriment was caused by the readiness of the Chinese visitors in answering the calls of the British bird, it being remarked that the language differed no more than the appearance. Messrs. Frostick and Silver were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness in providing members with such an instructive experience.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place). J.W.M.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).** (J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.** (T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 31, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L. Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Bayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View, W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.).

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.L., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Bailby Rd.).

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.B.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.** (W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 87 Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(G. M'Ardle, 38, Sydney St.).

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.** (Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).** (J. B. Meikle, 22, Broughton St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Aberavon, Port Talbot C.B.S.** (A. Mapps, 18, Rice St., Port Talbot.).

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.) J.H.P.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Bolley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.)

DRY HEAT FOR AILING BIRDS.

By WESLEY T. PAGE F.Z.S.

(Continued from page 292.)

NOW as to Dr. L. Lovell-Keay's article, referred to in my opening remarks, I refer to this, and quote from it (by permission), as it is the first describing its use under the conditions of a specially constructed dry-heat chamber, as part of the provision of one of his aviaries. The temperature of this aviary is maintained at 50 degrees to 60 degrees F. during the winter months; it also has a large natural flight attached for summer use. The significance of his article is that although he only quotes two actual instances, he has used the chamber for every case that has turned up, and these have been many, irrespective of the character of the ailment. While Dr. Lovell-Keay actually became an aviculturist only in April, 1913, he has acquired indirect experience through a resident patient, and is a lifelong student of all branches of natural history. During the past summer and autumn he has been actively getting together a choice series of birds of many orders, and now has quite a large and comprehensive collection. It is in the acquisition of these (some have been in his possession since May) that he has been gaining experience, as he has had an abnormal number of cases for treatment. He states:

"Lately I have had more than an ordinary dose of ailing birds. In every case I have applied heat (dry heat—I don't mean warmth but real *heat*), and the result has been nothing short of miraculous. I have been carrying out a series of experiments with the heat treatment. Let me quote a case or two: One day, about a month ago, I picked up my Columbian Siskin very ill; I kept her in a very warm place and she revived at once. Unfortunately, I had no means *then* of continuing the heat throughout the night, with the result that she died in the night. Kitchen cupboards and the like get much cooler about 4 a.m. when the bird most requires the heat.

A Bird "Literally Baked."

"Two or three days afterwards I picked up my hen Hooded Siskin. I put her into a travelling cage and literally baked her for about three days. She completely recovered, and is now as fit as ever; and yet her case seemed very bad. But the most wonderful cure of all was that of a hen (why is it they are all hens?) Pectoral Finch. My wife, who often lends me considerable assistance, became quite impatient. The bird was apparently 'as dead as a door nail.' I held it in front of a bright kitchen fire for ten to fifteen minutes, and then popped the bird in a cage into the oven. In ten hours time it had opened its eyes and was on its own keel. By bed-time it was on its feet. That night I kept it in a box, underneath which a powerful duplex lamp burned all night. To make a long story short, the bird made a complete recovery, and yet was apparently quite dead.

"I could multiply successful cures *ad lib*, but I don't think any good purpose would be served by doing so.

"Have you ever failed, you ask? Yes, I have, and in all cases it has been because I have not persevered with the treatment which I find takes about two or three days, during which time the temperature must never fall below 60. I will roughly describe my recovery hot-air chamber. It is in reality part of my new aviary, and was not really designed as a 'sick bay.' The floor is covered externally with a square of zinc sheeting to prevent it catching fire, and the front is half-inch mesh wire netting. The sides are wood. The lamp is fixed well below the floor and immediately underneath. The whole forms a kind of propagator, so beloved of gardeners. It is then heated uncomfortably warm, and yet birds revel in it."

I will only add that the above is advocated merely as the treatment for ailing birds, birds picked up in a state of collapse, or for newly-acquired or arrived birds in a more or less prostrate condition.

The Apparatus Described.

Now as to the apparatus to be used. These remarks need be very brief, as the oven, or radiator, and the best quick method of using them, have been already described. It remains only to deal with some, not too bulky, yet simple contrivance, which can easily be put into working order, at very short notice, to meet urgent cases. Such a hot-air apparatus can be easily constructed out of a box with close joints, by putting in a sheet of zinc, dividing it into two chambers, the lower one to receive a lamp, the top of the chimney of which will all but touch the zinc dividing plate. The zinc plate must fit sufficiently well to prevent the products of combustion leaking through to the upper chamber. The lower chamber can be fitted with a door, leaving air space at bottom, so as to avoid needless waste of heat. The front, or door, of the top chamber should be of glass, the necessary ventilation being provided for in the back or side of chamber.

If it is desired to use the top chamber as a cage there must be a wooden floor above the zinc plate, and a wire front, the latter quite independent of the glass door, i.e., the glass door would shut over the wire front after one had put in or attended to the birds. Any handy man could, at very small cost, prepare such an apparatus; it would soon be heated up, and the cost of fuel (oil) to keep it going is almost infinitesimal, as only a small lamp would be required.

(To be Continued.)

THE MEXICAN PIED GROUND THRUSH.

A bird which breeds in the pine woods of the mountains of Mexico. It is a tame and attractive species, which is only rarely imported into Europe.

TWO GOOD FANCIERS OF DORSETSHIRE.

Messrs. Coward and Foote, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, with some of their winning Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries. At Shaftesbury Show, last November, they secured 4 first, 3 second, and 2 third prizes. Both fanciers are members of "Cage Birds League."

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe ☘

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 242.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

YET the regulations say that in the event of a claim through loss or death, which must be clearly proved to have been caused through the company's negligence, the maximum sum of five shillings only will be paid for one bird unless a special insurance is paid. This is not at all encouraging, and the better plan with birds valued above five shillings each is to insure them. The fee is 3d. for each £1 (or part) value; the 50 per cent. extra is also charged were sent carriage paid, but I am informed that the five shillings is withheld in the event of their paying a claim on the insuranee. Further, should an insured bird die from natural causes en route, where no delay or damage had been sustained, they reserve the right to withhold the amount of insurance.

The company's servants will require to see the bird before they will insure it, so the package should not be finally made up until it has been inspected. Each recipient en route is required by the regulations to sign for the parcel; this makes each one anxious to get it off his hands, and at the station of destination they will often send the consignment by special messenger. If you treat these special messengers well, your birds will not be retained long at the station.

Examine before Signing.

Open the package and see if the bird is all right before signing; should this be inconvenient, add the words "not examined" after the signature. It is usual for the purchaser to pay the carriage, but the seller should insure, to safeguard his own interests, for until the term of approval is expired the bird is the sender's property.

Should the bird arrive ill or out of sorts, give it a piece of bread that has been soaked in boiling milk, and a drink of warm milk instead of water. Keep it warm and out of draughts, and cover the cage before retiring at night. If the bird is too ill to eat or drink, give three or four drops of weak whisky, or weak brandy and water; or three small drops of best brandy and glycerine direct into the beak. If no improvement is noticed in an hour afterwards, repeat the dose, and again at the same interval, until the bird is able to partake of the bread and milk. In any case chilled and not cold water should be given to a bird arriving from a railway journey.

Newly-purchased stock should be kept in quarantine for at least a week before being put amongst your own stock, unless it can be ascertained that they are perfectly healthy, or have come from a room that is kept under sanitary and hygienic principles.

Treat Birds Wisely and Well.

Treat your stock wisely and well during the period they are not required in the breeding cages; it is an error to neglect them during the autumn and winter months, especially so as far as the hens are concerned. At this time the fancier's attention is concentrated on the young cocks, expectantly waiting and watching the development of the song tours. But if hens are expected to be fruitful in the breeding cages, they must have a little attention each day, and be supplied with a wholesome and nourishing diet, not the scraps and leavings from the cages of the cocks.

The nature of the food that will be required for the hens should be determined by the conditions under which they are kept. Those kept in a room that is not artificially heated can be given a more liberal diet, as the cool atmosphere and the exercise in the flights will counterbalance the nutriment obtained from the extra food. The staple diet, i.e., the diet that must be supplied daily to hens kept under the above conditions, should be good Spanish canary seed, and the best German rape seed. These should be put into separate hoppers to prevent waste, for birds will pick out the variety they like best, and often scatter the other to waste.

After the moult is completed, that will be approximately about October (a treatise on moulting youngsters will be given when dealing with the young birds); from then and to the end of January, in addition to the staple diet of canary and rape seed, allow each hen one small teaspoonful of egg-food once per week, and the same amount twice per week of good mixed seeds, consisting of hemp, inga, maw, gold of pleasure, groats, and lettuce seeds. Where only a few birds are kept it is better to purchase these seeds ready mixed, and a good sample of condition seed, containing amongst others the above varieties is now being advertised in CAGE BIRDS.

The Use of Extras.

A small piece of sweet apple two or three times a week, a regular supply of clean gritty sand, clean drinking water from a clean fountain, and a bath when the weather is suitable, should bring hens through to the end of January in the pink of condition. Rather than give these extras on the same days, it would be better to vary them, somewhat after the following manner (by a small teaspoonful, I intend a level and not a heaped spoonful):—Sunday, egg-food; Monday, apple; Tuesday, mixed seed; Wednesday, apple, or a piece of bread that has been soaked in boiling milk would be a good substitute for one day; Friday, mixed seed; and Saturday, apple.

During February the egg-food may be increased to twice per week, and from the commencement of March until the hens begin to incubate their eggs, it should be given on alternate days. The apple is recommended during the winter to prevent constipation, and no other medicine need be given except in cases of illness.

In the spring the apple can be discontinued, and the young tender leaves of the dandelion substituted. One small leaf per day to each hen may be allowed up to the time when incubation begins; it must not be given to the birds in a wet or frosted condition. It may be allowed to dry in a warm room, or be wiped dry on a clean cloth. Neither should green-food be given that has been allowed to lie submerged in water for any length of time; this is especially so where there are young birds in the nest, as it would quickly set up diarrhoea.

The order of dieting will be reversed where hens are kept in a warm room, as the object will often be not so much to keep them in good condition and to prevent them coming into a breeding condition before it is desirable or necessary. The staple diet should be canary and rape seed given separately as previously advised; egg-food and mixed seed will not be necessary. A small piece of sweet apple two or three times a week to each bird can be allowed, with fresh clean drinking water, and a bath twice or three times a week, and a regular supply of grit is all that is necessary for hens kept in warm rooms right up to the end of January. If it is desired, a small piece of bread and milk can be given occasionally, but it is not absolutely necessary.

Items all may have.

A piece of cuttlefish bone should be given to both cocks and hens, at all times, whether in heated or cold rooms. The same will apply to a piece of fat, raw bacon, mutton, or beef suet, also small pieces of boiled carrot or parsnip. The apple could be varied, and as a change a piece of banana, orange, or grapes, could be given.

During the first two weeks in February give each hen one small teaspoonful of egg-food once a week, and twice a week during the last two weeks of the month. In the first week in March again increase the quantity to alternate days, and substitute tender young dandelion for the fruit, as soon as it can be obtained, allowing the same quantity as recommended for hens kept in cold rooms.

(To be continued.)

MEMS ON CANARY MANAGEMENT.

Timely Tips for Tyros.

By J. Lyon (Aberdeen).

(Concluded from page 197.)

IN the first nest of the season it is not unusual for the eggs to be a day late in hatching. If the eggs are moistened the day previously, either by dipping them in luke-warm water, or by giving the hen a bath, the young can more easily break their shells, and free themselves.

Care should be taken that no egg-food is thrown on the cage floor and allowed to become stale, for if given by the parents to the young it may mean the loss of the whole nest.

If the cock takes a share in the feeding, and does not molest the hen, he is better left with her. The removal of the cock, I may say, is often a cure for a sweating hen, as it compels her to leave the nest to get food.

At the age of three weeks to a month the young may show signs of leaving the nest, but it is best not to force them, as they are better off in the nest. In a short time they should begin to feed a little themselves.

If stale food is allowed to lie about, the young are almost sure to eat it, and may be lost before the cause is discovered. Young birds often drink more water than is good for them, so watch that too much is not consumed.

When the hen shows signs of building again, it is better to remove the young to the other compartment (if a double-breeder is used) and place the wire slide between, so that the young may be fed through the wires. It prevents plucking, and the hen will sit better than if her young were left with her. If a single breeder is used, a nursery cage should be hung on to the front. The cock should be allowed to feed the young as long as any continue to ask for food.

As soon as it is seen that the young can feed themselves they may be removed to a flight cage. Do not drop the egg food too suddenly, but gradually reduce it in quantity and strength. A little cracked seed helps them to get more quickly on to hard seed.

Young Canaries are very often inclined to pluck each other. It is thus better to place birds of the same age together. If a bird is once plucked by one of its fellows it may very likely happen every bird in the flight will start doing it, until the poor youngster will be almost bare. Not only is this an objectionable habit, but it puts a great strain on the youngsters to grow the new feathers.

A Championship of Twenty-one Years Ago.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Competition Prompts Reminiscences

By C. A. HOUSE.

All the Crystal Palace Show of 1914 was held the grand finale of Cage Birds Championship (Coupon) Competition. Thinking of this, my mind flew back to a championship of twenty one years since.

At the time, Mr. J. Filmont was secretary of the London Cage Birds Association. He was a man of progressive ideas, and in 1892 he conceived and announced to the Fancy a grand championship competition. The reception accorded to the idea was rather mixed, but nothing daunted, Mr. Filmont persevered. His colleagues of the L.C.B.A. backed him up, and in 1893 they announced a competition, which excited great interest from one end of the country to the other. The scheme was as bold as it was original. The central idea was to bring together in competition the birds of the different societies scattered about the kingdom, and thus secure for one the honour of having the strongest team in the country, and of being the champion society.

About a dozen societies promised to support the scheme, but when the entries closed, half of them were defaulters. In the preliminary discussion it was argued with much force that the North stood little chance, and that victory would rest with the Southern teams, because of their ability to send mixed teams, whereas the North could have to rely upon one variety. But the prophets were wrong. The North won.

The competition was held on Nov. 3, 4 and 6, 1893, and the judges, who had been elected by ballot by the members of the competing societies, were Messrs. J. Benson, J. Mackley and T. A. Hamer. The judging was conjointly. It says much for these three that only once during the ten hours in which they were judging did they disagree. Then Messrs. Mackley and House favoured a Silver Lizard of Mr. Ben Bardsley's, whilst Mr. Benson wanted the award to go to one of Mr. A. Hamer's birds. Although the judges blended so well, neither of them relished being tied up, and a few days after friend Benson, writing to me, said, "It was a mistake judging together. As the late Mr. Hewitt once said to me: 'I'll do it this time, but I'll never do it again.'"

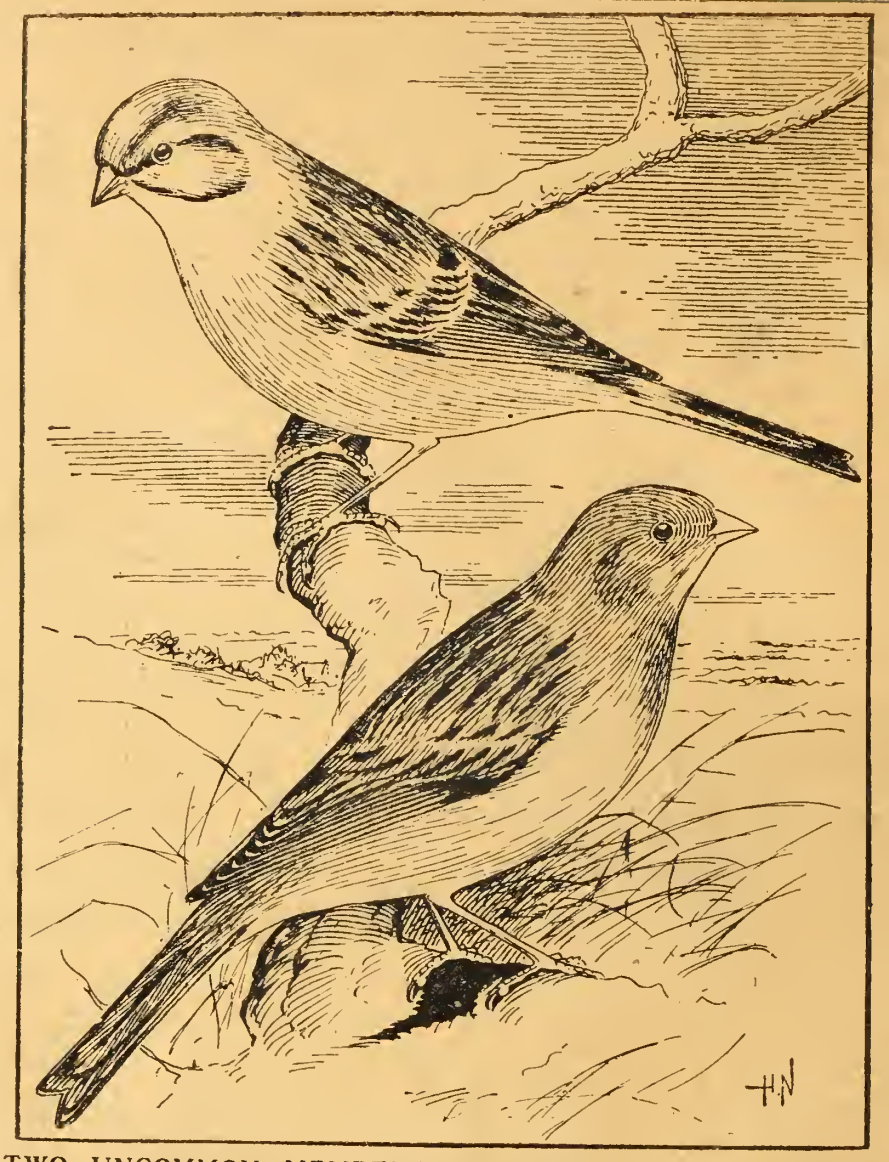
The birds were not judged as teams, but separately in their respective classes, and in their individual ownership, in the open classes provided for the championship tournament, and then their points totalled. The prize-money offered amounted to £77. The entry fees totalled £20 16s. Thus the L.C.B.A. sustained a big financial loss in its effort to give the Fancy a competition such as it had not seen before. I am sorry to say it—nor since.

Each team contained twelve birds. This was one of the weaknesses of the scheme; the number should have been twenty. It would then have yielded a better test of the relative strength of the societies.

Seven of the ten teams came from the North, two from the South, and one from the Midlands. When the final count was made, this was how they stood: 1st, Oldham, 82 points; 2nd, L.C.B.A., 81; 3rd, Dalton, Ulverston, etc., 80; 4th, Portsmouth, 68; 5th, Northampton, 65; 6th, Accrington, 61; 7th, Preston, 46; 8th, Bradford, 43; 9th, Liverpool, 42. The tenth team, that of the Rochdale O.S., did not turn up.

Varied was the composition of the teams. Oldham trusted entirely to its strength in Lancashires and Lizards; Ulverston sent nothing but Belgians and Scots. Fanciers: Northampton relied chiefly on its strength in Norwich; London, Portsmouth, Accrington, and Preston sent mixed teams; Bradford relied upon Yorkshires, Norwich and Cinnamons, four of each from the studs of three fanciers only—Messrs. Ambler and Son, John Haigh, and Naylor and Son. The latter noted Cinnamons did not put in an appearance, and Messrs. Ambler had two Yorkshires short, so that Bradford did remarkably well in scoring 43 points, with only half a team; Liverpool depended chiefly on the famous Mules of Messrs. Houlton and Chenall, but the team was weakened by three absentees.

The competition was a most interesting one, and it was hoped by many that it would become an annual institution; but their hopes did not fructify.



TWO UNCOMMON MEMBERS OF THE BUNTING FAMILY.

The Meadow (upper figure) and the Ortolan Buntings, which are seen more frequently on the show bench in Scotland than at shows south of the Border.

In the Courts.

Three Months for Birdy Swindler.

A remarkable story was told to the Ellesmere Port magistrate recently when Bill Allcock, a man stated to have many aliases, was charged on remand with obtaining 6s. by false pretences from Henry A. Bedwell, insurance agent, on November 18.

Police-constable Furniss said the prisoner went under the following names: Bill Allcock, John Hindes, Thomas Johnson, Williams, Monks, and Isaac Henry Wighton, and gave the following addresses: White Street, Pomfret St., Sussex St., and Euston St.

Superintendent Farnworth said the worst feature of the case was that the men who were swindled were poor, hard-working men, and it appeared that the prisoner had had a successful trade. He had received a communication from the Nottingham police, in which they stated that Allcock's real name was Highton, and he resided in Euston Square, the lower part of Nottingham. Prisoner received three months' hard labour.

A Sketch of Mr. Crisp and his Blackbird that whistles tunes.

JOEY, THE WHISTLING BLACKBIRD

And Some Other Pet Birds.

By E. CRISP (Walthamstow).

My whistling Blackbird has caused quite a stir all over the country, and I would like, through the medium of Cage Birds, to answer numerous enquiries. First and foremost, I attribute all my success with birds to the regular reading of your valuable paper—not to buying an occasional copy now and then, but a regular perusal during my spare time each week. With all my knowledge gained in theory and practice, I am always eager to learn more, and there is always something fresh to further the well-being of one's hobby to be found in the columns of your valuable journal. My advice to all is: Study nature and treat all birds as near nature as possible. Disease, and birds not singing, will then be practically unknown. The old proverb, "Prevention is better than cure" can well be applied to cage birds with happy results for birds and their keepers, and, in fact, all animals. My first bird ever kept was a Goldfinch in 1904; this I tamed so it would follow me from room to room, share my meals on the table, and pipe away on my finger, etc., etc., hop on to the bowl as my wife washed the children, and dip his little head in the water and bathe himself.

A Tame Linnet.

Next I had was a Linnet. This I tamed just the same, and more so; he would fly on my shoulder while at work (boot repairs), hop on the boot while I was nailing, and twitter to me the whole while in his friendly way. People would call my attention to the bird, and say: "Look at that bird, you will hit him with the hammer," but that never happened — we understood each other too well. This same bird, when the cage hung against the window, would fly backwards and forwards, about four feet from the cage, singing the whole time while flying; this was witnessed by several Linnet fanciers, and the remarks were: "What about small cages now? Here's a bird singing while he flies outside one." The next bird I had was a Thrush. I knew no more about feeding than I know about flying, but I set to work and read all I could find in back numbers of Cage Birds, and purchased a book on Softbills, and, following the advice I had obtained, the bird turned out a beauty. He would fly round the room, after business hours, and settle first on my shoulder and then on Mrs. Crisp's, and to and fro, sharing our supper with us; he, like the other birds, was the talk of the district. People say I have influence over them; that I don't know. All I know is that I am fond of birds and my birds are fond of me. Now I come to the Blackbird now notorious. I brought him up from the nest, fed as advised in "The British Bird Manual," Vol. 2, by H. Norman (whose advice I have followed with great success when hand-rearing). Joey never had a chance to hear his natural note, so I whistled to him different little bits, and he began to mimic; I persevered, and gradually he reproduced the well-known tune, "If you want to know the time, ask a policeman." This he did absolutely perfectly and clearly. Then I gradually taught him, first, "Old Folks at Home," and other little dancing ditties, all of which he whistles perfectly. He will answer me at any time of the day or night, light or no light, and is as tame as all the other birds previously mentioned.

A Result of Kindness.

This has been brought about by proper feeding and unbounded kindness in every way. Give your birds a fly round the room; that will not throw them off song, but will increase their health, and good health means more song. Let any sceptic try the experiment, and I guarantee his bird will sing more than ever; don't try it once or twice, but for a month. Two or three times last week I damped my birds all over, and washed their legs and feet, and let them fly to dry themselves in my workshop or kitchen. Anyone is welcome to come and see them; they are all pictures of health and plumage and song. My advice to all is keep your birds scrupulously clean, give fresh food and water daily, wash water vessels daily, feed as near nature as possible, and vary the diet often. My staple food for adult Softbills is a mixture advertised in Cage Birds, moistened with fresh milk and chopped salad, fresh daily. I throw away any left from day to day, give fruit daily, and all live insects obtainable. I whitewash the inside of the cages every month, and enamel the outside every six months. Hoping the above will benefit all bird lovers is the wish of Joey's trainer.

Questions and Answers.

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(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

IN-BREEDING, ETC. (E.C.).—(1) Provided your birds are strong and healthy, and are not the progeny of closely related birds you may safely mate them for this season only as closely as mother and son, or even brother and sister. But you must not continue mating the young from these birds in future seasons to their near relations. It is also most advisable that your birds have plenty of size and substance to mate as closely as this, particularly the brother and sister, as these matings are very apt to result in a material reduction in size, and this you do not want in the Norwich. If you could manage it, the mating of father and daughter would be much preferable to the brother and sister union. (2) If the birds you propose mating in this way, and also their parents, are in good, sound, robust health, there is no reason why the young from these matings should not be quite strong and healthy. But, even so, you should not mate their progeny as closely as this next season. (3) Yes, you can mate a Roller cock with a Norwich hen, but the young would, of course, be only cross-breds, and only of value as songsters. They would be useless to introduce into your pure Norwich stock.

YOUNG DYING (G. E. W.).—There must be something wrong with your feeding when young are being reared, I fancy, but you give me no detailed particulars which help me to discover what is at fault. Do the hens cease feeding, are the cocks left with them, or do you make any alterations or additions to the dietary about the fifth or sixth day? On the whole I think you had better send me full particulars how you treat them from the time the hens begin to sit until the young die, when I will endeavour to put you on a more successful track. Meantime, if you have any more young hatched, give egg food only in small quantities, fresh two or three times a day, until the young are three days old, then give a tiny scrap of green food, watercress for preference, and continue this, giving a little fresh twice a day from the fourth day. If the hen seems to flag about the sixth day offer a bath in which you have dissolved a little common salt, add a pinch of sulphate of soda to the drinking water, and give a little soaked rape seed. If you can get it, a little crisp lettuce or groundsel will go far to keep her going. Slowly increase the supply of egg food and also green food as the young get older, and about the eighth or tenth day add a little cracked hemp each day.

AN EARLY NEST (E. M. T.). The incidence of of the gale was undoubtedly the cause of the hen having a little trouble with the first egg. You did quite the right thing to prevent it becoming serious. There is no reason why the eggs should prove unfertile in these circumstances, but if they should do so take them away after the hen has sat her full time, add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days, and then feed the birds again as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" for preparing birds for breeding, and leave them to start again in due course. There will be no necessity to separate the birds

AN IDIOSYNCRASY (P. H. P.) One does occasionally meet with a bird that is a shy singer, so to speak, and will only sing in some particular place, and not at all in the company of others, and, maybe, your bird was such an one. As you say the purchaser heard it sing before buying, and you have already had one exchange, I do not quite see how you can reasonably be held to blame for what is, after all, probably a mere idiosyncrasy of the bird. It is not very likely that the second bird will behave in the same way, but if it should do so I think the most that could be expected of you would be to allow the buyer to re-exchange for the first bird which she heard sing, and advise her friend to give it a trial in the breeding cage, where it may prove all right. If the bird was taken to its new home and placed at once in a cage with a hen without any introduction this might possibly account for its silence. But it is impossible in all cases to account for these peculiarities.

SLOW TO BEGIN (Italia).—There is no fixed time in which hens begin to lay after mating. It depends wholly upon the condition of the birds when put together. If mated at the beginning of April, and both birds are in good condition, the hen will frequently lay within eight or ten days. On the other hand, when mated at the beginning of March, and not in such forward condition, it is no unusual thing for them to dally about three

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding", (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

or four weeks, or even longer, before settling down to business. Probably your birds were not quite so forward as you thought them to be. You can only exercise patience now, and things will come right in the end. They will doubtless soon begin to look more favourable. Give a teaspoonful of egg food with about half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, niger, millet, linseed and broken groats. Give three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. This should suffice to hurry them up a little.

EGG-EATING COCK (N. E. C.).—It is unfortunate that you did not have the pair in a double-breeding cage, as you could then have dealt with the failing of the cock with practically no trouble at all. Could not you cut a cardboard partition to size, with notches to fit over the cross-wires, introduce it underneath the front after removing the sand-drawer for the purpose, and fix it in position for a few days by means of paper clips. You would need to cut a hole in the cardboard to run the cock through from one part of the cage to the other, which, of course, you would cover with a temporary cover for the few hours the cock was required to be kept separate. If so, all you need do further is to run the cock the other side of the partition each evening whilst the hen is laying and keep them there until you have secured the egg next morning. On the evening of the third day remove him and cage him alone, leaving the hen to hatch and rear the young by herself. Otherwise there is nothing for it but to catch him each evening after roost time and place him in a temporary cage until the hen has laid her egg next morning. Next time you might try one of the special nests for egg-eating birds which you may have seen described in this column from time to time. Glad the other bird is better. Only too pleased to be of assistance.

TWO IN TROUBLE (H. H. Melsom) (1) This bird has doubtless been kept in a draught and become bronchially affected. Keep it in a comfortable place, free from draughts, or extreme fluctuations, and treat it for three weeks or so the same as advised to "Mr. Cruse" in this issue. There is not the least likelihood that the bird is tuberculous. (2) Moving the bird from the warm kitchen to the cold room was the cause of the moult. You should have waited until the spring was more advanced before making the change. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give two dandelion leaves daily. In the water add six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel every second day. Continue this treatment until the feathers cease dropping.

WHICH IS BEST? (Novice, Lincolnshire). — I should say it would be decidedly best to keep the birds in cages in the usual way after moving them to the place outdoors, as by this means you retain control over the breeding to a much greater extent than you can possibly do by allowing them to fly at liberty and breed much as they like. In the latter circumstances your control over the breeding is necessarily limited.

COCK NOT GOOD SINGER (Potched) Certainly as there appears no doubt about the sex of the bird, and it is in good sound health, and you are not particular as to the class of birds you breed, there can be no objection to breeding with a cock which has never sang much, owing, as you say, to lack of opportunities of tuition.

MAKES FUNNY NOISE (Mr. Cruse).—It is useless giving the bird medicine without first taking the necessary steps to remove the existing causes of the trouble. Possibly this is where you have failed. See that the bird is quite free from cold draughts, damp, or rapid and extreme changes of temperature. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. Keep it in a comfortable but not overheated place. Having attended to these points, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days add five drops each of oxymel of squills, syrup of tolu, and ipecacuanha wine to the drinking water. If not well in this time write again and I will advise you further.

MOVING BIRDS (Nor-West). You may safely remove the birds to the other room if you take advantage of a mild spell of weather somewhere about the second or third week in April. I would not advise you to move them earlier, especially if they have been kept hitherto in a warm part of the kitchen, nor during cold, chilly weather, or you will run a considerable risk of throwing them into moult. The two hens that now have eggs, which may be feeding young when the time comes to move them, should be quietly moved in the evening. Throw a light cover over the cages after the birds have settled down to roost, and quietly take them to their appointed place in the other room; remove the cover an hour or two later, and next morning all should proceed as usual.

A DRY SORE (J. H.).—Thanks for further information. Keep the cage and perches as clean as possible. Continue to slightly smear the sore spot three times a week for a time, but use Lanocyllin for the purpose. In addition to the staple diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and during the first week add a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, to the water every second day, and on the alternate days give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food, continuing the latter for a fortnight.

GETTING THIN (Jock).—You have probably moved the bird from the window, now its health is irreparably ruined. You ought never to have put it there. Keep it now in a cosy, but not overheated, place, where the temperature is fairly equable, and it will be quite free from cold draughts. Give, in addition to the staple seed diet, a little sponge cake, as advised to "Mr. Cruse," in this issue every second day, and also a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a young growing stool of dandelion daily instead of other green food. In the water give the same medicine as advised to "Mr. Cruse" in the reply referred to, for two or three weeks.

BREEDING FROM SINGING HEN (Beckenham). —(1) There are exceptions to the general rule in this matter, as in all others. A great many singing hens are certainly of little use as breeders, but there are also many such which leave nothing to be desired as regards the performance of their maternal duties. Unfortunately, only the actual test can show to which class your hen belongs, but I certainly would not reject her for breeding simply because she sang without giving her a trial. (2) Owing to the very great number of entries received in the Pairing Competition, it has not been possible to publish the result yet. It will appear in due course.

LOSS OF FEATHERS AND SCURFINESS (W. M).—Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and lightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with maw seed every second day for three or four weeks. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, teazle, linseed, and black rape. Give a small stool of growing dandelion daily. In the water add ten drops of lemon juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a fortnight. Allow frequent opportunities for bathing in favourable weather, and add to the bathing water sufficient permanganate of potash to tinge the water a light pink colour. It would benefit your future stock most if you totally rejected this bird for breeding.

WEAKLY NORWICH (P. C. P.). The bird seems to be affected with excessive weakness, but you give no clue as to the cause of this, or whether it is congenital. Try the following treatment for a few weeks, and if not better, write again and report result. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and also two crisp young leaves of dandelion every second day, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of banana. In the water add a pinch of Epsom salts for two consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food two days in every three for, say, three weeks. By the way, see if the claws are overgrown, and if so trim them back to a proper length. Also see that the perches are of a proper size and shape.

ALWAYS SITTING IN NEST (L. A. B.).—It is due to some abnormality of the reproductive organs, resulting in a broken cycle of reproduction. In your case the best thing you can do is to give the hen a clutch of fertile eggs to hatch and rear. This she will do all right, at least, so far as the hatching is concerned, and it is not unlikely that she will rear any young that are hatched. After this she may possibly go on and breed in a normal manner herself. If this should be the case, well and good; but if not, and she proves a good foster parent, you may utilise her as a feeder for other hens' young that may be deserted. If you have no such use for her, discard her altogether, as she will be of no use for breeding.

HENS VERY PUFFY (Ploughboy).—I am strongly inclined to think that the cause of the hen's illness is simply the result of a chill. The theory that this sort of thing happens to very forward hens if they are not mated is mere twaddle. If a hen is too forward, and is not mated, she will lay a clutch of eggs, which will be unfertile, and there the matter will end. Should you wish for more convincing proof in case one of these birds die, I would advise you to send it to our Mr. Yates for a post-mortem, when you will also have the satisfaction of knowing whether there is anything of a contagious nature about it. Keep the birds rather on the warm side, but quite free from cold draughts. Give a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily, and a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed every second day until a decided improvement has taken place, and add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHAT SEEDS? (H. S.).—The sample of seed sent is mostly composed of corn marigold, a daisy-like plant growing in the open fields, and very abundant upon some chalky soils. All the Finches will eat it, the Bullfinch being particularly fond of it. Among this sample was also a little of the common field poppy, and some wild mustard. All these might be thrown on the floor of the aviary or flight, so that the birds can select what they fancy.

MATING MATTERS (Thirsting for Knowledge). I would advise you to pair the Linnet cock with the Bullfinch hen, the Twite with the Goldfinch hen, and the Goldfinch and Siskin with the Redpolls. Of course, the Goldfinch-Bullfinch and the Siskin-Goldfinch would make good matings, but I would leave you with the two Redpoll hens with undesirable partners for them, so under the circumstances I think you would do well to try the pairings as advised. I wish you better luck than last season.

LINNET AND CANARY (Anxious).—Your Linnet and Canary will do all right presently. The fact of the Canary pair being in the same room will not make any difference. If she is fit—that is, flying from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and calling, and if the beak of the Linnet is dark and bluish-grey in colour, they will not be long. Your feeding appears to be correct, but you make no mention of green-food. Let them have a leaf of dandelion daily or a little seeding chickweed, and when you think they are both fit, give a nest pan and plenty of moss and cow-hair. Tie a piece of rough string on the front bars of the cage, then when the hen is getting ready she will begin to pull this about. When she builds and lays take each egg out and put a dummy one in its place until she has laid three, when replace them. If the cock is troublesome shut him off from the hen, but place him where he can see her, or he may sulk.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (F. Shore).—About four or five cock Finches would do nicely for your big flight. You could put in a Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, and Siskin, or a Reed Bunting, if you could procure one. Your staple food had better be equal quantities of canary and teazle seed, and half of German rape. Give a few sunflower seeds daily. Make a mixture of three part hemp, two of linseed and niger, and one of maw. Give a heaped-up spoonful between them every day. Buy a packet of

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

good wild seed mixture, and give three times a week. Let them have plenty of green food and wild seeds, such as dandelion, shepherd's purse, ground-ivel, chickweed, etc., and the seeding tops of other plants as they come in season. Let them bathe two or three times a week, giving them the bath early in the morning. Some of our books on Finches would be useful to you.

HYBRID PAIR (Bert Murray). Give your birds as a staple food, canary and one-third of rape seed. Buy a packet of good Finch mixture and let them have a spoonful every other day, also a leaf of dandelion or a spray of chickweed daily. Read the advice given to "Anxious" in this issue, respecting which the birds are in condition. When the hen has laid her clutch of eggs she will incubate for fourteen days, although many of them hatch off on the thirteenth. You will then have to give her some special food to rear the young ones on, this consists usually of hard-boiled egg and biscuit, four Osborne biscuits to one egg, beaten up and thoroughly mixed, but fanciers who have only the one pair, sometimes purchase and use one of the preparations advertised in our columns for the purpose. This food is easily prepared, and there is no waste, as ever so little can be mixed just for the day. When the young ones are out of the nest you will still continue to give them this, together with cracked seeds, until they are old enough and strong enough to crack them for themselves. If you are in any doubt about anything during the season, please write for advice.

TROUBLE WITH THRUSH (Anxious).—Undoubtedly the trouble with your bird is caused by improper feeding. You appear to have been giving him the same food for a year, without a change. As you have sent for our booklet on the Thrush you will see in that directions for feeding which you must follow out if you wish your bird to do well. Let him have an aperient, as much glauber salts as will cover a shilling in his drinking water, for one day, repeat two days after, and again the following week. Then give him a course of chemical food, a small teaspoonful in his drinker daily, boil the water first or it will not mix properly. Anoint the bare places with a little fresh lard or vaseline. Mix his food with scraped raw carrot, boiled potatoes, or chopped green-food; be rather liberal with this, also give him fruit.

GREENFINCHES NESTING (H. M. Pratt). If you want your pair of Greenfinches to rear the young you must supply them with some soft food, in addition to seeds, etc. You must not mind the other birds eating their share. Greenies are very hardy, and it is just possible the old birds would rear on seeds and green-food, but they would be much more likely to do so if you gave them hard-boiled egg and biscuit. You need not make it particularly strong, one egg to four Osborne biscuits would do, or you could give them some of the soft food advertised in our columns by the different makers for rearing young Canaries. In addition to this give them some soaked rape seed, or you could let some simmer in an old saucepan or tin until it swells, and, after draining, dry it off with a little powdered biscuit; also be liberal with green-food, such as chickweed, groundsel, sow thistle, etc. When the young are four or five days old give a good supply of sunflowers and some hemp; you will have to feed liberally if you want them reared.

BULLFINCH WITH DIARRHŒA (Mrs. Monteithy. —Unfortunately you do not say in your letter in what way you are feeding your bird; you may be giving it something that is the cause of the trouble, or possibly the water does not suit it, so in future boil it first, or give distilled water. For treatment give two drops of best olive oil direct into the beak. Procure a little tincture of catechu from the chemist, and add 15 drops to his drinking water; discontinue as soon as the looseness ceases, and give him a course of chemical food, a small teaspoonful in the drinking water. I do not know if you are giving him any green-food, but, if so, you had better discontinue it for a time. If no better, or you wish for any other advice, you had better write again giving full particulars of feeding, etc.

HYBRID PAIRS (Bulldog).—Do not part the Goldfinch and Bullfinch; if they agree I t well alone. Given them a nest box or some other nesting arrangement, and encourage them to go to nest by giving plenty of moss, cow hair, short length of

grass, etc. Also supply them liberally with dandelion leaves and seed pods when procurable. Your flights will do splendidly, and are large enough to contain a rough bundle of furze and heather, and if you can get an old nest and place in it, it will encourage them. Let the Canary and the other Bullfinch then be in a position to see each other constantly—a cage with a wire partition would be best—and as soon as you see any signs of familiarity you could run them together. You must be a bit careful about this, because if the hen takes a dislike to the Canary, your chance of success are very remote; so you had better go gently, there is plenty of time. In selecting the hen to pair with the Goldfinch cock, watch them carefully and see if one of them shows any desire for his company; if so, that is the one to select, because if she is enamoured of the Goldie she will not take to the Canary. It would have been better had you let only one hen fly with him during the winter months.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREEN SINGING FINCHES (Mrs. C. E. B.).—You are quite right in keeping this bird warm. Get from your chemist a mixture of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts. Put one teaspoonful of this mixture to each ounce of the drinking water while the trouble lasts. If there should be any further developments, write again at once. Give three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak, daily, till the bowels have been cleared, but once this has occurred then only as required to keep the bowels moving freely. If the bird will take a little sponge cake, give it a little daily, first dropping on to it five drops of cod liver oil. Give the bird, if it cares for them, two or three mealworms per diem and the usual seeds, grit, cuttlebone, and green food. As regards the aviary, yes, there should be some nest receptacles outside. If round the top of the flight two six-inch boards are nailed at right angles, rush nests, etc., can be suspended beneath these, and the birds will mostly roost there during the summer and be benefited therefrom.

SUGAR BIRD, &c. (Tobacco).—It is a Purple Sugar Bird and your diet is about right; but it will appreciate any small fly, spider, greenfly, etc., you can capture for it. It is not easy to give a sketchy description of Pretre's Tanager. The head is marked with white streaks above the eye, extending to the nape, also ditto below the eye running on to the neck, and another white streak covering the bib and centre of upper throat; the mantle and upper back olive green, with the lower back, upper tail coverts, a broad collar round the back of the neck, lower throat, breast and centre of abdomen, rich guinea-gold; remainder of under-surface dull brown; wings and tail variegated black, white and brown; beak, legs, and feet plumbeous. Two or more years ago quite a few of them were on offer, and a few again last year; but they have never been other than quite uncommon.

ACQUIRING A YOUNG GREY PARROT (A.W.A.).—Whatever care you take, you can only minimise the risk of acquiring a young newly-imported bird, and there is no use in dissembling the fact, that mortality rules very high among each lot brought over. It would be impossible for me to go into the treatment in full length in this column. I am not allowed sufficient space; moreover, the proprietor of "C.B." has published a Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free from our Manager, which will give you the fullest details and help you greatly towards success. Neither am I allowed, for obvious reasons, to recommend individual traders. If you care to repeat your query and tell me just how much you are prepared to spend, perhaps I can give you a hint or two more as to acquirement, or you can have a reply per post as per rules.

CHILIAN SPARROWS (H.E.S.).—A mixture of canary, white and Indian millet, will suit them well. Also offer a second mixture hemp, crushed oats, rape and paddy rice, permitting the birds to help themselves according to taste. They will also require green food and an occasional mealworm, while any stray fly, spider, small caterpillar you can capture for them will form a dainty tit-bit. Yes, two cock Gouldian Finches will agree well

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

enough together so long as there are no females of their own kind introduced. Gouldians have practically no song, but they have a gorgeous piquant sort of beauty, which many admire. The same applies to most specie of Finches.

BREEDING ZEBRA FINCHES (Forth View).—Many young Zebra Finches are reared annually on seed alone, combined with plentiful supplies of seeding and flowering grass, lettuce, and garden weeds as green food, but for another month at least you must exercise care that you do not offer green food tainted with frost. I should supply a little soft food just about the time eggs are due to hatch. A mixture of crushed arrowroot biscuit, crumbled sponge cake, and dried ants' eggs, in equal parts, will meet the case, and the mixture in a dry state will keep indefinitely. It must be mixed for use fresh daily by taking the required portion and making it crumbly moist with boiling water. If wetted into a soddened, sticky mass, the birds will not look at it. Only a little will be required. Probably too small a cage might be the cause of past failure, but you give no details.

WHAT BIRD? (R. L. P.).—It is a Golden-crowned Cotinre (Conurus aureus). A seed mixture of canary seed, white millet, oats, hemp, and a few sunflower seeds. Canary and millet to form half the bulk of the mixture. Supply green food, any kind of fruit it will take, also pieces of biscuit if it cares for it. Grit, cuttlebone, water, and a piece of natural branch for it to exercise its beak upon, must be regularly supplied. About 15/- to 20/-, they come to hand not very regularly, but are not at all rare, and have been offered on occasion quite cheaply.

BUDGERIGARS (F. L. Howell).—How can I account for it with no details other than you have a small aviary out-of-doors, with four birds, and one bird has dropped ten eggs from the perch and not used the husks at all? I can only suggest a possible cause by a few suggestive queries. What is the demeanour of the birds together? Does not this give you a clue? Are the husks clean, or, having been in use last year, are they infested with insects? Have mice gained access to the aviary and usurped occupation of the husks to the discomfiture of the Budgerigars? It may possibly be that you have a forward hen and the cock not yet in breeding condition; if such be the case, matters will level up a little later. I suppose you know you have true pairs. When in breeding condition the cere surrounding the nostrils is bright blue in the male and ruddy brown in the female. I hope the above may be a help to you. As soon as you can get it free from frost, supply seeding and flowering grass ad lib.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Temblin. Have published your letter; could not trace the items you mention.

W. H. Walton. Your letter has been duly forwarded.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Aberavon Port Talbot C.B.S. April 4, 11, Clarence Street, Aberavon, 7.30. To discuss open show, etc.—A. Maggs.

Alfreton C.B.S. April 4, The Red Lion, Alfreton, 7 o'clock p.m. Election of committee and table show; A.V. British and A.V. Mule. Judge, J. Smedley.—L. M. Inman.

Altrincham Open C.B.S. April 8, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8. Discussion on feeding of young birds.—C. Bailey.

Arbroath C.B.S. April 8th, Shepherd's Rooms, 8 p.m. Usual bus. Replies from judges, etc. Full attendance requested.—G. McArdle.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. April 7, St. Thomas's, Ardwick, entrance Chapel Street, 8 p.m. Lecture on British birds, by Mr. W. Fairhurst. Friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S. April 4, Room behind Linton Miners' Hall, 7.30 p.m. Enrol new members; subscriptions, etc.—W. Hall.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—April 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of British birds. Judge and critic, Mr. G. Fletcher.—E. Johnson.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—April 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Night of questions.—E. Toulson.

Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.S.—April 4, Social Club, 7.30. General business.—H. Seely.

Barrow C.B.A.—April 8, Gardner and Rickard, 7.30. Entries close for N.F. show, April 8.—A. Hudson.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A. April 6, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. General meeting and lecture by Mr. A. Maddison; all are welcome.—R. Jackson.

Birmingham South O.S.—April 8, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. Coming season's young bird shows, dates, and judges.—J. Sheppard.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—April 7, Quadrant Restaurant, 8 o'clock p.m. Egg-food-making competition and discussion on the rearing and feeding of young birds.—L. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—April 7, Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, 8. Revision of names and addresses, schedules for members' shows ready; new members invited with the old ones.—Wm. Cruise.

Bristol East C.B.C.—April 6, Glass House Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. G. Bull on the management and breeding of the Yorkshire Canary.—Wm. J. Norman.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—April 7, Staffordshire Knot, 8 p.m. Breeding questions.—A. Wood.

Beamish C.B.S.—April 4, Bird Inn, 7.30. Annual meeting; business important.—Peart and Cresswell.

Bolton C.B.S.—April 7, Joiner Arms, 8.—J. Gerrard.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—April 8, Headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting; table show of Canaries, and lecture by Mr. D. S. Dean; all members invited.—W. H. Gibb.

Crewe O.S.—April 7, Burton Hotel, 8. Classification for N.F. show; questions; new members invited.—N. L. Croft.

Camborne F. and H.S. April 7, Tehidy Working Men's Club Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Hand-washing exhibition of Canaries, by Mr. T. Strout. Fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—T. J. Uren.

Clapham C.B.A.—April 7, Headquarters, 8.30.—T. J. Rose.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—April 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8 o'clock.—J. Southworth.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—April 4, Village Hall, Juniper Green, 4. Replies from judges; general business; and a lecture on Mules and Hybrids, by Mr. A. W. Watson. J. Napier.

Crystal Palace, Penge C.B.S.—April 8, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 8 p.m. Lecture on Canaries, by Mr. Bellinger. H. Legg.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—April 4, Co-operative Hall, Low, Westwood. 7.—Jameson and Johnson.

Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S. Next meeting, table show of British; fee 6d.; judge, Mr. G. Bescoby; birds staged 7. F.M. Linnet, F.M. Greenfinch. Hope all members will try and make an entry or two, also attend meeting.—G. Hunt. (Date and time not stated.—Ed.)

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. — April 7, Headquarters, 8. Rearing of young birds, by Mr. John Hazell, Plumstead. A. G. Cant.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—April 4, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 6. Important business, also arranging for N.F. show.—G. T. Lynn.

East Ham C.B.S. April 9, Town Hall, 8.30.—F. Onslow.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—April 4, Fountain Inn, 8 o'c. prompt. General bus.; schedules, etc.—S. Wilcock.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—April 4, Black Swan, 7. Table show and general bus.—H. Cockrem.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—March 6, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8 o'clock. Booking of bens; last meeting for enrolling new members.—R. S. Spence.

Farnworth C.B.S.—April 8, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Fixing date F.F. show; selection of judge for same, etc.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S. April 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Table show, also to consider next open show, etc.—G. Garbutt.

Glasgow and W. Counties.—April 4, 122, Ingram street, 6.30. Mule pairs, viz., Goldie, Can., Linnet ditto, A.O.V. Pairs, Hybrid Pairs, A.V., 1 classes.—Jas. McGowan.

Grantham C.B.S.—April 6, "Brewers' Arms," Brewery Hill, 8. Important business; lecture by F. Lockton on "British Birds."—H. Lowther.

Gateshead C.B.S.—April 8, Headquarters, 8.—W. Curry.

Grangemouth and D. C.B.S.—April 8, Rechabite Hall, 8. Judges for annual show and classification.—J. Woodhouse.

Hull C.B.S.—April 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Mule and hybrid pairs.—L. Heseltine.

Halifax O.S.—April 4, Piummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Sub-committee recommendations for syllabus for year, and members' show; also judges for annual open show.—Harry Clegg.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—April 7, The Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8 p.m. Table show, British birds, and lecture by Mr. H. Norman.—P. Brooks.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—April 7, Headquarters, 8 p.m.—A. E. Moult.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—April 4, Royal Oak, Cotmanhay, 7 prompt. First feather show and open show, and judges.—T. Smith.

Islington F.A.—April 6, Headquarters, 8.30. Very important business. Table shows, etc.—H. A. Brown.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—April 7, No. 2, Goth, 6 p.m. Replies from judges; general bus.—A. Dickson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—April 4, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30 p.m. Election of judge for annual show.—J. Bostock.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 4, Lockhart's, Briggate, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. Lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," by Mr. A. Chew. Come and hear this experienced fancier.—L. Norton.

Leeds Roller Club.—April 4, Lockhart's, 7.30. Club business; members please attend; birds present.—H. Best.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. April 7, White Swan, 8.30. Presentation of roc'-bowl and specials; and lecture by Mr. J. Allen.—A. Freestone.

Littleborough C.B.S.—April 6th, Coffee House, 8 p.m. prompt. F.F. show business, judges, etc. New members cordially invited.—J. R. Windle.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 9, Oldham Hall, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting; elect judges for old show; lecture on "Hints for the breeding season," by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe and Mr. F. Handley.—J. Lloyd.

Llanelly C.B.S.—April 4, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Important; all members should make effort to attend.—D. John.

London and Counties' A.C.B.—April 4, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8.30.—G. G. Stubbs.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—April 6, Mr. Lowe's Room, 25, Tonning Street, 8.30 p.m.—L. Lowe.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 6, St. Paul's Schoolroom, 7.45. Lantern lecture on British birds.—W. H. Tansey.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 4, Headquarters, 8. Bus. important; all names and addresses for Yorks Union Handbook.—H. Grange.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—April 8, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Paper by Mr. Saywell, "The Feeding of Soft-bills." Open meeting. All fanciers invited.—J. G. Royce.

Nelson, Colne C.B.S.—April 7, Mr. Fulton's, 7.30. Selecting judge, young show, etc. New members invited.—D. Watts.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—April 9, "Pied Bull" Hotel, 8 p.m. Arrangements for first feather show.—H. A. Waddington.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 7, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.30. General.—John Davey.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—April 8, Alhambra Club Rooms, 8.30 p.m. General bus. A. W. Newton.

Portsmouth F.S.—April 6, Star Hotel, Lake Road, 8. Important.—G. J. Kirton.

Perth City and County O.A.—April 6, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8 p.m. Goldfinch and Siskin judging competition.—J. L. Smith.

Preston O.S.—April 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. First feather show, after which a "question night," so if there are any novices with any "problems," will they kindly bring them along, and we will discuss them?—W. H. Cottam.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—April 6th, Fleece Hotel, 8 p.m. Members' show and other important bus.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—April 9, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8.15. Some points on Mule-breeding, by C. Weston. Visitors cordially invited.—H. R. Lowe.

Redcar C.B.S.—April 8, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. General. C. L. Mallory.

Rochdale O.C.—April 6, Club Rooms, 8.30. Quarterly meeting. Election of president; balance sheet, etc.—R. Blincoe.

Rossendale C.B.S. April 7, Swan Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Important business.—H. Wantling.

Sandy Lane C.B.S.—April 7, Victoria Hotel, 8. Business important.—S. Moore.

Scottish National C.B.S.—April 9, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, 8. Report as to smoker tickets. Judges' replies and other important business.—J. R. Meikle.

Sheffield O.S.—April 7, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Table show, British birds. Class 1, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; class 2, Goldf., Bullf., or Greenf.; class 3, hardbill, A.O.V.; class 4, softbill. Judge, J. Beswick.—E. C. Job.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—April 6, Headquarters, 8. General business and payment of prize-money.—R. Churchill.

Skipton C.B.S.—April 6, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Members note change of date owing to Easter holidays.—E. Gill.

Southampton C.B.S.—April 6, Headquarters, 8.30. General business.—W. L. Page.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—April 9, Wharf Hotel, 8. New members cordially invited.—G. Mitchell.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—April 7, Liberal Club, 8. Arranging for F.F. show.—F. Hampshire.

Stratford and East London F.S. April 8, "Eagle," Chobham Road, Stratford, 8 o'clock. Arrangements for next show; enrol new members; present certificates and illuminated cards.—A. Wasey.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—April 11, National Schools, 8 p.m. Lecture on Crests and general management, by that noted breeder, Mr. J. Evans. Please note change of date, Sampson and Moore.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—April 7, Headquarters, Garside Street, 7.30. F.F. show business.—J. T. Cheetham.

South Shields C.B.S.—April 4, Cyprus, 7.30. W. L. Smith.

Tong C.B.S.—April 7, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Lecture on breeding, by our president, Mr. L. Hodgson. Friends invited.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—April 7, Village School room, Alexander, 8 p.m. Brit. and Foreign table show and annual show bus.—A. H. McLean.

Wibsey C.B.S.—April 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 5.30. Annual tea and presentation of prizes; fanciers and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—April 6, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "Birdy Topics."—G. Griffiths.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—April 6, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Ordinary business.—H. Rodnick.

Walkley C.B.S.—April 9, Mission Rooms, Westmorland Street, 8. Lecture on British birds, by Mr. P. Walsh; fanciers and friends invited.—A. Lawton.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A. April 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Very important new business; members please attend; new members invited.—G. Greenwell.

Walton Everton C.B.S.—April 8, Mission Hall, Priory Grove, 8 p.m. prompt. Drawing up of rules for 1911, hints to beat, etc.—Robin Cresswell.

Wandsworth F.S.—April 9, Sutton's Hall, 8, Eagle Yard, Wandsworth, 8 p.m.—W. Tichborne.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 7, Dartmouth Hotel, 8 p.m. Lecture on bird architecture, by F. Cresswell, and friends cordially invited.—A. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—April 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. To consider the advisability of running an open show. Members please attend and state your views for Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—April 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Open show business, etc.—Taylor and Elli.

Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M.C.—April 1, Market Tavern, Briggate, 7.30. Balance sheet; election of officers; business very important, revision of rules, etc.—T. H. Inman.

Singing Contests.

ESH VILLAGE.

Singing, March 28th, Love's Hotel, Broompark, 23 birds faced the judge, Mr. Thos. Farrar, Hollinside; timekeeper, Mr. J. Farrar, Bearpark. 1, 2, 3, Heslop; 4, Ridley.—A. McVoy, Sec.

WEST AUCKLAND.

Third Linnet singing Mar. 28, at Geo. Gilbey's, Robin Hood; 30 birds faced the judge, and some good singing was heard. 1, 2, Walker; 3, Taylor. Linnet singing, April 25.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, 28 March, Black Horse, Elvet; 16 birds entered, and some good time singing was heard. Mr. Walker judged, J. Brown timekeeper. 1, Brady; 2, Burnside; 3, Willson. Club open for members, apply to Sec., A. Brady.

BLACKBURN.

Open quality Linnet contest will be held at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, April 11th. This being our Easter contest, which we have held for 20 years, there will be several good prizes, everybody welcome. T. Hayhurst, Sec. (Advt.)

SHEFFIELD.

Open Linnet contest for time March 29, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street, Sheffield. Ten pairs sang for three prizes given by J. Schofield. 1, Brown, 62sec.; 2, Laurie, 52sec.; 3, Woodcock, 43sec.—W. Bingham, Sec.

Open contest for time Linnet singing, March 23, British Oak Hotel, Attercliffe; 18 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, Newton, 108; 2, Robinson, 78; 3, Robinson, 52. Also a show of British at night, when we had some of the best birds in England. 1, Parlett; 2, 3, Duce.—E. Robinson, Sec.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club, March 22; 9 pairs were lung for 3 prizes. 1, Roper, 3 score 14; 2, Baker, 3 score 13; 3, Barnett, 3 score 9. March 29; 8 pairs were lung for 3 prizes. 1, Sibley, 3 score 15; 2, Ellard, 3 score 9; 3 Barnett, 3 score 3.—J. Baker, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, the George and Dragon, Bridge Street, March 28; 42 birds entered for 4 minutes' time singing for 4 prizes. 1, 4, Sweeting, 77 and 66; 2, Nelson, 76; 3, Smith, 73. March 29, 16 entered for 3 minutes' time, singing for 3 prizes. 1, 3, Morley, 58 and 43; 2, Nelson, 50.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEIGH.

A special general meeting of the Albion Inn Linnet Club will be held April 3, at 7.30, when all members are requested to attend; business important. Open contest April 4, for time and quality. Hoping to see our old friends. Contest is held at the old headquarters, Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh.—Robert Disley, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, held Woodhouse Inn, March 28; 54 entered for four prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, Nelson, 127; 2, Beard, 68; 3, Jones 53; 4, Proctor, 46. Open sing, March 29; 31 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, Nelson, 109, 2 and 3, Beard, 73 and 45.—S. Pugh, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Club sing, March 28, at the Club House, Canterbury Arms; 39 birds faced the judge for 13 prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, Galbraith; 2, Armstrong; 3, Briggs; 4, Walker; 5, Reay; 6, Hartley; 7, Marley; 8, Dill; 9, Nugent; 10, Vincent; 11, Briggs; 12, Nugent; 13, Graham.—J. Nugent, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members sing headquarters Commercial Hotel, March 21st; 20 birds sang for three prizes. Owing to a misunderstanding in the timing we could not decide on the winner, and A. Cooper and J. Cooper shared the three prizes, thereby settling the dispute. Members' sing, March 28; result, 1st, J. Leversidge, 100secs.; 2, J. Wallis, 53, 3, A. Cooper, 51secs. A. Tomlin, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, Skinners' Arms, Bushingthorpe, March 29; 19 birds competed for 3 prizes. 1, Tomlinson; 2, Granger; 3, Granger. Judges, Messrs. Granger and Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality singing, March 23, Albion Hotel, Saville Green; 22 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Hayes; 3, S. Hardcastle. Judges, Richardson, Naylor, Crane. Also March 29, 19 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Wood; 3, shared by W. Sissons and S. Johnson. Judges, Jennings and Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wardsworth Street, Kirkstall Road. 30 birds sang for 3 prizes, Host Mr. H. Bickerdyke adding a copper kettle. 1, A. Lorriman; 2, W. [illegible] 3, Yates. Judged by Messrs. Goodwill, Selby and C. Lorriman. March 29, 18 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, Dobson; 2, Smith; 3, Moran. Messrs. Lipman and Goodwill judged.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr; contests for Linnet quality singing, March 21, 17 birds entered for 3 good prizes given by Mr. Bowyer. 1, Bribiner; 2, Towers; 3, Laycock. Judges, Messrs. Pyrah and Malone. Mar. 22nd, 19 birds entered. 1, Towers; 2, Laycock; 3, Daniels. Judges, Messrs. Pyrah and Lunn. Mar. 28, 26 birds entered for 4 good prizes. 1, 3, Bribiner; 2, Laycock; 4, Holt. Judges, Messrs. Pyrah and Lunn. Mar. 29, 29 entered for four good prizes. 1 Bribiner; 2, Ward; 3, Clark; 4, Laycock. Judges, Pyrah and Lunn.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Great open quality Linnet contest at Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, Easter Tuesday, 2 o'clock, 7/- per bird.—(Advt.)

Correspondence.

Bengalese and Ribbon Finches Breeding in Same Aviary.

Sir,—In view of the letter from Mr. H. E. Lallen, junr., in your issue of March 28, my experience with a pair of Ribbon Finches and a pair of Bengalese may be of interest to some readers of CAGE BIRDS. I obtained one pair of each of these birds in February last (both of which had hatched young last year, but had not reared them). I turned them into my garden aviary, and the Bengalese immediately built an elaborate domed nest, in a bush at the back of the open flight, but no eggs resulted. In the meantime the Ribbon Finches had taken up their abode in a cocker-nut husk, and the hen laid four eggs, at intervals of a day or two; she, however, made no attempt to hatch them, and to my surprise the Bengalese took charge of the husk and eggs, sitting closely and not being disturbed, even when the aviary was being cleaned out. After several days had elapsed, the cock Ribbon Finch appeared to resent the appropriation of the eggs, and several battles ensued; probably as a result of this all the eggs got broken, which was very regrettable, as it would have been interesting to see whether the Bengalese would have succeeded in rearing the young of the Ribbon Finches. I may say that my birds, which are all foreigners, and kept in a garden aviary, are in the best of health, and do not seem to be at all affected by the very changeable weather we have been having recently.

HAROLD T. KING.

How to Distinguish Roller Tours.

Sir,—To produce in writing the various sounds that go to form the song tours would entail no small amount of time and labour. Especially was it so in my own case, as I endeavoured to produce them in as simple a manner as possible, avoiding any description which to my mind would have a tendency to set up a confusion of ideas, or leave the reader in doubt. Those of your readers who understand the song, or only a portion of it, and who have so kindly followed me through my articles, will readily understand the difficulty to which I refer. Anyhow, Mr. Gill's letter shows that there is at least, to one mind something lacking which has not occurred to me. I thank Mr. Gill for his letter, and welcome his criticism, and shall be pleased to accede to his request if he will let me know exactly what it is he desires. I do not anticipate much difficulty if he will set his description on one of the easily expressed tours, such as the Flutes, or Hollow-Glucke. The "Cluck-Cluck" of a broody fowl is a fairly good representation of the Hollow-Glucke tour, as by changing the consonant C to G or its omission, we get the "Gluck-Gluck," or "Luk-Luk" which comprises the Hollow-Glucke tour. A resemblance of the Water-Glucke is sometimes given off by emptying water from a bottle. The strike, or stroke of a bell, not the tinkling of a bell, is heard in a good Bell tour. The jingle, as of a number of small bells—not the clapper, or tongue type, but rather the small sized bell which adorns children's playthings, I have in an old stock bird. This bird "plays" with it previous to commencing his song, that is, it is not sung in connection with the other tours; there is not much beauty in it, neither is it named, nor recognised. To the sewing machine tour, I must plead ignorance, although I have heard in a thin toned Bell tour something that is not very admirable. As Mr. Gill is willing to travel I could, if he desires, make arrangements with a fancier friend in Yorkshire to give him a practical lesson, but more than one will be required because of the various ways and tone in which the birds sing. Should there be in my own district any fanciers or non-fanciers of the Roller, club members or otherwise, who would like these "practical lessons" I shall be pleased to make the necessary arrangments for such, and in the event of there being more than I can accommodate at my own home I would hire a room in non-licensed premises and defray the expense of same. To have the tours explained as the bird is singing would be very beneficial, and they would be thereby more readily understood than by reading a description as to the sounds they resemble. A gramophone record would have been very valuable could such be produced, but attempts up to now have only resulted in failure.

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The Making of Nets.

Sir,—Having been a Canary breeder for many years, and a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I have every week, I want to make some netting to catch British birds with, and I want one of your readers to tell me how to net and make the under-hand knot, which some people call the fisherman's knot. I can net with the over-hand knot, and used to be able to make the other, but not having made any nets for a number of years (only rabbits' nets) I have quite forgotten how to do it. If any of your readers will give me a hint or two, shall be greatly obliged.

F. TEMBLIN.

Large Clutches of Eggs.

Sir.—One occasionally hears of birds laying abnormally large clutches of eggs. It is not confined to Ribbon Finches. Last year a correspondent sent an account of a Canary which laid ten eggs. The cause of the death of Mr. Lallen's Ribbon Finch could only be satisfactorily ascertained by a post mortem. I should think probably it would be due to exhaustion; or it might be inability to lay the sixteenth egg. I should have been pleased to have purchased the eggs if Mr. Lallen had no use for them, as I am keeping some Canaries this season for the purpose of hatching eggs of foreign birds as an experiment.

ENTHUSIAST.

The Classification of Green and Cinnamon Borders.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to draw the attention of show committees to the above. I consider these are varieties that have made great leaps and bounds during the last few years, though in most of the schedules I find separate classes for other varieties, but one for Borders, "Green, or Cinn. cock or hen, yellow or buff," which embraces eight different varieties. Now I consider that the green and cinnamons are the working man's varieties, for he can keep a green or cinnamon in show condition, when he cannot keep a clear or mark for want of time to do them justice, and I think if there was better classification there would be more entries, and the variety would be encouraged. At the annual meeting of the Border Fancy Club at Edinburgh, it was passed that the show giving four classes for greens and cinnamons should have a medal for same, that is if a show gives six classes for clears and marks, and four for greens and cinnamons; that show gets two medals. I hope this note will find consideration next season.

A. FORREST.

Prize-money at Bristol C.B.S. Show.

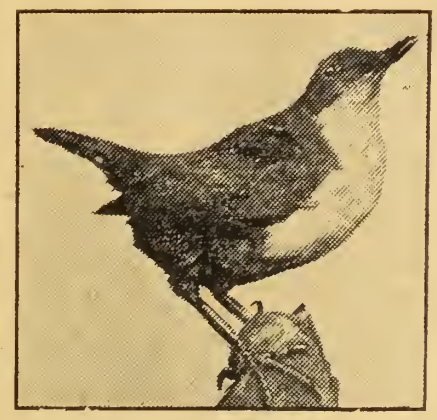
Sir,—Thanks to the aid of CAGE BIRDS, the sec. of the Bristol C.B.S. has at last woke up, and I also notice in last week's issue that I am not the only one looking for prize-money from this show. I see in the secretary's reply that I was awarded vhe only, and she forwards you a catalogue in support of her statement. Might I ask her why she did not give me this information, seeing that I had written her three times on the matter; and on the last occasion, which was about seven weeks ago, I enclosed a stamped addressed envelope for reply? However, I should like to give your readers my version of the matter: I made an entry in class 26 (Bullfinch) and duly received my label, which was marked class 26, No. 1. I sent bird to the show, and inside the lid of my box I tacked a paper, on which was my name and address; also number of class and cage number. This plan I always adopt when sending exhibits out. On the return from the show I found written in pencil across this paper, the following: "Sorry a mistake was made in No. on ticket. Thanks for support." Taking the cage from the case I found the number on cage label had been altered from 1 to 2, and a third prize card and a special prize card were affixed in the wires. These were also made out for No. 2, Class 26. Under these circumstances I naturally awaited my prize-money, 2s. 6d. for the third (no first or second being awarded) and 2s. 6d. spl. offered by a Mr. Manley. This not arriving, in due course I wrote the sec., as mentioned above, and after waiting just over three months and being unable to get any reply, I wrote you. I enclose herewith the prize cards (the spl. card is evidently one left over from their previous show, as the date will show) and also the paper referred to above, taken from the inside of the lid of case. Now I should like to ask Mrs. Pool how she reconciles her statement with the above facts, which, Mr. Editor, you can verify by cards, etc., enclosed. Personally I think there is no doubt whatever but that it was my bird which won, more especially so as the following week he was 1st at Cardiff under the same judge in a class of, I believe, seventeen exhibits, following this up by taking 2nd at the L.C.B.A. The secretary's reply will be awaited with great interest by

H. W. CARRIER.

A Few Notes on the Dipper, or Water Ouzel.

Sir, As little seems to be known about this somewhat rare bird, perhaps these few notes will be of interest to readers. The Dipper (Cinclus aquaticus) is a sprightly little bird. The plumage of the throat and breast is pure white; on the abdomen chestnut, merging into dark grey towards the tail; back, dark grey, almost black.

Like its near relative, the Thrush, it has a sweet song. It possesses a rather rapid flight, and has a habit of returning to the same stone with its spoil after diving. The accompanying photograph shows the Dipper in a favourite attitude.



The Dipper's favourite nesting sites are underneath overhanging river banks, in small caves under waterfalls, etc.; it is nearly always situated near its home—the water. The nest is not unlike a muff in shape, and composed of moss, which is often kept green owing to the damp atmosphere. It is usually lined with soft grasses, leaves, etc., upon which (generally during April or May) are laid the five or six white eggs. The latter, it is pleasing to note, are seldom plundered, as the nest is difficult to locate, and is therefore a safe refuge for forthcoming brood.

J. C. LANGFORD.

Wigan.

New Society for Port Talbot, Aberavon and Dist.

Sir,—At a special meeting held March 28, at 11, Clarence Street, Aberavon, a society was formed, to be called Aberavon and Port Talbot Dis. C.B.S. The officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. W. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. S. J. Owens; treasurer, Mr. Dobbs; secretary, Mr. A. Maggs; committee, Messrs. A. Evans, J. Mundy, J. Bartlett, T. Evans, — George, — Boden. Subscriptions and entry fees 5s. per year. We intend holding our open show Oct. 29. There will be another meeting held April 4, at above address. All fanciers cordially invited.

A. MAGGS, Sec.

18, Rice Street, Port Talbot.

A Wail from Aintree.

Sir,—As the so-called "Yorkshireman" has had the indulgence he asked for, I should like to ask that individual as a true sport why he did not sign his name? If this member will make himself known to me at the next meeting I will prove to him and the secretary that I have given generously to our society. I presume, Mr. Yorkshireman, you are not a bird man as you class yourself. I maintain the cage bird members are not to blame for the winding-up. Perhaps, Mr. Yorkshireman, you think the cage bird members are slow, but you will hear straight words at the next meeting. As you accuse me of condemning the secretary, I may tell you that I condemn no man. I merely asked; did Mr. Anderson blame the bird section for the winding-up? The answer I got was what I may call ignorance, pure and simple. If you would like to know why I am still in possession of the so-called silver cup, I may tell you that when the society gives me two medals I am entitled to they can have this valuable trophy, which was bought for fifteen shillings, out of which I contributed seven shillings. You could not have attended many meetings or you would not ask, have I given the society anything? Moreover, I say that but for the generosity of the bird members the society would have had a short existence. I have also got the gold medal which I promised to our section still in my possession. If a capable secretary allows members to exhibit without paying subscriptions, also owing money to the society, how does he expect a society to pay? As I am on the committee I will, as a sport, fall in with my share and pay, not talk.

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The Border Fancy C.C. and the Use of Closed Rings.

Sir,—In answer to "Anxious" if the writer had signed his name he would have had an answer before now. The ring rule was not made at the last general meeting; the old rule was only altered. The old rule read as follows: "Birds with rings on their legs are not allowed to compete at any show, either open or confined, if held under Club rules." The members at the last general meeting considered that the wording of this rule interfered with fanciers outside the club. I feel safe in saying it was one of the largest meetings ever held by the club, close on eighty members being present, and out of that number not one present spoke in favour of closed rings. A very prominent Green breeder said he believed in the open ring for stock purposes only and he had no difficulty in taking them off when sending to shows. The new rule was then agreed upon, as follows: "That any member of the club competing with rung birds at any show with club patronage, be disqualified." The answer to "Anxious'" question is quite clear. He can only be a member of one or the other, and I should be sorry to lose a member who has done so much for the Wee Gem. Should "Anxious" wish for further information he can either write me direct or sign his name to his letter in your valuable paper, as I have neither the time nor the desire to enter into a paper controversy with anyone using a nom-de-plume.

WALTER B. SMART, HON. SEC.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent "Anxious," in regard to his position as a member of the above club, in the event of him exhibiting his birds wearing rings on their legs at shows where the B.F.C.C. patronage is given he is liable to have all his birds disqualified. (That is, if rung, and in the Border section.). Of course, this rule of the B.F.C.C. does not apply to non-members, who are quite at liberty to exhibit rung birds. This rule was the outcome of a very lengthy discussion at the last annual meeting, the majority of the members present considering rings a distinguishing mark. Personally, I can't see where rings are any more a distinguishing mark than the many different styles of show cages and perches. I have never used the closed rings and never exhibit birds wearing rings (one exception, when I forgot to take the open ring from a young bird before I sent it out for the first time), but for all that I fought hard to get the above rule abolished at the last meeting. Undoubtedly the majority of the members present at that meeting considered that in the interests of the Wee Gems they ought to prohibit birds wearing rings from competing if shown by a member of the B.F.C.C. I would just like to ask them to think it carefully over, and perhaps by the time our next meeting comes round they might alter their opinions. Although, as I have said before, I have never used the closed ring, I am inclined to the opinion that if they were made compulsory by specialist clubs it would do more good than otherwise; it would stop the borrowing business and also give the actual breeder of a good bird the credit. The number on the ring would settle all disputes as the secretaries would have them registered. I have approached several Border breeders, trying to get them to join the B.F.C.C., but they say, "What is the use? I am going to use rings."—Not as a distinguishing mark to win prizes but to distinguish the true breeder, and as a guide to pedigree breeding. I am, like your correspondent "Anxious," a member of the Green Canary Association (which all Green Border breeders ought to be), and would like to advise him to refrain from using closed rings for another season, and perhaps if he could attend the next annual meeting and give his his views on the ring question it might alter the present rule. I can assure him that he will certainly get a patient hearing. I would also like to advise "Anxious" to keep his membership of the good old mother club, the B.R.C.C., which is the strongest specialist club in existence, and we Border Fancy fanciers have to thank it for the high pinnacle that the Wee Gems rest on at the present time. Now, "Anxious," be sure and send your annual subscription along to Mr. Smart, our new secretary, and I would also specially remind you not to forget to enclose your mite towards the testimonial of the two very highly respected old veterans, Messrs. M. Jamieson and J. B. Richardson, who have just retired from office as secretary and president after faithfully and well serving the long term of twenty one years. Well done, thou good and faithful servants.

JAMES JOHNSTON.

Wallsend on Tyne.

(Correspondence continued on page 318.)

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Who is Liable for Special Prizes at Shows?

The Position made clear.

Sir,—Please accept my best thanks for your answer in your editorial note to my query under the above heading. This no doubt has come as a big surprise to most fanciers. As there was another letter on the same subject, may I, in the best interests of the Fancy, ask you to be good enough to go a step further with your advice, and say what the position of the promoters of shows is as regards donors who promise specials, and who do not carry out their promises. Are the donors liable? And can they be sued for same?

J. W. Norris,
Hon. Sec. British Roller C.C.

[The position is as follows:—(1) Societies are responsible to exhibitors for all special prizes offered in show schedules, and can be successfully sued for them or their value. Societies, of course, can evade this responsibility by embodying a rule in their schedules making it quite clear that they accept no responsibility for donated special prizes unless these have been delivered into their hands. (2) Donors of special prizes can be successfully sued for the promised prizes or their value only if some "legal consideration" can be established. For instance, if the wording ran: "Bag of canary seed presented by Mr. Allripe, dealer in bird seeds and foods, 13, Paradise Alley, Kentish Town"; or "Leg of pork, presented by Mr. Goode, family butcher, 42, Cheapside, London," this could be argued to be a "legal consideration," inasmuch as the donors of the specials *obtain an advertisement*. The private (so to speak) donor who practically never receives any "legal consideration," can decline to carry out his promise, and the society has no legal redress; of the moral liability of the private donor there is, of course, no question. Evidence of the promise would in any case have to be produced to the court. It would always be a wise proceeding for a show secretary to post a copy of his schedule to every donor of a special prize, making some mark against the said prize to draw attention to it.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Sunderland's Next Open Show.

Sir,—I should be obliged if you would mention, through your valuable paper, that our open show is to be held on Jan. 15 and 16, 1915. In a previous issue of Cage Birds, it was reported that Brandon Colliery (a near neighbour of ours) had also fixed up for Jan. 16. A few days ago I received word from Mr. Reed, secretary of Brandon, that they were not aware that they had fixed on our date, and that they had decided to alter it, so as not to clash with our open show. There is no doubt that both societies would have suffered, and we give them the credit for being good sports by changing the date, and trust their show will be none the less successful for it.

John Peacock.

Has a Bird a Conscience?

Sir,—May I ask Mr. W. Teschemaker—quite in a friendly spirit—what evidence has come before him which causes him to make the, to my mind, extraordinary statement that "birds have consciences and a definite sense of right and wrong." The possession of such a sense would imply a reasoning intelligence which is not possessed by birds (i.e., caged-birds), and man, the only creature who is answerable to a higher power for his actions, is the only animal who has a conscience or free will to violate it or not.

A. R. Coe.

Young Blackbirds in a Washing Bowl!

This fine brood of 5 Blackbirds was reared in a hand-bowl which had been left hidden amongst nettles in the hedge bottom.

Photo by [*A. L. Bonas.*

The Clashing of Show Dates in Fife.

Sir,—I was a little surprised on seeing Mr. T. Arnott's letter. I told him to address any further communications to my house. He seems to be very much hurt at Buckhaven-taking the 31st Oct. I do not think there is any need for Mr. A. to say any more about it, as I told him it has to go on now. Mr. Arnott pretends not to understand me about being lenient with dates; we will let that go for what it is worth. I will only take this one instance, and that the year 1910, when he was the judge of the Borders. We were first in the field for that date in Fife. Now, Mr. A., did not Lochgelly step in against us, and did you not advise us, even although this also was a Fife show, to fight the date? But, then, we made you a full-fledged judge on that date; that may have influenced you. Mr. A. must admit there are no open dates now in Fife. He appeals to fanciers about being "on the main line," but that does not keep Buckhaven from getting a fair share of entries, and he must admit that we have a first-class set of fanciers, men that exhibitors should have no hesitation in trusting. Mr. Arnott says there were shows in Kirkcaldy before I was born, but he forgets to state they were poultry, etc., shows. Referring to his duties as secretary; did he not think that he was overdoing his duties when he wrote our president asking leave to nominate him as judge of the Borders at Kirkcaldy, when he knew our show was to be held on the same date? But our president proved himself a true fancier when he refused. Mr. A. would make fanciers believe Buckhaven is a new society; this will be their seventh annual show and Kirkcaldy's eighth. Referring to Dysart, I never said such a thing as it would be proper to fight Kirkcaldy. He might read my letter over again. Mr. A. can repeat as often as he thinks fit about us being "on the branch line." That is just like him; could he not fight fair? He also talks about delay; I can assure all fanciers there is no delay whatever. I have no intention of answering any more of Mr. Arnott's letters.

Wm. Foster.
Sec. Buckhaven C.B.S.

Have We Forgotten what Freedom Really Means?

Sir,—Writing under the above heading in a daily paper, the Rev. S. Tickell says that it is the refinement of cruelty to keep wild birds in confinement. After over 35 years' practical experience with birds, caged and uncaged, I assert, without hesitation, that there is no cruelty whatever in caging wild birds, unless accompanied with ignorance. One thing I will admit, and that is fear, on the part of the bird—fear of man, beast, and reptile. But remove fear, and you have a tame bird, a willing captive, and charming pet. You cannot remove fear with cruelty; kindness and patience are the necessary qualifications, for which you are amply repaid. I have at the present time wild caught birds, which leave their cages for a bath, a fly round, and to take their sugar or fruit from the lips or fingers of self or children, and return of their own free will to their cages, to please us with their captivating ways and song. No birds at liberty come up to the standard of those seen at our shows, they having to compete against the inclement weather, birds and beasts of prey, shortage of water, food, etc. How many of our British Finches at liberty live ten, fifteen, and twenty years, as they do caged? Not one in a thousand. I am afraid the rev. gentleman has done those things he ought to have left undone, and left undone those things he ought to have done. Why not leave the birds to the care of those who love them; where love is, cruelty is absent.

F. L. Marriott.

Sad Loss of Noted Scottish Fancier.

Burst Oil Lamp Burns Bird-house and Birds.

Sir,—The many friends of Mr. Hugh Moreland, Main Street, Bainsford, Falkirk, and of his son, Mr. J. Moreland (who latterly owned the birds) will learn with regret that their bird-house and whole stock, consisting of about fifty Crests, Plainheads and British birds, and show cages, and carrying cases, were destroyed by fire on the morning of the 24th March; nothing being saved, with the exception of a few full-moulted Britishers which happened to be in another outhouse at the time. The fire was caused, it is supposed, by the bursting of an oil-lamp used for heating purposes. Mr. Hugh Moreland was among the first to keep Norwich Canaries in this district, and was the founder of the society now known as the Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S. May I appeal to your readers for a little practical support to enable these fanciers to make a fresh start in the Fancy. I have no doubt that any birds, or anything which any fanciers care to send them, will be very much appreciated.

R. Rennie, Sec.
Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S.

A Waxwing Crowd in the Isle-of-Man.

Sir,—Mr. Gale seems rather sceptical re flock of Waxwings seen in the I.O.M. by a Mr. Dipper. I don't doubt the statement, as I see by Cage Birds, and several newspapers, that a good number have been seen in England. Why not here, Mr. Gale? I, too, am watching for their return, although I do not claim to have so good a pair of eyes as Mr. Dipper. We might be able to pick one or two eye-openers out of the bunch. I may say that I have witnessed some grand sights in the way of migration of birds, as I keep a keen look-out. I expect to see the House and Sand Martins any day now, as the wind keeps steady south. The warmth and sunlight of spring will bring them bofere their time.

P. McClusky.

The British Goldfinches at Bathgate Show.

Sir,—In reply to "Steelyard," while admitting I misquoted the number of the bird as six instead of nine, the other remarks could scarcely leave room for doubt as to which I meant. Surely a pertinent question, civilly put, to a judge, asking his reason for shelving a specimen which has been acknowledged by so many experts to be outstanding in excellence, might have been considered, as his reply has no bearing on that point, and I trust he will answer it, otherwise his burking will leave the inference that he cannot justify his action. My reason for quoting the sequence of honours gained by the bird was only to indicate that it was an excellent specimen, and in fairness to its owner (who is an utter stranger to me, I never having met him) and as a matter of interest to British bird fanciers, my question was not out of place. I don't expect judges to follow each other like sheep through a gap; everyone has his own opinions as to the value or otherwise of features in a specimen. But this decision was so extreme a departure as to make it a matter of interest, apart from its reflecting adversely on either the bird, its owner, or the many judges who have been so blind as fail to detect its inferiority. That it has faults, I am aware, but "Steelyard's" saving clause in the last line of his letter prevents me taking up his challenge. If he cares to deal in futures, however, I am willing to wager that it will again beat any Goldfinch which was at Bathgate. His quoting instances of a recognised topper going down, and omitting to mention that it was soft when judged, and of another bird which deteriorated in value from £10 to 15s., have no bearing on the question. To me it reads like an attempt to make out that judge to be like himself. That everything, even a good bird, must deteriorate, every child knows; but this bird in question was not soft, and has not deteriorated to the 15s. level yet, hence my quoting offer of £9 9s. refused for it. Now "Steelyard," you can tell, but I dare not tell (though I could) why the best Goldfinch was shelved at Bathgate.

Steel.

An Appeal to Members and Committee of the N. Wales C.B.S.

Sir,—I beg to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that I have called a meeting twice, when only four of the Committee attended. I am calling a final meeting at the Assembly Rooms on April 6th, at 7.30 p.m. prompt, to elect officials for the coming year, as Mr. Jones, the chairman, and myself are resigning from our posts. This meeting is open to any member, the more the better. I hope that these lines will draw the Committee and members to come and do their duty, when I shall feel greatly obliged, as I am retiring from the Fancy, and reducing my stock.

R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec. N.W.C.B.S.

SOUTH MOOR AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting March 28, South Moor Hotel, Mr. G. F. Bates chair, and a good turn-out of members. N.F. show date fixed June 20, annual show Dec. 26. Table show held, in which there was a very good entry. MULES: 1, 2, R. Peart; 3, Roxborough. LINNET (F.M. or H.M.): 1, Bentick; 2, Dawson; 3, Robson. REDPOLL: 1, Davison; 2, Cresswell; 3, Robson. BULLIE OR GOLDIE: 1, Mitchell; 2, Davison; 3, Laxson. GREENIE: 1, 2, Peart; 3, Clark. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Robson; 2, Davison. PAIRS: 1, Cresswell; 2, Davison. Mr. W. Elliott judged and gave every satisfaction. Next meeting April 25.—Charles Davison, Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Adjourned annual meeting, March 21, Mr. J. Emmerson chair. Following officials elected for 1914:—Pres., Messrs. Butler, Pailey and Bossey. The old vice-presidents were all re-elected, and we nominated two more, Messrs. T. Barron and J. Sanderson; chair, C. Davidson; vice-chair, W. Cresswell; sec., W. Elliott. Decided to keep our old date for show, Nov. 7. Last year we had not the support we should have had owing to another society taking our date. We are this year having a members' show only, and are trying for the Town Hall, and, failing that, the Victoria Hall. We are giving extra large prize money for an open Linnet show. Subs. reduced this year from 6s. to 4s. Decided to have two judges, and the following were nominated:—Messrs. A. Brown, J. Riseborough, T. Dixon, W. Reid, H. Seely, A. Holden, P. Bewicke, J. Stanger, and J. Hands, the sec. to write same for terms. As West Stanley C.B.S. is the oldest in the district and well supported by our townspeople, we ask everyone who keeps a bird to become a member, as every member gets a special, if no more.—W. Elliott, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting headquarters, Wandsworth-road, March 26. Mr. Norman chair. Present: Messrs. Newley, Snook, Claydon, Humphries, W. G. Martin, and the hon. sec. Letter read from sec. of Swansea C.B.S. in answer to an enquiry for particulars of the disqualification of an S.B.F.C. member's bird at their last annual show. The committee found that the officials had acted in all good faith, but at the same time expressed the opinion that the bird should have been more thoroughly examined. Chairman submitted a drawing of a typical Border Fancy to the meeting, and it was unanimously decided to adopt same as the club's model, and to have same reproduced in the club's year book; the chairman kindly offered to have a block made, and to present same to the society. Mr. Newley then offered to give four 10s. prizes for sealed handicaps throughout the coming season. He will hand the sealed conditions to one of the club officials, and same will be opened at the end of the season. It is hoped by means of these handicaps to keep up the interest in the patronage shows until the last. The members nominated last meeting, Messrs. Ellis, Humphries, Lagden, Robson, and Gosling, were unanimously elected, and the following were nominated for membership: Messrs. Green, Owen, Preece, Elston. Decided to leave the final selection of patronage shows until next meeting, but all applications must be sent in by April 25. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—F. W. Burton, Hon. Sec.

WALKDEN ROLLER C.S.

First contest, Mar. 14, Stocks Hotel. The Society is the first of its kind in the district, and though only formed a few months, has about 30 members. Entries turned up well, and some very good birds were staged. After the birds were judged members and friends, about 35, sat down to a very good tea provided by Mr. G. Holcroft. A very nice social evening followed, songs being rendered by Taylor Berry, Wm Nuttall, Jas. Marshall, and M. Tovey. Mr. Holcroft gave a special of a gold-centre medal, this being won by Walt. Walker for most points. Next meeting April 7th, when all fanciers are invited to join, as we have every prospect of a good strong society. Mr. Massey, Bolton, gave us a few remarks on the value of the song tours, and Mr. J. Kilshaw a few words on breeding. Mr. J. Kilshaw judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

1, sp, Walker, 20; 2, Aylett, 19; 3, Ridyard, 17; 4, Edge, vhc, Smith, 16 each; Bowden, Howard, Nuttall, Lightbrown, 15 each; Jackson, 13; Holcroft 12; Fletcher, Brookes, Yates, Farnworth, 11 each; Ivers 10; Vickers, Whittaker, 9 each; Hill 6.—Hy. Howard, Hon. Sec.

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEY C.B.S.

General meeting Mar. 28, chairman Mr. A. H. C. Legg. Decided to hold meetings on the second Thursday in each month instead of the third, as before. Mr. W. C. Baker was elected a member. Decided that all moneys shall be placed in society's name. Arranged that a meeting shall be called to agree as to the requirements of secretary during his office. Decided to purchase 100 rule cards and to make a small charge of 3d. per card. Mr. A. H. C. Legg will give a silver medal as 1st prize, Mr. Bob Hillman 2nd prize, and Mr. Tom James 3rd prize for an egg food making competition at headquarters next monthly meeting. Thursday fanciers will compete for these prizes on the 9th inst.; other fanciers on the last Saturday in April, at 7 both evenings. Conditions: Each member can use any method or machine, and is to bring his own egg, boiled hard, with shell complete. Time limit, ten minutes. Judge, Mr. Legg. Decided to hold a members' young bird show in July; date will be fixed later. British bird classes will be provided. After egg competition has finished, a Linnet singing contest will take place between Mr. Shephard's "Itchy Coo," Mr. Williams' "Stammering Sam," and Mr. Mainwaring's "Ragtime Billy." Come in crowds. If anyone has a ragtime singer, trot him up to 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, for the championship.—John Shephard, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held in Y.M.C.A. halls, Mar. 21, president in the chair. There was a good turn-out. Report and balance sheet submitted and accepted as being very satisfactory. The association has had a very successful year, and begins new season with a cash balance of £5 6s. 8d. The following officials appointed:—Pres., Mr. J. Rundell; vice-pres., Mr. J. Kennedy; sec., Mr. Allan Thomson, 1, Croft Place; treas., Mr. R. McEwan: auditors, Mr. D. Marby and Mr. J. Pollock; charge of staging was again entrusted to Mr. McEwan; com., Messrs. McLue, McLean, Alexander, Craig, Kerr, Pollock, Graham, Haston, Campbell. First fixture for year will be held in Y.M. Halls April 4, at 7. Singing contest (any cage bird); judge and timekeeper, Mr. McLue. President gave special for winner; entry money and prize money same as table shows. New members invited.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

The second annual smoking concert takes place April 11, 7 to 10 p.m., in "The Crown," 52, Lothian-street, Edinburgh. Mr. James Winter, president, will officiate as chairman, and be accompanied on the platform by well-known supporters of the "National" and others. The talent rendered will as usual be of a high standard. Tickets are 6d. each, which can be purchased from any member of committee or at concert hall on the Saturday evening. We sincerely hope to be favoured with a good turn-out of fanciers and friends, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome, feeling certain that all present will have a grand night's treat.—J. R. Meikle, Secretary.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Meeting Crown and Anchor, March 14, Mr. Metcalf chair. The proposed alteration in novice rule was amended to read as follows: A novice shall be one who has not won three 1st prizes at one show, or five 1sts in all, or one 1st in open competition. Proposition at last meeting re competition in members' classes was amended to read: "Unless there are four entries in any class, only half points will be counted in same." Decided that meeting night be changed to every third Wednesday, at 7.30 instead of 8, and that sub. be 3d. every meeting night. Mr. F. Dixon was elected delegate to Fed. meetings, and Mr. R. Grainger elected a member. Will members please note change of meeting night? We hope by this change to get a better attendance at our meetings.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE (East End) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, March 25, at the Leighton School, Heaton Road, Mr. McPartling chair. New members elected, Messrs. Lomax, Newcastle; Milne, Newcastle; Marshal, Blyth; and Wake, Walker. Mr. Battye and Mr. Dewar were elected judges for our show, Nov. 27, 28. Mr. Robson then gave his promised lecture on the feeding and keeping of Canaries, which was listened to with great attention by the members, and, judging by the hearty applause, greatly appreciated. Mr. Milne, one of our new members, has promised to give a few remarks on the Norwich Plainhead for the next meeting, so members turn up in good force. A hearty vote of thangs to Mr. T. Robson and Mr. McPartling for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. —J. W. Coutts.

LEYTON C.B.A.

A very successful dramatic performance took place under the auspices of the above society, in Grange Park Hall, Mar. 23, when a large audience witnessed the renowned comedy, "Caste." The hall was filled to overflowing, and the event proved so popular that it has been decided to make it an annual affair. The various roles were excellently sustained by the Misses H. and L. Rundell and E. Grant, and Messrs. P. Curd, P. Rundell, L. Grant, and B. and H. Smith. Mr. P. Smith was responsible for the arrangements, and thanks are also due to Messrs. Forse, sen. and jun., for their valuable help in contributing to the success of the evening. The St. Barnabas play-actors are to be congratulated upon having provided a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

CREWE O.S.

At a general meeting held at the Angel Hotel, March 18, the president, Mr. P. V. Williams, presented the cup, kindly given by him, to Mr. W. Lawton, whom he congratulated on winning the trophy outright, this being the third year in succession in which he had gained the honour. Mr. Williams delighted the members by offering a further cup for competition, and concluded his remarks with wishing the members a record breeding season. Mr. Lawton feelingly responded, and thanked Mr. Williams for his past favours, and for the promise of a further cup. Several songs, etc., were rendered by the members in good style, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the president for his presence that evening. Will local fanciers please note our radius for membership is ten miles.—N. L. Croft, Hon. Sec..

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting March 24, Nelson Temperance Hotel, Mr. J. F. Park (president) in the chair. Sec. gave detailed report re case Noble v. Griffiths, re bird which went astray at show, and stated that the association, which had worked up the case for plaintiff, had been successful in gaining sheriff's decision with expenses against W. Griffiths. The question of proceeding further in the matter was considered, and it was ultimately decided to drop the matter, the committee taking into consideration Mr. Griffiths' long illness. Arrangements for annual general were then made, and treasurer was instructed to call up guarantee still unpaid. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting Forcsters' Arms, March 28, Mr. A. Jardine presided over a good attendance. Members present booking their hens, and the rest of the members were allowed another week to book theirs. Election of judges resulted in the secretary being left with the names of very prominent fanciers, whose names will be published on their accepting. Classification gone on with. Decided to add two variegated classes to Norwich, two to Borders, and one green hen class. New members admitted: Mr. J. C. Johnstone, Mr. Rae, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Curson, Mr. Amoss, Mr. Fox, Mr. Dalgleish. Anyone wishing to join can do so within the next week. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—Jas. Stirling, Sec., 20, Camp View.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting March 11, chairman, Mr. Holden, presided over a fair attendance. Officials elected:—President, Ald. Gillies, J.P.; vice-presidents, T. C. Crawhall, J. L. Martin, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Leech, F. F. Hawkins, J. Ford Maling, T. Almond, W. J. Taylor, J. Joicey, W. Clark; chairman, Alf. Holden; vice-chair, C. C. Petterson; show manager, F. F. Hawkins; auditors, T. C. Crawhall and T. Almond; committee, Messrs. Mackenzie, Moor, Reed, Hodson, Kent, Wellsbury, Peirson, Maddison, Davison, Lawson, Lord, Laidlow, Liddle, Bertram, Mather, Greason, Tindle, Topping, Smith, Rowan, Hooper, McGuire, Butler; sec. and treas., W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh-place, Newcastle; sub-committee of the following was appointed to decide whether the Whitehall-road Store Hall would be suitable for annual show: Messrs. Tindle, Holden, Hawkins, Petterson, Almond, and sec. The following judges were selected for annual show, with another to be elected at a future date: J. C. Barnes, J. Maddison, J. Johnson. A well-known Crest fancier has promised to guarantee the Crest classes. Classification decided. Norwich nine classes, Crests left over, Yorks. 9, Scotch 2, Bords. 9, Greens 4 if we get the Club patronage, Mules, etc. 4, Brit. 13, For. 3, Sell. 5. Following elected members: Messrs. J. Craig (Newcastle), Renoldson and Askew (Gateshead), Kennerson (Sunderland), and Hutchins (Dudley). I will be pleased to send particulars to any fancier who wishes to join us.—W. Curry, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting and lecture St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick, March 17, Mr. Robinson presiding over a large attendance. Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, elected judge of F.F. show. Mr. Boothman gave a paper on "Norwich, Pairing Up, etc." He said he was about to tell us what he did himself, and also some of his own experiences coupled with other large fanciers. He did not intend to give a long paper, but his idea was to try and teach the novices something, and also to open up a discussion, as he thought the discussion was the most instructive and interesting part of lectures. He believed in cleaning down and distempering the room about January, taking the birds out of the room so that he could go over everything—walls, racks, etc.—using a good disinfectant, such as carbolic acid. Next he believed in giving the cages a good wash, and also painting if needed, so that all would be spick and span for the birds when ready. After the moult he only gave the birds plain Spanish seed with a little summer rape, unless the weather was very cold, when he gave them a little hemp, this being his treatment up to January, when he commenced to give them some mixed seed composed of the following: rape, maw, inga, hemp, teazle, gold of pleasure, and a little linseed, also a piece of mutton suet, until the middle of February, then he commenced to give them a little egg food. In March he added dandelion to their diet. Having got his birds about ready he again gave his nest pans, cages, and racks another painting with carbolic to make sure there were no mites about. Here the lecturer mentioned that a good illustration was given on the front page of CAGE BIRDS the previous week which showed what wanted doing. In pairing up he advised us to give the hen a run in the cage previous to pairing, so that she would be used to the cage. He also believed in running two hens to one cock, pairing them in his mind's eye, as he believed a fancier ought to know which bird would suit another. He would especially advise the novices to pair the best birds together; unless both birds were defective in the same points then he would try to counterbalance them. He always liked type and quality in the hens, and size and colour in the cocks, but he liked also to have shape in the cocks. Here the lecturer showed a pair of birds to illustrate what he had said previously that a fancier ought to know which bird would suit another. Nobody but himself would care to pair them together, yet he stated he would be disappointed if he did not get something good from them, as he knew how they were bred; this, he said, would apply to all varieties. Before concluding his lecture he wished to impress on our mind that one good point in a bird was not everything; it takes more than a good head to make a Norwich, more than length to make a good Yorkshire, and so on in other varieties. In conclusion, he stated he had left plenty of time for discussion, and he hoped the members present would not be afraid of asking questions. Several took advantage of his offer and asked knotty questions, and Mr. Boothman answered them all to their complete satisfaction. Mr. Thorpe proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and was ably seconded by Mr. Holland, and so ended a very instructive lecture.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

KING'S LYNN C.C.

Meeting, Mar. 10. After the usual business, Mr. W. Breeze was called upon to give his lecture on "Keeping Canaries Through the Winter Season." Mr. Breeze, in rising, said he had not made any notes, or written a paper on the question, but would make a few remarks as to method of keeping his birds through the winter. This was his ninth season as a breeder, and, of course, at first he followed the usual methods, which from time to time appear in the Fancy Press. During the last three years, however, he had found the following a very good method, which was justified by the results:—1912, first round, 8 hens, set 36 eggs, 4 were clear and 6 dead in shell; 1913, first round, 7 hens, 26 eggs set down, 1 clear, 2 dead in shell, and second round 7 hens, 30 eggs set down, 4 clears, 1 dead in shell; 1914, he is anticipating will be another good year. He chooses his stock for breeding early in the winter season, puts cocks in separate compartments, and hens in flights. Every Sunday morning he mixes up a little boiled rape seed with half a round of bread, adds a little sugar, and gives one teaspoonful per bird. During the season he gives pieces of apple or boiled carrot—i.e., until the end of January, when he commences to give a small quantity of hemp seed once a week, and small quantities of niger twice a week until ready for breeding, and the birds are usually ready for him by the time he is ready for them, about the middle of March. He had that day got his first egg. He always cleaned cages out once a week, using sawdust for the trays or drawboards, and also gave sand in a small tin. By keeping birds clean and in good condition by the foregoing method, he was able to get fertile eggs in the middle of March, and he believes in doing what can be done to-day, not leaving it until some other time. As regards medicine, he found a teaspoonful of Epsom salts in a quart of water, given once during the week, kept the birds healthy. He also obtained a dandelion root, when no frost was about, which he washed, and gave to each bird, a tit-bit which they appeared to relish. He did not wish to suggest that his method was better than any other; neither did he want any fancier present to alter his method if the results were good. He was satisfied with his and anyone was at liberty to try it. The chairman, in thanking Mr. Breeze, said from results mentioned, his method was worth trying, and any fancier who found things not going well might do worse than give it a turn. Several questions were put to the lecturer, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—A. R. Kent, Chairman.

SOUTH WALES AND MON. FED.

The second annual meeting will be held at the Bush Hotel, High Street, Swansea, on Easter Monday, at 2, when representatives are earnestly asked to attend and take part in the selection of dates so as to avoid clashing. Last year the good feeling which prevailed when the dates were decided nearly abolished clashing, there being only one or two cases which could not be settled. The valuable cups put up for competition last season have caused keen enthusiasm, and considerably increased entries, the number of entries being very high. The election of officers and executive will take place, and the names of the winners of the cups in the different sections will be given. A cordial invitation is given societies who have not yet been affiliated (and I am pleased to say there are now very few outside) to send representatives. A decent balance is in hand, and the success of year's working is very gratifying. Any information will be readily given by the secretary, A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser-street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN, C.B.S.

The supper will be held at the "Nightingale Hotel," High Road, Wood Green, April 8, at 8.30, not on April 2 as reported in "Cage Birds," of March 21. Tickets 2s. each; fanciers and friends welcome.—P. Brooks, Hon. Sec.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

The announcement of the annual open show made in the club report published in CAGE BIRDS of March 28 should read annual members' show. The annual subscription is 4s., not 4s. 3d. as printed.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

BARRY F. AND F.S.

Meeting March 11, Bosser's Restaurant, Holton Road, Barry Dock, Mr. W. P. Grecham chair. An excellent lecture by Mr. W. J. Windsor was listened to with great interest. Next meeting, headquarters, Ap. 8, at 7.30.—H. P. Thomas, Sec. (Please note that copy must be sent in duplicate if it is wished that it be published both in "Cage Birds" and "The Poultry World."—Ed.)

USHAW MOOR (Workmen's) CB.S.

Meeting held Mar. 28, Mr. Thos. Hanson chair, with not so large an attendance as might have been, although we went through business in grand style. Judge selected. Decided to leave N.F. show over for awhile, also young bird competition, until we have a larger muster at our meetings. I hope members will turn up in good style next monthly meeting and not leave all to a few willing workers. —A. Teasdale, Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting March 28th, Normanton Hotel, Mr. J. Sharman presiding over a large number of members. Decided to revise the rules at the April meeting. Steps are to be taken to increase the membership, which is open to all fanciers within a 10-miles radius of the Market Place. The resignation of Mr. Warham, Sec., was accepted, and his place is taken by Mr. F. W. Jordan, 127, Dairyhouse Road, Derby to whom all communications should be sent.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Pair show, March 26, at Crown Hotel. Mr. W. Dormer, Rishton, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. CHAMP. NOR.: 1, vhc, A. Hirst; 2, 3, hc, c, W. Crawshaw. CINN.: 1, 2, J. E. Hartup. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, hc, A. Hirst; vhc, W. Crawshaw. NOV. NOR.: 1, hc, A. Whewell; 2, 3, J. Stuttard; vhc, c, D. Harwood. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Harwood. PAIRS for MULE BREEDING: 1, 2, 3, W. Patterson.—D. Harwood, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting Mar. 28, at Flying Dutchman, with a good attendance. The members' show competition for 1914 resulted in the society again offering some valuable specials for each section in addition to the cups, which must be won three times before becoming the property of any member. All those desirous of joining should do so at once, so as to be in time for competition which starts on June 6. Will any member having changed his address and not yet notified me please do so?—W. Helliwell, Sec.

LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Meeting at "El Vino," March 7, Mr. Mugford in chair, and representatives from seven affiliated societies present. Mr. Crutcher opened discussion re issuing and keeping the register of closed rings, and endeavoured to show that it should not be entirely in the hands of anyone outside the Fancy. Several members took part in the discussion. It was resolved to further discuss this matter at meeting May 22, and also a scheme for National Federation.—J. C. Birch, Hon. Sec.

ABERSYCHAN C.B.S.

Smoking concert held headquarters March 28, when the room was packed, and many disappointed on account of not being able to get inside. The concert was conducted by Mr. J. Weeks, and carried through in excellent style, as the best local artists in the valley sang, and all gave their services free, so we are sure of a substantial amount in hand for next annual show. One member has sold over £1 worth of tickets, and others sold well up. We also were promised a few half-guineas towards buying a cup for open competition.

SUNDERLAND C.B.S.

Meeting March 28, Mr. Farrer presiding. Decided to hold open show Jan. 15 and 16, 1915, the corresponding date of previous years. Secretary instructed to make arrangements for Miner's Hall, as last year. Mr. J. Johnston (Wallsend) was unanimously elected one of our judges; election of the other judges stands over. Mr. Train was elected a member. Moved that classification for members' portion of open show be gone into at next meeting, as also question of nest feather shows.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting March 21, Masonic Arms, Mr. J. Sneddon chair. Agreed to drop Grizzle class from Crest section, and introduce hen mule in Brit. sec., coupling the two softbill classes. Sec. instructed to write judges nominated. Next table show, April 1, Burgh Arms Inn, classes, Bramblef. or Chaff. Also agreed to hold annual smoker in Raith Arms Inn, April 11, 7. All members desirous of attending, please notify secretary week previously.—Alex. Robertson.

STANLEY (Victoria) F.F. & C.B.S.

Monthly meeting Mar. 15, Mr. G. Bates chair. Decided that all arrangements for char-a-banc trip be left in hands of sec. and chairman, and that our route be by Hexham, Allendale Town, Alston, Middleton-in-Teasdale, High Farse, Barnard Castle, Bishop Auckland, and back home. Everyone going must have 12s. paid two weeks before date of trip and pay 2s. 6d. on April 19, next meeting night. Moved that Messrs. W. Reed, T. Dixon, J. Riseborough, H. Seely, A. Brown, and H. Johnstone be asked for terms for judging cage birds.—W. Elliott, Sec.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Meeting, March 25, Station Cafe, Altrincham. Mr. T. Harrison presided over a splendid attendance. A code of rules, prepared by the committee, was submitted to the members for approval, and was accepted en bloc. Then followed a discussion relating to arrangements for a very interesting run of lectures and debates on birds and bird management, etc., which should encourage and interest all bird lovers, both members and intending members. At next meeting, April 8, a discussion on the feeding of young birds is to take place, which is being looked forward to, and should be very instructive to all, and especially the novice members. New members continue to join. The society has arranged for a country ramble on May 9 in a very interesting part of Cheshire, between Ashley and Mere, and permission has been granted to pass through Mere Park. If favoured with a fine day, the party should spend an enjoyable and interesting time. An invitation has been extended to the Sale and Manchester C.B. Societies.—Chas. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Successful Annual Gathering.

The annual dinner and distribution of prizes was held at St. George's Restaurant, Mar. 18. An innovation this year was the distribution of the specials of the Liverpool B.B.A., who fell in with the invitation from the Green Club. Over ninety sat down to a good repast. Many noted fanciers and their wives were present. A few old fanciers were absent through illness and pressure of business, and were missed. Dinner over Mr. House mentioned that the Yorkshire fanciers were done at moving "T'hot Pot." "Eh lad, tha shud see Lancic lads packing away, they served 'prentice at job." Some were that full up they could not laugh. After the toast of "The King" had been honoured we set about a rattling good musical programme provided by the Giant Comedian Percy O'Reilly, the celebrated Welshman, and his concert party. Mr. E. Bunner proposed the health of the G.C.A. in a brief speech. He gave a little of its history, and said it was in a more flourishing state than it had ever been before. Responding to this toast Mr. Fred Handley, our esteemed sec., gave a short account of the season's working, which had been very successful, over 40 new members had joined. Mrs. Fred Handley gave out the G.C.A. specials, and Mrs. J. W. Metcalfe the Bird Breeders' specials, both ladies wished the winners every success next year. The principal cup (Yorkshire Green Champion) was won by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, who mentioned he had been connected with the club for about seventeen years, and this was his first special at the annual dinner, so it had not come out of its turn. Mr. Handley, the runner-up, and medal winner, told Mr. Metcalfe he would have to look to his laurels next year. Messrs. Beason and Young who came in third and fourth, spoke of their success this year, and said they would be heard of next year. The champion Norwich cup was won outright by Mr. Hardy, Wellinghoro; Mr. John Walker took the gold medal for runner-up, this makes his sixth medal, and he would have won the cup but for his bird being claimed by the actual winner. The Novice Cup which has caused such a fight was won by Mr. Bob Brotherton; look out ye champions next year; the runner-up was Mr. Sam Woods, from St. Helens, who was more than pleased as this was his first year in the club; he said this should be a great inducement to make novices take up the Greens; the gold medal was something worth looking at. Mr. Bill Jones, of Birkenhead, came in for the third position, and won the gold medal for most points at open shows for novices. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe proposed "Kindred Societies." Speaking of the good feeling in the Liverpool and Dist. Societies, he asked those present to try and make a distribution like the Bradford men did; it would be a great day for Liverpool when they achieved the scheme. In reply, Mr. Geoff Benson endorsed all Mr. Metcalfe said, and he for one would bring it up at his (Wallasey) society. Mr John Walker toasted the Liverpool B.B.A. He spoke of the good work that had been done in Liverpool by this old and well managed society. The society had hatched practically every successful exhibition in greens and clears in Liverpool. Mr. John Lloyd (sec. L.B.B.A.) thanked Mr. Walker for his kind remarks. Their object was always to bring the novice to the front, the champion could look after himself. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. George Green, who presided in the absence of the president, Mr. V. H. Deacon. Great credit is due to Mr. Fred Handley for the arrangements, which were carried out in first class style.

FOREIGN BIRD EXHIBITORS' LEAGUE.

First annual meeting, Mar. 20, at Royal Mail Restaurant, Noble Street, E.C., and in spite of continuous rain, the following ladies and gentlemen attended: Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Thynne, Messrs. C. Cooper, J. Dewhurst, J. Frostick, F. Knight, C. Newmarch, J. Robson, J. C. Schluter, W. A. Shepherd, A. J. Shipton, Allen Silver, F. Thynne, L. M. Wade, R. J. Watts, and T. R. Trower, the latter gentleman being voted to the chair pending election of officers. Mr. Chas. Cooper, one of the auditors, gave full details of the voting (55 papers), which he handed over for purposes of reference. London officials elected:—Miss Lydia Clare and Mrs. L. M. Thynne, Messrs. C. Cooper, J. Dewhurst, J. Frostick, Rosslyn, Mannering, C. T. Maxwell, J. Montgomery, J. C. Schluter, W. A. Shepherd, A. J. Shipton, Allen Silver, S. W. Townsend, T. R. Trower, and R. J. Watts. Country representatives: Col. Routh, Miss Bousfield, Messrs. J. Goodchild, F. Howe, J. C. W. Meadows, W. T. Rogers, C. H. Row, and W. Swaysland. Officers for 1914-15: Mr. Trower, chair; Mr. J. C. Schluter, treas.; Messrs. C. Cooper and Rosslyn Mannering, auditors; and Mr. Allen Silver, hon. sec. Members of the provincial committee will receive a notice of all meetings and brief details of business, so that they can either attend meetings or confer with the executive. Letters read from Miss R. Alderson, Rev. G. H. Raynor (who kindly sent a donation of 10s. 6d.), Mr. C. Pelham, Sutton, Mr. A. Ezra, Dr. D'Evelyn (San Francisco), Mr. Fletcher (Sheffield), Mr. Treasure (Cheltenham), Rosslyn Mannering (Lurgen, Switzerland), Mr. J. Weir (New Milton), and the sec. of the L.C.B.A. Suggestions embodied in these letters were discussed, and such points as were practicable made note of. Annual report and balance-sheet was presented and duly passed. The balance-sheet shows the substantial amount of £35 4s. 4d. as cash in hand at the end of the first financial year, Feb. 28. The income for the year was £48 3s. 6d., and the expenditure only £12 19s. 2d. It is particularly satisfactory to learn from the report that although the league guaranteed the L.C.B.A. against loss upon the very extensive classification given at the Horticultural Hall show, yet no call was made upon its funds, the entries received in response to this most enterprising venture being sufficient to pay full prize money as guaranteed. Votes of thanks were conveyed to all donors of special prizes, and donations, and to Messrs. Lott, Montgomery, Schluter, Silver, and Thynne, Among the new members were Dr. D'Evelyn, San Francisco, and Mr. J. Robson, the membership now being well over a hundred. The hon. sec., Mr. Allen Silver, started a foundation for four cups, to be competed for at shows held under League's patronage, by giving four half-guineas. On a motion by Mr. Frostick, a cup fund was started, and was quickly responded to, Mr. Trower giving one guinea, Mr. Schluter 10s. 6d., Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Thynne, Mr. Frostick, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Shipton, and Mr. Watts 5s. each, other amounts being promised. These cups will be won outright during the year—one for most points in Parrotlike birds, one in Seedeaters (otherwise) one for most points in insectivorous birds, and one in honey and nectar-feeding species, the groups to be clearly defined at an early date. A short scheme for probable year's work was outlined, and this together with the slight revision of rules, was left over for discussion at next meeting of the executive.

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NORWICH hens, 1912 yellow 7/6, unflighted buff 5/-, breeding condition; exchange yellow cock: Viles, Warstone-terrace, Handsworth, Birmingham. (1515)
WANTED mandolin, 8 or 12 strings, artists' material, colour, exchange Canaries or Muling pairs: Letters, Bowerman, 20, Agincourt-rd., Portsmouth. (1500)
SIX good cock Linnets and one pair Whydahs, 6/6, or exchange Roller cock or pair breeding Budgerigars; yours first: Pratt, Market-st., Long Sutton, Lincs. (1513)
WILL exchange seven volumes "Knight's Business Encyclopædia" for good Canaries, or sell 30/-; approval; particulars: Drew, Grocer, St. Marks-st., Leeds. (1510)
TWELVE parts of dog books, cost 12/- 130 fretwork designs, all as new, wanted hen Canaries, anything; what offers: Rabjohn, 68, Rutland-rd., Sheffield. (1508)
WILL give three prize-bred Border hens for extra large typical clear yellow or buff Norwich cock, full song; Norwich first: B. Soancs, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1513)
EXCHANGE high-class Yorks., Norwich, talking Parrots for scrap brass, copper, block tin, gold, jewellery: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1514)
EXCHANGE pair good carvers and six knives, ivorine handles, also six nickel silver forks, for good pair or four hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1507)
WHAT offers, for big buff Norwich cock, Cinnamon, also yellow cock, metal hanging cage, joiner made, double roller shutter cabinet: J. Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn. (1508)
FIVE yellow, green and Cinnamon marked Border hens, Goldfinch, Mealy Redpoll (winner), for Norwich hens; no rubbish: R. Calder, East Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. (1513)
FOUR pairs good green Norwich, 12/6 and 15/- pair; three pairs clears, 10/6 pair; exchange poultry, portable houses, incubator; offers: Gribbin, 35, Elliot-st., Newcastle, Staffs. (1505)
LARGE pair Norwich, 15/6; two Roller hens, 3/6 pair; six British show cages, travelling case for two (club pattern), 12/6; exchange anything useful: Turfrey, Vicarage, Llandovery. (1505)
EXCHANGE sitting Rhode Island Reds, or Silver Spangled Hamburgh Bantams, value 7/6, for good hen Norwich or Yorkshire, green, or cinnamon preferred: Caspell, Thames-st., Staines. (1501)
WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or Foreign birds; give good value in new single and double breeding cages; all with movable fronts: McKeand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (1272)
NEW pair lady's black glace kid 12/6 welted shoes, small 4, for large unflighted yellow (or buff) Norwich stock cock, good head; bird first: Reed, 84, Islington-row, Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1505)
EXCHANGE exceptionally good buff Sib. cocks (Lancashire, Norwich) for Roller cocks, Glucke preferred, must be good; mutual approval; yours first; sell 15/-, worth 30/-: 32, Royal York-cres., Clifton, Bristol. (1508)
WAVERLEY book Canaries, Hybrids, British, cost 25/-; 1911 "Cage Birds" bound, sell 18/-; exchange Norwich or Yorks, two Crests, two Crestbred cocks, 10/- 15/-; exchange Lancashires, Plainheads: Turnbull, Lockend, Dunbar. (1509)
THREE cocks (good songsters) and two hens, bred from Yorkshire hen and Norwich cock; what offers; or will exchange good Crested cock and Crestbred hen and cash: Morley, 107, Shirland-rd., Paddington, London. (1502)
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HANDSOME pair Pekin Nightingales, cock full song, 4/6; exchange Canary songster; approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (1500)
A LARGE Indian King Parrot; two years old, guaranteed good talker and mimic, 25/-, with new cage 30/-, or will exchange birds, any variety: Day-77, Porter-st., Hull. (1508)
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EXCHANGE hen Alexandrine Parrakeet, promising bird, thoroughly acclimatised, for two pairs (breeding) Budgerigars, or pair (breeding) cockaticls: Leonard, 42, Salisbury-st., St. George, Bristol. (1508)

Miscellaneous.

DOZEN good sized pictures, cheap; particulars: Maile, 21, Ashby-rd., Loughborough. (1508)
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SPLENDID pen Plymouth Rocks, barred, exchange Canaries, Crests, or Plainheads; good; approval: Geo. Stewart, Cathedral-st., Buckie, Banffshire. (1507)
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EXCHANGE Crystal Palace mahogany aviary, medium size, three partitions, good order, for Pom. bitch; small offers: Westwood, 59, Henry-st., St. John's Wood. (1507)
EXCHANGE 12 cocks and six hens, black, long-faced tumblers, some fit to win, and will breed winners for foreign birds, or sell: Thompson, Cross-st., Spalding. (1510)
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EXCHANGE clear yellow Yorkshire hen Canary and new single breeding cage, value 8/-, for Roller cock Canary or offers; yours first: Dearden, 25, Powell-st., Bury, Lancs. (1505)
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EXCHANGE pair ladies new glace kid boots, size 3; also patent shoes, size 2; cost 10/6 pair, for Canaries, Budgerigars, or Finches; offers; no cards: Baker, Watery-lane, Preston. (1509)
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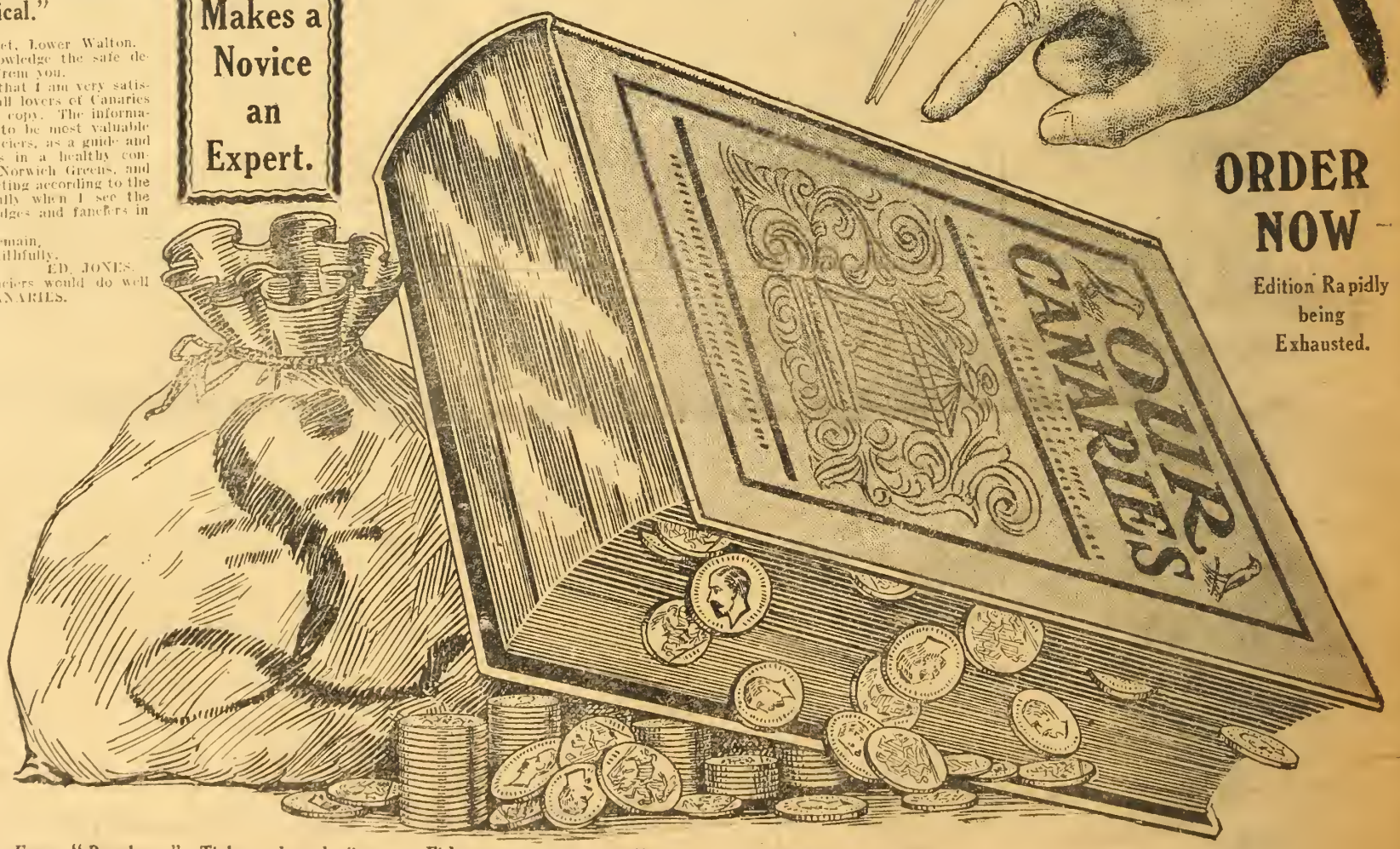

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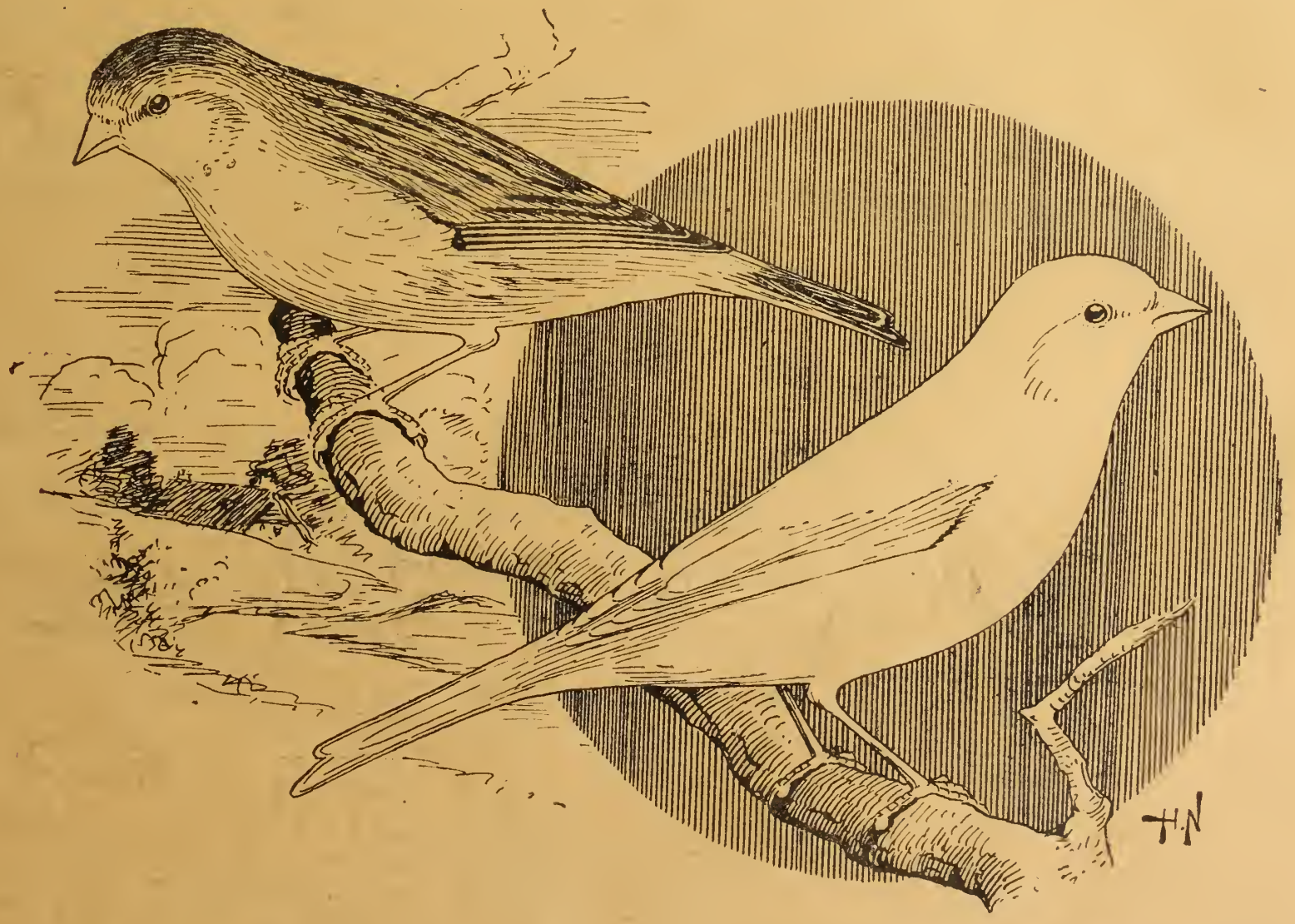

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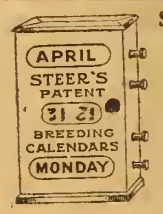

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Club Reports.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting will be held at New Gild Hall, Wandsworth Road (a few doors from Queen's Road), April 9, at 8.30; egg-food making competition. A table show of Norwich at last meeting resulted as follows: Rutter and Goymer draw for 1st prize; Lang 2nd; McLaughlin 3rd. Mr. Lilley, final judge, placed birds as follows: 1, 4, Boughton; 2, 3, Goymer; vhc, McLaughlin. One new member elected. All are welcome to the meetings, which are always interesting to bird fanciers. —H. Freeman, Sec.

BIRTLEY, CHESTER-LE-STREET, AND PELTON FELL AMALG. C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 28, Mr. W. Davison in the chair. Carried that two foreign classes be provided at our forthcoming shows, viz., Cardinal and larger; smaller than Cardinal. Nest Feather show dates fixed for Chester-le-Street July 4, Birtley July 18, Pelton Fell August 1. Next meeting at Mr. E. Waugh's, Pelton Fell, April 11, at 7.30 p.m. As the business includes appointment of judges for forthcoming shows, it is hoped members will endeavour to be present.—S. Lindsay, Sec.

BRIDLINGTON & DRIFFIELD C B.S

First general meeting, Mar. 31, an excellent attendance of prospective members being present. Dr. Williams presided. Rules were read, and a very suitable lot were selected. Subscription was decided to be 5s.; no entrance fee. Hon. members, 2s. 6d. minimum sub. Book of rules will be ready shortly, price 1d. Meetings will be held on first Tuesday of each month, commencing May 5th, at 8, 20, Prospect Street, Bridlington, when it is hoped a large attendance will be made, to arrange, if possible, for the First Feather shows (two), one at Bridlington, and the other at Driffield. All meetings will be notified in "Club and Society Notices," Cage Birds, Friday previous. Fanciers, please note. J. Chadwick.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Hanniwhan's, March 21st, Mr. S. Foster chair. Decided to hold a young bird show June 27th. Following were nominated for judging: Mr. W. H. Butler, Mr. J. Emmerson, and Mr. M. Mason. Decided to hold our annual show Dec. 12th. Following gentlemen nominated for judging: Mr. T. Dixon, Mr. W. H. Butler, Mr. W. Reid, Mr. A. Holden, and Mr. J. Johnson. Election of officers: Pres., Mr. J. Lumley; Chair., Mr. W. Cresswell; Vice, Mr. R. Hutchinson; Sec. and Treas., Mr. W. Thompson, 8, Bell Street, Annfield Plain. It is with regret that I have to report an accident which befel our esteemed vice-chairman, Mr. R. Hutchinson, in the mine, and I am sure all our members and fanciers will wish him a speedy recovery.—R. Peart.

SOUTHAMPTON P.P. AND C.B.A.

Meeting, April 3, Mr. S. Stables chair. Final arrangements made for whist drive and social, April 29; tickets (including refreshments), 1s. Prizes, kindly given by members. The hon. assist. sec., Mr. F. A. Fanstone, read letter from the hon. sec., Mr. A. L. Kiddle, asking to be relieved of his office on account of ill-health and business pressure. The resignation was regretfully accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to Mr. Kiddle for his strenuous and valuable services. Mr. F. A. Fanstone was elected hon. general sec., with Mr. J. Harvey as hon. assist. sec. At the request of the new sec., the offices of sec. and treas. were divided, and Mr. W. G. Fellows elected hon. treas. The recommendation of the committee that section secretaries should be appointed was approved, and Mr. G. J. Slade, 34, Milton Road, Fitzhugh, Southampton, was appointed sec. of the cage-bird section. Decided to hold open show Nov. 4 and 5, if hall available.—G. J. Slade.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting and table show of Brit. birds (hardbills), March 26, Blythswood Halls, Gt. Western Road, Mr. R. B. Gibb presiding over a good attendance. New members enrolled, Mr. J. Hill and Mr. E. Doherty. Entries were well up on last year, and quality was exceptionally good, quite a few open show winners running up against each other. Mr. T. Fraser, Partick, judged ,and gave every satisfaction. Specials were kindly given by the following: Messrs. R. B. Gibb, A. Brown, P. Thom, J. D. Brown.

GOLDF.: 1, J. D. Brown; 2, Gibb; 3, Pinnock. BULLF.: 1, 2, J. D. Brown. GREENF.: 1, J. D. Brown; 2, 3, sp, 4, A. Brown. LINNET (8): 1, 2, J. D. Brown; 3, 4, sp, A. Brown. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, R. B. Gibb; 2, A. Brown; 3, 4, J. D. Brown; 5, Loan. LESSER POLL: 1, J. D. Brown; 2, Loan; 3, 5, A. Brown; 4, Gibb. BULLIE HEN: 1, Loan; 2, J. D. Brown; 3, A. Brown. A.O.V. BRIT. HEN: 1, Gibb; 2, sp, Loan. FOR. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, sp, 2, J. G. Adams; 3, 4, Loan. Members please note next meeting: Table show Brit. Chaff, Bramble, A.O.V. Bunting, Softbill, Lark or smaller, large Brit., Foreign, A.O.V.—Wm. Loan, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, Mar. 28, Mail Coach Inn; Mr. W. Brotherton, chair. Business was speedily got through, so that members could hear the lecture by Mr. Bagnell. Upon rising, Mr. Bagnell started by saying he always liked as big a cage as possible, the size of his cages being 24ins. long, 18 high, and 12 deep. He also said that he believed in cleaning cages out as often as possible. He also believes in giving mixed seeds when getting birds in condition for breeding. He generally put his birds up about Mar. 21, and when getting his birds up he mixed 2lbs. of ground rice wth 2lbs. of soft sugar, and mixes it with his egg food. He found it soon brought his birds in good condition. When breeding, he liked to put two buffs together if he had a suitable pair, as he had had some very good results from this mating. He liked both birds to be marked, the cock a good size, and the hen medium size, but full of quality. He gave some good advice to the novices, telling them to be sure to get as good a pair as possible to start with, as they only cost the same as bad ones to keep. When he started he bought one pair and bred five young ones; the next year he bred 24, and sold all of them as they did not suit him. He had seen some good ones. He then bought two pairs and bred a vhc bird at the Palace show the first year; he had kept improving ever since. Speaking on colour-feeding, he said he mixed the colour-feed with the same food he fed his young ones on. He put 2lb. of hot with 4lb. of cold pepper, as he believed in using plenty of hot, as it made them a better colour, and they kept the colour better. After the lecture, questions were asked, which were very ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bagnell. We should like more members and friends to come to meetings; we shall have another good lecture in due course.—Taylor and Bailey.

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SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Adjourned annual meeting, Mar. 26, Wharfe Hotel, Mr. E. Sutcliffe presiding over a good attendance. Balance sheet, showing a balance on the right side was adopted. Officers elected: Pres., E. Sutcliffe; Vice-pres., F. Walker; Treas., E. Crossley; Sec., G. Mitchell. Hearty thanks were given to the retiring officers. Syllabus for 1914, and 1915 was drawn up, and will soon be in the hands of the printer, and it shonld prove attractive to the fanciers in the district. The prizes offered for competition should draw some good entries at the members' shows. Any fancier wishing to join should send in their names to the Sec., or any member, who will give any information required.—G. Mitchell, Sec., 19, Charlotte Street, Beech, Sowerby Bridge.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting, new headquarters, "Victoria Hotel," Charterhouse Street, E.C., April 4. Mr. R. J. Pretty presided. Things are looking very promising judging by the remarkable attendance of members at our meetings. The new room is one of the best we have ever been able to secure. This of latter years has unfortunately been a stumbling block for the society, but owing to the efforts of our old friend, Mr. Gilbert, and one or two other members, we hope to have succeeded in surmounting the difficulty. Several old members have rejoined us, and we have no less than twelve specials offered, to be won at young bird show, July 18. Before this, we hope to have several interesting lectures. Intending members wishing to compete for the specials can do so by joining at once.—G. G. Stubbs, Sec. (77, William Street, Regent's Park, N.W.).

NORTHERN BORDER AND S.F.C.C

A grand social and presentation of prizes was held Mar. 18, at the Roma Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a good attendance. The prizes were presented by our late pres., Mr. W. F. Barr. The clock and bronzes were won by J. Nicholson, for most points over patronage shows. Knives and forks won by Mr. J. Johnstone, for second most points, were given by Mr. Barr. In the novice section, the gold medal for most points was won by Mr. W. Howell; set of china, presented by Mr. A. Parkin, by Mr. W. Tallantyre, for second most points. The social part of the evening was a treat, some really good talent being there. Songs rendered by Mr. Luke, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Laws, and Mr. Walton. Mr. Tonks played a solo on his mouth-organ, Mr. Brown on his banjo, and Mr. Reay on his violin. The treat of the evening was Mr Rudd's concertina solos.—Monthly meeting, April 1, Pillar's Cafe, Mr. W. P. Scaith in the chair. Discussion took place on classes required for patronage shows; decided to leave them over to a fuller meeting. Mr. T. Robson is to be asked to lecture at our next meeting. Subs. now due.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Meeting, Railway Hotel, April 1, Mr. Leo. Hodgson presiding, Two new members made, Mr. Pownall and Mr. Norwood. The society are offering some exceptionally good specials for competition this year. Open section: 1st, gold medal, value £1; 2nd, medal, value 10s. 6d.; 3rd, pair of boots, value 12s., 2nd to have preference over 3rd if required; 4th, medal, value 7s. 6d.; 5th, box of cigars and bottle of whisky, value 3s. 6d., for most points in cinnamon-marked classes. Novice section: 1st, gold medal, value 15s.; 2nd, medal, 7s. 6d.; 3rd, pair of boots, value 7s. 6d.; 4th, fountain pen, value 3s. 6d.; and bottle of wine for most points in green and cinnamon-marked classes. There is also the scaled handicap—open section valun £1, and novice section value 10s. 6d. There will be given a bottle of whisky for most entries in last two shows, and a special for most points last show, and the Laisterdyke cup. Entries will be taken on the Friday night instead of Saturday, day of show, and all members who cannot bring their entries can forward them by post to reach me on the morning day of show on receipt of P.C. I will forward particulars to anyone who wishes to join.—W. H. Symes, 283, Back Lane, Bradford.

WEST CALDER C.B.S.

First annual show, Masonic Hall, Feb. 28. There was a fair turn-out of about 160 exhibits. Quality was good, some fine specimens being on exhibition. Mr. MacMillan, sec., Mr. S. Peden, the pres., and a hard-working committee had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged, and his awards seemed to satisfy everyone. Messrs. Wight and Eason won sp. most points.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Kerr, good head and col., wins well; 2, Reid, another good, fails in subs. to winner; 3, Wilson. HEN: 1, Reed, good feather and col., A1 type and cond., wet when taking notes; 2, Bird, good one, must have pressed hard; 3, Anderson, rather thin in build, still a nice bird. BUFF CK.: 1, Purdie, rare size and qual., good one; 2, Dunlop, nice bird, rather heavy on brow; 3, Reid, good size and col. HEN: 1, sp best Nor., Bird, good head and body, full of qual., well placed; 2, Peden and Ashcroft, foul mkd., good size and qual.; 3, Kerr. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Dunlop, good all round, wins here to-day; 2, Reid, another good one, nice size, heavy marking; 3, Wilson, nice, exquisite, weh up in size and col. HEN: 1, Reid, nice hen, fit for good company; 2, Girdwood nice size and qual., good feather. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Dunlop, leader wins well, good cond.; 3rd fails in subs.: 2, Wilson, pressed hard for first place. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Martin, good all round ck.; 2, Martin, similar build; 3, Girdwood. BUFF: 1, Martin, fine type, qual. and col., good wing carr., well put down. BUFF HEN: 1, sp best Bord., Henderson, gem of the first water, good head, fine wing carr., very typical; 3, Martin. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Henderson, good bird, well mkd., fine head, back and wing, nice size. HEN: 1, Martin, fine type and col., good head and marking, wins well; 2, Girdwood, good shape fails qual. to winner still a good one. A.V. BORD.: 1, Martin, nice type and qual., good back and wing carr. O.V. CAN.: 1, Meik, Buff variegated, Yorks type, nice size and col. GOLDF.: 1, sp, O'Sark, H.M., good blaze and tannings, nice size and cond.; 2, Wight and Eason, fine little chap, good blaze and buttons; 3, Wilson. BULLF. CK.: 1, Peden and Ashcroft, good cap and bars, fine col., wins well; 2, Wight and Eason, fine size and qual., good 2nd; 3, Purdie. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Wight and Eason, fine types all three, a credit to owners. LINNET: 1, 3, Peden and Ashcroft, good size, well pencilled, fine colour; 3rd another fine bird, good size and cond.; 2, Girdwood, rather dull in taking the perch, fine bird. GREENF; 1, 2, Wight and Eason, good size and col., fine head; 2, similar type; 3, Bird. SISKIN: 1, two sps, Peden and Ashcroft, fine cap and col., well laced, in the pink, wins sp best Brit.; 2, 3, 3rd wins sp for second best Brit., Wight and Eason, well laced, not so good in col.; 3rd slim built, fine cond. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Wight and Eason, good Twite, fine col. and markings, good cond.; 2, Anderson, Lesser Redpoll, fine col. and markings, good bib, rather wild; 3, Peden and Ashcroft Twite, fine size and pencilling, good col. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF.: 1, Wight and Eason, good Bramble, nice size and col., well spangled; 2, Chaffie, rather dark in col., but good size, fine whites; 3, Girdwood, Bramble hen, good marking, steady as a rock. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Wight and Eason, Hawfinch, fine size, good head. HEN: 1, 2, Wight and Eason, good Siskin, well laced; 2, Chaffie, good wing marks; 3, Peden and Ashcroft, fine head, good size and col., some thought might have gone up. FOR. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Wight and Eason, sp best for., good blaze, fine tannings, well buttoned, nice cond.; 3rd fails in subs. to winner, little rough; 2, Purdie, should be heard of after a moult. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Peden and Ashcroft, good Goldf. Mule in fine order; 2nd fine size Siskin Mule, good col. and type; 3rd Linnet-Twite Hyb., nice size and markings, well pencilled.—C. Small.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

H. J. FULLJAMES, 42, Lincoln Road, S. Norwood, London, S.E. Specialist, British and Foreign.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

JAMES KERR, 18, James Street, Perth. Any variety. Specialist Norwich and British.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties Cage Birds, Norwich Plainhead Specialist.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. A. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Palce, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Yorkshires and Norwich. Terms on application.

R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Huckall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

Twitterings.

The usual meeting of Wakefield O.S. will not be held on Saturday, April 11th, owing to the Easter holidays; members please note. —J. Sherwood sec.

We hear from Mr. W. Summers, sec., that Mr. Arthur Wake, Middlesbrough, and Mr. J. Johnstone, Wallsend, will judge the Morpeth and District C.B.S. show on Oct. 10th next.

Mr. D. Smyth, hon. sec., South Co. Dublin C.B.A. writes that Mr. G. Wilson (Frizington) will judge British, and Mr. J. Wilcock (Bradford) Canaries at the annual show December 9-10.

We have decided to alter the date of our annual open show from January 16th to January 23rd, to avoid clashing with Sunderland show, writes Mr. Geo. Reed, Sec. Brandon Colliery C.B.S.

Accept my sincerest thanks for inserting the sketch of my unevenly-marked yellow Yorkshire in CAGE BIRDS. Besides a first prize at Dover, it also won first at Windsor, Hastings, and Tonbridge. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, which it undoubtedly merits.—E. P. Rayner (Dover).

Result of Ashton-under-Lyne and Dist. O.S. grand Easter prize distribution: 371, 346, 830, 297, 258, 213, 3,164, 2,004, 3,925, 928, 3,972, 562, 3,690. Prizes to be claimed within seven days from J. R. Colville, watchmaker and jeweller, Old-street, Ashton-under-Lyne, and paid for at the charge of 1d. each.—(Advt.)

I duly received cheque for £3, also the diploma for A.O.V. section, won at the Palace Show. I have great pleasure in thanking you for the same. I am very pleased with the diploma, which is very neat, and a great credit to the artist. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as I am a constant reader of it. I hope that next season you will bring out something that will take the interest of fanciers, and prove as successful as the coupon shows.—Thos. Proctor (Blackburn).

OBITUARY.

It is with deepest regret, writes Mr. Jas. Napier, Sec., Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S., that I have to announce the sad loss of one of our members, Mr. Jas. P. Rodger, in the death of his beloved wife. I am sure all fanciers will join me in sympathising with Mr. Rodger. Mrs. Rodger passed away in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, April 1. It is only a few years since they were married, and she was quite a young woman.

"Bird Notes" for March, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an account by Mr. B. H. Scott of the doings of his birds in his aviaries at Ipswich. Mr. A. Whistler continues his "Some Punjab River Birds," and gives a diary of a month among the birds of the Jhelum district. Mr. S. Williams writes delightfully of his Ducorp's Cockatoo, the article being illustrated with two fine reproductions of photographs by the author. "The Birds on Bunea Vista Lake" is continued by Mr. W. Shore Baily, and Mr. H. Meakin writes on the breeding of Silverbills.

The April No. of "British Birds," Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, opens with a review of "Life of Ewen Kennedy," beautifully illustrated with coloured drawings showing the changes in the colour of the bill and eyes of the Lesser and Great Black-backed Gulls at various ages, and photographic reproductions showing some of the changes in the plumage of the Lesser. Mr. P. G. Ralfe contributes some "Manx Ornithological Notes." Mr. Miller Christy writes on "The Crossing of the Bill of the Crossbill." A number of notes referring to the great incursion of Waxwings which occurred during the past winter are given, and the various letters completing the number are, as usual, very interesting.

A St. James's Park Beauty.

A Swan of the black Australian species is causing much interest among visitors to the ornamental water in St. James's Park, London. The bird has for the past two weeks been sitting on a clutch of eggs. As though seeking the protection of her native land, she has appropriately chosen a nesting-site under the Australian gateway, opposite the Victoria Memorial. The Swan has commenced her domestic duties well in advance of her English cousins, the latter having only just begun to build their nests. It is to be hoped that this beautiful feathered Colonial will succeed in rearing her brood of dusky cygnets.

A HOLIDAY REMINDER.

Owing to the Easter Holidays, CAGE BIRDS has had to go to press one day earlier than usual this week; thus any notices, advertisements, &c., which reached us after Tuesday mid-day have had to be held over until our next number.—Editor.

Ilkeston's New Secretary.

I have resigned the office of secretary to the Ilkeston and Dist. C.B.S., and all further correspondence must be sent to my successor, Mr. G. Siddown, 22, Taylor-street, Ilkeston, writes Mr. T. Smith.

Who Needs an Aviary Attendant?

We know of a well-recommended and experienced man who desires a situation to look after birds, aviaries, etc., and would make himself generally useful. We will forward any letters on to him.

Open Show for East Lothian.

Mr. J. Fairgrieve, Sec. East Lothian C.B.S., writes that they have decided to hold their annual open show October 17. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. Rodger, Colinton; Borders and Brit., Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Nor. and For., Mr. J. Winter, Edinburgh.

A Sixteen Year-old Bullfinch.

My Bullfinch, which died a few weeks ago, was caught by birdlime in 1900, writes Miss K. Wilson to "Country Life," when, as near as could be judged, she was two years old, so that if she had lived until May or June she would have been sixteen years old. This is, I believe, a very great age for a member of this species, which is always regarded as short lived. Before her death her feathers turned black nearly all over her body.

Birds Learn Poaching.

Blackbirds, Robins, and Wagtails have taken to breaking the thin ice over the Solway Firth hatchery ponds, and poaching fish, says Mr. W. H. Armstead, of the Hatcheries. A Blackbird having made the experiment with success, its example was followed by hundreds. On the return of the genial weather they went back to their natural food, but the lesson was not lost on them, and now they poach as soon as ice is formed. A Robin next introduced the game to his fellows, and from watching it the Wagtails learnt the trick.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

During the Easter Holidays the offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Friday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers, and Correspondents generally, kindly note that all matter intended for NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, April 14 at latest (or Wednesday first post).

An Early Nightingale.

The Rev. Edward E. Eddowes, rector of Barham, Suffolk, heard a Nightingale in his garden on Sunday evening, March 29th—a fortnight earlier than usual, he says.

A Society at Spalding for Boston.

I noticed the letter from a Spalding gentleman, and should be pleased to hear of a society being formed, writes Mr. J. Dring, Billinghay; but Spalding is too far off for me; Boston would suit better, although I almost feel myself too old (70) to join a society.

A "Mass Meeting" of Starlings.

Every evening just now the top of Nelson's Column, Trafalgar-square, is taken possession of by a multitude of Starlings, says "L. D." in the "Daily Sketch." They come from all parts of the compass. It is most interesting to watch them assemble and to listen to their twittering. I wonder how many readers have noticed them?

Someone Deserves Punishment.

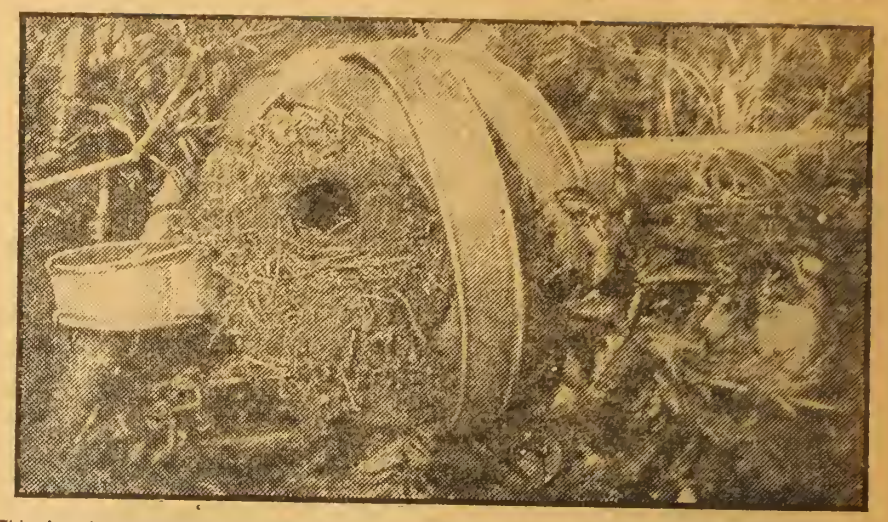
Going into my garden on March 26th, I was delighted to discover a nest of young Thrushes. On March 28th I went into my garden again, and much to my surprise someone had been with a gun; the parent bird lay shot dead by the side of the nest, and the four young Thrushes had died of starvation in the nest.—Fredk. Sheppard (Sanswick, Bath).

An Invalid's Companion.

I am an invalid, and my Canary was given me as a companion. He has turned out the brightest and most interesting companion I ever had. I am very much alone, but sometimes I get someone to close the window, and then I open the cage door, and if he chooses he flies out. He has learnt to know the cage is his house, and always returns to it; it is most amusing to watch his manœuvring to get into the cage when he is on the wrong side away from the door. Miss E. Tracey (Sunderland).

For Amateur Actors.

Amateurs have long complained, and with reason, of the high fees charged for the performance of sketches, one act plays, etc. They will therefore be glad to learn that Mr. Francis Grilliths (34, Maiden Lane, London, W.C.) has issued four volumes, each containing four plays and sketches by the author of "A Lucky Dog," at 1s. per volume, and that the fee for performing any of these is only 3s. 6d. a time. The pieces are varied in nature, and the books should supply a want that has been long felt by clubs and societies throughout the country.



This charming photograph of a Wren's nest, snugly ensconced in a disused watering-can left lying in a hedge bottom, was sent to us by Mr. A. L. Bonas (Castleacre).

The Goldfinch at Home and in Captivity.

By C. RICHARDSON (Ripon).

Interesting notes penned by a lover of our most beautiful British Finch.

THE Goldfinch or, as sometimes called, the Thistle Finch, is one of the best known and most beautiful of our native birds. Perched on a fruit tree for which the bird seems to have a special fancy the male bird makes the orchard ring again with its beautiful song and continues until the month of August, with the interruption of the period during which it is devoting itself to the care of its young.

Being a lover of this beautiful bird for a great number of years and having had ample means of studying them both in captivity and wild state, I have been particularly struck many times with the large amount of fertile eggs they produce, very rarely indeed have I found an unfertile egg in their nests. I cannot say the same of other granivorous birds, such as Linnets, Canaries, etc., and the only reason I can give is that the bird is naturally active and laborious, practically all the year round.

Mules bred from the Goldfinch and Canary will readily pair up with each other and go through all forms of mating, but it is open to doubt whether the eggs ever prove fertile.

In autumn Goldfinches generally go together in flocks, and can often be seen busy feeding on their native seeds such as thistle, groundsel, etc., and no prettier sight could be wished for than to see several Goldfinches clinging to one large thistle, their brilliant colours combining to make a lovely picture.

A Fault when Domesticated.

The male bird, when paired with the hen Canary, has a most destructive disposition. He will wait his first opportunity, and either destroy the eggs or the young. It is a very good plan therefore to remove him every night when the hen goes to nest, then remove the egg and place him back with her, repeating this until the hen lays her full complement of eggs, then remove him altogether and let the hen finish her duties with the young.

Some hens are very shy, and often afraid of the male Goldfinch when paired together, and they will not give the breeding call. The following plan is a good one, and I can specially recommend it, for, personally, I have never known it to fail. When both birds are in breeding condition place them together, then place a cock Canary in an all wire cage and let the cage hang quite close to the pair, then you will find that the hen Canary will naturally call to the cock Canary, and the Goldfinch, if in fine breeding condition, will very quickly act as substitute. This plan was imparted to me by a very old Scotch fancier many years ago, and, as I have already stated, I have never known it to fail. As a breeding conditioner I find that dandelion, thistle, and gold of pleasure seeds are by far the best.

With careful attention a Goldfinch will live for very many years. It is a good plan to vary their seeds occasionally in captivity, and give a small quantity of linseed, maw, inga, and sunflower; it will be found that some of these will act as a splendid tonic, and maladies that they may be subject to in captivity will be avoided. Fortunately the above seeds can now be purchased at any small seed shop. It will be found that variation of food occasionally preserves them in good health and lengthens their days considerably.

At the present time there are many ways and means of capturing the Goldfinch. In some counties where the Finches are to be found in large numbers at different parts of the season bird-trapping is quite legal. Most of the professional bird-trappers have some little plan of their own, but the general plan is to place the decoy bird in a brace surrounded by a clap net amongst the natural food. Then when a quantity of birds are enticed down the trapper pulls the line and the clap net closes over the birds with lightning rapidity. The majority of Goldfinches are caught in this manner.

The Old Plan.

In other counties where the Finches are not so numerous the old-fashioned plan of trapping them by bird-lime is resorted to. This plan is to get fine thin willows about a foot long, then rub them well with bird-lime, place them lightly on to some seeding weed, the thistle for preference, and place the decoy Goldfinch in cage covered lightly over with grass under the thistle, then when the birds alight on thistle they are immediately held by the willows.

After they are caught the most particular part comes in, viz., getting them on to seed. Inexperienced bird-lovers through not knowing how to treat them when newly caught are in danger of losing their birds. The following plan is a good one, and it will be found very few indeed take any harm if the treatment be followed. When the bird is newly caught put it in a small cage, say 14 by 12, in company with a steady bird, in a very quiet room. Place a dish, with a liberal supply of niger seed and a small quantity of crushed hemp, and a few heads of thistle, with a small glass of water, all inside the cage, and the bird, or birds, settle down to the new home. Then after a few days break them off gently by placing their water outside, then follow with the seed. I have used this plan for a number of years and invariably have good luck. But whatever little trouble one may experience in keeping the Goldfinch in good health is recompensed many times over by its lively company and brilliant song.

The Old Shildon Workman's Club C.B.S. has engaged Mr. Stanger, of Pelton Fell, and Mr. W. Reid, of Sunderland, to judge the open show on Dec. 4 and 5, writes Mr. T. Parnaby, the sec.

Bishop Auckland and District C.B. Society has been obliged to change date of annual show from November 18 to December 2, having failed to secure the Town Hall for the original date.—P. Elliott, sec.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs.: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Welsh C.B.C., A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil, closing date April 18; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

This Thursday (April 9th) Mr. G. E. Weston lectures before the Queen's Park C.B.A. on "Some Points about Mule Breeding." Commence at 8.15 p.m., at headquarters, the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W. All fanciers invited.

New Sec. at Sowerby Bridge.

I have resigned my position as secretary of the Sowerby Bridge C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, and Mr. George Mitchell, 19, Charlotte Street, Beech, Sowerby Bridge, has been appointed. All future correspondence should be addressed to him. I wish to thank all members who have so willingly helped me to make the society a success. I trust all will extend a helping hand to Mr. Mitchell, and then I am sure that in him they will have a capable and energetic secretary, and the society will be a continued success.

THE BREEDING OF LINNET-CANARY HYBRIDS.

By Clifford E. Newby, Detroit, U.S.A.

An American Fancier gives some advice that can be profitably followed by English Breeders of Mules.

AS the mating of a Linnet to a Canary is the one usually chosen by the novice at the commencement of Mule and Hybrid breeding I purpose to relate my method of feeding, breeding, and general management to gain good and satisfactory results, for, as the "harvest time" is quickly drawing near for the Mule breeder his mind will naturally be dwelling on thoughts of good results.

To get these good results one must have, in the first place, good birds. Be sure your Linnet is a sound and healthy bird, large, and with plenty of substance to his body. I am not a lover of the "long type" of Linnet, but much prefer the "thick-set" ones. By thick-set I mean a Linnet with good broad shoulders and a nice round chest, and, last, but not least, a good broad head, carried in a good position on the neck. Your Linnet must also be a rich nut-brown in colour, if you want good coloured youngsters.

I don't advise the mating of Linnets which have bad tail and wing carriage, as these defects are then more liable to appear in the young Mules. A Linnet which is nicely and richly coloured, and is of a good Norwich type makes an ideal specimen for the fancier. I advise beginners to use house-moulted birds to breed with, although any bird which can be got into breeding condition properly is very simple to breed with, and even an unsteady Linnet if in the right condition for breeding should pair easily enough.

The Choice of the Hen.

As to the hen Canary, I advise the novice to obtain a good bird of the Norwich type, and a yellow for preference. Good results can, however, be got from a good Yorkshire hen, although I strongly advise the Norwich type if possible. Let your hen Canary be perfect in carriage and shape, and let her have plenty of "show" so peculiar to many of the gentler sex. She must be a good coloured bird or else good youngsters are less likely to be obtained.

I want here to tell the breeder of limited means that he can, if he will study the birds he intends keeping, obtain good birds at a very limited cost. Pay a visit to a dealer's, go over the birds very closely, and pick out those you think will be suitable for you, in other words, those which seem to approach your ideal specimens. A lot of priceless information, too, can be obtained from the books published at the offices of Cage Birds. If a man studies his birds wisely and with good judgment, with these books as his guide he cannot go wrong.

I have proved that a Linnet pairs better to the hen Canary when he has been kept to himself during the winter.

Getting the Linnet into Condition.

To get my Linnets into breeding condition I make a stock mixture containing the following seeds, in proportions as follows: 1 part summer rape, 1 part Spanish Canary, ½ part teazel, ¼ part winter rape or mustard. I give them this stock mixture ad lib. I also give them a mixture of equal parts linseed and best hemp, three times weekly; but just a small amount of these two seeds, as they are to my mind fattening. My special "conditioner" contains the following seeds: 1 part dandelion, 1 part thistle, 1 part gold of pleasure, 1 part maw, ½ part plantain.

These seeds should be given in a separate hopper twice weekly. At most bird stores a fancier can obtain a wonderful collection of wild seeds. Their names are unknown to me, but I find they are very useful for getting a Linnet into condition. A Linnet fed on the above lines should soon be in full song, and "singing his head off."

Now, as to the hen Canary, I give a plain Spanish Canary seed diet as a stock food. About three times weekly I give her a good feed of summer rape, in a separate hopper. I also give her as a tit-bit a mixture of niger, maw, and gold of pleasure about twice weekly. Egg-food can be given to the hen at this period occasionally. Green foods must now be given to both Linnet and Canary ad lib. Young tender dandelion leaves, and groundsel make ideal green foods, with shepherd's purse, lettuce, and watercress.

A thing a novice must do is to give all his birds good grit ad lib. I find that most so-called "bird sands" do not contain half sufficient grit to keep birds in proper health, so I break up oyster shells into small pieces, or else obtain good mortar rubbish. Even egg shells dried and broken up make excellent grit, but be sure to give your birds plenty of it.

All birds must be supplied with water in clean pots twice daily, during summer months for drinking purposes. A shallow pan containing slightly salted water, placed on the bottom of the cage, makes an ideal bath for your birds. Where the writer is located (America) his birds have not bathed lately owing to the temperature being down below zero, but he keeps a supply of luke-warm water in their cages for any who fancy a bath before it turns into ice.

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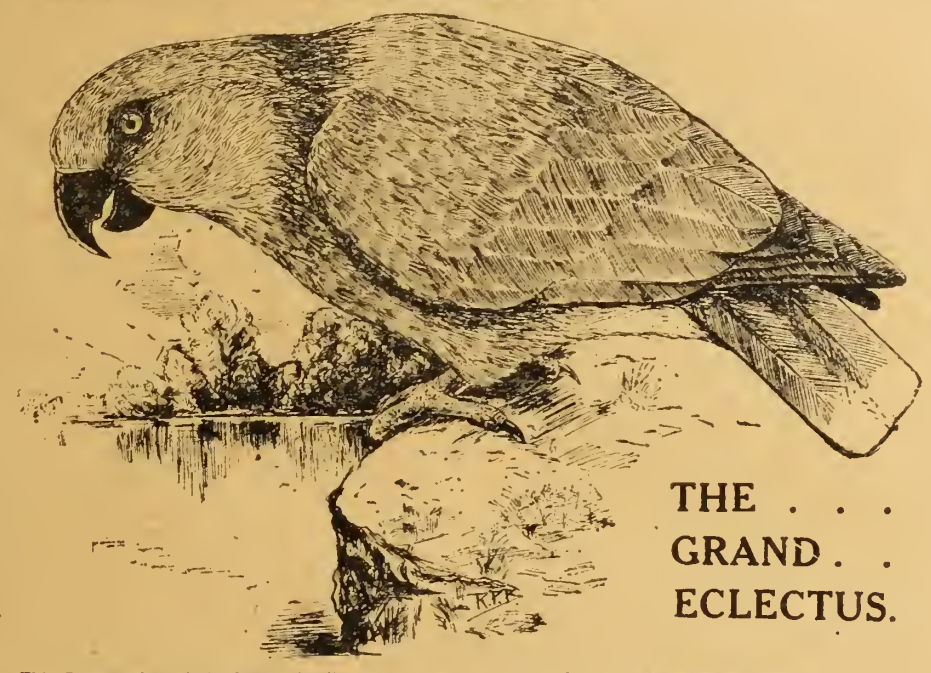

THE . . . GRAND . . ECLECTUS.

This fine member of the Parrot family—a hen—has won many first prizes, including Leeds, Luton, Manchester, Reading, Sheffield and the Scottish National Shows. It is owned by Mr. R. P. Bufton, of Llandrindod Wells, who supplies the drawing.

Modern Crests and Crestbreds for the Novice.

By THOMAS LANE (Barnstaple).

(Continued from page 291.)

Provided there is no "scrapping," and all seems plain sailing I put in the nest pan, which is lined, giving them a bit of moss and cow-hair to start with. I do not give them too much at first, as it is only waste of good material until they have settled down. During the time they are paired up I give them a little egg-food and also a good pinch of inga seed to prevent egg-binding, not omitting a dandelion leaf daily until the hen lays.

Should you find a hen sitting closely in the corner of the cage with her eyes closed and breathing heavily it would be a case of egg-binding. But do not be alarmed. Keep quite cool. Lift the bird gently, put her in the palm of your hand and take her downstairs to the fire. Now dilute a little best brandy with an equal amount of water and give the bird three or four drops. This is best given with a thin tea-spoon. Open the beak gently with the edge of the spoon and tilt the contents down her throat. Never mind if you are a teetotaller—it will save the bird's life. You have found her quite cold; this will revive her.

Relieving the Hen.

Now get a show cage and, putting in a piece of warm flannel, lay the bird upon it. Put the cage by the fire and let it stay there five minutes to warm up. Don't try to awaken the hen; she will not open her eyes. During the time she is resting, get ready a jug of hot water and some olive oil. Now take the hen in your left hand again, holding the vent over the mouth of the jug. Lift the tail with the right hand, and steam her for eight or ten minutes, testing the heat meanwhile with your finger, otherwise you may scald her.

Anoint the vent with olive oil, applying it with a fine camel hair brush, then put her back in the cage. Remove one of the perches (leave the one farthest from the door) and put the cage before the fire. In a short time the bird will liven up and hop on to the perch. The odds are two to one that she will lay either almost directly or in the morning. I may say that I myself have never had a hen which laid the same day as it was steamed. These are my methods and I have never lost a hen since I adopted this treatment.

Setting the Eggs.

When the hens have laid, I remove the eggs each morning, replacing them with dummies. On the evening of the third day I put the eggs back into the nest, having previously well dusted the nest with Keating's Insect Powder. I ought to mention here that the eggs should be turned each morning during the time they are kept out of the nest. I separate the cock from the hen with the wire slide while she is sitting to prevent the hen being molested, and also to keep her quiet, as some hens will not sit unless the cock is in sight.

During incubation I give the hens Canary seed with a good pinch of maw seed at intervals to prevent nesting diarrhoea, not forgetting a little mixed seed twice a week to keep up their spirits. A day or two before the eggs are due to hatch I give a little egg food made from egg and bread crumbs, also mixed seeds, but no hemp. I ought to have mentioned that I cover the sand trays with a good layer of clean, gritty sand, and that I put a lump of cuttlefish bone between the wires for the birds to peck at.

The Food of the Young.

When the young are hatched I give the yolk of egg mixed with biscuit; this I give in small quantities to induce the hens to come off and feed when the young are a few days old. I give egg and biscuit in the morning, and egg and bread crumbs in the afternoon, also a leaf of young lettuce or dandelion and young groundsel tops daily. I increase the allowance of bread and biscuit as the youngsters get older, and also add a little hemp to the seed mixture.

Let the Cock-bird Help.

In about ten days I introduce the cock if he is good tempered, to help feed the young. When the latter are about four weeks old I divide the youngsters from their parents (or earlier if they are being plucked) with a wire slide. I give them egg food and crushed seed until they are able to crack seed for themselves, which they are generally able to do at about five or six weeks old; they will also be fed by their parents. During the time when parted off particular attention must be paid to their wants; the sand trays I withdraw once, or even twice, daily, and remove all stale food, dirt, and excrement. The feeding and drinking utensils I keep scrupulously clean, for if neglected the young birds are liable to get inflammation. I give them clean water daily, adding a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, which stops them drinking too much; some of them, like confirmed tipplers, never know when they have had enough.

(To be continued.)

TIMELY HINTS.

Two prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the best two Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POSTCARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot.*

Home-made Cage Stain.

Get your chemist to mix the following: 1 pint methylated spirits, 2ozs. shellac, and one pennyworth of Bismarck Brown. It is best to let it stand two days before using (cost 1s.).—C. J. Roberts (Corwen).

A Cake to Rear Young Canaries.

10oz. flour, 3oz. sugar, 2 eggs, 2oz. butter, 2oz. lard, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, and a little milk to mix. I have reared young Canaries on this; it has proved very good and cheap.—Mrs. W. Brown (Ackworth).

To Provide Insects in an Aviary.

A good way to provide insects in an aviary is to let a small heap of green-food stand in the flight for three or four days, and then move it and turn it over. The birds will then find an abundance of insects. This is most useful for hybrid breeders, and will keep the birds in the pink of condition.—R. Blake (Ross).

Relieving egg-bound Hens.

In cases of egg-binding, procure an ordinary glass bottle with neck about half-inch diameter. Place it into pint pot, half full of hot water. Next get your hen into the left hand, placing her vent in the bottle neck with a slight pressure, when the hot air in the bottle will draw out the egg in a few seconds. I have used it a good number of occasions, and never known it to fail.—J. Davis (Houghton-le-Springs).

Defeating the Red Mite.

(Winner of Half-Crown Prize.)

An effectual remedy for keeping red-mite out of nests and from perch ends is when making paste to fasten nest linings in, to mix Jeyes' Fluid with water and mix the paste with this. Stick the pads in with this paste. I also dip the perch ends into the paste, and I find it keeps the red-mite away better than anything I have tried. I have recommended it to several fanciers, and it has proved to be successful for them.—R. Peart, 15, Kay Street, Stanley.

Preparing the Breeding Cages.

(Winner of Half-Crown Prize.)

Now that preparations are being made for the breeding season, the following hint may be of help to fanciers. Get from your oilman sufficient Myresco or Duresco, the paste water-paint (not powder) to do all your cages. You can get any shade required. Mix this with thin glue size in a jam jar and boil, placing the jar in a pan of water. Stir well and put on cages while hot. It dries quickly with an enamel-like gloss, leaves no smell, will not chip off, and is much cheaper than paint or enamel. Before applying, the cages must be well cleaned, and any old lime, etc., be scraped off. If any cracks or crevices want filling, make a stiff paste of glue and whiting; this will set like pot. The water-paint must be applied with a soft brush, spreading it thinly with an even surface.—W. E. Wilson, 6, Beech Street, Lancaster.

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Canaries. **Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

LAYING FROM PERCH (Novice.—I am afraid you can do nothing to remedy this, except covering the cage floor with a good layer of sawdust or oat-husk, to prevent the eggs being broken, and having saved them this misfortune, place them under another hen or hens with eggs just about to commence sitting to be hatched and reared, you omit to say whether the hen built a nest or not, or anything about her age. If a young hen, it is quite likely that she may nest in a more normal manner next time. If she seems to object to the place you selected for the nest-pan, you had bette rhumour her next time, when it is not at all unlikely that she may take to the nest all right. Do not interfere with her arrangements more than is absolutely unavoidable, make her a cosy nest on the evening of the day the third egg is laid, if she has not made a nest herself, and keep a china egg in the nest whilst laying is in progress. If this does not bring her to a more reasonable frame of mind, write again, and give full particulars of your management, the kind of nests and material you use, and whether the hen makes any attempt to build the nest herself or not.

SOILED PLUMAGE (E. T.). You must have applied the oil either too liberally or unskilfully to materially grease the plumage. As you have already returned the hen to the cock to go on breeding I do not advise you to attempt washing her. In skilled hands this would do no harm, but as I take it you are not skilful at the job you might very easily destroy all your chances of breeding this season by attempting it. Your best course is to leave things as they are, except that you might remove the most unsightly greasiness by catching the bird and dusting the part very liberally with French chalk or Fuller's earth, working it well into the base of the feathers, hold the bird a few minutes until this has had time to absorb the oil from the feathers, and then brush it out with a soft camel-hair brush. Repeat the procedure several times, and you will find that a considerable proportion of the greasiness has disappeared. After this give a bath in the usual way, when the weather is suitable. When she is next going to nest add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water, four or five times a week, and sprinkle a little crushed old mortar on the sand. To prevent, or reduce the chances of, disappointment you should get a second hen which is a suitable match for the cock, and mate him with them both alternately as you may have often seen described in this column.

BAD EYES (Old Joe). Glad to hear that there is already so much improvement, and I have no doubt if you persevere with the treatment advised in last reply it will quite cure the trouble. By all means continue with the same treatment until the eyes are quite well, and keep the light muslin cover over the cage for a week or two, just to tone down the strong daylight a little, as strong light will be painful to the bird until the eyes get a little stronger.

SWOLLEN GLAND (R.P.J.). You should have described the position and appearance of the "gathering." If on the upper surface, at the base of the back, just over the root of the tail, I suspect it is simply an obstruction of the oil gland, and more or less swelling of this organ in consequence. As a rule this should not be tampered with, as in the vast majority of cases interference is more harmful than otherwise. Add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water for a week or so, and anoint the sore spot daily with Lanocyllin. Try the bird with a scrap of bread crust soaked in milk, dusted with soft sugar, and stuck in the wires at the end of a perch, also, as soon as you can get it, a little tuft of the flower-buds of groundsel.

FOUR-IN-HAND (T.C.).—(1) It depends upon the condition of the birds when mated how long a time will elapse before laying commences. If both birds are in good forward condition, the hen will will often commence laying about the seventh or eighth day after being mated. In other cases several weeks may elapse. No definite time can be named. In all ordinary cases it is reasonable to expect the hen to begin laying in about a fortnight after being mated. (2) The presence of mice in the cages will certainly disturb the birds, and very much upset their breeding arrangements, and also spoil your chances of success. But it will not necessarily put them back if they are in really forward condition. (3) Unless your cage is of a very large size, in which the birds can fly about, and you could introduce, say, four breeding sites for the hens to choose from, you did wrong to put the birds altogether in one cage. The best course is to keep the hens separate in single breeders, and mate the cock with one first, and when she has laid and begun to sit, remove him and mate him with the second hen; when she has begun to sit, remove him again and cage him alone until the first hen is ready to go to nest with her second clutch. Then repeat the former tactics. Leave both hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves. (4) For getting rid of the mice, a good cat properly trained to the birds is hard to beat. If you cannot avail yourself of this means, you next best plan is to give them a course of the "Virus" remedy which you may see advertised regularly in our columns.

SEED AND EGG MIXTURES (P.R.H.).—(1) Give a staple of plain canary seed only. In addition give a pinch of summer rape separately every second day. For a mixture to use, say, twice a week, take by measure, two parts each of hemp and millet, one part each of niger, black rape or cole, teazle, and broken groats, half-part maw, and a quarter-part gold of pleasure, and occasionally add a sprinkling of linseed—just a mere trace of the latter is sufficient. (2) You can buy the dessicated egg yolk ready prepared from large firms of fanciers' providers. It is often advertised in our business columns, which see.

LAYING SOFT EGG (H. G. Monney).—There is something wrong with the oviduct of this bird, and whether she will be of any further use this year depends very much upon her age and condition, about which you say nothing. To avoid disappointment you would certainly be well advised to mate the cock with another hen, choosing one not past her second season, and in good vigorous health. As regards the hen now ill, keep her in a nice warm place, free from cold draughts, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw every second day for, say, a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of niger, and add to the water on these days as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence. Warmth, remember, is most to be relied upon just at the beginning, and it will be best to cage her alone in a moderate sized cage.

EGG-EATING COCK AND FERTILITY (H.S.G.).—(1) It is a matter of opinion whether an egg-eating cock can be cured of his vice. Personally, I doubt it. Anyway, here are two remedies which are said to cure. First; leaving a china egg or two in nest or about cage floor for the bird to operate upon, and learn by experience that it is labour lost to try to get into a china egg. Secondly, blowing contents out of a real egg (an unfertile will do), filling it with a mixture of mustard, salt, and aloes mixed to cream, stopping the "filling hole," and placing the "egg" thus prepared in the nest for bird to investigate. The most practicable plan is to shut cock away from hen each night when eggs are expected, and not return him until the egg has been secured next morning. When full clutch is laid, put hen to sit by herself, and keep cock separate. The hen will hatch and rear the young by herself. Do not return cock as soon as young are hatched. Wait until young are old enough to place alone in nursery, in case he should molest them. (2) It is quite possible for the full clutch of eggs to prove fertile if you removed cock permanently as soon as the hen began to lay, but it is also rather improbable. There is a great risk to take in the matter.

DOUBLE-YELLOWING (Dan). Yes, if neither of the birds in question is the progeny of a double-yellow mating, you may quite safely mate these two yellows together this season, and then go back to the usual yellow-to-buff matings for their progeny next season.

SOFT MOULT (J.W.J.).—(1) Only time can tell whether you will be able to get a brood of young from the bird this season. The prolonged moulting is probably due to one of these things: exposure to cold draughts or rapid and extreme fluctuations of temperature, or damp. Remedy any or all of these things. Keep bird in a cosy place, not overheated, nor yet on the cold chilly side. In addition to staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw every second day. On these days also give two leaves of dandelion. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. Add to the drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day. Continue this treatment until feathers cease dropping. Possibly, bird may be fit to mate early in May. (2) The actual length of a normal moult varies considerably, but from eight to twelve weeks may be taken as only normal. Your bird should have moulted last autumn.

PINK-EYED AND CINNAMON-MARKED (Nobby).—You may expect clear pink-eyed, and cinnamon-ticked, and cinnamon-marked young from the mating you describe, as the cinnamon blood is known to be on the side of the cock. The amount of marking or variegation will depend upon the amount of dark blood in the strain, as also will the proportion of clear young you might expect.

FITTING UP BIRD-ROOM (A Blackburn Novice).—In fitting up your new bird-room, you have certainly gone to a needless expense in having "beautifully decorated" breeding cages. In the vast majority of cases all decorations about cages should be avoided, as affording cover and harbour for insect pests. If well made, and of good sound material, the structure cannot be too plain. If you could possibly avoid doing so, it would be better not to go higher than three tiers of cages. Could you not place the flight, or two if necessary, on one of the other walls? In the plan of your room will not allow of this being done, you may place one on top of the breeding cages. If the room is well ventilated, and nice and light, there is no very great objection to the flight being in that position, but do not under any circumstances place it at the bottom and the breeding birds at the top, as this would make attention to them more difficult, with the added risk of inattention from this cause. If the birds are quite ready for mating, and the weather seems settled, you may safely mate them at any time now.

FUMIGATING CAGE (Taffy).—Certainly, the idea of fumigating a cage with sulphur in the manner you describe to exterminate red mites is quite practicable, and would prove most efficient provided the fumigation was repeated after an interval of a week or so before the cage was redistempered or painted, as the case may be, in order to destroy any fresh stock that had hatched out from eggs placed deep in any crevice after the first operation. The outer box, or cover, should be well papered to make it as airtight as possible, and the fumigation should be carried out in the open air, or some place where other living things would not be subject to any escaping fumes.

A CHAMPION ROLLER (D. S.).—I take it you want the bird to compete in singing contests, and are aware that the Roller is not much of a show bird in the same sense as the Fancy varieties, such as the Yorkshire or Norwich. The present is not the best time to buy such a bird, as they are not at their best for quality of song just now. Nevertheless, I am afraid you would have to give a fair sum for the bird you want—the amount I cannot name, as that depends solely upon the vendor's idea of the value of the bird to himself. Neither can I give addresses here. The best advice I can give you is to look up the names of the principal winners in open singing contests in the past season, select one or two known breeders from among them, and write and and ask if they have such a bird as you require for sale, its performance and price, and have the bird on approval, despositing the money with our Editor during the time of approval. You will find both the addresses of the principal breeders and the names of principal winners during the past season in "Cage Birds Annual."

CANARY QUERISTS

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GREENFINCH AND CANARY HEN (Geo. Everard).—I would advise you to try them again this year in a cage. Put them in, one on each side of the wire partition, and feed them both well with mixed seeds, a little egg-food, and dandelion leaves, and seed pods when ripe. Keep them like this until they are both fit, and you see the Greenie feeding the hen through the bars, then draw the slide, give a nest pan and plenty of building material. The hen may do well this year, although she was a failure last. You had better keep her with last year's partner.

SAMPLE OF WILD SEED (P. K. Saltcoats).—Yours is a very good sample of wild seeds. It is mostly composed of fine grass, clean and bright, and will certainly be very useful to give the birds for a change. You could, if you felt disposed, make up a very useful mixture by adding some niger, maw, gold of pleasure, and a little lettuce. This would certainly increase its value as a mixed seed, and it could be used two or three times a week.

BEST BIRDS FOR SINGING (Enquirer).—I fear I shall be unable to answer all your questions to your satisfaction in the space allowed me, but will do my best. (1) As to which are the best nine singing British birds, this is quite a matter of taste. I should put them in the following order: Nightingale, Blackcap, Skylark, Woodlark, Blackbird, Thrush, Linnet, Goldfinch, Whitethroat. (2) Blackbird and Thrush can be fed on the same food, although the Blackbird is just a wee bit less robust than the Thrush, and an occasional change to good insectile food is good for him. (3) The Finches all require special seed mixtures. One could not give a Linnet and Canary so much hemp, etc., as you could a Goldfinch. The keepers of Finches should know the requirements of each species—that is to keep them in the condition and health that one who is fond of his pets likes to see them. (4) Blackcap and Nightingale will live on a good insectile food, with mealworms and other live food. (5) The Pekin Robin is a merry songster, but one can hardly compare it to the Nightingale. The former is comparatively easy to manage, and a free singer. You had better procure young Softbills if you can manage it. With the Finches it is not so important, but before doing anything in the matter, I would advise you to procure the following books on birds, and read them carefully. You will then get some idea of the merits of each species, and the manner in which they should be housed and fed. Then if you are in doubt about any little point, we shall be pleased to assist you. British Bird Manual, Part 1 Hardbills, Part 2 Softbills, 1s. 1d. each, or the following booklets all 2½d. each: No. 1 Goldfinch, 2 Linnet, 3 Skylark, 4 Blackbird, also several others which are frequently advertised in our columns.

BREEDING FROM HYBRIDS (Constant Reader).—You have omitted to send your name with your query, which is contrary to our rules. Hybrids are not considered to be breeding birds, although cases have been occasionally reported of their having done so. If you wish to try, do not pair hybrids together, but pair to a bird of the parent stock, such as a Canary cock to a Linnet Canary hybrid hen.

GREENFINCH-BULLFINCH (W. G. Hole).—It appears to me that you could safely leave your Greenie and Bullie in with the Canaries, as you say they have been flying with them all the winter, and do not interfere with them. If they go to nest themselves they will be too interested in their own affairs to trouble much about others, especially as they are so used to their being there. Anyway, I would try them. In mixed aviary breeding one has to venture something. Things seldom go on all through the summer quite as we should like them to do.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

THRUSH BARE ROUND NECK (New Reader).—I fancy your bird is troubled with insects, most likely grey lice. You had better catch him, and hold him in the hand for a minute or so, and if you turn up the feathers on the under part of the body you will probably find them running over your hand. The remedy at this time of the year is to hand-wash him with soap and water, rinsing in a solution of quassia chips. But as you are a new reader, and therefore probably unable to wash a bird, you had better dress him well with insect powder, working it well into the feathers, and then rolling him in a cloth for about ten minutes. Be careful not to get the powder in his eyes, and do not smother him when you roll him in the cloth. You must let him bathe more frequently, and put some quassia solution in the water, not very strong at first, or he will probably refuse to use it. I would advise a change of food occasionally, such as soaked chicken meal (best quality), and a spoonful of meat meal in with it. Also mix your other feed with scraped raw carrot or boiled potato.

HENS NOT NESTING (J.W.J.).—I have read your letter carefully, and everything appears to me to be quite in order. All you require is a little patience. I have nearly twenty hens myself, and not one has laid yet, but I am not worrying about them—all in good time. Give them mixed seeds and a spoonful of egg-food daily, also a dandelion leaf. I think it would be as well to part them if they are very backward, and try them again when the hens are calling and bouncing from perch to perch, constantly flapping their wings. They should then start building in a few days.

CHARLOCK SEED (S.H.).—I should not feel inclined to use charlock and dock seed in place of rape for British birds and Canaries. Charlock is very hot and strong, and much coarser than summer rape. You could give them some occasionally—more to the Britishers than the Canaries. You could be fairly liberal with it to the Greenfinches and Linnets. They eat quantities when at liberty.

WASTEFUL GOLDFINCH (J. Jones). Instead of the mixture you are giving him, which he wastes, feed him in the following manner:—Make a mixture of equal parts canary and teazle, and give it to him as staple food. Then make up the following seeds:—One part hemp, half part niger, half part maw, half part summer rape, and just give him a small spoonful in the corner of the cage every day. Purchase a good brand of wild-seed mixture containing thistle, dandelion, etc., and give him a spoonful of it twice a week; stop the other mixture on the days you give him this. Don't forget green food—groundsel, chickweed, and young leaves of dandelion. (2) The black streak on the upper mandible will disappear as the bird comes into breeding condition. When quite clear, he should be in a fit state to pair with the hen. (3) You can run him with a couple of hens. Take him away when one has laid her third or fourth egg and introduce him to the other. There is no difficulty about it. (4) I have had no trouble with field-moulted Linnets; if in condition, they will pair readily with Canary hens. (5) You should purchase your bird at once and let him and the hen get thoroughly used to each other before the breeding season. I would advise a large Yellow Norwich hen, as the young come much more shapely than when one of the parents is a Yorkshire.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS (G. Everard).—As you are new to these get our Nutshell No. 18, 2½d., post free from our Manager, it will tell you how to succeed. (1) Yes, the aviary will suffice for the two pairs, but it should be where the bird can get plenty of light and air without draught. (2) The one with the greenish colour right to his beak is quite a young bird, and is now just beginning to drop the nestling plumage. (3) Canary seed, white millet, and a few oats, with green-food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. A little apple to nibble at occasionally. Seeding and flowering grass is the best conditioner for Budgies as soon as you can get it free from frost. (4) Large size, rich pure colour, clean cut markings. (5) Certainly, if birds are up to standard. (6) It would do, but they are usually shown in a longer and lower cage than those used for exhibiting Canaries. Any maker of repute would supply a suitable cage if you state what for. (7) Exercise is good for them, but it is not absolutely necessary

to let them out, and till they are quite steady might do harm; when steady a fly round the room will be very beneficial. (8) You must write the editor, but a Budgerigar did appear as one of a group on one of our plates. (9) Hang up four cocoanut husks in the cage and leave the birds to themselves. They do not require any nesting material. (10) See reply to No. 3. Good millet sprays are 2/6 per bundle of 50, and are excellent for the birds. (11) Yes, if the plumage is soiled, not otherwise. Budgerigars are the easiest of birds to breed, and yours should breed during the season.

QUAIL (Alva).—I have found that the Californian Quail does best kept in pairs, though if the aviary is very roomy several pairs may be kept together, but it is better to have only pair of each species in the aviary to get best results. I think the Cuban Colin or Quail (Ortyx cubanensis) would do all right and agree with the Californian. They are about equally hardy. The Californian Quail is as much at home among the branches of a lofty aviary as it is on the ground, and it will be well to give them an opportunity of taking this exercise. When you can get them, the Chinese Painted Quail would be a charming species to obtain. Foreign Doves—Australian Crested, Cape, Diamond, Peaceful, Senegal, Turtle, etc., would do well with the Quail, and give variety.

WHAT BIRD? (W. Fisher).—You must give me some idea of size before I can be definite; compare it to some well-known English bird of similar shape and size. It may be a Glossy Starling, in which case it will certainly take fruit and insects if offered. It may be a Silky Cowbird; if so, it would certainly take insects if offered. If small, it is either a Combassou or Jacarini Finch, but both these birds take white millet and millet from sprays, and green-food, also an occasional insect when offered, as well as canary seed. On receipt of further details I will try and give a definite reply.

BUDGERIGARS (Turpin).—Note reply to another correspondent in this column. The Budgerigars, if you have true pairs, will ultimately settle down to nesting. Cocks have the cere surrounding the nostrils bright blue, that of the hens being ruddy brown when in breeding condition. Take down the boxes and put up four more husks at least. The grass most favoured is very similar to lawn grass let grow wild, and you cannot give them too much of this as soon as you can get it free from frost. Do not mix Finches or other Passerines with the Budgies. You could put in a pair of Madagascar Lovebirds or Black-cheeked Lovebirds with them, or even Cockateels. The Budgerigars and Cockatecls require no nesting material, but the Lovebirds will require a log, box, or small barrel, and leaves, strips of bark, straws, millet spray stems, etc., for lining up the nest receptacle.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (C. Harding).—Pleased to hear that the bird is progressing favourably. Continue the treatment, and, as soon as you can, get seeding and flowering grass free from frost—supply this ad lib. The matter of the plumage will right itself as soon as the bird is quite fit again. If the cock bird to which she is mated is strong and vigorous, the progeny should prove quite satisfactory. On warm days let her have all the light and air possible; at the same time do not place her cage in an exposed position.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CUBAN QUAILS (H. G. Mooney).—The Cuban Colin or Quail (Ortyx cubanensis), is, as its name indicates, a native of Cuba. The adult male is brown above, barred with black, top of head black; chin and throat white surrounded with a black band; upper breast black, mottled with whitish-rufous in the middle; remainder of underparts chestnut-brown, laced with black, and spotted with white on sides of body. Total length, 8 inches, of which the tail measures 2¼. Quail as a rule agree excellently with the inhabitants of a mixed aviary, but if the aviary is small and the covers not numerous, occasionally they upset the nests of other birds when moving about among the branches and bushes. Diet: Canary and millet seed, green-food, and some live insects. Many are very fond of dry ants' eccoons, and if these are scattered on the ground they soon become slightly moist.

GREY PARROT (E. P. G.).—As you have our Nutshell, feed your bird on the seed mixture advised therein, and treat generally as the pamphlet advises. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and continue this for some time. Give six drops of cod liver oil daily on a small piece of bread, biscuit, plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. Keep it where it will get light and air, yet be out of reach of draught. As soon as it is sufficiently tame, allowing it to take exercise outside its cage daily will be greatly to its benefit. Examine its mouth, and if it is furred, slimy, or if there should be any white spots on tongue or roof of mouth, then put a little (about size of a pea at a time) honey and borax in its mouth once or twice daily. The sides of the cage should be covered up at night. If it will not bathe, give a light spraying with tepid water, containing a little quassia solution, once or twice weekly, but choose warm bright days for the operation.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. Wallace.—Impaction of the stomach (proventiculus) was the immediate cause of death. The bird was not a sound one, its liver having undergone a trace of fatty degeneration, evidently the predisposing cause.

Mrs. F. Dunn.—Fatty degeneration of the liver caused death of Bullfinch. The disease was far advanced, and had its origin at some time in the ingestion of some irritant or toxic substance with the food.

Mardyite.—Pulmonary apoplexy, death from haemorrhage resulting from rupture of an important blood vessel.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S. April 11, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30 sharp. Question night and other important bus. Members, turn up to advertised time.—G. Broome.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—April 14, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Paper by Mr. Percival (Rochdale) on "The Roller Canary." All welcome.—J. Whitehead, Sec.

Birtley, Chester-le-Street, and Pelton Fell (Amalgamated).—April 11, Mr. E. Waugh's, Pelton Fell, 7.30 p.m. Appointment of judges, etc. S. Lindsay.

Bolton Roller C.S.—April 14, Joiner's Arms, 8.—J. Kilshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—April 11, Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m.—H. Bryant.

Bradford West C.B.A.—April 11, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8 p.m. Members' show schedules; essential all members should attend.—W. H. Kilburn.

British Roller C.C.—April 14, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8 p.m.—J. W. Norris.

Buckhaven C.B.S.—April 11, Free Gardiner's Hall, 6.30. Delegates' report of league meeting, and important bus.—W. Foster.

Cardiff C.B.S.—April 13, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Table show of British Hardbills, also questions, etc., re Canary management and other important bus.—E. Thomas.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 11, Flying Dutchman, 8 p.m. prompt. Important bus.—W. Helliwell.

Clydebank C.B.C.—April 16, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Business Important.—Wm. Kane.

Cumnock C.B.S.—April 18, Lesser Town Hall, Auchinleck, 7. General business in connection with society, fixing up of ramble, if any.—A. Wyper.

Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S.—April 11, Black Bull, 7. Monthly meeting and table show.—G. Hunt.

Garston B.B.A.—April 16, Club-room, 8. Monthly meeting and British show. 8 classes: Gold., Bull., and Greenfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Twite and Redpoll, Bunting and Chaffinch, A.O.V. Brit., A.V. Brit. Hens. Will all members make a special effort to attend?—A. T. Mullock.

Gillingham F.F.S.—April 16, Beacon Court, 8. General meeting. Arrangements for half-yearly show. Other important items will be discussed.—J. Hyde.

Great Horton O.S.—April 11, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Guisbrough Priory C.B.S.—April 18, Weir's Room, 7.30 p.m. Replies from judges. General bus. New members invited. W. Waraker.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—Owing to Easter holidays the usual meeting will not take place on 13th as arranged; date will be announced next week.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Halifax C.B.S.—April 16, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, 7 prompt. Supper and social evening.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.—April 15, Royal Oak Hotel, 8.30. "Question night." Committee meeting at 8. Members please make special effort to attend. Notices will not be sent out. Smoking and musical evening amongst members.—Irene Kirk-Bullock.

Heywood O.S.—April 15, Rochdale Hall, 8 p.m. Discussion on seasonable topics, opened by short papers by Messrs. J. Greenhalgh and A. Hordern.—R. Schofield.

Huddersfield O.S.—Meeting postponed from April 13 to 27.—A. Lawford.

Keighley C.B.S.—Owing to holidays, April 21, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. General business. Fanciers wishing to join cordially invited.—C. W. Town.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 15, Hare and Pheasant, High Street, 8.30. A.V. Pairs Hybrid Breeding, A.V. F.M. British. For., Gold, and Bullfinches, A.V. Mule or Hybrid, A.O.V. Foreign. Please note change of club address.—J. Hardbottle.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 15, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Essay competition, "The best method of breeding light Mules"; judge, Mr. H. Taylor.—R. Charleson.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 18, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8.30.—G. G. Stubbs.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—April 19, Sawley Road Council Schools, 7. Revision of rules; most important every member should be present.—G. Baines.

Morpeth C.B.S.—April 11, Earl Grey, 7.30. General meeting to settle members' classes. New members invited. Subs. now due.—W. Summers.

North London C.B.A.—April 15, headquarters, 8 p.m. Lecture "The Border Fancy," by Mr. J. Robson.—P. W. Jeffries.

Northern Norwich P.S.—April 18, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30 p.m. General bus., etc.—F. W. Laidlow.

Oldham C.B.A.—April 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting. Election of judges. Fanciers, turn up, rain or no rain, and oblige.—J. Cope.

Pelton Fell and Dis. Amalgamation.—April 11, Enock Waugh's, 7 p.m. Spec. bus., annual shows, judges, etc. Members please turn up.—W. Forster.

Penicuik O.S.—April 13, Cowan Institute, 7.30 p.m. Classification for show; appoint judges. Last meeting for new members.—J. Weir.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—April 16, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, 8 p.m. Lecture, "British Mule and Hybrid Breeding."—F. Botell.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 11, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Nest feather shows; (2) members' classification for open show; (3) markers; etc.—J. Peacock.

Swansea C.B.S.—April 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Harry Jenkins, on "The Egg." Hearty invitation to all fanciers.—S. H. George.

West Stanley C.B.S.—April 11, Com. Hotel, 7 p.m. Final selection of judges for annual show.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—April 11, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Bus. important.—W. Chapman.

Wigan Roller C.C.—April 11, Queen's Arms, 7 p.m. Club business. Rule books ready.—P. Greenall.

Wood Green F.F.A.—April 14, Assembly Rooms, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Jackson (Edmonton). Members, turn up in force.—T. Callegari.

York C.B.S.—April 15, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8 p.m. Washing exhibition by Mr. T. Wright. Selecting cups for members' shows.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

Correspondence.

Early Mules.

SIR,—I had a nest of Goldie-Canaries hatched March 5; five young ones out of five eggs, and all are doing well. I have taken the hen Canary from them this morning, March 31. I think this will take some beating.

J. BULLOCK.

A Chance for Would-be Breeders of Albinos.

SIR,—In my study of Albinism I have found that though the Blackbird is the most common species to exhibit traces of this departure, such is, in the majority of instances, confined to the male, whereas with other species I find the female most prone to Albinism. I remember some years ago I had correspondence with an aviculturist who was endeavouring to found a strain of Albino Blackbirds, but was sorely handicapped by reason of the difficulty of procuring hens. If he, or any reader who possess an Albino cock Blackbird, has facilities and the desire to experiment in that direction, I would be pleased to make him, or her, a present of an Albinistic hen which has lately come into my possession, and which has the merit of being tractable. My only conditions are that an account of the results be sent to me, and that the breeding be carried out in an aviary, as I consider space essential.

J. STEEL.

109, High Street, Dalkeith, N.B.

Interesting Notes on the Pine Siskin of North America.

SIR,—I was very much interested in reading the par. under "Twitterings" in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS re the two Chinese Siskin hens which Mr. Frostick had imported from China, and which, when compared with the European species are about identical. It may also be of some interest to many of your numerous readers to know that the Pine Siskins of North America are also practically identical with their European cousins, the exception being that the cocks have no black caps or bibs. The only difference 'twixt the cocks and hens lies in the cocks being brighter in the colours of flights and tail, but they are not so well laced on breast and thighs. I might say that they are very abundant all over both Canada and North America, where the Pine forests exist. I have seen them in flocks of thousands together, feeding on the alder trees in winter at Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, B.C. I noticed when they are breeding, and right through the moulting season, they mostly feed on new grown grass seeds of various kinds, and also the new grown seeds of dandelion. The latter plant is very abundant, and grows to an enormous size in British Columbia. I may also say that I caught scores of them during my stay in British Columbia, and bred Mules from the cocks with Canary hens, but the young Mules did not show the rich colours of those bred from the British Siskins. J. NICHOLSON.

Maryport.

How a Successful Norwich Exhibitor Achieved His Success

(See Front Page Drawing, March 7.)

Sir,—I was pleased to see your artist putting a portrait of my winning yellow Norwich hen in CAGE BIRDS. I bred her last year, and showed her three times as an unflighted, winning a 1st at Abersychan, 3rd Swansea, he Cardiff. Since her adult moult she has improved wonderfully, winning this season 1st special diploma best Norwich in show at Swansea, 1st special Abertillery, 1st special Pentrebach, 1st Pontardawe, 2nd Llandrindod, and 4th Cardiff—not a bad performance, as she came home a winner every time I sent her out. It is about seven years since I took to Canary breeding, and, like most novices, I took a long time before I fell into the right groove. The plan I adopted was to attend the various shows and study the type of bird the judge wanted, so that I had a good idea what to breed for. Though attending these shows I got acquainted with some real good fanciers; some who seemed delighted to explain the good and bad points to you, beside giving you a lot of valuable information as far as breeding was concerned. I fully realise, however, that I have much to learn, and much more winning to do, before my ambition is attained.

As regards breeding, although I generally adhere to the old method of pairing, viz., yellow to buff, I do occasionally double buff, and have bred many winners this way. I also do a little double yellowing, by pairing two heavy marked yellows together to produce a green, to get some stock birds; as without green blood in your stock you are going to spell failure, for colour is one of the chief items in breeding the Norwich Canary. My methods of feeding and management are on the lines advocated from time to time in the valuable columns of CAGE BIRDS. I also use a soft food prepared in the following manner:—Take a cupful of Spratts' cod liver oil food, a teaspoonful of maw seed, pinch of sugar and salt; mix well together and add boiling water to scald it. Do not make it soppy, but leave as dry as you can. After it has cooled, mix an egg with it. The birds may not take to it at first, but continue it for a few days, as once fairly on it you will be able to see the improvement in your stock. As for colour-feeding, I mix the colour food with it (leaving out eggs, as they are scarce and dear) and have won colour-feed medals on the above; besides, it puts a lovely gloss on them. One of my mates bred 100 Canaries one season on the above alone.

I advise those about to enter the Norwich Fancy to go to a reliable fancier and buy the best they can afford. If you are unable to select them yourself, place yourself entirely in his hands, and ask him to pair them for you. If he is reliable, he will put you on the right road, and with a little perseverance and attention, success is sure to follow.

ALF. HITCHINGS.

A Schoolmistress's Feathered Friends.

SIR,—As a Hull reader, I am proud to send the attached cutting from the "Hull Daily Mail." It shows what can be done as regards attaining the confidence of wild birds. "For some years Miss Matthews has filled the position of certificated infants' mistress at the Walkington Council School. Her home is in Hull, and she walks from and to Little Weighton station, a distance of over two miles each way, night and morning, which affords a splendid opportunity of studying the habits of the birds, and she has made many little feathered friends. Miss Matthews has to leave Hull by the 6.30 a.m. train, but she never forgets the birds' breakfast, and it is a pretty sight to witness the Sparrows and other birds, who can time their friend's arrival at the station to a nicety, waiting, and quite a flock follow her for crumbs. All through the village the same thing happens, but when she gets along the quiet country roads the rooks join the "party." The writer had the pleasure of witnessing this pretty scene on Thursday afternoon, when the Rooks flocked around Miss Matthews, and picked up the crumbs within a yard of her feet, and she had the greatest difficulty in keeping them off, to allow the lesser birds to "have a share." ANLABY ROAD.

A Wail from Aintree.

Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Anderson did not like the tone of my last letter. "Practice what you preach"; I, as a novice up to this year, have always worked by that old proverb. As for the expressions that Mr. Anderson used, such as "mud slinging," I am greatly surprised, but I suppose I must put that down to iguorance, pure and simple. All I asked Mr. Anderson was, did he blame the cage-bird fanciers for the winding-up? He answers he did not intend to suggest that the birdie men were to blame; but still he did blame them, and as we are all working in harmony one with another, I think it a shame he should upset such harmony. I am pleased to say that the Fancy in Liverpool is growing, and we must have secretaries to encourage it, and not to show a tender skin. I can safely say we will have a cage-bird society in Aintree, and I for one will promote it, to the best of my ability. I would also like to impress upon Mr. Anderson's mind that I have received no correspondence from him with reference to the so-called challenge cup, as my address for the past eight months has been 77, Percy Street, Bootle, not Rosalind Street, Birkdale. He will find, through the minutes, that the cup competition calls for three competitors in each class, or points do not count; therefore I claim to win the said cup for the second time, with 31 points, the next 21 points, and so on. I maintain the bird fanciers were the upkeep of the society. Why did Mr. Anderson not call a special meeting for the drawing up of the schedule for the old show? Why was the said show cancelled? Because the schedule was not fit for sending out. Another thing I would like to ask is, why did the sec. allow exhibitors to exhibit without paying their subscriptions (no wonder no prize-money) which they have done at Aintree? I also hope Mr. Anderson does not think that I make a business out of my bird-room, as I make my hobby a pastime and a pleasure, and I support my birds and home through manual labour. I, for one, will say that we have not a bird fancier in our district that expects his hobby to keep him. So if your impetuous correspondent wishes to make a display of iguorance, I would rather him make it personally, without intruding on the columns of your valuable paper. G. A. SKILLING.

(Correspondence Continued Overleaf.)

CORRESPONDENCE.—Continued from Overleaf.

Prize-money at the Bristol C.B.S. Show.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. H. W. Carrier, I beg respectfully to refer him to the list of prize-winners at our show which appeared in your issue of Nov. 14 or 21. If, as he says, he received a 3rd and spl. prize cards, they were put in his cage by mistake when his bird was returned, for which I apologise.

B. L. Pool.

A Norwich Hen's 14 Eggs in 19 Days!

Sir,—I have a young Norwich hen that has laid 14 eggs in 19 days. She laid 5, missed two days, laid 3, missed two days, then laid 6. She does not sit, or seem any the worse for her extraordinary laying. I myself have been a breeder for 17 years, but never experienced anything like it. I hope to hear other fanciers' ideas, as I myself am puzzled.

W. Wilshaw,
Sec. Ryecroft C.B.S.

The Return of the Migrants.

Has a Bird a Conscience?

Sir,—Perhaps it may interest your readers to hear that two of my young White Wagtails (recently mentioned as having been bred in my aviary last summer) have returned to me. On the 4th April they alighted in the garden, and for some time were running round my feet (thus showing that they were not migratory wild Wagtails) and have been almost constantly in the garden for the past two days.

Since July 11 of last year I have seen nothing of them. I regard this as a very unusual incident, for two reasons—in the first place, though I release a good many birds every year and some of them often hang about for a few days, I have never known any to return when once they have drifted away. Secondly, it is most unlikely that White Wagtails would winter here, and if these two birds crossed the Channel, one would think they would have returned to Central Europe, where their parents were captured.

The migrants seem to be late in the West, yesterday (April 5) being the first occasion that I have seen or heard the Chiff chaff.

I note Mr Coe's query, and shall have pleasure in replying to him next week. Having been away from home last week, my correspondence is much in arrears. I am glad to hear that he takes an interest in the subject.

W. E. Teschemaker.

The Border Fancy C.C. and the Use of Closed Rings.

Sir,—I am pleased to notice that my letter in your issue of March 27th has brought forward two replies—one from the secretary, and another from that esteemed fancier, Mr. Johnston. I will treat Mr. Smart's letter first. To my mind it is very misleading, as one would conclude there had been very little discussion on this point at the general meeting, and that there was no dissent whatever, but all were in favour that any member competing with ring birds should be disqualified. In the report of the general meeting, which I have by me, it distinctly states that this question created a heated discussion, which contradicts entirely Mr. Smart's remarks, and to confirm this, I would refer him to our friend Johnston's letter and quote his own words, "I fought hard to get the above rule abolished." In view of this, either the report of the general meeting or Mr. Smart is wrong, but I will leave your readers to form their own conclusion. As regards my using a nom de plume, I am not desirous of any cheap means of placing my name before the public, hence the reason for adopting this course; but my motive for bringing it up through the press was for the general good of the Fancy, and the "wee gems" in particular.

With reference to Mr. Johnston's letter, I was more than pleased to read his straightforward and interesting remarks, and I am of the same opinion, that there is no distinguishing feature whatever about a closed ring, no more so than in the case of the different styles of show cages and perches. On the other hand there is no getting away from the fact that they have a considerable number of advantages, as pointed out by him. It is therefore obvious that the B.F.C.C. will subsequently have to withdraw this rule, or else suffer considerably by its membership decreasing. I should not like to see the latter, but on the other hand, let it continue to flourish as it has done in the past.

As regards my refraining for one year from using rings, it would be a considerable disadvantage to me to do this, as we have had generously put up by several fanciers in this district a silver cup to be competed for by the three highest birds, wearing closed rings, at the various shows, and as I wish to participate in this competition, you will readily see my reason for doing so. However, I trust to be spared to attend the annual general meeting, and I shall certainly send on my "Little Bit" to the fund for the late secretary and president. Although I have met neither of them, I have a great respect for Mr. Jamieson, as he helped me considerably when I first joined the club, and always treated me in a most gentlemanly and business-like manner.

Anxious.

Sir,—Although we have never adopted the system of ringing the "wee gems," either for the show bench or other purposes, I do not think it right to disqualify any exhibitor for doing so until the opinion of the majority of the members of the B.F.C.C. be taken. I think the question would be best settled by a plebiscite, as I know a good many who would like to have a say in the matter, but are unable to attend the general meeting. As regards the ring influencing the judges' decisions, I feel sure any judge who is inclined to favour any particular exhibitor will be able to do so, ring or no ring.

J. Hopper.

Birds as Happy, Healthy Pets.

Sir,—Seeing much discussion going on about the cruelty of caging birds, I thought I would like to give a few of my own experiences, which prove that caged birds are not "miserable heartbroken prisoners," but usually happy, healthy, pets if properly kept and catered for. Here is my first experience. I had a hen Redpoll which had nested in an aviary, and then been moved into a double breeding cage. One sunny day in late autumn I was cleaning out the cage in the garden when out flew the Redpoll from the cage door. A cage was put out, but for two days the weather was cold and frosty, and on the third day the bird returned and flew into the cage. Another time a finger-tame cock Siskin escaped, and was loose for half-an-hour or so, but it soon returned, flew down on to my hand, and was finally caged again. One day this winter one of my Tricoloured Nuns escaped, but on my putting out a cage which was empty by the side of a cage containing its mate, the bird soon returned and entered the cage. Some years ago I kept a pair of Blue Tits which I caught myself. However, after about two months' time the hen died, and a week after I took the cage containing the survivor and opened the door, hung it on a tree, and left it. For half-an-hour the bird went in and out, and not until a wandering band of its own kind passed by did it depart.

Only last summer was it that my pet Rook, which is hand-reared, escaped. This was after its first three days of captivity, before it could feed itself, but it was strong on the wing. It was loose all day flying round the neighbouring trees, but in the evening when I came back it flew on to my shoulder, and was fed and caught. The bird is still alive and is pied. My wild-caught four times cage-moulted Jackdaw has escaped several times, but has always returned of his own will or entered other houses and been caught and returned to his rightful place. These are all the escaped bird experiences I have had, but I have had, and have now, many birds which will take tit-bits out of their owner's fingers, and all of which are wild-caught. Hand-reared birds have never fallen to me, with exception of a Blackbird, now dead, and a Rook.

These facts will, I am sure, prove that cage birds, if well fed and well caged, are perfectly happy and willing pets. All this talk about the cruelty of caging birds is absolutely absurd. Why, if anyone could see some of the private pets of bird fanciers, they would be convinced. Birds, like some people, are very shy of strangers, no matter how tame they are with their masters. How, then, are strangers to know whether a bird is tame or not until it is used to them?

A. H. Mudge.

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A Whistling Blackbird and Other Pets.

Sir,—An error crept into my article, published last week. It should have read "Each week I damp my birds all over and wash legs and feet." This does not check them singing if practised regularly; on the contrary they dry themselves, and then sing more than ever.

E. Crisp.

The Richardson and Jamieson Testimonial.

Sir,—As the closing date for the lists being returned for the above testimonial is Saturday, April 11, we hope members will try their best to have lists returned, so that we may have time to make arrangements for presentation. We propose to have a smoker on May 2, in Grant's Cathedral Hotel, Cockburn Street, Edinburgh, which is very central and within five minutes walk from Waverley Station; start at five o'clock to suit those from a distance; tickets will be sent to delegates in due time; should any member have any suggestion to make, we will be very pleased to hear it.—G. W. Brown and W. B. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead.

The "Napoleon" of the Canary World and the Novices.

Sir,—I was greatly amused last week at the article by Mr. Allsopp. What a fighter! I tremble to think of the poor novice who cannot reach the top. Does he think these novices are children whom he can put across his knee and give what he no doubt thinks they deserve? Only fancy this Napoleon and his "Limehouse" speeches—we are getting used to them from gallant little Wales. Suppose a novice keeps a few birds as a hobby, is not ambitious, or has no time or money to send his birds about to shows, what has it got to do with this "Director of Destiny"? He desires to sweep away the machinery which professes to guard and help the novice. Note only professes. Well, I don't think they would be so easily broken as he thinks. I am pleased to see he is giving the committee something to go on with; pleased to see him giving them a little reward for their services, which they render for nothing. I would suggest he "Bothwell" them; or something even more desperate. "Goliath" does not wish to wound the novice's feelings. He will show no mercy to the weed and parasite; will help the novice, but he must be the genuine article. For the weed he has nothing but his winter boots! Well, I should like very much to see him attempt to use his winter footwear on a few novice friends of mine, whose heads are perhaps as hard as his boots; I would advise him to bring an armour suit. Is he only pulling their legs, or is this an after-dinner speech, for some speak as their stomachs guide them? Perhaps, Mr. Editor, a little advice to Mr. Allsopp would not do harm. Without the novice, the most serious thing would be, I think, that we should not have our Cage Birds to read with pleasure each week, as without the novice how could it be run with the success it deserves? And what about fellowship; also what about that word "Fellow Fancier"? No, Mr. Allsopp, it won't do. If you wish to help the novice, tell him what you know; that would help him. They cannot all be champions of champions, any more than they can all be Lord Mayors. However, you are forgiven this time, and may the novice give you a close run in the future is the wish of

W. McK.

The Sad Loss of a Noted Scottish Fancier.

Sir,—I noticed in last week's Cage Birds a letter from Mr. Rennie (Secretary Falkirk and District C.B.S.) reporting the loss through fire of the whole stock, birds, house, cages, etc., of our old friend and veteran fancier, Mr. Hugh Moreland, of Falkirk, and I know I pen the feelings of the entire Fancy when I say that the sympathies of *all* go out to the old veteran in his almost irreparable loss.

Mr. Moreland, who is now about the borders of seventy years of age, has been a life-long fancier, and one of the pioneers of the Norwich Fancy in Scotland, and although only a working man with a small wage, was ever ready to dip his hand into his hard-earned savings to assist any good cause in the interests of the Fancy. He was also a friend of the novice, and anyone struggling in the Fancy, and I am sure many a one has reason to remember the cheery, encouraging word and good practical advice, given ungrudgingly by "Auld Hughie."

Now, sir, I appeal to my brother fanciers, as I think this an opportune time to set going a *National Testimonial* for our old friend, by selecting a representative committee of Scottish fanciers, under the secretaryship of Mr. Rennie, get subscription sheets distributed to every secretary to bring before notice of members, and I am quite confident it would be the means of restoring and keeping the old man in the Fancy which he loved so well. I shall, however, be glad to hear the opinion of others on this subject, through the valuable medium of Cage Birds.

John Young,
Hon. Sec. Scottish Crested C.C.

[We shall be pleased to do all we can to assist in this good cause. Any subscriptions sent to us will be duly acknowledged in our columns.—Editor, "C.B."]

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In the Courts.

A Trapper Summoned.

At Cullompton Divisional Sessions, before Messrs. E. Opie (in the chair), H. G. New, E. F. M. Alleyne, W. J. A. Grant, and J. W. Clarke, and Colonel Grundy, a labourer, Frederick Voisey, was summoned, under the Wild Birds Protection Order (1913), for having in his possession certain Goldfinches.

Inspector Lale, R.S.P.C.A., stated that defendant was seen by Constable Lewis coming from a field, and, on being searched, was found to have three Goldfinches, which he admitted he had recently taken. He also had decoy birds with him. Defendant pleaded guilty to having the birds in his possession, and added that he had caught Linnets, Chaffinches, and Goldfinches many times. He did not know he was not allowed to take them. He had done it in order to provide boots and shoes for his children, not for the purpose of obtaining drink. He asked the Bench to take a lenient view of the case for the sake of his family.

P.C. Lewis, of Bradninch, stated that he saw the defendant going across a field near Stoke House carrying two bags. He asked the defendant what he had, but at first defendant made no reply, and started walking away. Witness asked again and defendant replied, "Nothing." On searching, witness found six Goldfinches, a variety of nets, and irons. Defendant said he did not know Goldfinches were protected, and that he had not done anything in trapping for some time. The defendant was also summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to two Goldfinches by bracing them. P.C. Lewis stated that on reaching defendant's home with the birds he found two of the birds in a cage were very uncomfortable. Witness found that across and around the wings and below the body were little pieces of twine, with hooks fastened at the bottom. He cut them off with difficulty, and after a time the birds seemed greatly relieved. The braces on one bird were very tight, the bird was rubbed underneath the body, and had been bruised. When witness served the summons, defendant asked why he was summoned for cruelty. He said that he did not consider braces would hurt the birds, as they had had them for months, and they sang in the cage with the braces on. Defendant said that the birds had been in a breeding cage. They had never shown any sign of being cruelly treated. It was no trouble to put the braces on or to take them off. He would not hurt one of his birds even if he were given £50. He was very fond of all birds.

On the first summonses the Bench fined defendant 20s. inclusive. On the second they gave him the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the case. The nets were confiscated, but the defendant was allowed to have the birds which had been in captivity.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

DURHAM.

Open Linnet sing, Black Horse Inn, April 4; 46 entered and some good singing was heard, six birds going full time. 1, 2, 3, 4, divided, Boyd, McQuirk, Heslop, Close. Judge, Thos. Farrey; timekeeper, Joe Farrey.—Thos. Farrey. See notice above as to advertisements.—Ed.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, April 4; 33 entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. Four minutes' time sing: 1, 3, Beard, 98, 75; 2, Nelson, 91. Open sing, April 5; 39 entered for three prizes. Three minutes' time: 1, Nelson, 121; 2, 3, Beard, 81, 81.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest for time, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, April 4; 47 entered for 4-minutes' time singing for four prizes, and some very good singing was heard. We do not sing all seconds in; a bird in our club has to do 5 secs. before he counts at all. 1, Brindley, 105; 2, Liversedge, 94; 3, Caddy, 85; 4, Williams, 82. April 5, 22 entered for 3-minutes' time singing for three prizes. 1, Caddy, 50; 2, Kirk, 49; 3, Nelson, 43.—J. Brindley, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, April 5, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street, Sheffield. 11 pairs sang for 3 prizes given by Mr. J. Scholfield. 1, Brown; 2, Laurie; 3, Orton.—W. Bingham Sec.

Linnet contest for time, April 5, British Oak, Carbrook; 8 pairs sang for 3 prizes given by Mr. A. Austin. 1, Newton; 2, 3, Robinson; also a show of British at night. 1, Robinson; 2, Duce; 3, Hailstone. Open show, April 12. Class 1, Brit.; 2, Canary or Mule.—E. Robinson, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest for time and quality, Globe Inn, April 4; 39 birds entered and some very poor time was done. 1, 2, Knowles, 66 and 53; 3, Dixon, 42; 4, Statham, 29. Winners for quality: 1, Smedley; 2, Ashcroft; 3, Gibbons; 4, E. Page. Judges for quality, Messrs. Gibbons, Jones, Cain. Timers, J. Poole and B. Ashcroft. Minute man, J. Green. Another open contest April 25, for time and quality; prizes according to entrance.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr. Open contests for quality, April 4. 19 entered for 3 prizes given by Mr. Bowyer. 1, Laycock; 2, Ward; 3 shared by Rosendale and Jarman. Judges, Messrs. Pyrah and Lunn. April 5, 29 entered for 4 prizes. There was some very good singing before a packed house, fanciers coming from several other towns to hear the birds. 1, Ward; 2, Laycock; 3, Brabiner; 4, Rosendale. Judges, Messrs. J. T. Lund, Pyrah and Lunn.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road, April 4; 20 birds competed for 3 prizes. 1, Moran; 2 B. Smith; 3, Dobson. Judges, Messrs. P. Maddon and Goodwill. April 5, 16 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, Yates; 2, Dobson; 3, Bickerdyke. Judges, Messrs. Goodwill and Longedale.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet sing, April 4, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. 15 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, 3, Sissons; 2, Hardcastle. Judges, Jennings and Naylor. April 5, 23 sang for 4 prizes. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 4, Wood; 3, Sissons. Judges, Cooper and Naylor. Open contest for quality, Easter Monday; first pair hung at 2.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

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BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Young Bird Point Competition.—Champion Section: 1, J. Ives, 114 points; 2, M. Neugebauer, 84; 3, J. Humphries, 60; 4, A. Cadman, 39; 5, J. H. Willows, 35; 6, J. T. Johnson, 22; 7, A. M. Firtlr, 18; 8, G. Wirth, 18. Novice Section: 1, H. Best, 55 points; 2, H. Rawcliffe, 36; 3, A. E. Lockwood, 35; 4, A. Cadman, 34; 5, G. W. Broadbent, 28; 6, T. G. Thompson, 24; 7, A. Percival, jnr., 21; 8, R. O. Whiteley, 21.—J. W. Norris, Sec.

LONG EATON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting April 4, headquarters; 14 present. Discussion was opened by C. Rogers on the use of closed rings for young birds. Opinions were about evenly divided, and as the season has already started with some of the members, the Secretary suggested that the rule should not be made compulsory this season. A very instructive and enjoyable evening was spent. We are all looking forward to a successful season with our birds, and the Fancy generally seems to be making progress at Long Eaton. One new member was proposed.—G. Baines, Hon. Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Table show of British, Black Swan, April 4. Entries were very good. President, Dr. B. G. Ewing, judged and gave great satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the judge. BULLF. OR GOLDIE: 1, Pyrah; 2, Burnell; 3, Crossley; vhc, J. Summers; hc, H. Summers; c, Waind. LINNET: 1, Burnell; 2, Waind; 3, Pyrah; vhc, Waind. GREENF.: 1, Kendrew; 2, Waind; 3, T. Summers. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Pyrah, Twite; 2, Burnell, Redpoll; 3, J. Summers, Redpoll; vhc, Crossley; hc, Haywood. A.O.S.: 1, Burnell, Chaff.; 2, Kendrew, Chaff.; 3, F. Summers; vhc, Waind; hc, Waind.—H. Cockrem, Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting April 4, Village Hall, Juniper Green, Vice-President (Mr. Michie) in chair. The Chairman made reference to the sad loss sustained by one of our members, Mr. Jas. Roger, in the loss of his beloved wife, and Sec. was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mr. Rodger. Classification for N.F. show was read over by the Sec., and it was decided to add a class for Crest or C.B. Mr. Watson, Edin, gave a very interesting lecture on Mules and Hybrids. Mr. Watson went into every detail very minutely, explained all the various methods he had tried, and gave the result of his experiences. At the close of the lecture Mr. Watson answered a number of questions in a very able manner. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded Mr. Watson. Next meeting May 2, at 7, when subs. are due and booking of hens; the last meeting for new members joining.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, Palmer Hall, April 1, with a good attendance. Mr. Hawes, of Brill, gave a washing exhibition, using a drying cage heated by water-bath. This method was new to most members and was much appreciated. Mr. Hawes afterwards gave a very interesting paper on bird management for breeding and showing. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Hawes for his kindness, and for the manner in which he answered the many questions submitted to him. The unfortunate part of the meeting was the resignation of Mr. W. H. Pyke, as Secretary. The Society can ill-afford to lose such an enthusiastic worker. He has the well-wishes of every member in his new appointment, and one and all are delighted to know he will still be among us. Mr. O. C. Smith, the assistant, was elected Sec., and all communications should now be addressed accordingly. Members are requested to keep next meeting night clear and attend, as there is an extra special paper. New members elected: Mrs. Murton, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Wise, Mr. Pounsett, Mr. Seymour, and Mr. Cox.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Meeting, April 4th, at Plummet Line Hotel, before a good attendance, Mr. F. Townsend presiding. The sub-committee's report was heard. Decided to have six members' shows, also three lectures, one debate, and two rambles, one to Crimsworth Dean, on May 16 and the other up Blackburn Valley, on June 13. We shall also have a washing exhibition on Sept. 26 by Mr. R. E. Helliwell, and a novice competition for a medal, given by Mr. Townsend, and then a judging competition on December 26th. Decided to offer 5s. for each section at each show, also to give three gold medals for novices, two for Yorkshires and one for Norwich for most points with three birds. A member kindly promised a pair of Yorkshires, value £1 for a novice who does not win a special, also another member has given two shillings at each show for second most points for novices. Five shillings was given for most points with three birds at nest feather shows, also 2s. 6d. for most points with vhc birds, and 2s. 6d. for hc birds. We have also 22s. 6d. given by members yet to allot. The secretary will be glad to receive any addition to the specials in cash or value, so we can share them out at next meeting, April 18. Decided to engage W. Mundell and W. Vardy, to judge annual open show, Nov. 20 and 21. We made three new members, which brings our list up to 90.—H. Clegg, Sec.

NORTH STAFFS R.C.C.

Meeting, March 5. Mr. Hickman presided over a good attendance. The usual business was expedited, and closed with a hearty vote of thanks to officials for their services during the past half-year. The secretary was mentioned for judging club show. We have been repeatedly asked, "When are you holding an open show?" Thanks, friends; not yet—finance. Proposed that members and friends have motor trip to Rhyl. A few Birds were at the meeting, and tours which proved a stumbling block were explained. These were a Schwirre, a peculiarly delivered set of flute notes, and an uncommon way of delivering a slight aufzug. Owner said "this had been penalised." It was explained that only the judge knew how it was sung at the time the bird was judged; but, if sung the same as we heard it, competition must have been extraordinarily keen for it to be penalised. A bell-Glucke also was sung. Agreed unanimously that when sung in such a manner it was worthy of being credited. A fair number attended meeting held April 2. Mr. Hickman again presided. Idea of motor trip abandoned, as suitable date cannot be fixed to suit the convenience of the majority. Decided to have, in lieu, a knife and fork tea, followed by a musical evening, May 14, at Evans' Cafe. Tickets, 1s. 6d. Will members and friends desirous of attending, please notify previous to, or at the next meeting, April 30. Mr. Haddrell has arrangements in hand, and will be pleased to supply further particulars. Only one bird at this meeting, but it did not sing. New member, Mr. Worthington (Longton). Proposed for membership, Messrs. Booth and Plant (Chesterton).—J. Tomlinson, Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Victoria Cottage, April 1st. Mr. R. Carmyllie presided over a small attendance. Date of annual show was fixed for 5th December. Club show will be held 17th October.—J. F. Langlands, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Annual table show of Muling and Hybrid pairs, April 4, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-st. A grand array was on exhibition. Entries were quite up to average, and quite a tidy sum was placed to the credit of the club. President, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, is always well to the fore in giving specials for these shows, and his example acts as an incentive to others. Specials were given also by Messrs. Macfarlane, Cassels, Telfer and Martin, whilst Mr. Arnott gave a cash special for next meetiug for best F.M. Linnet, and Mr. Macfarlane has promised a special for a judging competition in this class. Mr. James Dick (Kirkintilloch) judged, and his awards were well received.

GOLDF. AND CAN.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Hulbert; 3, Macfarlane; 4, Telfer; 5, McGowan; 6, Cassels; 7, Bannerman. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, McPhail; 2, McGowan; 3, Telfer; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Hulbert; 6, Bannerman; 7, Cassels. A.O.V. MULING PAIRS: 1, McPhail; 2, Cassels; 3, McGowan; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Telfer; 6, Hulbert; 7, Bannerman. HYB.: 1, Pettigrew, Goldf. and Bullf., both Siberians; 2, Telfer, Linnet and Bullie; 3, McGowan, Goldf. and Greenf.; 4, Bannerman; 5, 6, Cassels; 7, Hulbert.

BARNSLEY C.B.A.

Meeting April 4, headquarters, Clarence Hotel, Chairman, Mr. Hinchliffe, presided over a good gathering, who each in their turn had a question to answer concerning Canary breeding. The first call was Mr. Charlesworth, who gave us a good little lecture on the cause of unfertile eggs, which, in his opinion, is due to birds not being in condition. No. 2 was Mr. Race, with that funny question. "What is the cause of hens leaving their young at the age of 8 or 10 days old?" Mr. Race gave us plenty of reasons, but the main cause, he thinks, is the hens coming into condition again, through the feeding, especially with hemp seed. No. 3, Mr. Thorpe, with the standard of the Norwich Plainhead, which was very interesting, especially to the breeders of the "thick 'uns," who will be looking over their stock to see if they can find one or two like the one Brother Thorpe impressed on their minds. No. 4, Mr. Ibberson, a breeder of Norwich, had the question, what kind of stock birds would he prefer to produce exhibition Norwich Plainheads? This was also very interesting, and was explained in good order. His ideal pair was, clear yell. cock with good broad skull, with eyes in centre of head, neck thick and short to correspond with a body well clothed with good quality of feather and full of substance, tapering off into grand position, on a pair of legs showing well up to thighs, tail nicely carried. This kind of bird paired to a nice green marked hen, that has a good round head, with a broad entrance, with good quality of feather and type, and a pair of short wings and legs, should produce some good specimens. No. 5, Mr. Hall: Which is the best egg food, and give receipe for same? Our friend gave us numerous recipes, but the one he gave his vote to is: Boil one fresh egg for 15 minutes and let it go cold, then rub it through a fine seive, along with one tea biscuit and three arrowroot biscuits. With this he has reared the most young birds. No. 6, Chairman, Mr. Hinchliffe, had to answer—What is the best method of colour feeding? He thinks the best colour is produced by paste feeding. He cuts a thick slice of bread, soaks it in water and squeezes it out again, then mixes 1½ tablespoonfuls of colour food with the bread to make it into paste. He gave us plenty of recipes which were eagerly grasped by our novices.—E. Toulson, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting March 31, Boot Inn, Mr. F. C. Parker, chair. Decided that Mr. Burns (Birkenhead) judge N.F. show, that cup he offered for competition similar to last year, and that two classes for Borders be included in schedule. Washing exhibition next monthly meetiug.—L. Cavanagh, Hon. Sec.

AUDLEY ROLLER C.C.

First meeting held April 4. Mr. J. Tomlinson presiding. Addressing a "full house," he explained a fancier's duties, first to himself, and to his family; in brief, that a fancier should not purchase, or allow his stock to reach such proportions that it necessitates more or less hard work, and probably a detriment to home comforts. He urged fanciers to consider what was required from them; they should join a society, but there was more required from a member than a simple payment of the club's subscription. After joining, having become a "shareholder" in his club, he urged him to do his duties faithfully and well, both to himself and to his fellow-members. Several interesting discussions took place, one, the superiority or otherwise of bricks over wood in the erection of an outdoor bird-room. The causes of colds, asthma, or bronchitis, the possibilities of a cure, and the advisability of breeding from affected specimens. Others of a minor character were discussed. Several birds were at the meeting, and the tours were explained by the Chairman. He pointed out a modulating bass roll, describing its varying changes of toue, saying it was one of the best he had ever had the pleasure of hearing. Another, similar, was a hollow roll, its value would have been enhanced with a little more depth of tone. It is gratifying to us, a new society, to learn that our birds are equal to the majority of those owned by North Staffordshire fanciers. I have not Mr. Tomlinson's permission to repeat all the kind things said of the part he is taking in endeavouring to instruct the roller fanciers in North Staffordshire, in the "mysteries of the bird's song tours."—Geo. Cross, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place). J.W.M.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.U.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 20, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 105, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—(Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21. **Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 20, Aqueduct St.).

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallentyre, South View, W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.** (H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopston, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.).

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Dec. 2. **Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Dec. 2-3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 109, Church Lane, Aston.) J.R.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Dec. 12.—**Burslem C.B.S.**—(L. James, 48, Croft St.)

Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.).

Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(G. M'Ardle, 38, Sydney St.).

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 13, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Abbravon, Port Talbot C.B.S.** (A. Maggs, 18, Rice St., Port Talbot.).

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

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VARIOUS BIRDS.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 8/6; yellow Norwich cock and Roller hen, 7/6; three hen Goldfinches, 1/6 each: Auton Bros., Spalding. (1525)

EVEN marked Crestbred hen, Greenfinch cock, Pekin Nightingale, single breeder, lot 8/6: Pearce, 64, Coleman-rd., Camberwell, London. (1500)

FOUR Yorkshire hens, 10/- lot; Yorkshire cock, 6/-; Norwich Muling hen, 3/6; H.M. Linnet, Muler, 3/-; offers: Devine, Maple-aven., Convent-lane, Hull. (1523)

WINNERS: Missel Thrush 25/-, Waxwing 80/-, show cages; 2 Chaffinches, 5/- each; large Greenfinch Mule 20/-, variegated Crest cock 15/-; room wanted; stamp reply: Paruaby, 14, Dent-st., Shildon. (1526)

GIVING up; yellow cock Greenfinch and Buff Norwich hen, 5/6, nesting; large Linnet and hen Bullfinch, 4/6, promising; Redpoll (H.M.) and Greenfinch hen, very forward, 3/6; bargains: Hames, 30, Southrd., Bournemouth. (1527)

YES! BIRDS' SUPPLIED FROM 1/- PER WEEK, at the East Stonehouse Aviaries, 1a, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. We are the largest breeders in the West. Large collections Yorkshires, Norwich, Crest. Crest-breds, etc.; no rubbish kept; birds taken in exchange; state requirements; stamp reply.

WANTED.

WANTED, hen Canaries; exchange exhibition Brisbers: Dulton, Dunstable. (1505)

WANTED, hen Californian Quail, cock Partridge, tame if possible: Stone, Cunnor, Sydenham. (1524)

WANTED, any quantity cock Mules, best prices given: R. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED good Norwich cock Canary, must be from outdoor aviary: Rev. Clarke, Bishopstoke, Hants.

WANTED, large Norwich cocks or hens; state the lowest prices: Andrew Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1532)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries; will give a good price for good birds: W. Johnson, 55, George-st., Leeds. (1525)

WANTED, any quantity of Yorkshire Canaries, best price given: R. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED, four cock Yorkshire Canaries, in full song: Address McEwan, 38, Woddrop-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (1525)

WANTED, 3 hen Zebra Finches, must be healthy; particulars to E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma-rd., Windsor. (1523)

CONNAUGHTON, Empire Aviaries, Sunderland, wants Canaries, British and foreign birds for resale; state prices. (1527)

CANARIES wanted, Yorkshire or Norwich, large or small quantities; will deposit; send particulars to: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax. (1531)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (1505)

WANTED, for cash, best prices given for Canaries, any variety British, quote prices: P. Jackson, Clocktace, St. Helen's, Lancashire. (1531)

WANTED, Talking Parrot and cage for cash; or exchange Yorkshires or Crests: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (1522)

WANTED, African Grey Parrot, and cage, cheap, to good home, must be acclimatised: M. L., 7, St. Dunstan's-rd., Forest Gate, E. (1526)

WANTED, cock Canary; will give large cock Goldfinch in exchange; cock Greenfinch hen Bramblin, paired, 3/6: S. Burch, Woodbridge. (1531)

WANTED Canaries, all varieties, state breeds and lowest price; terms: cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1499)

WANTED rabbits, fowls, pigeons, mice, rats, guinea pigs, anything; state lowest price: Trcsise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (1504)

WANTED, Canaries, naturals, colour fed Yorkshires, Crests and Mules, best price given: S. Roberts, 29, Gloucester-st., Norwich. (1492)

WANTED, for cash, good healthy Norwich, Yorkshire Crests, cock and hen: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (1526)

FOREIGN birds in exchange for a beautiful pair of Ural Ice Pigeons; value 20/-; guaranteed breeders; approval: Watson, Titheharn-st., Preston. (1527)

WANTED, Canaries for resale; honourable dealings only: Andrews, 16 and 16½, Howick-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, opposite Monkwearmouth Station. (1527)

I WILL buy anything alive, or will exchange bird cages, ready made or to order: Tresise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green, London. (1504)

WANTED to exchange, brace pedigree Greyhound puppies for exhibition British, Goldfinches preferred; or sell 35/- each: Martin, 52, Hotham-pl., Devonport. (1529)

WANTED good 1913 Crest hen, green preferred, exchange yellow Norwich cock, Bullfinch hen paired; mutual approval: Maddocks, Cowley, Manor Garden, Cheltenham. (1530)

WANTED for Export, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canaries, large or small quantities; good prices paid, according to quality. Send particulars to Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch mules, give 1/3 each; common hen Canaries, 1/3; Borders, 1/6; Norwich or Yorkshires, 1/9; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (1526)

WANTED a clear yellow Yorkshire cock, good size and quality, exchange cock Linnet and hen Bullfinch, prize winners and nesting; also large cock Siskin, very tame, all h.m., sell 30/-, seen anytime by appointment: A. Gryden, 25, Sheffield terr., Kensington, W. (1520)

WANTED—CANARIES

Mules and British birds, Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

WANTED FOR SOUTH AFRICA

We are open to purchase any quantity Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Crest-breds, talking Parrots, and toy Pomeranians, good prices given; West of England Bird Exchange, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

WANTED YORKSHIRES

colour-fed; will give 7/6 pair; cash deposited; stamp reply; also Norwich, British, Mules: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxto[illegible] N (1323)

RUTHERFORD & SONS

Wanted, any quantity Yorkshire and Norwich hens, 1/8 each; Goldfinch mules, hens, 1/- each: 333, High-rd., Lcytonstone, E. (1526)

WANTED

Clean, healthy Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, best price given, any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd. Norwich. (1513)

WANTED

any quantity surplus Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Mules, Hybrids, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Larks, Linnets etc., for shop sale; established 50 years; send on and state price required, or write: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

WANTED

500 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, must be large, clean, healthy birds; will give 8/- pair for good birds; also will give 5/- each for cock Goldfinch mules in full song. Stamped envelope for reply and guaranteed prompt payment: Enoch Power, Direct Importer, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANFE a pair of Goldfinches for a cock Canary or sell 6/-: Mr. Bailey, 4, North-rd., Evesham. (1525)

WILL exchange pair of cock Bullfinches, piping, for a Yorkshire hen: Swarbrick, Bridge-st., Cootehill. (1529)

WHAT offers in Canaries for cock Thrush and cage, singing, genuine: R. Metcalfe, 152, Liverpool-st., Salford. (1526)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, two hens, for pair covers, 28-1½, wired, sell 10/-: Lewis, 55, Letitia-st., Middlesbrough. (1528)

WANTED two young Norwich hens; will exchange singing cock Goldfinch: G. Backwell, 32, Sion-rd., Bedminster, Bristol. (1527)

TWO large cock Goldfinches, in full song, 3/6 each; large cock Greenfinch, 2/-; exchange entertained: Hearn, Bottisham, Cambs. (1528)

EXCHANGE fierce singing house-moulted Linnet for buff Yorkshire hen, or sell 3/6: Riseborough, 10, Queen's-rd., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (1526)

BEAUTIFUL large cock Waxwing, acclimatised, 12/-, would exchange for good whole-backed violin: Thorpe, 253, Carlton-rd., Worksop. (1457)

WARRANTED cock Linnet, good songster, perfect feather, rare mulcr, sell 2/-; or exchange anything useful: Poole, Westbury, Leigh, Wilts. (1525)

HOUSE-MOULTED muling Goldfinch, ditto Linnet, both full song, 7/6; approval; exchange Roller cock: Barrett, Schoolmaster, Bornco-st., Walsall. (1528)

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, small marble clock, going order, sell 12/-; what offers, Mule preferred: C. Haigh, Clark Green, Batley, Yorks. (1526)

FOUR yellow green Linnets, cocks, 2/6 each; one cock Goldfinch, 5/-; or exchange Canary, Norwich preferred; birds first: C. Brennan, 25, Broadcroft, Kirkintilloch. (1531)

BULLFINCH, make big winner; Goldfinch, make winner; both house-moulted, incessant songsters; 17/6; exchange Norwich: Spencer Tubrid, Brosna, Roserca, Ireland. (1527)

GRAND white-leg cock Goldfinch, will moult winner, sell 3/6; also few Greenfinches, sure winners, 1/- each; exchange hen Canaries: Elliott, White Hart, Burgh, Lincolnshire. (1526)

EXHIBITION 1913 Welsh cock Goldfinch; exchange for big leggy Yorkshire cock, or anything, or sell 25/-; approval; yours first: Pritchard, Llain-yr-Ardd, Bethel, nr. Carnarvon. (1527)

DR. CRIPPEN, one of the best contest Linnets in Staffordshire, is now in his best form, and can win Easter Monday contests, price 20/-: G. Perrins, 26, Lennox-rd., Longton, Staffordshire. (1525)

COCK Goldfinch, full song, sure muler, 4/-; Bullfinch, 2/6; Linnet, 2/-; Greenfinch, 1/-; hen Hawfinch, 3/-; exchange lot for large buff Norwich cock, stock bird: Coulthard, Station-hill, Wigton, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed, thimble for water, with new cages and detachable fittings, for young girl's clothes, or sell 4/- each; approval: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn (1531)

GRAND 1913 hand-reared Thrush and cage, full song, real beauty; cock Goldfinch, caged seven months, full song, sure muler, 5/6; or exchange both or single: Cooke, Grocer, York-st., Cambridge.

SALE or exchange for hen Canaries, good cock Goldfinch Mule and hybrid breeder, 10/-; good cock Greenfinch, twice house-moulted, 5/-; cock Redpoll and very tame hen Chaffinch, feeding, 6/-: Haddrell, South Godstone. (1527)

FOR sale, two of the best Linnet Mules in England, taught with one of Mr. Allen's champion Linnets, winner of over 50 first prizes for quality Linnet contest singing, 12/6 each; would exchange one for house-moulted Linnets on full song: Thomas Pickering, Grocer, 63, Albert-st., Preston. (1529)

Mainly Canaries.

NORWICH and Yorkshire hens, cold-room bred, 3/- and 2/6 each; or exchange: Bright, 94, Rushey Green, Catford. (1526)

EXCHANGE two Green Roller hens 1913, breeding condition, for H.M. Goldfinch cock: Mountford, Wath, near Rotherham. (1525)

EXCHANGE one pair of Yorkshire for good B.R.C.C. hens; offers; yours first: 29, Churchhill-rd., Bordesley Green, Birmingham. (1524)

GOOD Fox Terrier dog pup, eight weeks, from pedigree parents, 12/6; exchange Roller Canaries: Valentine, St. Mary's, Bedford. (1529)

TWO Norwich hens, buff, yellow, 5/- each; or exchange for good clear yellow cock: Woodrow, Mastons-lane, Shaftesbury. (1528)

EXCHANGE Champion Yorkshires or Norwich for good cycle, 24in. frame, or gold jewellery: Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1494)

PAIR good Crests, cost 30/-; sell for 20/-; exchange pair even-marked Borders or winning British: Short, 328, High-st., Cheltenham. (1525)

TWO buff Border hens; wanted Twite, Mealy, or gent.'s mackintosh; no rubbish offered or wanted: Hodgson, Southend, Wigton. (1528)

PAIR prize-bred Border hens, cinnamons, buffs; exchange large Crestbred cock; must be good: Penttic, Lemon-terr., Levon. (1530)

WANTED to exchange cock Linnet, Green Roller, Buff Yorkshire hens, for singing cock Yorkshires: Dalton, 28, Carr-st., Lincoln. (1526)

EXCHANGE pair Borders, variegated cock cinnamon, marked hen, resting, for 2 Yorkshire hens: Malone, 115, High-st., Jarrow. (1523)

EXCHANGE big yellow Norwich hen and Muling cock Linnet, 2 H.M., for Yorkshire cock, or 7/6: Malone, 115, High-st., Jarrow. (1522)

EXCHANGE cabin trunk, never used, cost 30/-, for Cinnamon or Green-marked Yorks or Norwich: Cox, 160, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (1527)

CAMERA and accessories, complete, 2½ by 2½, holds 12 plates; exchange Roller cock, good singer: Johnstone, Balcurvie, Windygates, Fife. (1536)

EXCHANGE 1913 hen Canaries for good piping Bullfinches or Goldfinches; offer: Horlebog, 10, Clarendon-st., Pimlico, London, S.W. (1525)

EXCHANGE good young Norwich cock for muling cock Goldfinch or two Norwich hens: Ernest Barker, Armoury Cottage, Bondgate, Helmsley. (1529)

WANTED good Roller cock, 1913 bird, will exchange large yellow Norwich cock and hen, or sell 20/-: Burrows, Hamp Ward, Bridgwater. (1519)

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EXCHANGE 1913 Border cock and three hens, yellows and buffs, for pair 1913 green or cinnamon Borders: Smith, 13, Lewthwaites-square, Port-rd., Carlisle. (1531)

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EXCHANGE sitting Rhode Island Reds, or Silver Spangled Hamburgh Bantams, value 7/6, for good hen Norwich or Yorkshire, green, or cinnamon preferred: Caspell, Thames-st., Staines. (1501)

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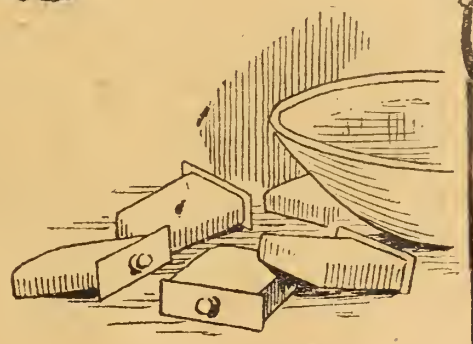

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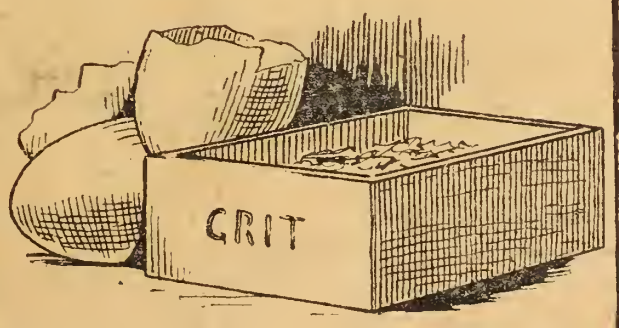

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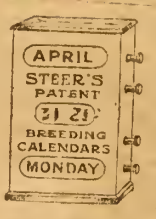

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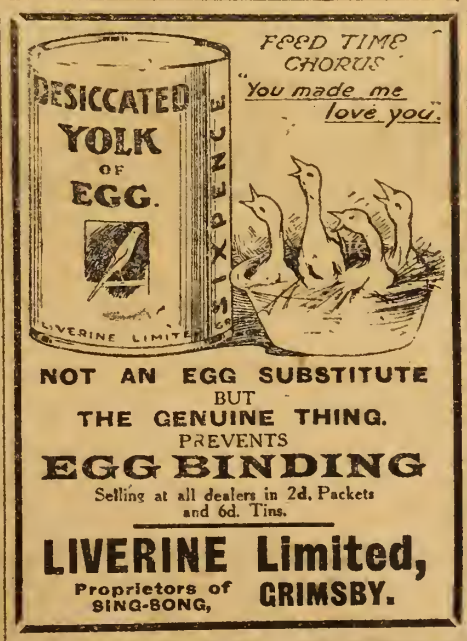

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Norwich.

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I am also offering a limited number of hens bred from some of the best strains in England, at **7/6** and **10/-** each. These are worth treble to any breeder. All B.R.C.C. rung. I invite fanciers requiring Rollers to come and hear these birds, and make their own selection. To those who cannot come I offer to send one or more birds to any address in the Kingdom at my sole risk, on ten days' approval, and undertake to return cash in full, if not absolutely satisfactory. Is it possible to make a fairer offer?

JOE THOMAS, BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR,
Ambler Thorn, Halifax, Yorks.

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I have 14 large rooms full of grand stock and exhibition birds, also First-class Songsters, in every variety; all in the pink of health and condition.

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Grand, short, thick-set birds, cocks or hens, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** each upwards. Matched pairs, personally selected by me for breeding winners, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 60/-** to **100/-** per pair. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and I am prepared to give a written guarantee that the above are bred by me from my noted strain of winners. I have also a few real good cobby birds bred from other well-known strains at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Grand cobby hens, **4/-, 6/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, **10/-, 12/6, 16/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-** per pair.

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Grand lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, with good position and in full song, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. Erect racy hens, **3/6, 4/-, 6/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Matched breeding pairs, personally selected and ready for immediate breeding, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** per pair. Also a few special pairs bred from open winners and personally matched by me for breeding winners, at **25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. I am in a special position to give amateurs a good start with the best blood in the Fancy, or to supply the old hand with good stock birds, either Cocks or Hens, at a reasonable price.

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PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.—See my Special Announcement under Rollers on this page.

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Grand, healthy, Sib. hens, for muling, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each.

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WANTED Yorkshire, give 5/6 cocks, 2/9 hens; any quantity; cash deposited; stamp: Oliver, 2, Bridport Place, Hoxton. (1575)

YORKSHIRES, high-class, long and slim, ready for breeding; cocks, 10/6, hens 5/-; on view: Mr. French, 702, Fulham-rd., S.W. (1530)

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YORKSHIRES for sale: A few good birds for disposal, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford. (1481)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some 7in., from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whithy, Yorks. (1306)

LONG, stylish cocks, full song, from 8/6; hens, breeding condition, 5/-, cold room; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill. (1485)

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Champion untried large Yorkshire hens, ready to nest, at **3/-, 4/-, 6/-, 6/-** each. Worth double the money, and all in grand health and feathered like wax. Also large Sib.-bred hens for mule breeding, at **3/-, 4/-, 5/-** each. Travelling cage, **3d.** extra. Seven days' approval at my risk.

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Seifert Trained Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. A grand lot of hens, in excellent breeding condition, same strain, 2/9, 3/6, 4/- and 5/- each. Pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Rollers' Cages, together with cabinets, from 4/- each. Travelling Cages in all cases 3d. All birds on approval. For other varieties see my Illustrated Price List before deciding elsewhere. A postcard will bring it. Feeding Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, price according to size.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH

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Typical cocks, fit for exhibition, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/-, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; all ten days' on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1160)

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LARGE cobby Norwich and long, slim, typical Yorkshires, yellow or buff cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; hens 3/6, 4/6, 6/- each; grand lot Seifert Roller hens, 3/6 each; all cold-room bred; approval: Wales Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1538)

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LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, 5/6; cocks, on full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1160)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **Norwich.**

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Grand Goldfinch-Canary or Linnet-Canary Mules, in full song, guaranteed, 7/6 each; grand cages for same, from 1/-, 1/6, 2/-; approval; for testimonials, write Editor for proof, who has seen the originals: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston. Established 50 years.

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From best strain in the world; Norwich and Yorkshire type, from 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; send for catalogue for proof of winners bred from same; Muling cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; Muling cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; any on approval; breeder thirty years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Prestou, Lancs.

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BEAUTIFUL Foreign birds, list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (1537)

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TALKING African Grey Parrot, red tail, perfect plumage, £3, with cage: Swann, 219, Falkner-st., Liverpool. (1544)

PARROT wanted, will give good price for nice bird, grey or green suit if talking: Milner, 137, Phythian-st., Liverpool. (1544)

COCK Rosella, adult, for sale, acclimatised, outdoor aviary, perfect plumage, 35/-: Mrs. Bonnick, East Hoathly. (1541)

PARROTS, African Grey Talking, warranty, 20/-; Amazon Blue-fronted, 20/-; bargains: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1538)

PARROT wanted, good price given for a talker; grey or green suit if plain speaker: Milner, 137, Phythian-st., Liverpool. (1544)

BLACK-CHEEKED Lovebirds, exhibition pair, show condition, breeders, with their show cage, 50/-: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (1541)

PENNANT Parrakeet, 60/-; cock Nonpareil Bunting, 20/-; Bullfinch-Lark, 5/6; Indian Mynah, tame, 14/-: Rectory, Nash, Stony Stratford. (1545)

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BEAUTIFUL Blue Tanager, acclimatised, 25/-; or exchange Foreign; wanted to purchase healthy hen Gouldian: Steed, North-st., Sudbury, Suffolk.

NOTICE! Grand African Grey Parrot, with rare tail, perfect order, plain speaker, 32/6; worth £5; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas. (1527)

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INDIAN Shama cock, in perfect condition, grand songster, 50/-; true pair Shore Larks, 15/-; true pair Waxwings, 20/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1539)

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PARROT, acclimatised grey-coloured bird, strong and robust, take food from hand or mouth, very talkative, suitable for lonely person, only 25/-, with cage: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford. (1545)

AFRICAN Grey Parrots, in perfect health and condition, 35/-; Blue-fronted Amazon, 25/-; tame Galar, 20/-; satisfaction and safe delivery guaranteed: Jack Daley, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool. 'Phone 5490 Central. (1543)

PARROT, Grey and Red, perfect plumage, talks, whistles, acclimatised, healthy, large metal cage, brass mounted, 21/-, bird and cage; weekly instalments accepted: 270, Great Bridge-st., West Bromwich. (995)

GENUINE talking Parrot, talks, laughs, whistles, and sings, great mimic, not a dummy, but a genuine topper, accept 35/-; or exchange Canaries or poultry to value; stamp reply: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1543)

PAIRS Black Tanagers, 25/-; Red-headed Finches, 18/-; cocks, Red-headed Finches, 8/-; Melba Finches, 15/-; Vinacious Fire Finch, 40/-; Queen Whydah, in colour, 45/-; pair Peach-faced Lovebirds, £6: Yealland, Binstead, Wight. (1534)

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10 pairs magnificent Blacks, perfect show form, 60/- pair, cocks 25/-, hens 30/-; 2 pairs Reds, at 80/-, 1 hen, 60/-; 1 Diamond Sparrow hen, 20/-; Super Indigo, finest possible, 25/-; pair magnificent Rosellas, free breeders, outdoors three winters, 80/-; another pair, smaller, 63/-; 5 pairs handsome Black-headed Conures, 50/- pair; 4 grand Shamas, full song, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- each; Crested Cardinal, show form, 10/6; 20 pairs adult Zebra Finches, at 10/6 pair (no odd hens to offer), odd cocks, 3/- each (plenty of young later, big stud up nesting); 11 pairs Cockatiels, free breeders, 15/- pair; Austrian Giant Hawfinches (certain winners), cocks 10/6, hens 5/6, pairs 15/-; 15 pairs South African Red-headed Fiuches, many on eggs, 15/- and 20/- pair; Transvaal Singing Finch, cocks, 10/6 each, very rare (first importation), bargain; grand Jamaica Troupial, 25/-; 43 pairs grand acclimatised Cordon Bleus, 5/- pair, perfect show form; White Javas, nesting, 8/6; Grey Javas, 3/6; Fire Finches, 6/-; Nutmegs, 3/-; Cutthroats, 3/6; breeding Orange-cheeks, 3/6; Crimson-cheeks, 3/-; Green Singing Finch cocks, full song, 3/6 each; Pekin cock Nightingales, full song, 3/6; pairs, 4/6; Madagascar Weaver cocks, full blaze of colour, 6/- each; Bishops and Weavers, various, showing colour, 4/6 pair; Mannikins, 2/6 pair; Californian Quail cock, perfect, 7/6; Senegal Doves, 7/6 pair; Madagascar Lovebirds, breeding, 4/6 pair; our renowned Budgerigars, finest strain and most successful in England, hundreds of winners bred annually, including 1st Palace 1914 winner, all our own breeding in extensive outdoor garden aviaries, yellows 7/6 pair, greens 6/- pair; superior Copper-wired husks, 5/- dozen, finest procurable; inspection invited any time. 'Phone, 849 Richmond. N.B.—Only birds actually in stock ever advertised.—**COLLINGBOURNE & CO., East Sheen Aviaries, East Sheen, Surrey; and at Sunbury-on-Thames.**

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WANTED pair Golden-breasted Waxbills, cocks Bengalese Zebra, Silverbill, Spice, hens White Rice, Pintail, Nonpareil, and Scaly-headed Finch, or sell cocks, thoroughly acclimatised, 10/6 each; exchange entertained: Miller, Broomhouse, Glasgow. (1539)

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Club Reports.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

General meeting, April 6, at headqnarters, 23 present; three new members made, Messrs. W. G. Fellows, S. White and Dr. Weekes. Sec. announced that Mr. Geo. Gamble, Winchester, had promised to give a lecture on the breeding, colour feeding and exhibiting of Canaries at next general meeting, May 4, when non-members and all fanciers will be heartily welcomed.—W. L. Page, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, April 9; Mr. Havenhand, chair. We have secured the large hall at the Vestry Hall for annual show, Nov. 21. Mr. Fletcher gave some very breezy and interesting hints on the management of British birds. A thorough fancier, Mr. Fletcher does not believe in giving anyone a puffed criticism of any bird. He criticised the specimens shown candidly and freely,, and his remarks were greatly appreciated. He also answered numerous questions in his usual inimitable manner, and members who were not present missed a most enjoyable meeting. After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded him, Mr. Fletcher honoured us by accepting a honorary member's card. Awards: HARDBILL: 1, 2, M. Darlow; 3, 4, W. Buckley; vhc, W. F. Dyett. SOFTBILL: 1, W. Buckley; 2, 3, M. Darlow.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, April 8, headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel, Mr. Bayliss chair, and a capital attendance. Mr. Cowley, Little Bromwich, elected a member, and two others nominated, all being keen on the Yorkshire Fancy (still going strong). Decided to have the young bird shows on Saturdays this year, June 20 and July 18, birds to be entered day of show not later than 3.30, this giving all members a chance to bring their best birds and preventing disappointment when, after entering birds several days before, birds go amiss and owner cannot bring others because of the rules. Decided to try and obtain new judges from some distance, even if the Society did have to pay a little more; this and other show matters left over until the May meeting; number of paid-up members on books (reliable), 50. —J. Sheppard, Sec.

FIFE CAGE BIRD LEAGUE.

Meeting, April 4, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mr. Wildridge (President) in chair. Decided to let the young bird show drop in favour of a Derby Show, about January. The balance of 6s. 10d., derived from the smoker in conjunction with annual meeting was considered very satisfactory. We were pleased to see a deputation from Buckhavon C.B.S., who agreed to join the League, and as that only leaves one society outside the League, we hope to see their deputation at the next meeting, May 2, at 5.30, Recreation Rooms, High Street, Kirkcaldy (opposite the King's Theatre). Mr. Thos. Arnott, Kirkcaldy, has promised a lecture, and all fanciers are cordially invited, if members of any of the societies in the League. They will be able to hear the League business, but not to take part in same. The following were appointed as a committee to draw up the letter in which the League means to tackle railway charges: Messrs. Wildridge, Arnott, Storrar, Reilly, Campbell, Reid, and Secretary, so as to get it as forward as possible before the show season starts. We have the assurance of a few specialist clubs, who will render us every assistance, and we mean to see what is in it. The subs. from each society to be as formerly, 5s., payable at next meeting. Decided to hold the June meeting in Dunfermline. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair ended the meeting.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, April 2, Mr. M. P. Potts chair. Members elected: Mr. T. E. Hedley, Gosforth; and Mr. W. Dear, Ashington. Classification for open show on October 23: Norwich, 12 classes; Crests, 7 proposed, will be settled later; Yorks., 9; Scotch Fancy, 2; Borders, 15; Scll., 2; A.O.V., 1; Mule and Hybrid, 4; Brit., 10; For., 5. Members' classes will be considered later. Mr. Crawhall opened a discussion on breeding, and outlined the methods he has found to be successful in breeding winners. His first operation is thoroughly cleaning his room and cages, also having his birds in tip-top form before putting them together. The making of egg-food was practically demonstrated, Mr. Crawhall using a sieve for the egg and bread, and showing how to make the food nice and fine by putting twice through the sieve; he does not use sugar for bringing birds into condition. He uses 2 parts summer rape, 1 black rape, 1 hemp, 1 linseed, 1 teazle, 1 inga, 1 gold of pleasure, 1 millet, ½ maw; and for green-food watercress. Mr. Crawhall gave a great many useful points, such as the treatment of egg-bound hens, treatment of young, etc. A number of questions were asked and answered, and members had an enjoyable and profitable night. Mr. Crawhall was thanked for his kindness. Mr. Tindale outlined a scheme for the Northern Specialist Societies to be asked to grant their patronage to our Nest Feather Show, July 4. This will be discussed at next meeting, May 7. Will members of the Northern Specialist Societies please note; we give them a cordial invitation to come to that meeting and to bring this matter before their own meeting. Let us have a record attendance. Subs. now due.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, April 4, Mr. Walton presided over a good attendance. The appointment of the following gentlemen as judges at the annual contest, Nov. 13-14: Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Warding, and Mr. Fisher was sanctioned unanimously. The best hall in Leeds for the purpose has been engaged at great expense, and having every confidence, we hope to be as successful this year as in the past. A few members brought birds, and Mr. Walton kindly explained the song tours, after which a discussion took place on the song of the birds. Three members promised to bring birds to the next meeting, May 2, so if this should catch the eye of Mr. Gill, of Skipton, and he cares to run over to Leeds on that date, I am sure Mr. Walton will be pleased to explain anything he desires. Pleased to see any new fanciers.—H. Best, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting April 7, "El Vino." The most extensive and elaborate classification ever offered to British bird exhibitors was submitted for approval from the N.B.B. and M.C. in connection with their patronage and club show, to be held at the annual show at the Horticultural Hall, Nov. 26, 27 and 28. In addition to 59 classes with full prize money guaranteed, Mr. T. R. Trower has most generously offered £23 for extra prizes in open competition. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Crisp, Tyson, Boxall, Easterling and Knight, was elected to discuss the scheme further with the N.B.B. and M.C. The following judges have been elected to officiate at the annual show:—Crests, Mr. J. Tyson; Norwich, Mr. E. J. Rippon and Mr. A. Curtis; Yorkshires, Mr. R. L. Crisp and Mr. F. Easterling; British, Messrs. J. Robson, Allen Silver, C. Prior, J. Dewhurst and A. J. Marley.—F. Knight, Press Correspondent.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting, April 4, Bird Inn, Mr. J. H. Elliott chair. Decided to hold a young bird show, July 18; Messrs. R. S. Bewick, J. Riseboro, W. Reid, J. Hands, and H. Seely were nominated as judges, to be written to for terms. Decided to hold annual show Jan. 16; Messrs. J. Dixon, Wigton, J. Stanger, A. Holden, W. Reid, A. Brown, J. Riseboro, J. Hands, H. Seely and T. Dixon were nominated as judges. Election of officers: Mr. W. Gowand, chair.; Mr. R. Coates, vice-chair.; and Mr. J. H. Elliott, Sec. and Treas., 3, Jubilee Terrace, Edomsley, Durham. Decided to reduce annual sub. to 4s. for old members, with 1s. entrance fee for new members. We give a hearty invitation to any fancier in the district to join. Our society is standing well financially, and with these well-known fanciers at the head of affairs this promises to be a successful year for the Beamish C.B.S.—Peart and Cresswell, Secs.

PAISLEY O.S.

A social meeting of members and friends was held April 11, in Hutton's Hall, Moss Street; Mr. Robt. Neil, chair, and a good turnout. During the evening the chairman called on Mr. David Kennedy, who in a very neat and appropriate manner presented Mr. John Kelly, late sec. to the Paisley and District Ornithological Society, with a handsome gold watch and a gold brooch for Mrs. Kelly. The watch bore the following inscription: "Presented to John Kelly, Esq., by the members and friends of the Paisley and Dis. O.S., after 20 years' service as sec., 11th April, 1914." Mr. Kelly suitably replied on behalf of his wife and himself. An excellent programme of songs and readings, also selections on the violin, were given by Misses Neil and Donnachie, and Messrs. Sanderson, Montford, Donnachie, Wm. Neil, Brown, and R. Neil. Miss Hart ably presided at piano. The gathering was voted by all a great success, and hope expressed that it would be renewed.—A. M. Baird.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting and table show of British birds, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, April 10, Mr. A. Hendry presiding over a good attendance. Entries for table show of British birds were a little back on last year, but the quality was excellent. Mr. C. Campbell judged, and gave every satisfaction. Principal prize winners: Messrs. G. G. Henderson, Peter Allan, and John McGarry. Unanimously decided that the meetings of May, June, August, and September (when there is not much business of importance to be transacted), be open and devoted to questions bearing on any subject, also friendly debates on Canaries and wild birds, the keeping, feeding, and moulting of same. Lectures, etc., may be arranged when time is found convenient. Members are therefore asked to invite a friend or friends to accompany them, when they will be made very welcome at any or all of these meetings. Next meeting, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, May 8, at 8.—Wm. S. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

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Successful Smoking Concert of the Scottish National C.B.S.

About 50 members and friends attended a very successful smoker in the Crown Hotel, Lothian Street, Edinburgh, April 11. Mr. James Winter, the genial President, occupied the chair, and was accompanied by Messrs. D. Kinlayside, A. Hoyle, Henderson, and several other well-known gentlemen. Visitors were a little slow at coming forward at the outset, but once the ball was set rolling everybody settled down for a good night's enjoyment. After the Chairman had proposed the toast of "The King," the entire company sang with great gusto "God Save the King." A telegram was read from Mr. James Hutchieon apologising for not being present owing to having been shipwrecked on Holy Island. The Chairman also informed the meeting that he was sorry to say that Mr. John Brown, of British bird fame, was lying dangerously ill, but expressed the hope that he would pull through and soon be up and amongst them again. The toast of "The Scottish National C.B.S." was proposed by Mr. David Kinlayside, and in his remarks he said that the Scottish National had reached high-water mark, and that it was the duty of every fancier to try and keep it up to that level. He thought a great deal of the Society's success was because they had in Mr. Meikle a secretary second to none. In fact, he thought he was the premier sec. of Great Britain, and he hoped he would long be at the head of affairs. Mr. Kinlayside said that many more exhibitors should become members of the Society. He noticed a great number, even some with ten entries, who were non-members, and he counselled all present, whether they kept birds for a hobby only, or for exhibition, to be connected with the Scottish National C.B.S. He had great pleasure in coupling the toast with the name of their worthy secretary, Mr. Meikle. Mr. Winter, in replying on behalf of Mr. Meikle, thanked Mr. Kinlayside and the company for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He was certain that as long as Mr. Meikle was in the position of secretary they would have no cause to fear that the society would cease prospering.

The meeting all through was of a most harmonious and enjoyable nature, plenty of talent being readily forthcoming and the following gentlemen very ably kept things on the hum: Messrs. J. Charlton, J. Easter, J. Hay, J. Stormont, A. Napier, Ferguson, Low, C. Matthews, J. Noble, and Robertson.

After a long programme had been gone through the President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to sustain the harmony, and the meeting broke up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place). J.W.M.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 213, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.) J.T., E.J.R., A.C., R.L.C., F.E., J.R., A.S., C.P., J.D., A.J.M.

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Dec. 2.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Dec. 2-3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.) J.R.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweetiug, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Dec. 12.—**Burslem C.B.S.**—(L. James, 48, Croft St.)

Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.).

Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(G. M'Ardle, 38, Sydney St.).

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Aberavon, Port Talbot C.B.S.** (A. Maggs, 18, Rice St., Port Talbot.).

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre." Kidwelly.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Dec. 3.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Richards, Cardiff Arms Hotel, Treorchy.)

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

H. J. FULLJAMES, 42, Lincoln Road, S. Norwood, London, S.E. Specialist, British and Foreign.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

JAMES KERR, 18, James Street, Perth. Any variety. Specialist Norwich and British.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties Cage Birds, Norwich Plainhead Specialist.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Palce, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Yorkshires and Norwich. Terms on application.

R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Huckall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

C. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

Singing Contests.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, Skinners' Arms, April 12; 19 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 2, Binns; 3, Tomlinson. Judges, C. Clayton, G. Green.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Open contest for quality, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, April 11; 36 entered for 6 prizes, and there was some good singing, fanciers coming from all over: 1, Barnes; 2, Sissons; 3, Cain; 4, 5, Ashcroft; 6, Bentley. Club contest, May 2.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Open Linnet contest, "British Oak," April 12. Mr. H. Austin gave three prizes to be sung for; nine pairs sang: 1, Newton; 2, 3, Robinson. Also a show at night, when some good birds entered for three prizes: 1, Robinson, Linnet; 2, 3, Parlett, Greenf. Mule and marked Nor. Also Linnet contest, April 13; Landlord's gift, 10s., to entrance of 4d. each: 1, 4, Robinson; 2, Newton; 3, Thompson.—E. Robinson, Sec.

Open contest for 3 minutes time, April 12, Columbia Tavern, Farnham Street; 19 birds sang for three prizes: 1, T. Scholfield, 46sec.; 2, Laurie, 41sec.; 3, T. Scholfield.—W. Bingham, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, April 11; 26 entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. Four minutes' time sing, 5 seconds a break: 1, Beard, 118; 2, Proctor, 85; 3, Jones, 60. Open sing, April 12; 37 entered for three prizes. Three minutes' sing: 1, 3, Williame, 136, 66; 2, Nelson, 112. Special sing, April 13; 41 entered for four good prizes; 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Parkin; 4, Beard. Novice sing: 1, Parkin; 2, 3, Smith.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality singing, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road, April 11. 24 birds competed for three prizes: 1, 2, Clark; 3, A. Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. Dobson and M. Lipman. April 12, 18 sang for three prizes: 1, 2 shared with W. Lipman and A. Lorriman; 3, B. Smith. Judges, Messrs. Goodwill and Lonsdale. April 13, 20 birds faeed the judges for three good prizes: 1 and 2 shared with Haye and Binner; judged by Messrs. J. Sellor, Maddon, and Wigfield.—W. Lipman, Hon. See.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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Twitterings.

In the advertisement of Mr. Verhées, of Antwerp, under Belgians, in our last issue, the price should read 60s. pair, not 6s.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S. Nest Feather show is fixed for July 4, and Old show Nov. 7, writes Mr. W. Hodgkins. Will other societies please note.

Eastleigh and Dis. C.B.S. is holding its open show on Nov. 25 and 26th, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, Sec. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing.

I was surprised to see my birds on the front page of Cage Birds for March 28, and I thank you very much for same. I was quite delighted with them, and think the picture a great credit to your artist. Wishing Cage Birds every success.—J. A. Hodgson.

I am sorry I made a mistake when I wrote stating that the show of the Stirling Dis. C.B.S. takes place on Nov. 14. The date is Nov. 21. Judges, Norwich and Crests, D. Buchan; Borders and Scotch Fancies, R. T. Campbell; British and Foreign, Wm. Malcolm.—John Gillies, Sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. has engaged Hulme Town Hall for its annual show in October, writes Mr. F. Hayward, hon. sec., and have fixed date of their nest feather show for July 4. At next meeting, April 20, "Deansgate Hotel," Mr. Broughton, Wilmslow, will give a paper on the Yorkshire Canary, and open a discussion on same. Members are requested to invite their friends to this meeting.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. Jackson, Jun., Cockermouth.

To Mr. John Jackson, the popular secretary of the Cockermouth F.S., we extend our cordial sympathy in the sudden death of his eldest son, a promising and respected youth of 20 years. His genial disposition and upright life had made him popular alike with his employer, his comrades, and his fellow members. He was a genuine all-round fancier, and the ready manner in which he gave his services at show time especially prompted the last general meeting to give him, though so young, a seat on the committee. He had been ailing a short time, and on being brought downstairs preparatory to removal to a nursing home for an operation, he collapsed and died on the 9th inst. His funeral on Easter Sunday was very largely attended, the Society, in addition to sending a wreath, being largely represented. Amongst those present were Messrs. Oglethorpe (chairman), Simon (vice-chairman), J. Ellwood (treas.), J. W. Ellwood, W. P. Deacon, W. Gorley, Johnston, Bulman, J. Sewell, W. Reay, R. Jennings, R. Litt, etc.—Geo. Oglethorpe, Chairman.

A choice little consignment of Gouldian Finches (Reds and Blacks) has just been received by Messrs. Collingbourne and Co. (East Sheen), we are informed.

Illness of Well-known Edinburgh Personality.

We regret very much to learn of the serious illness which has befallen Mr. John Brown, who may well be termed the father of the British Bird Fancy in Edinburgh. May he soon be on his feet again, hale and hearty as ever.

Yorkshire Union Meeting.

A meeting of the Council of the Y.U. will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on April 18, at six o'clock prompt, writes Mr. H. Hill, the hon. sec. Business: Halifax and Dis. show date; novice medals for 1914-15; members' fees; printing, and payment of delegates expenses.

Sensational British Bird Classification.

The L.C.B.A. has under consideration a remarkable classification for the British bird section at the next Horticultural Hall show. The National British Bird and Mule Club (whose club show is held at this fixture) has suggested 59 classes, with full prize money guaranteed in each, and Mr. Trower has offered £23 for extra prizes in open competition. Future developments of this truly sensational scheme will be awaited with great interest by exhibitors of British birds.

Please notify that the following fanciers have been elected as members of the Blaydon and Dist. C.B. Society: Messrs. J. T. Reed, J. G. Hutchinson, and S. Cawthorne, writes Mr. G. Havver, the hon. sec.

We have appointed the following gentlemen to act as judges at Forfar C.B.S. open show: Mr. A. Chalmers (Norwich), Kirkintilloch; Mr. J. Auld (Borders) Bannockburn; Mr. G. Marlin (wild birds), Hamilton.—D. Kerr, sec.

Nightingales in Surrey.

Numbers of Nightingales are already singin the Ripley (Surrey) district.

Robin's Eggs in an Old Boot.

A pair of Robins have built their nest in an old boot hanging in a shed on the allotments at Tolworth, and are now hatching six eggs.

Leicester C.B.S. New Headquarters

The Leicester C.B.S. have changed their headquarters from the Bull's Head to the Hare and Pheasant, High Street, writes Mr. J. Hardbattle, the sec.

Blackbird's Nest on Embankment.

A pair of Blackbirds are nesting in the Embankment garden near the Hotel Cecil, London, and the cock bird sings daily on a neighbouring tree.

Social Evening for Dublin Fanciers

The first annual dinner and social of the South Co. Dublin C.B.A. will be held in the Popular Café, Kingstown, April 29; dinner at 7.30; tickets 3s. 6d., which can be had from me, writes Mr. D. Smyth, hon. sec., 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown; or from the hon. secs. of the Dublin societies (Mr. Holley or Mr. Lattimore).

Rare Sunbirds Safely Landed.

I have brought back a beautiful cock Malachite Sunbird from South Africa—landed yesterday, April 7th—writes the Hon. Mrs. Bourke. Unfortunately I lost the hen, owing to the terrific heat in the tropics. I also brought a pair of Lesser Double-collared Sunbirds, and these are doing well. I received Cage Birds each week while I was away, and always look forward to the day it comes out.

British Birds and Eggs Offered to the City.

Mr. Robert S. Mitford, C.B., has, through the Lord Mayor, offered to the London Corporation for their museum at the Guildhall his collection of British birds, together with a cabinet full of eggs and a number of nests with eggs in them. The birds are stuffed and set up in 66 cases. They are all authentic British specimens, and the collection of small land birds is practically complete. The collection was formed by Mr. Mitford's father, Mr. Robert Henry Mitford, of Hampstead.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs.: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Welsh C.B.C., A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil, closing date April 18; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Southern Border F.C., F. W. Burton, 91, Forest Road, Dalston, N.E., closing date April 27.

THE MIND OF A BIRD.

A Chat with Members and Friends of the L. & P.O.S.

By ALLEN SILVER.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—When your Mr. Law wrote me on Monday to fill in the gap of what would doubtless have proved an interesting evening, I was somewhat at a loss to hit upon a subject to talk about, and I hope you will bear with me for this evening if I confine myself pretty largely to the subject of the minds of the creatures we keep. This, however, will not prevent us from making the discussion which usually follows a general one—*i.e.*, it need not necessarily be confined to the subject of my paper.

Not being an anatomist, I do not intend to bother you with details of the external and internal structure of birds; and it is also needless for me to remind you that inside a bird's skull is situated its brain, which is intimately connected with the spinal marrow; and that also, as in many other creatures, the brain, spinal cord and nerves form the nervous system. This telegraphic system is the bedrock of every movement and impression of the creature. Through it the eyes, nose, tongue, skin, ear—in fact, all the organs of perception—are able to receive or transmit those sensations of which the creature may be perceptible.

A Wonderful Nervous System

Irrespective of whatever beauty may be attached to any other part of the constitution of the creature, this nervous system is highly complex and wonderfully adjusted. The rapidity of flight and quickness of movement, the instant recognition of danger, are all put in motion by this system, a system which often may execute its work without the creature being conscious, although, of course, not without some stimulus.

We will now briefly deal separately with the several senses, taking first Sight. The power and accuracy of sight are in birds well developed, and sight is a sense upon which depends a great deal. The various telescopic arrangements which facilitate the rapid changes of position evidently work in wonderful harmony.

Hearing is another sense which in birds, generally speaking, is of necessity very acute, and sounds which may not be readily heard by the normal civilised human ear seem often to be instantly recorded on the tympanic membrane or ear drum of birds.

The tongue in birds, as you know, is very variously formed, and in some, where the structure is delicate or very fleshy, certain sensations of pleasure possibly may be perceived. As most birds use it solely for manipulation of food, and many birds gulp down whatever they pick up or shell, probably very little pleasure is derived from the process. It is just possible that birds with a prominent crop may feel a kindred sensation there.

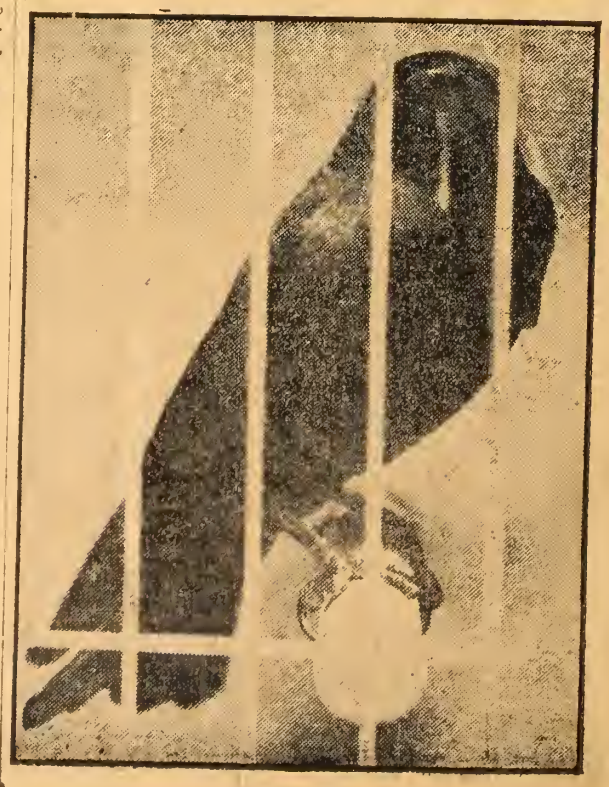
Although the tongue of birds is said to be rich in sensory bodies, these are imbedded in and beneath a horny sheath, and if birds spent time enjoying a process of mastication in the mouth, if such were possible, I am afraid it would not serve a very useful purpose. The somewhat laboured process of breaking up a mealworm and consequent chewing to make it "swallowable" should not be confounded with our own process of mastication.

The olfactory glands in birds may not be as useful to them as in the case of many other creatures, and in many cases I am inclined to think that the sense of smell is of much less importance to them than are those of sight, hearing and touch. One group of birds, the Kiwis or Apteryx, have the nostrils situated at the end of the bill, and it is just possible that they can smell the creatures they probe for. Whilst feeding, the bird is said to make a snuffling sound, but that is feasible if the nostrils are situated at the end of the bill, and this is plunged in mud to the base.

The Sensitive Bill.

The sense of touch is probably more highly developed. The sensations of touch in birds are mostly received through the medium of the bill, and the nature of objects and articles of food are tested by contact with that organ. Outside the great diversity of size, form, elegance of structure and colouring of a bird's beak or bill, it is often an object of the greatest beauty from a structural point of view. In some birds—for instance, Snipe, Sandpipers, and Curlew—the fifth pair of nerves extend their filaments to the tip of the bill, which in a skeletonised state presents a honeycombed appearance. Whilst grubbing in mud and slime the bird is able to determine the nature of the obstacles it encounters and which are out of sight.

(To be continued.)



The First Prize Cornish Chough at the Crystal Palace Show.

The property of Mr. P. Victor Williams, of Market Drayton; photographed in its show-cage.

TIMELY HINTS.

Two prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the best two Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POSTCARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot.*

Glycerine for Egg-Binding.

If a hen Canary is egg-bound and a fancier hesitates to steam the bird, a good plan is to put a little of equal parts of glycerine and water in a tea-spoon and give some to the hen. Put also some drops in the drinking-water. This will often bring the egg away.—Mary H. Scott (St. Andrews).

A Quill Hand-feeding Implement.

Fanciers who are compelled to assist in the feeding of youngsters, or in rearing wild nestlings, will find the following a very useful help. Get a goose feather, cut off the quill, just a handy length, and make a stick to fit it (after pop-gun fashion). Fill the quill with soft food, hold it between your two forefingers, with your thumb on the stick, and the least pressure forces out the food. There is no waste, and it is both cleanly and a time-saver.—J. T. Coombes, 18, Bangor St., West Hartlepool.

Rice Cake Highly Recommended.

If fanciers will try stale rice cake with the egg-food (easily crumbled) they will be more than satisfied with the results. In fact, I have reared youngsters on it alone, when "trustworthy" eggs have been bad to get. The birds are all fond of it, and never waste any. It is a cheap, as well as a wholesome food.—J. T. Coombes (West Hartlepool).

A Substitute for Egg Food.

Now that the breeding season is here, fanciers will be looking out for a suitable rearer, egg-food being despised by many. I beg to suggest a food which I have tried with success, namely Lactol. This will be found to be very convenient for mixing, will keep indefinitely, and when used with bread previously soaked, the birds cannot resist it.—T. Harrington (Gillingham).

Nest Boxes for Foreigners.
Winner of Half-Crown Prize.

Pretty nest boxes which are much more attractive, and have a more natural appearance than coco-nut husks, can be easily made as follows:—First make a box the required size of three-ply wood, with a movable top, of course. Make a round hole in one end for an entrance. Make some cement by using half each ordinary cement and sawdust, and with this line the bottom of the box; shape it hollow with a spoon, so that the eggs can rest in same without rolling about the bottom. Now cover the exterior of box with rustic corkwork, as sold by any ironmonger, filling in the cracks with some of the same cement as used for the nest bottom. The hole for the bird's entrance can be cut in the cork, over the one previously made in the box, and filled around with the cement as well. These nests well repay one for the trouble of making, and several hung in a large aviary give a prettier effect that the stiff and formal looking coco-nut husks lack. The piece of cork-work that covers bottom of box could project in front to form perch for birds on entering or leaving nest.—G. J. Munday, 37, Leat Street, Tiverton, Devon.

A Novice's 30s. Weekly Profit from Canaries.

The president of a well-known Yorkshire Union Society, Mr. L. Hodgson, vouches for the above in the course of an entertaining lecture.

This very interesting lecture was given before a large number of members and friends of the Tong and District C.B.S., on April 7, by the president, Mr. L. Hodgson.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Fanciers: In giving you my views on the Breeding and Management of Canaries, I shall especially direct my remarks to our novice members and those who are not acquainted with the customary methods of Canary breeding. It is now over thirty years since I bred with my first pair of Canaries, and I have been in touch with the Fancy ever since, so that if experience teaches us, I think I should give you something worth listening to, even by our older members. Of course, Canary breeding is, like many other hobbies, attended with good, bad, or indifferent luck, and however careful we may be, frequently our calculations are upset in the most puzzling way, while the most complete success sometimes attends on the most unlikely effort. This, in my opinion, makes it the more interesting. If success attended every effort, there would be no honour in producing our desired object.

The Canary is popularly termed "The Home-bird of England," and is to be seen more frequently as a song bird than any other species, being easily kept and bred. Being such a popular bird then, it is not surprising that the demand for Canaries is immense, the breeding and rearing of them forming no inconsiderable item in the minor industries of the country. There is scarcely a town or village from Land's End to John O' Groats but where we find the bird cultivated for either song or exhibition purposes. In Yorkshire it is being taken up very extensively for exhibition purposes. As proof of this we have only to refer to the Yorkshire Union Handbook, or the handbooks of the specialist clubs. Last year we had 27 societies affiliated to the Union, which comprised a membership of 1,030. So providing each member keeps twenty birds, and we add a third for the fanciers who are not connected with the Union, we get a total of nearly 29,000 birds in the districts covered by the Union!

The Canary is the poor man's saving's bank. From my experience a man for a hobby cannot have anything more remunerative or interesting than that of Canary breeding. To make them remunerative, apart from breeding, you must learn the art of judging and buying the right specimens when opportunity occurs. I could instance many cases during the past year where fanciers have speculated and netted £4 or £5 in as many weeks. Long before Christmas, one novice fancier told me candidly he had then sold over £80 worth of stock from what he had bred, and I assure you he had some good ones left then, and not a few. Well, now, I think to net 30s. per week out of a hobby is very nice; it should be one well worth cultivating.

The way in which a pair of Canaries set up house-keeping and order their household is enough in itself to give the bird a strong claim on our sympathies. Other birds will under favourable conditions occasionally breed in confinement, but the Canary has established itself in our families as one of us, and regardless of prying eyes or inquisitive curiosity builds its little home and treats us to all the interesting details of bird-life which cannot be seen elsewhere. There is a strange fascination in a bird's nest. It is not often that, with all our care and watching, we are able to observe the whole of the daily routine of such a little household, or learn how, without copy or design, and without having seen a model, a bird constructs its home after a pattern peculiar to its kind. Our friend the Canary brings much of this home to us, and shows how the thing is done. For my own part I spend many happy hours with the birds during this part of the season.

Interesting all the Year Round.

There are three interesting periods connected with the Fancy, which keeps us well occupied nearly the whole of the year round. The first is the breeding season, then comes the moulting season, then the exhibition season. The first is to form the basis of this evening's programme, and before we begin I want to ask you to bear these few lines in mind:

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life flows along like a song;
But the man worth while, is one who will smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

I want you to bear this in mind for the simple reason that unless you have plenty of patience and perseverance we cannot make you into a genuine fancier. I think that many of those who join the Fancy are lost simply through lack of patience and perseverance. If you enter with a firm determination to achieve any desired object, and smile at either success or failure, you are sure to be in the end amply repaid for your trouble.

Commencing with the cages, I am not going to tell you what you have, or what you have not, to get. I shall merely tell you what I have, and leave the rest for you to decide, according to your room and circumstances. I use what are termed double-breeders—that is, a cage of two compartments, each 18in. square. I consider this a nice size, allowing ample room for exercise. The centre division has a good sized hole through which the birds can pass with ease and comfort. The cage can thus be used as a small flight for four or five birds when required. All my cages are of uniform size, which gives a neat appearance, and such are much more easily arranged than those of different sizes. By this all the water glasses are under each other, thus avoiding the water dropping into the seed boxes.

Something Worth While Knowing.

My cages are gone through twice a year—before and after breeding. The inside I do out with whitening, mixed with a little thin flour paste and dissolved camphor, about the size of a nut. The latter acts as a disinfectant and preventive to the red mite. The outsides I generally do with black lacquer, or first paint black and then varnish. A capital thing for the outsides is also the following: Get 1lb. of fat (cost 3d.) and 2d. worth of camphor. Dissolve in jug or bowl, then mix with 1 pint of paraffin. If you have not had this "wrinkle" before, I can assure you it alone is worth the trouble of coming to hear as a positive preventive of the red mite.

(*To be continued.*)

THE BLUE-BEAKED WEAVER BIRD.

A rare and beautiful West African Bird. The hen is marked underneath with round white spots, but the underparts of the male bird are black without any white markings.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 637.
To Circumvent the Red Mite.

Sent by B. Hatton, 27a, Gurdon Road, Charlton, S.E.

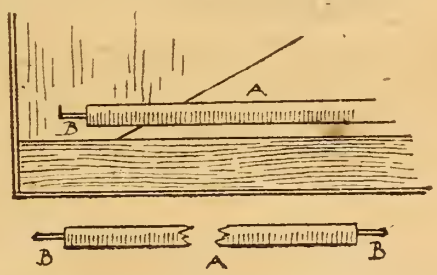
In large cages fitted with sliding partitions it is often a trouble to move the slides, through the sand or sawdust used on the floor of cages getting in the grooves and causing them to stick. Red mite also accumulates in the top grooves when slides stick tight. To prevent these two evils, mark off portions of slide that fit in grooves at top

and bottom, and cut away with saw. Next take four pieces of cage wire 3 inches in length, bend round in the form of a staple, fix ends A, A, into slide at B, B, allowing bend of wire to project equivalent to portion of slide cut off. The slides will then work easily, and cannot stick; and, not fitting tightly at top, cannot harbour red mites. It is also a good plan to round the edge of slide that fits against back of cage, a possible hiding-place for our old enemy.

No. 638.
An Easily Removed Perch.

Sent by W. S. Parsons, Elm Cottage, Northborn Road, Farncombe, Surrey

The sketches show an idea for fixing a perch so as to allow of its being easily removed. Cut the perch about half an inch shorter than the length of the cage. Obtain two wire nails about an inch long, cut



off the heads, then beat them out flat, and drive partly into the perch ends. Cut two little slits in the sides of the cage, small enough to ensure that the flatness of the nails will prevent the perch from twisting round. You then have a perch which is easily removed for cleaning, and which does not harbour red mite.

Breeding Linnet-Canary Hybrids.

By CLIFFORD E. NEWBY, Detroit, U.S.A.

(*Concluded from page* 333.)

WHEN your birds are in breeding condition, the Linnet will be singing loudly and bouncing about in his cage in fine style, swagering his feathers and calling all the time to his mate, who should be kept in a cage so arranged that the Linnet cannot see her. The hen Canary if ready for breeding will be acting in a way similar to the Linnet, only calling instead of "singing," of course.

If your Canary acts in the above manner you may place a little nesting material between the wires of her cage, and if she pulls some out and starts carrying it in her beak about the cage, looking for some place to put it in, you know she will soon be ready for breeding. It is now best to wait a few days to make doubly sure that both your birds are in proper breeding condition. If they both seem to be in proper order you can place a felt lined nest pan in the Canary's cage and introduce the Linnet to her.

There will now be in all probability a fight, but never mind, as the two birds will soon be friends. Increase the nesting material, and watch the Linnet does not pull out the felt lining of the nest pan. This can be prevented by sewing or gumming the felt lining into the nest pan. If things seem to be going on favourably you will soon see the Linnet doing the necessary part to produce fertile eggs. If he fails you have mated your birds too early, so take my advice and don't mate your birds too early.

When you see your birds mate with one another you know you will soon possess some eggs. I have not said anything about the Canary building a nest, as I find hen Canaries are as a rule poor nest builders. You should now keep a close eye on your hen Canary at nights, as she may be ready to lay on any following morning. The night before she lays she will usually be found on the cage bottom, especially if she be a young hen; but never mind, do not disturb her.

The First Egg Arrives.

The first thing next morning there should be an egg in the nest-pan, with the Canary looking on as happy as can be. You gently and carefully remove the egg to a place of safety, and substitute a pot egg for the one taken away, until all eggs are laid. She will usually lay four eggs, so on the evening the third egg is laid arrange the nest-pan nicely and place in the three eggs, taking away the pot ones.

Next morning she will have laid her fourth egg; now remove the Linnet, as she will sit closely without him, and he is rather liable to peck the eggs if left with her. If one prefers to leave in the Linnet it is best to let her sit on her eggs in a very dark nest box, not too dark for discomfort, however. She will enter the dark box fearlessly to her eggs, but the Linnet it will be seen will be afraid to enter.

Preparing for the Advent of Young.

You can now gradually give the Canary a less rich diet, say plain Canary as staple, with a little rape, and, of course, a small amount of egg-food occasionally. Do not forget to provide her a bath, and also give her a little green-food.

The eggs will usually hatch, if all goes well, on the thirteenth or fourteenth day of incubation. On the twelfth day give your hen Canary plenty of egg-food, with a richer diet all round as she commences to feed her young. On the thirteenth morning look to see if any young are hatched, and remove any egg-shells if left in nest. If the eggs don't hatch on the thirteenth day wait a few days longer.

When you get chicks you will hear them make a kind of whistling noise under the Canary's wings. You must now give the hen Canary as much egg-food as she will consume, plus her seed diet, as the chicks will grow very rapidly. As for egg-food I find the kind sold in tins is quite good, and when I was in England I saw a kind which seemed to be very good. The birds ate it with great relish. I advise you to mix egg-foods with milk instead of water.

As your birds get older they will become more and more restless, and at about three weeks old should be out about the cage. The hardest time of a Linnet-Canary Hybrid is at this time, i.e., when you commence to wean them on to hard seed. The best way I find to do it is at first to supply your youngsters with scalded Canary and rape seeds. As you see them eating it gradually give them a little lightly crushed seed, and afterwards a mixture of crushed and uncrushed seeds, and they will soon learn to crack their own seeds. Of course, you must still give them a little egg-food until you find you can discontinue it.

A Bit Harum-Scarum at First.

When you cage your youngsters off they will usually be a trifle wild at first, but take no notice as they will soon steady down. The best menu at this time for your birds is as follows: 1 part Spanish Canary, 1 part summer rape, ½ part teazel and linseed. A limited supply of the usual wild seeds before mentioned can also be given sparingly, and also give a small amount of green food to them. A pinch of hemp seed can also be given very moderately.

Questions and Answers.

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BIRDS SEEING EACH OTHER (V. P.).—(1) There is no reason why the birds should not see each other that is of any moment. If they are in very robust health and desirous to mate, it may possibly incite the hen to lay an occasional egg during the summer, which, of course, would be useless and could be thrown out at once, but this is not likely to have any serious effects at all in such a case as yours. (2) It is not very unusual for a cock to cease singing when placed near or in sight of a hen just at this season. It is generally due to a desire to mate diverting the attention from singing. It may be only temporary, and the song be resumed in a week or two. But if you wish the song to go on now you should put the birds in cages with wires in front only, and hang them on the same side of the room. This, of course, will prevent them seeing much of each other, but it is unavoidable if you want the song to go on.

UNFERTILE EGGS (Anxious Amateur).—You should try another cock with these hens, and leave the pairs together permanently, at least until the hens have begun to sit. The cock you have might possibly do for one hen, but get a vigorous cock between one and two years old for the other, and keep them in separate pairs. Give each bird half-a-teaspoonful of egg food with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it daily, and also a small growing stool of dandelion fresh daily. In the water you may add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

EFFECTS OF REMOVAL (Doubly Anxious).—The moult is only what might have been expected to result from the removal of the birds from the warm room to a cold one. It is quite possible you may be able to get one or two broods from them this season. Give each bird half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed daily. Every second day give a small growing stool of dandelion, gathered fresh, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. In the water add six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. As the birds are already casting feathers it is too late to attempt colour feeding them.

A TRIO (E. V.).—(1) Considering the age of this bird, her last protracted moult, and that she is evidently in a much weakened condition, I cannot advise you to breed with her again this season, nor, indeed, any more at all unless she should show a very great improvement, recuperate well during the summer, and have a good moult next autumn. In the latter case you might try her again next spring, as her age alone will not necessarily prevent her breeding successfully. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to her drinking water every second day for a week, and after this give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight or so. (2) I fancy the panting is due to over-feeding. Try the following treatment, and if it is not wholly successful write again at the close of it and refer to this reply, when I will advise you further. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only for a month. Once a week give a small pinch of summer rape, and on one other day a morsel of bread and milk, not larger than a hazel nut, sprinkled with maw. Give a liberal allowance of green food daily. In the water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and six of tincture of gentian every second day. In the third week repeat the first week's dosage, and in the fourth week give 20 drops of chemical food daily. (3) If you had a clutch of half-incubated eggs there could be no objection to putting them under a hen that was only just beginning to sit, and thereby shortening her period of sitting, provided, of course, the eggs had not been dangerously chilled. But how are you going to get the first half of the incubatory period performed if you wish to adopt the same practice with all your hens? Personally, I see no advantage in tampering with the natural course of events in this way.

EATS HIS FEATHERS (C. E. S. H.).—(1) The diet is not altogether suitable. Give a staple of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, teazle, and a morsel of banana. On the alternate days give a little green food, either chickweed, flower-buds of groundsel, watercress, or dandelion, in the order named. Add to the drinking water every second day for one week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. A mealworm a day would be beneficial if you have any available. Limit the diet to the above for a few weeks, and stop giving linseed, sugar, and all other dainties. Allow the bird to bathe freely. (2) The present time is an excellent one to commence breeding with either the Roller or any other variety of Canary, but it is very late to buy hens. You ought to have done the buying a few weeks ago.

THE COURSE OF LOVE (W.W.).—(1) The answer to this query is that the process varies somewhat according to the vigour and temperament of the individuals concerned. At one time the action of the tender Dove may be suggested, and a certain amount of billing take place beforehand, and at other times it may be the rush and vim of gay chanticleer, when the "kiss" comes after, or not at all. Not infrequently there will be much more "scrapping" than "kissing." (2) There is no fixed time in which to expect eggs after putting the birds together. The time it takes them to settle down depends upon the condition of the birds themselves—it may be only little over a week, or it may be a month, or even two months. See reply to "Italia" in last issue. Your birds appear to be progressing all right, but have not been together quite long enough yet. You should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free, to help you over these little difficulties through the season.

Owing to the intervention of the Easter Holidays a number of Queries were not received until Tuesday last, and we cannot, of course, get these answered in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—Editor.

A BROKEN LEG (Marker).—You have probably failed to get the ends of the broken bone into their proper position before binding on the quill, and I fear the portion of the limb below the fracture will slough away. It seems as though mortification had set in, in which case only amputation of the part would be of any use, and this should not be attempted by an amateur. The only interference I would advise now is in case the part has sloughed to anoint the stump daily with Lanocyllin until healed. I do not advise you to let the bird go to nest until the leg is quite sound again. If a valuable breeding bird, and she should appear to be laying in a week or two, you might mate her and place the eggs under a foster hen to be hatched and reared, but do not let her sit for some little time yet.

HEN NOT FEEDING (Miss Hellier).—I am afraid there are many of these non-feeding hens that will not be "kept on feeding" by anything you can do. Putting salt in the drinking water is of no use, neither is it advisable to do so, but if you offer the hen a bath made slightly saline by the addition of a little common salt as soon as a hen appears to flag at feeding, it will, if she makes use of it, often do good. In the drinking water you might dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one-half of each day for a few days. Besides this give egg-food in small quantities not less than twice, and preferably three times, a day, make it as palatable as you can for the hen, and sprinkle it with maw seed. See that it is crumbly moist, not sloppy, nor sticky. On the third day give a tiny morsel of freshly gathered green food. From this time gradually increase the quantity supplied as the needs of the growing brood increase, and about the sixth or eighth day you may add a little soaked or scalded summer rape, and on the tenth day a little cracked hemp. But remember that small quantities of fresh palatable food replenished as often as necessary are much better for keeping the hen keen on feeding than large quantities which must remain in cage until part of it becomes stale. Do not interfere with the nest or young more than is absolutely unavoidable, and if the cock was left with the hen last time, try her with him removed next time, and vice versa. If she refuses to feed then offer her a little bread soaked in cold milk, in addition to other items, and if that fails your best plan is to place them under a more natural parent with young about the same age, if such an opportunity occurs; otherwise try hand-feeding. If you can keep the young going a few days, it is quite possible that the hen will resume her normal duties, and complete the rearing herself.

YOUNG DYING (G. E. W.).—Thanks for further particulars about your birds and their management. On the face of it one would certainly think the green food was at fault. But this can only be the case in quite exceptional circumstances, such as being in unwholesome condition, or grown in unhealthy surroundings. Do you use green food in the ordinary way for the old birds, or was the little watercress you gave to the parents of the two young which died so soon after the first that had been supplied? Assuming this was really wholesome greenstuff, and the young really healthy, it is hardly likely that the result could have been so disastrous in the time named. When you have any more young do not give the egg-food with three parts egg to one of bread crumb more than one day. Reduce the egg gradually, until, by the end of the first week, it is two parts bread or biscuit to one of egg. Also try giving no green food at all to one or two broods, and with one or two others try giving chickweed, just the extreme tips with the flower-buds of groundsel, or dandelion, beginning with very small quantities on the third or fourth day, and being very careful to see that it is perfectly sound and freshly gathered, free from wet, and grown in healthy conditions. When the young are about eight days old add a little soaked rape, and a little cracked hemp at ten or twelve days old. If the hens seem to flag offer a little bread and milk, and a morsel of banana, which you may use to take the place of green-food for those hens which you do not allow to have any of the latter. I shall be pleased to hear you have succeeded better with the next broods.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FOOD FOR SKYLARK (W. M.—All mixed food for soft-billed birds should be made just crumbly moist with either water, milk, or vegetable matter such as scraped raw carrot or boiled potato.

USING GOLDFINCH FOR SECOND NEST (Perplexed).—You can use your Goldie to the hen Canary for the second nest; it is frequently done, particularly where the fancier is anxious to get a brood of Canaries first to keep up the strain. There is considerable difference in the behaviour of Finches; some can be introduced when the young are only a few days old, others cannot be trusted. Your safest plan is to wait until the hen shows signs of wanting to go to nest the second time, then run him in; if mating takes place he can be taken out and introduced again the next day. It is just possible that your young ones will be old enough to be placed in the nursery, if so, you could, of course, leave the Finch with her. I presume they have been flying together all the winter, and are therefore quite used to each other.

BREEDING WITH GOLDFINCH (New Bird Lover).—There is no reason whatever why you should not breed with your Finches if you feel inclined to do so; in fact, I am of the opinion that breeding birds make finer specimens than bachelors. As regards teaching Greypates to sing, the proper tutor would be an old Finch or a Goldfinch-Canary that had the Finch note, but I fear you would have a difficulty in getting the latter. If you are the possessor of a good exhibition Goldfinch I would advise you not to trouble about his song; get an adult cock next autumn if you are fond of the Goldfinch note.

UNSATISFACTORY SONGSTER (W. G. Tucker).—Birds are something like human beings, some are good songsters, some very indifferent; there are even degrees of excellence among the best. If your bird sings from five o'clock in the morning until nine, you get four hours' song out of him, which is not at all bad, although I am rather surprised that he does not tune up a bit during the evening. You appear to be feeding him fairly well, so he should sing a little at other times. You had better try him in another position or take him inside for a few hours during the day, cover him up, then uncover, and hang him outside again about four or five o'clock. One of these methods may answer. It is no uncommon thing for a captive bird to sing when hung in a certain position and not in another.

VENTILATING BIRD-ROOM (C. Bonsall).—The window of your bird-room should be hung on hinges, for opening in very hot weather, and I would advise you to have ventilation openings, about 12 inches by 6, cover these with perforated zinc, and have a movable shutter to work in front of them, so as to regulate the air according to the weather. I would also advise you to put ordinary roofing felt over the boards on the inside before nailing on the lining of matchboards. You will find this will make the house much more cosy. You should also have a ceiling, this gives greater warmth, and uniformity of temperature.

THRUSH NOT SINGING (H. J. C. C.).—Try a change of food. Get a pound of good insectile mixture and give him three days a week, or purchase some best quality chicken meal, mix a spoonful of meat meal with it, and soak in hot water. I fancy the food you are giving him contains rather much barley meal, which is very heating. You had better give him a couple of doses of salts on alternate days. Dissolve as much as you can put on a sixpence in his drinking water and give when cold. Read the advice given to "W. G. Tucker," and hang your bird in another position. (2) The two Hybrids will naturally copy what they hear, and tit-bits out of Linnets' and Skylarks' song would not be bad, but correctly the Hybrid should be trained under the father, that is, a Linnet Canary under a Linnet. (3) You can procure a 'Gale soon after they come over in the spring, or wait until the autumn; get a bird properly moated off, even if you have to pay a good price for it. You may see some advertised later on.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

YOUNG GREY (A. W. A.).—I am afraid, considering all the conditions and the sum you name, it will be only throwing your money away to think of getting a young Grey, as you could only get the rawest of birds for that amount, and such are a most precarious purchase indeed. My advice is either wait till you can afford to spend double the amount you name, or be contented with a Blue-fronted Amazon; these have beautiful plumage, are good mimics, fair talkers, and generally are very entertaining, and you should be able to get a decent specimen for what you can afford to spend. Consider this reply and write again informing me which course you prefer to take and I will reply fully.

GOLDEN CONURE (Braudt).—I can only assume that the Sun Conure (Conurus solstitialis) is meant. I have seen very tame individuals, but they (all Parrakeets) vary; kindness, quietness, and attending personally to the supply of tit-bits, usually bring about the desired result. I have never heard of a talking bird of this species. Very few Conures talk, though such is not beyond their capacity. Not when once it has got over the prostration which usually follows importation. Speaking from memory (I am away from home, and my skins and books) the head of the hen is rounder and smaller than that of the male, and her beak is also a little smaller. A difficult question, as all Parrakeets screech at times, even the most tame; but so far as my experience goes, the Golden Conure is very undemonstrative, as also is the beautiful Red-vented Parrakeet. There are some beautiful small (e.g., Canary-wing) Parrakeets, which become delightfully tame, but they screech when excited.

LEMON-CRESTED COCKATOO (H. Claydon).—Give a seed mixture of Canary, white millet, sunflower and oats, one quart each; one pint each of hemp, maize, paddy rice, and pea nuts; well mix and keep constant supply in cage. Also supply any kind of fruit it will take, nuts (Brazil, walnut, and Spanish), pieces of biscuit, stale bread, and plain cake. You must also keep up regular supplies of grit, cuttlebone, and pieces of wood for the bird to exercise its beak upon, and, of course, constant supply of water. As regards cleaning, till it becomes tame enough to be allowed out of its cage, and to be then offered a bath in a large dish, you must content yourself with spraying it daily with chilled water, and the plumage will soon improve. If you attempted to tie the bird up while you washed it, the bird's temper would probably be permanently ruined.

AN AILING MYNAH (Mahoney).—After you have moistened the soft food, add ten drops of cod liver oil daily and well stir in. Put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates into the drinking water daily. Supply ripe fruit and at least a dozen mealworms daily; the mealworms can be supplemented with any spiders, caterpillars, etc., you can capture for it—it must have some live food regularly, not merely when possible. Mealworms are always on the market, but in the summer time let it have anything that creeps or flies that you capture for it—it can have any garden pest it will eat. The Parrot cage will answer so long as it does not stand in a draught, but a box type cage is the better. Keep the bird in as warm a position as you can till it is fat again. Twice a week give it about an inch cube of either raw or cooked meat finely minced—add this to the soft food mixture. When you see this reply give the bird a little very weak brandy and water (chilled). If there should be no improvement, repeat query in a fortnight.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Jacko).—The dietary for this species should consist of seed mixture, boiled maize, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, stale crusts, also constant supplies of Parrot grit, cuttlebone, piece of a branch, and water. A good seed mixture is as follows: One quart each canary, white millet, hemp and oats, one pint wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds, half a pint each shelled pea nuts and paddy rice; well mix the whole and keep a constant supply in cage. Give the bird a fair-sized piece of apple or banana twice daily, also offer such as walnuts and Spanish nuts at intervals. Milk and tea sops are decidedly bad for the bird, but you must not stop these too suddenly; but do not use either milk or tea—use equal parts of chemical food and chilled water to moisten either stale household bread or pieces of plain biscuit. For a month or a little longer put ten drops of cod liver oil on to the boiled maize after all water has been drained away. As regards water, they do not get much during importation, and in some dealers' shops, and to give them constant supply would mean that they would over-drink to their own hurt; let it have a good drink of chilled water two or three times daily, but after a few weeks it should be safe to leave the water constantly in the cage. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and give only this for that day. As soon as you are convinced the bird is eating sufficient of the other items, gradually give less and less of the bread or biscuit sops and finally cease supplying these at all. It is decidedly wrong to give a Parrot a bit of everything you eat yourself the items named supply an amply varied diet for the bird. The procedure is, constant supplies of the seed mixture, a portion of boiled maize, a piece of fruit in the morning, and if eaten another in the afternoon; nuts, etc., at intervals. If you carry out above treatment, you can ignore the other instructions referred to; if you should notice any unfavourable symptoms, write at once. Cover the cage, but leave at least a portion of the centre of top of cage uncovered for ventilation. The other conditions you name should suffice.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Egg-Preserving (Sands).—This week's issue of our sister journal, "The Poultry World," happens to treat especially on the preservation of eggs, and you will find therein all the information you desire.

Alpha.—We shall be glad to have details of your idea if this turns out to be a success. You should try the Blackcap Warbler. This species presents no difficulty in the keeping if intelligently fed: ripe fruit should figure largely in the diet. See "Nutshell" booklet No. 25.

E. G. S. Everard.—This matter was dealt with some time since by Mr. Fulljames in his "Cage Birds League" notes.

Norvic.—Go to your local county court and take out a summons against the man for the price of the bird. On the facts as you state them, he has not a leg to stand upon (as the saying goes), and will have to pay you for the bird and the costs attaching to the issue of the summons.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

G. Woolley.—Metis-peritonitis, resulting from rupture of an imperfectly-shelled egg in the oviduct. There was inability to expel the egg as the walls of the oviduct could not get suitable or even pressure on the egg in its soft state; rupture of the egg occurs, and its contents become septic.

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CLUB REPORTS.

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WISHAW C.C.

Meeting, Watson's Hall, April 4. Office-bearers appointed for season. Next meeting, May 2, when we will be glad to accept new members. Membership fee, 6s.; five-mile radius.—D. McPhie, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, April 4, Co-operative Hall, Low West wood. Mr. Geo. Barkess, chair. Very poor attendance. Owing Newcastle show falling on Oct. 24, we decided to put ours back for a week, viz., Oct. 31. Will members and intending members try and get to next meeting, May 2, at above hall? Mr. Thos. Fletcher, Rowlands Gill, elected a member.—Jameson and Johnson, Secs.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting, headquarters, April 6, about thirty present. A very interesting egg-food competition took place, in which eight members competed, each bringing their own utensils. Three prizes were offered for best samples, time taken in making not to count. These were won by Messrs. A. B. Forse, W. Tuck, and J. A. Bartlett in order named. The remainder of the evening was taken up by a discussion on soft food and feeding in general. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to Mr. W. Dalton, who judged the competition.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Assist. Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Meeting, Liberal Club, Hope Street, April 11, President Mr. Lumsden presiding over one of the best meetings for a long time. Sec. read a letter from Mr. G. W. Currie, M.P., consenting to become a patron of the society. Three new members were admitted: J. A. Muir (Leith), A. Shields (Edinburgh), and J. Little (Musselburgh). Judges were nominated for annual show, Nov. 14, and names will be published on getting their acceptance. Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Sykes, Musselburgh, to see if he would arrange a ramble for the members to some convenient place in his district.—George W. Brown, Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Meeting, April 7. Mr. Gibbins presided over a large attendance. The principal business was distribution of special prizes for most points at table shows. The chairman complimented Mr. Henney, the winner of the rosebowl, on his success, he being a first-year novice. Decided to purchase two more trophies to be competed for at table show. Date of N.F. show was fixed for June 27. Schedule drawn up by committee was adopted. Mr. J. Allen gave a very entertaining and instructive lecture on Heating and Ventilating Birdrooms, illustrating the best methods by some clever sketches. Questions were invited, and good discussion followed. The usual vote of thanks closed the meeting.—A. Freestone.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Meeting, Co-operative Hall, Mar. 29, G. D. McGaven presiding. Full report of the Fife League meeting was given in by Mr. Wildridge and the Secretary, and after the points were discussed the delegates received instructions how to vote on the various subjects at next League meeting. Agreed to give three classes at the next table show, April 25, Bunting or Finch H.M., ditto F.M., and Mule or Hybrid. Mr. Alex. Robertson, Cowdenbeath, will judge. Nomination of judges for next annual show was taken, when several prominent fanciers were put forward. The question of rings (closed) was fully discussed, but decided to let that stand open to the members. Vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

NORTH WEST LONDON F.A.

Enjoyable Dinner and Concert.

There was a record gathering at the Stag's Head Hotel, Hawley Road, N.W., April 4, when 40, including ladies, sat down on the occasion of the first annual dinner; Mr. G. Gardner in chair. Since its formation the society has met with marked success. The speeches were commendably short, but all to the point, and proved clearly the popularity the society has attained. "The North-West London F.A." was proposed by the secretary, J. R. Young, Mr. G. Gardner responding. "The Ladies and Visitors" were very warmly welcomed by Mr. B. Cresswell, responded to by Mr. H. J. Suker. The success of the evening was in no small measure due to the caterer, Mr. T. J. Lewis, and the musical director, Mr. A. Clewley. The very bright musical programme was contributed to by Mmes. B. Cresswell, Elsie Donovan, Messrs. A. Clewley, B. Cresswell, Bros. Randell, Riddel, Ruby, and Duby. Many congratulations were given to the accompanist, Mrs. B. Cresswell, also the artistes. During the evening a silver cup was donated for most points taken during the coming season.—W. Sutton, Assist. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting, at headquarters, April 2nd, Mr. H. C. Humphries in the chair, supported by a good number of members. Mr. T. G. Crutcher, vice-chairman of the London Federation, was present to explain the objects of the Federation, which he did in a very able manner. It was decided to go more fully into the matter at our next meeting. Mr. Meades was then called upon for his lecture on cage-making. We had all been anxious to see what Mr. Meades had in his numerous parcels, and they proved to contain every requisite for making a cage. Mr. Meades soon got to work, and proved himself to be no novice at making cages. He first of all showed us how to mix and use the paint, carefully explaining each process. He next proceeded to make a Norwich show cage, showing us what to do and what to avoid, also telling us what wood to use, and where it can be bought, finishing up by explaining how the wire fronts are made, all of which proved to be most interesting and instructive. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Meades, who suitably replied, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by Mr. Fuller, who, in spite of feeling unwell, spoke at some length on the advantages such lectures as these are to the Fancy. Next meeting May 7th; lecture by Mr. Norman.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

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DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, "Reindeer Hotel," Rye Lane, Peckham, April 7, Mr. C. H. Grindell chair. A lecture was given by Mr. J. Hazell, Primstead, a member of the society, upon the rearing of young birds. There was a good attendance, and Mr. Hazell gave a very good lecture, which was from his own methods of management, from which good results have followed. The members enjoyed a very pleasant and interesting evening, and were very pleased that Mr. Hazell had been able to assist them; a hearty vote of thanks was given him. Mr. Hazell has promised to let me have his paper, which I will duly forward to the Press. Next meeting April 21; egg food making competition; all welcome.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLETON C.B.S.

Meeting and lecture, Old Boar's Head, March 30, Mr. Furniss presided over a good attendance. Mr. J. Sharples, Oldham, gave a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Sharples said he would read his paper through, and then start on the different items from the beginning. He specially advised novices to buy the best birds their money would allow from a reliable breeder, say, about 3 cocks and 4 hens, and to get plenty of size and colour in the cocks, and type and quality in the hens. If he found a pair failing on the same point, he would try to counterbalance them. He advised all members and friends to see that no mice got into their rooms. He only took two or three nests from each pair, and he ran the young into a flight to strengthen them; any likely birds should be boxed off in pairs or separate. In conclusion, he hoped members or friends would ask questions. Several took advantage, and the lecturer answered all satisfactorily. A vote of thanks brought a most instructive and enjoyable evening to a close.—Jas. Hulton, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

General meeting, Old Mossley Arms Hotel, Manchester, March 28. Only a moderate number put in an appearance. In the absence of Mr. John Garner, who, we were sorry to hear, was seriously ill, Mr. John Rukin was in the chair. Sec. read balance sheet, showing balance in hand of over £4, which sum will be spent in buying specials, as per rule, for champions and novices, also for runners-up in Lancashires and Lizards. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. J. Garner; Treas., Mr. J. Swalwell; Vice-Pres. and Committee (have not the names at hand, will give them in my next). Owing to the shortness of time it was decided that Messrs. Rukin and Lord be appointed auditors of balance-sheet and report on same at next meeting. Mr. Martin having decided to resign, it was unanimously decided that John Rukin become Secretary, and after some pleasant things being said, Mr. Rukin promised to take it on for a period of 12 months. Decided to have a tea and social, same to be left in Secretary's hands. It was considered advisable to write all members not present asking each one to subscribe one shilling towards defraying the loss on the Lizard classes at Preston, and Lancs. and Lizards at Nottingham. After a long deliberation it was decided that we have only azure blue in Lizard standard show cages in future, the same to do both for Silvers and Golds. It has been felt for some time that the fact of having two colours, and in some cases a double set of cages has been one of the reasons for keeping the Lizard in the background. So fanciers please note that the standard inside colour is now Victory brand azure blue enamel, and black for outside, as usual. A rule was carried that any loss on guaranteeing Lancs. or Lizard classes in future come from the funds of the society. These two rules are subject to confirmation at next meeting. Will all members make a note of the date, April 18? Time and place will be sent to Fancy papers, as there is a difficulty of a room to be got over, though it will be in Manchester. I shall be pleased to hear of any new members. Subs. is 5s., no entrance fee.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec., 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall.

TYNESIDERS ENJOY A GREAT FEAST.

Dinner, Social, and Prize Distribution of the Northern Specialist Clubs.

Three of the Northern Specialist Clubs joined together to have their prize distribution, and incidentally a good dinner—the Northern Norwich P.H.C., the Northern Yorks. C.C. and the Northern B.B. and M.C., and a right down jolly night they had. The rendezvous was the Princess Restaurant, Groat Market. Members and friends sat down to an excellent dinner served in tip-top style. After dinner an excellent programme of music was rendered by Mr. Walter, "P.C. 49"; Mr. Will Renolds, "When the Ebb Tide Flows" and "Beware"; Mr. Luke, "Monarch of the Wood," "The Song that shall live for Ever" and "Good-Bye, Sweetheart." Mr. Rudd gave several selections on the concertina, which were much applauded. Duet by Mr. Luke and Mr. Walton, "Larboard Watch, Ahoy!"; Mr. Tindale, "For a Girl" and "Two Sparkling Eyes"; and a short recitation by Mr. Crawhall, "The Road to Warham." Mr. Mather, Gateshead, accompanied. Mr. Crawhall presided and distributed the prizes for the Northern Yorks. and Northern B.B.C., whilst Mr. Topping did those of the Northern Norwich. The following were the prize-winners: N.N.P.C silver cup and gold medal, W. H. Butler; gold-centre silver medal, D. Lindsay; silver medals, Messrs. W. McGinn, J. Wood, J. G. Hodson, J. Lumley, R. Hope. Northern Yorks. C.C. champion trophy and silver medal, T. C. Crawhall; gold medal and silver medal, Miss E. E. Pyman; challenge cup and silver medal, Mr. M. Wigglesworth; Ramsden's cup, Crawhall cup, gold medal, Mr. Cattell's boots and silver medal all went to Mr. Thurston. A beautiful clock, the novice trophy for the year, was won by Mr. Mirley, who also won a silver medal. Cattel's special (table shows) was won by Mr. Hedley, also a silver medal. Other silver medal winners were Messrs. Deighton, Cattel, Kennerson, Studholme and Smith. The winners in the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. were: Mule cup, Mr. W. H. Butler; British cup, Mr. J. Scott; Foreign cup, Mr. T. Almond; silver teaspoons, Messrs. Butler (2), Almond (2), Pettersen, Bertram and Waters. Bronze medals, Messrs. J. Scott (2), McGuire, Davison, Christer.

The Chairman proposed the toast of the Northern Specialist Clubs, and said he was glad to see such a representative gathering, not only of Newcastle men, but Sunderland, South Shields, Wallsend, Jarrow and other places were well represented. He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs. Cattell, Pettersen and Topping, as chairmen of the various clubs. These gentlemen suitably replied. Next the Chairman gave the local societies, coupling with it Mr. Smith (South Shields), Mr. Holden (Gateshead), and Mr. Reed (Newcastle). These toasts were enthusiastically drunk, and all replied but Mr. Holden, who was too bashful in so large a company. Mr. Smith regretted that South Shields were unable to hold an open show; but, being one of the oldest societies in the North, he thanked them for being so kindly reminded in the toast. Mr. Reed, on behalf of the Newcastle Society, extended to any present who were not members a hearty invitation to join the most progressive club in the district. A hearty vote of thanks to the artists and the Chairman brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent.

In the Courts.

Cruelty to Wild Birds.

The Woking Police Court presented somewhat the appearance of a bird fancier's store, when Frederick Mansfield and Clarence Sherwood, Byfleet, were summoned for having taken wild birds by means of a net, at Byfleet, on January 18th; and, further, for having cruelly treated two birds at the same time and place. A number of fluttering and chirping birds in cages were produced. P.C. Hagley said he saw defendants in a field belonging to Mr. Locke-King. There were two large nets on the grass and eight cages containing birds close by. Two of the birds were fastened to sticks placed at the side of the nets, and they were fluttering. Defendants said they were catching birds. Mansfield said the things did not belong to him, and he had only just come out there. Sherwood said they were catching Linnets, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, and Redpolls. Witness took possession of the birds. The two fastened to the sticks were tame, and, in witness' opinion, they were being cruelly treated.

Supt. Marks said the birds on the sticks were used to attract others. Mansfield said he knew nothing of the matter, and Sherwood said he bought the Linnets in Kingston market and had had them for six months. Mansfield, who had previously borne a good character, was let off with a fine of 2s. 6d., the second case against him being dismissed, but Sherwood was fined 10s. for the first offence, and 20s. for the second, and allowed six weeks in which to pay.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Well-attended meeting held at headquarters, April 8. Secretary reported profit of 27s. on the two evening shows already held. Hearty vote of thanks given to Mr. Skinner for judging. Next show of cage birds, May 13.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Meeting, April 8, Station Cafe, Mr. T. Harrison presiding. A discussion took place, opened by Mr. Hickson, on the Feeding of Young Birds; various methods of making egg-food were dealt with, and the use and advantages of green food were discussed by Mr. Hickson and the chairman, Mr. Harrison, and the discussion was very instructive. A good many questions were put, and at the close a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hickson for his interesting advice. At next meeting, April 22, Mr. Robinson is to give a lecture on the Norwich Canary, when it is hoped that all members will be present if possible. The meeting will also be convenient for members to give in their names, who wish to join in the country ramble, May 9.—Chas. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Meeting April 4, Grange Schools. After business we had a diagram competition, this being drawings of Canaries. We had 7 of the Yorkshire Canary, and as these had been judged previously by Mr. A. Morley and his awards placed in sealed envelopes, it caused some amount of amusement to see how the members present placed the drawings. We put the drawings on the wall and then gave each member 5 minutes to judge them. After all members had judged them to the best of their ability, Mr. Morley pointed out the faults and good points of the birds portrayed on the drawings and why he had placed them in the order he did. Mr. J. W. Salt came nearest the judge, only varying from him with 2 birds, which were the 1st and the, the other 5 he had right. Mr. A. Holden was 2nd with 3 right; Mr. W. A. Brown 3rd with 2 right; other members getting only 1 and some none right. Next meeting June 6. Lecture on British birds, by Mr. P. Jowett, at 7.30. All fanciers interested in British birds, whether members or not, are invited.—A. Firth, Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting April 6. A letter was read from Mrs. Askew, in which she referred to the serious illness of Mr. A. C. Askew, and it was resolved to send her a letter of condolence. On the other hand the meeting was attended for the first time since a long and dangerous illness by Mr. H. Yeomau, and he was accorded a hearty welcome. His numerous friends will be pleased to hear that at the meeting he was in the best of health and spirits. Letter read from Southern Border F.C.C., giving the classification conditional to the extension of their patronage; resolved to adopt that classification, and to make formal application for the patronage. Resolved that prize money at open show be 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., 1s. 6d., 1s., and card for 7th; entry fee 2s., members 1s. 6d. Sec. reported that the Mayor of Wandsworth had given a second cup for competition among members, and produced a trust deed expressing the conditions upon which it is given. Resolved to have an outing to Effingham, May 24. Next meeting we shall probably have a lantern lecture by Mr. Baily; if this can be arranged it will be announced later.—A. R. Coe.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

In place of the usual general meetiug, April 6, members and friends had the pleasure of hearing a very instructive lecture on "British Birds," which was illustrated by some grand limelight pictures. The lecturer was Mr. W. Cutmore, Liverpool, and he was ably assisted by Mr. J. Coatesworth as lantern operator. The pictures thrown on the screen covered a very wide range of British birds, their nests and eggs, including the Robin, Dartford Warbler, Bottle Tit, with nest, and various owls and hawks. Great interest was taken in pictures showing the nesting habits of Sand Martins, and several slides depicting young Cuckoos removing eggs and young from Hedge Sparrow's nest, in which they had been hatched. In speaking on the natural enemies of wild birds and causes of their destruction, the lecturer pointed to a very fine picture of hundreds of migrant birds flying round in the glare of a lighthouse lantern. At the close of the lecture, a number of questions were put to Mr. Cutmore, in replying to which he remarked that it gave him great pleasure to invite our members to question him, as their questions often opened up fresh lines of argument, and were instructive to both lecturer and audience. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cutmore and Mr. Coatesworth terminated a very pleasant and interesting lecture.—F. Hayward, Hon. Sec.

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SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Johnstone's Hall, April 8, Mr. Wood presiding over a good turn-out of members. Mr. Livingston again gave a very interesting lecture on Canary Breeding and Management. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Livingston for his kindness and for the manner in which he answered the many questions submitted to him. Three new members were enrolled and three proposed for next meeting, May 13. Business, appointing judges for F.F. show, July 11.—A. Berry, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—April 22, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8. Names of members, re country ramble, and lecture on the Norwich Canary.—C. Bailey.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—April 18, Mr. Hanningham's, 7.30. Selection of judges for young bird and annual show.—W. Thompson.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—April 21, St. Thomas's, Ardwick, Old Schoolroom (entrance Chapel Street), 8. Lecture by Mr. Barker Clegg. Friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—April 21, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Discussion on rearing young birds. Fixing dates and judges for young and old shows.—G. Morton.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—April 18, Workmen's Institute, Bolden Colliery, 7. Fix date of N.F. Show, hear auditor's report, and other important business.—J. Stephenson.

Burnhope C.B.S.—April 18, Colliery Inn, Burnhope, 7. Election of judges.—J. W. Robson.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—April 25, Three Tuns Inn, Eastwood, 7. To arrange classes for 1st N.F. Show.—Smith and Lees.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—April 18, McLean's Hotel, 7. Replies from judges. Annual ramble, and other bus.—A. Robertson.

Cumnock C.B.S.—April 18, Cross Keys Hall, Auchinleck, 7. General bus. and fixing of date and place of ramble, if any.—A. Wyper.

Denton C.B.S.—April 20, Brotherhood, 8. Lecture on Inbreeding by Mr. Schofield, Failsworth; friends invited. Also date for ramble.—W. Hopwood.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—April 21, headquarters, 8. Egg-food making competition; all welcome.—A. G. Cant.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—April 25, Co-op. Hall, 5.30. Table Show, classification for annual show, etc.—R. T. Campbell.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—April 18, Black Swan, 7. General bus. New members heartily welcomed.—H. Cockrem.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—April 21, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Enrolment of new members. Question night.—J. C. Charlton.

G.E.R. F.A.—April 21, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8 p.m. Special committee meeting.—W. G. Rogers.

Glasgow C.B.A.—April 21, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting; financial statement 1913, etc.—W. Hutchison.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—April 21, 8.30.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Halifax O.S.—April 18, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Classification for members' shows, and other business.—H. Clegg.

Hatton-le-Hole C.B.S.—April 18, Colliery Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judge for F.F. show, also arranging of classes for same.—G. Vipond.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—April 18, Mundy Arms, Bath Street, 7. Selecting judge for open show, also classmaking; very important.—Geo. Siddown.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—April 18, Newmarket Hotel, Shudehill Market, Manchester, 6.30. Tea and social; other important business.—John Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 18, Y.M. Halls, 7. Hat night.—A. Thomson.

L.C.B.A.—April 21, El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. General bus. Lecture by Mr. W. H. Mugford, "Off the Beaten Track."—J. Bray, jun.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—April 21, White Swan, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Heighton on Mule and Hybrid Breeding.—A. Freestone.

Llanelly C.B.S.—April 18, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important to members.—D. John.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 18, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8.30. Lecture by Mr. A. Silver. G. G. Stubbs.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on the Yorkshire by Mr. W. Broughton, and Nest Feather Show bus. All fanciers invited.—W. H. Tansey.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.—April 18, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

New Stevenston O.S.—April 16, Masonic Hall, 7. Important.—J. Lamb.

Northern British, Mule and F.B.C.—April 25, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. Balance-sheet, etc.—W. Curry.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—April 25, Alhambra Buildings, Openshaw, 8.30. Schedule, N.F., and judge.—A. W. Newton.

Sale C.B.S.—April 25, Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, 8. General bus. Members please attend to hear some good news.—H. Whitney.

Scotland Gate Social Club (Choppington).—April 19, 7.30. New members enrolled, etc.—T. Rigg.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—April 21, Mr. Coupe's, Croft Street, 7.30. Committee meeting; show bus.—J. T. Cheetham.

Stanley Victoria Club F.F. and C.B.S.—April 19 Club Room, 10.30 a.m. Election of judges and chara-hane business.—W. Elliott.

Walkden Roller C.S.—April 21, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—Hy. Howard.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 21, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.30. Arrangements for ramble.—W. G. Andrews.

Wingate F.S.—April 18, The Institute, 7. Secretary's report re judges, etc. Fanciers invited.—J. Burdett.

Woodhorn and Linton Social Club.—April 18, 7.30. Most important bus.; every member should be present. Hearty invitation to all fanciers.—J. Smith.

Correspondence.

A Goldfinch Fifteen Years in a Cage.

Sir,—I thought it might interest Cage Birds readers, which paper I have had each week for eight years now, to know that I went to my native home last Thursday Stratford-on-Avon), and found my sister-in-law with a Goldfinch, singing lovely, which has been in its cage for fifteen years. I am sorry to say it is now almost blind. How can any person with any sense call it cruelty to keep a bird as a pet? If a bird was not happy, it would not sing, and live for fifteen years in a cage. Sir, what such persons would like to do is to take the beautiful birds away from us and drive the working man who looks after his pets into the public-house—that is my view of it.

W. Gillett.

A Parrot Performs in a Tram-car.

Sir,—The following I read last week in "The Scotsman," and I venture to send it you, as likely to be of interest. "While I was travelling in an Edinburgh tramcar on Thursday evening, a tall, well-groomed, French-looking man entered and took a seat three or four places farther up on the opposite side. I did not observe him until he was passing me, and then in a mechanical, sub-conscious way I noticed what I took to be the corner of a dark green coloured neckerchief, projecting above and behind his collar on the off-side. When he turned and sat down, I was, however, surprised to observe that what I had taken for a silk scarf was a Parrot, which he was supporting on his right shoulder. The car was almost full, but the bird was quite unconcerned, and after turning its quick, restless eyes several times upon the passengers, it began caressing with the side of its head the cheek of its owner. After half a minute or so of this affectionate attention, the bird endeavoured to insert its beak between the lips of the man, and when he opened them slightly, it tapped his teeth. I presume it is a fair inference that the Parrot had been trained to feed on morsels held between its master's teeth. Following this, the Parrot was lifted down and placed on the curved handle of the man's walking-stick, which he then revolved quickly in his hand, the Parrot clinging on firmly and appearing, if anything, to enjoy the rapid, circular motion. The last act of the exhibition which I was privileged to see, was a whistling performance of fair merit, in which the Parrot responded with a clear, but not over-loud piping to his master's low whistle. At this point I had to leave the car.

A. Strachan.

The Clashing of Show Dates in Fife.

Sir,—I hope you will bear with me while I state the case as honestly and briefly as possible in the interests of Kirkcaldy, of which I have the honour to be secretary. My last letter, to which Mr. Foster replied on April 4 in the fashion so characteristic of the manners of the man, I had posted in time for a direct reply to his previous letter four or five weeks ago, but, as you, Mr. Editor, made me aware, this letter was withheld owing to pressure on your space, and I expect that for the same reason you printed it somewhat abridged [Mr. Foster's letters also have been abridged—Editor]. This time, however, I would feel obliged if you could afford me the space as full as I wish it, also to correct what I expect was a misprint, re Dysart and Kirkcaldy. What I did say was: Does Mr. Foster think it would be a proper thing for Dysart to fight Kirkcaldy for a date they left quite voluntary? All the same, when he says I had to thank my stars that Dysart did not fight Kirkcaldy for a date, I can understand what he would have liked to see. I may tell Mr. Foster that so long as we are in the right, we will not be bullied by any society, or by any veritable Solomon like himself. I suppose, Mr. Foster, your letters will be your own composition, without the help of any stick-in the mud fanciers of the strife-making fraternity who sometimes advertise their renowned strain, from which all champions come, and sometimes take a show to judge, and when the time arrives are afraid to go. Concerning me writing your President about a judging engagement, at the time I wrote him nobody other than a madman would have imagined but what you would have shifted to another date. My committee left it in my hands to find a judge for their approval should the judges already nominated at our meeting be engaged. Your President should keep his confidence to himself; it is not wise of him to trust you with it. But what has this—or how, when, or where I judged—to do with this question? It is a fact that Buckhaven have taken the date Kirkcaldy has held two shows on already, which is very bad grace indeed. Your personalities are entirely outside this dispute, but you cry, can't I fight fair? Where have I been unfair? Have I not told the truth from my very first letter to you? I am telling it still. You who cry about fairplay are the very kind who give least fairness. Had Kirkcaldy taken Buckhaven's date you would have made a mighty fuss about it, wouldn't you? If I advised you to stick to a date that Lochgelly took from Buckhaven, that does not justify Buckhaven taking Kirkcaldy's date. If you had acted up to the good advice when you got it, it would have been better for you to-day. Instead you have wandered over nearly all the dates possible in Fife, and been a nuisance to several societies and made a mess of it at the finish. There were open dates in Fife when I advised you first of your mistake, but your stubbornness would not allow you to accept advice, and now open dates are no use to you, since you have your judges, etc., all engaged. Concerning your "first-class" set of fanciers, is their action towards the Kirkcaldy fanciers like the conduct of first-class fanciers? The entry at your coming show will be the best opinion. Yes, there were purely cage-bird shows in Kirkcaldy before you or your adviser were born. Nobody has grumbled more about this same branch line than the Buckhaven fanciers who exhibit outside their own district. There is delay on all branch lines. I can assure all fanciers of this, that had Kirkcaldy been the aggressor, Buckhaven would have made the most of it. I am sorry to write of matters of such a personal kind, but I do not think it wise for the good of the Fancy generally to allow any society to ride rough-shod over another which is in the right, and which has provoked no quarrel whatever. Nor do I think it right to allow a society's official to accuse me of being unfair. When I wrote him in the most courteous manner possible, making him aware of his mistake, the reply I received from him was curt enough indeed.

Thomas Arnott, Sec.

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The Loss of a Noted Scottish Fancier.

Sir,—Like Messrs. Rennie and Young, I can say without fear that all those who have met Auld Hughie will be very sorry to hear of his sad loss, and will be willing to do what they can to retain him in the Fancy. It only wants a right start to be made to accomplish it, so I would suggest that all show committees take the matter up and collect a little from their members, and send it on through their secretary to the editor of the leading Fancy journal, viz., Cage Birds, and that week by week the Editor acknowledges the sums, and thus show what many giving a little can do to help. I would also suggest that in places where a show or society has ceased to exist, some fancier try to see the other fanciers in such districts, and collect what he can, and send it on to Cage Birds. I would further suggest that any fanciers who have cages they could do without might kindly send them on to Mr. Rennie, sec. of Falkirk Show, 13, Pleasance Square, Falkirk. Let me also give a hint to the trade: Here is a good advertisement. Send on a cage each, and Hughie will be able to say they are good cages. I, as secretary of Whitburn C.B.S., enclose P.O. for 12s. 6d., as collected from the members; the following are names and amounts:—Wm. Love 1s., Wm. Lambie (No. 1) 2s., Wm. Lambie (No. 2) 1s., Wm. Livingston 1s., Alex Forrest 1s., Andrew Johnstone 1s., Robert Calder 1s., Geo. Clark 1s., Lindovie Laing 1s., Robert Lambie 2s. 6d.; total 12s. 6d.

Robert Lambie.

[We have also received 2s. 6d. from Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith), and 2s. 6d. from Mr. G. E. Weston (London).—Editor, "C.B."]

Sir,—With reference to the subscription opened to help Mr. Moreland, of Falkirk, with whom we have much sympathy. If Mr. Rennie would care to canvass the members of the Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S. for orders for the Filup feeder, he may keep the whole of the money received to go towards the fund, and on receipt of the names and addresses of the purchasers, the Filup feeder will be forwarded to them direct, free of all cost. No doubt you remember we did the same thing for the Gateshead Society last year, through Mr. Curry, Hon. Sec., which resulted in over 30s. being added to their society's fund. I am mentioning this to show that the Falkirk members can help their old comrade in a substantial manner without being out of pocket themselves a penny.

C. H. Goodman & Co.

Prize-money at Bristol C.B.S. Show.

Sir,—Mrs. Pool's reply in your last issue referring me to the report of the show of the Bristol C.B.S., as given by Cage Birds, is really no explanation of the matter under discussion. It is true Cage Birds in its report only credited me with vhe, but I take it that this is accounted for by the fact that my number was given in the catalogue as No. 1, and No. 1 *was* vhc. But my cage label was altered by some official at the show from No. 1 to No. 2, and the prize cards which returned with my exhibit were also made out for No. 2. If the prize cards were fixed on my cage in mistake, as Mrs. Pool says, will she please say why my cage label was altered from 1 to 2, and why was a note scribbled on the inside of lid of my case, saying "Sorry a mistake was made in your No. on ticket"?

Now according to the rules in the schedule, this particular class should not have been allowed to stand at all. The second paragraph in the rules and regulations says:—"Three money prizes will be given in each class." Rule 2 says: "The committee reserve the right to cancel any class not being sufficiently filled, in which case they will return the entry fees. Prize-money will be paid in full." This class contained two entries only, and was allowed to stand, 3rd prize only being awarded, and then a blunder made in the numbering! My contention is that the class should have been cancelled according to rule. No exhibitor is going to pay entry fee and carriage to and from a show for a third prize, and the rules of this show plainly led one to suppose that nothing of this sort would take place. These are the things exhibitors remember. Mrs. Pool's last reply appears most courteous. Is it accounted for by the fact that the Bristol C.B.S. fixture is now appearing in the dates fixed column? It is greatly to be regretted that this courtesy did not manifest itself much earlier in the case. I wrote her three times and enclosed a stamp for reply, but my enquiries remained unanswered, and since my first letter to Cage Birds, other exhibitors have made similar complaints regarding this same show.

H. W. Carrier.

HAS A BIRD A CONSCIENCE? CAN IT REASON?

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Coe's letter in your issue of April 4th, I must ask him to allow me to leave unanswered that part of his remarks which relates rather to theology than to ornithology ("man is the only creature who is answerable to a higher power for his actions"). His other statements are two: (1) that a bird has no "reasoning intelligence," and (2) that it has no "conscience or free will to violate it." Now, if my statement that a bird has a conscience is regarded by Mr. Coe as "extraordinary," his statement that a bird has no reasoning intelligence has surprised me at least as much. I sincerely hope that he is a beginner, for, if aviculture has not taught us this much it certainly has taught us very little. One cannot hope to even scratch the surface of such a complex question in the small compass of a letter in a correspondence column, but I will just mention two little incidents out of hundreds, and ask Mr. Coe what he makes of them.

The Strategy of the Seed-Eater.

A few years since a hen White-throated Seed-eater in my aviary was much harassed by an Alpine Accentor. Twice she built and laid, and twice the Accentor looted and destroyed the nest. Then she cast about for some means of protecting her nest, and this was the idea she hit upon. One of the large doors which closes one of the divisions of the aviary, measuring 8ft. by 8ft., and constructed of wire-netting stretched over a light wooden frame, generally rests against, and is secured to a wire-netting partition. At the bottom the door and the partition had become lashed together with bindweed. In other places the two surfaces were either touching, or there was an interval of only a few inches between them—at all events not sufficient space for even a small bird to use its wings. Between the door and the partition this brave little lady constructed her nest at a point one foot from the bottom, and seven feet from the top. To descend to the nest she had to perform a gymnastic feat, which possibly, no bird had ever performed before, gripping the netting on each side with each foot alternately, just as a man might stand between two parallel ladders with a foot on a rung of each. It took her several minutes to descend and even longer to ascend, and yet she carried all the materials for her nest to this most inaccessible position, built her nest, and laid and incubated her eggs in perfect safety and secure from all interference. I may add that I have a photo of this nest and eggs which is quite at the disposal of our Editor.

The second instance is that of a performing Siskin. Occasionally I amuse myself by designing a mechanical model suitable for a bird to work. This particular one I call the "Twopenny Tube." It is an inclined plane a foot long, the top and bottom of wood, the sides wired, just wide enough to allow a small model railway truck to run up and down on rails, and is fastened to the front of an ordinary cage. On the front of the truck is a metal screen with a hole in the centre, large enough for a Siskin to pass its head through, and at the far end of the "Twopenny Tube" there is a corresponding hole, outside which is hung the seed-box. I took a wild-caught Siskin from the aviary, and in two or three days taught it the ordinary water-bucket trick, and then placed a little seed in the truck. The following morning I placed some hemp-seed in a little box half-way up the inclined plane and watched the result. As soon as the Siskin espied the hemp-seed he jumped into the truck, took hold of the chain winding gear, hauled himself and the truck (which is more than double his own weight) up the "Twopenny Tube," helped himself to hemp-seed, turned round, released the gear, tobogganed down the plane, and jumped off neatly just before the truck struck the terminal buffers. If Mr. Coe has any doubt as to the reasoning intelligence of this little Siskin, he has only to make an appointment with me and I shall be pleased to show him the bird working his little railway truck as a professional engine-driver.

Birds that mete out Justice.

Now as to the existence of a conscience in birds, which subject also I have not space even to skim. Let us take two families only, which from their conspicuous size have been better observed than the smaller Passerine birds, namely the *Corvidæ* and *Herodines*, and let us refer to one bird-book only, which is probably in the possession of most of our readers, "Stanley's History of Birds." If Mr. Coe will refer to pp. 189-194 he will find that most of the species belonging to these families have regular annual meetings and meeting-places, where not only are prospective events discussed, but any individuals which have offended against the moral code are tried and executed. The Raven's Parliament in Iceland is a well-known event. Rooks have an assembly every spring at which nesting sites are allotted, and if any Rook ventures to build anywhere else it is generally put to death, and the nest destroyed. (This common event was witnessed in a friend's garden near here last spring.) Another offence against the moral code is mixed marriages. A case is on record of a Rook being put to death for mating with a Jackdaw; and a very interesting case of a Stork whose nest and consort were taken from him by a rival. The injured husband called a meeting of his neighbours who put the guilty pair to death. This occurred only a few years since, and was well attested.

The above instances prove, I think, the existence of a moral code amongst birds, and I have seen very many instances where a bird that has infringed the moral code has shown by his guilty demeanour that he had a guilty conscience, frequently allowing itself when detected in the act to be put to flight by another bird of half its size.

W. E. Teschemaker.

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A NOTED SIBERIAN BULLFINCH.

First Prize at the Scottish National Show for Mr. John Brown (Edinburgh).

Some Topics of the Hour in Scotland.

Sir,—That energetic body, the Fife Cage Bird League, has outlined a scheme which will have the blessing of all fanciers, viz., a combined appeal on the part of every bird club to the various railway companies to abolish that stupid rule which demands that a passenger conveying a bird, or birds, shall book and pay for same as live stock, and, as such rateable at 50 per cent. in excess of ordinary luggage. Yet a very slight knowledge of the ways of the companies, as exemplified in the scant mercy shown to a similar and largely signed petition of a few years ago, convinces me that there is only one argument effectual in gaining concessions in the way of reduced fares, freightage, or facilities, viz., that it will benefit the company financially. This can be claimed, inasmuch as the loss entailed on the packages would be covered times over by the increased sale of return tickets to exhibitors who would, in the event of being permitted to convoy their birds home as personal luggage, visit the shows. Stress should be laid on the fact that they, the companies, would still get the single journey rates on the exhibits, as at least 90 per cent. of their owners are of the working class, and are thereby precluded from conveying their birds to the show, and as judging starts at about 10 a.m. the majority have to be dispatched the day previous.

The benefits to the shows which such a concession would promote, I need scarcely mention, but I will quote an example which I verified during the past season as an example of the bad effects of the present system. An exhibitor sent a case of four birds to a show distant under 30 miles, and visited the show. His expenditure was: Entry money 3s., carriage of birds to show 1s. 9d., return fare for himself 3s. 2d., catalogue 6d., gate 6d., booking for return 1s. 4d.; total, 10s. 3d. Prize money, one 1st (class not full), 5s., two 2nds, 10s., one 3rd (C.N.F.), 1s. 3d. Deducted for prize cards, 4s.; balance 12s. 3d. Total gain four prizes, 2s. Now, it must be admitted that few exhibitors can achieve such success, and I could not blame this one for voicing his hope that he might be——if he showed or visited a show while the present scale of railway charges obtained!

Apropos of the charge of 1s. each for prize cards, I am convinced that many fanciers will rebel against this deduction. Some of these alleged "models" make me wonder if the designer had been conforming to that scriptural injunction which forbids the making of an image of anything in the air above or earth beneath, etc. I enclose one which will perchance amaze friend Norman; also a common-sense sample, which cost 2d. I have looked in vain for some up-to-date society to replace these "model cards" with aluminium tokens; they are very cheap now, and would, I am sure, be appreciated by reason of their durability and less bulk.

I enclose my mite (2s. 6d.) towards the subscription for that grand old fancier, Mr. Moreland, and can vouch for his being deserving of the best efforts of all fanciers to, in part at least, replace his stock. (See other letters this week.—Ed. "C.B.").

The Albino Blackbird hen I offered last week, went to Mr. W. Bush, of Newport, whose letter I enclose, also one from Mr. W. G. Martin, of Hexham-on-Tyne. I will let readers have the results after the breeding season.

J. Steel.

A Breeder of Rare-feathered Birds.

Sir,—In my aviary I had a white Blackbird (cock) which I kept for breeding, but failed to get a hen. The bird I presented to the Newport Corporation for their aviary at the Park. Should you feel inclined to send the hen bird you have, something ought to be done this season. Evidently you take an interest in breeding albino birds, and might be pleased to know that I have at the present time a white Thrush sitting on eggs in one of the class rooms at this institute (the Technical Institute, Newport). I have several white Sparrows, mostly, if not all, hens. I have also white and cinnamon Starlings. I hope to breed with them this season.

William Bush.

Pied Blackbirds Bred for over Ten Years.

Sir,—Seeing from your letter in this week's Cage Birds that you are interested in albinism, I may say that I have two very fine pied cock Blackbirds, one nearly all white, the other about half and half. I caught these the first week in January of this year and both are now in song. Unfortunately, I am leaving my house here for a larger one in May, otherwise I should be glad of your offer. In the nurseries here owned by a friend of mine, Mr. G. Ross, pied birds have been bred for over 10 years, and I am hoping that a nest, which now contains eggs, will have pied youngsters in it. I shall handrear these and see how they turn out. If it would interest you, I should be glad to keep you informed of the results. If at any other time you got hold of a pied hen (assuming I am unsuccessful this season), I should be very glad to have her, and try the experiment, as I am having the garden (about 200 sq. ft.) in my new house netted in.

W. G. Martin (B.Sc., F.C.S., L.C.P.).

Are We Dissatisfied with the Winning Norwich Plainheads of To-day?

Sir,—I think the Norwich Fancy must be suffering from an invasion of German measles, or some other insidious complaint. Fanciers are for ever finding fault with the type of Norwich, instead of trying to breed some which come within measurable distance of the present-day standard. If Mr. Floyd and the others who criticise will go to a show and look for nothing else but the long-sided, heavy-tailed and lashed birds they will find them; but neither he, nor anyone else, will make me believe that he has seen winners in anything like strong competition "with Crestbred quite clear, coppy running down the neck, many of them all feathers, long winged, long and heavy-tailed, chests like 4d. rabbits, and legs scarcely able to carry them." I am a bit given to exaggeration of speech myself, but I reserve that for occasions which call for less seriousness, such as when I happen to have stayed out longer by an hour on the one night out my better-half allows me, else it takes longer to straighten things out than it takes to replace the hairpins in a bride's hair after five minutes in a tunnel. Chests like 4d. rabbits! Is he sure he hasn't been suffering from ptomaine poisoning, or some other obnoxious malady which has blurred his eyes and made his seeing indistinct? These fanciers—whom no one ever hears of except when they want a standard altered—are for ever trying to belittle the birds which are winning, and the judges who give them the prizes. Instead of trying to climb the tree themselves, they content themselves by casting exaggerated aspersions on any birds which are nearer the standard than their own, and using all their powers of persuasion to bring the standard down to their own level. They are victims of their own ineptitude in the breeding-room, and when their results are not as they anticipated, they imbue themselves with that spirit of antagonism which criticises everything which isn't as their own, and everybody who doesn't think as they think.

If we were to adopt as a standard the bird depicted by Mr. Floyd we should be going back twenty years. The type is all right. Nothing, or little, can be said against it; but it is too small. It is a type we look for in our breeding hens, a nice medium size; but as a show bird and a cock bird, well, it's three-quarters of an inch too short, and almost half an inch too thin in check. Many of our present-day winners are two inches—or almost—in depth, and that, without length, long tails, and browiness. Certainly there are birds with the faults he enumerates, but they are generally cardless, if there is any competition at all. If Mr. Floyd will breed a Norwich on the lines of his model, but just a trifle larger, he will see that the judges will find it all right. They will not put birds above it with chests like 4d. rabbits!

Sub Rosa.

The Capture of Summer Migrants.

Misleading Descriptions of Birds.

Sir,—Following on my letter of protest and warning against dishonesty amongst some bird sellers, may I be permitted to protest also against the capture of summer migrants just as they arrive from their long journey to nest with us? I am an ardent aviculturist, but I like fair play; and it does not seem to me to be that, when we trap and seize on our native migrants, ready if we leave them in peace to nest and sing around us. In a small garden I once possessed in the Eastern counties, the Nightingales sang outside my windows day and night, and I watched them hopping on the lawn in early mornings of springtime, but it never occurred to me to capture them, but only to protect them from being captured—and they returned year after year. Neither are the people who trap our summer visitors of a class which could give their prisoners the necessary comfort; the very fact of their doing it for pecuniary gain means that they could not afford to give them surroundings helpful towards happiness; only probably miserable little cages.

I am all for birds as pets, provided they can be really happy, and there are, of course, bird dealers who do their best to make them so; but they are those who really love the birds, and who have taken up dealing in them because of that; yet I fear such ones are in the minority. I hold no brief for them, but I hold for honour where honour is due. My thoughts, recurring to what I wrote last week on "Misnomers and Misrepresentations," I feel that a black list should be started against dealers who deliberately cheat, inventing euphonious names for birds which have nothing to do with such titles, (if the cheating can be proved!), selling wild caught Thrushes, Larks, Starlings, etc. (wild as Hawks) as hand-reared, and all the rest of it; and when they sail too close to the wind, lest their leaking boat should capsize, they tack by changing their names, and sometimes too their addresses!!

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Seventh annual show, held Easter Monday, in the Council Schools, a good room with plenty of light and space. The entry which was not expected to be large, the show coming just at the commencement of the breeding season, was well up to the average. Quality was excellent and in many classes competition was very keen, especially in the two Goldfinch classes, where some tip-top exhibits were on view. These birds are very popular in North Wales, and many fine specimens are caught in the vicinity. The Greypate class was exceptionally fine; the two leaders were stormers and should have a future; we could be quite happy with either. The Mule or Hybrid class also contained several delightful specimens. The pick of the Canary classes was undoubtedly the winner in Buff Norwich, a bird of grand size and type, with feather of the finest quality. Judging was over in good time, and awards promptly fixed. The committee consisted of Messrs. R. W. Roberts (chairman), O. Jones (treasurer), W. H. Williams, A. W. Huxley, J. Wilson, H. Hughes, E. Gallichan, W. Jones, T. Harrison, J. Kershaw, J. Jones, W. Williams, W. Hughes, and T. Wood. A keener set of thorough fanciers it would be hard to find. At the helm as Hon. Sec. is Mr. W. Nolan, a very hard-working official, who has every detail at his finger tips, and left no stone unturned which he thought would add to the success of the show. We trust his efforts were crowned by a good gate. Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood judged and appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, W. H. Williams, cl., rare size and col., good shape and subs., nicely cleaned out, grand head and qual.; 2, Wilson, unflg. cl., medium size, very compact in build, well cut away, nice head, qual. and cond.; 3, 4, R. W. Roberts, leader bit longer in build, nice qual., not so good in col. BUFF (9): 1, 2, W. H. Williams, leader 4-pointed, a topper of the first water, splendid type and qual., fine head and sub., short wings and tail, a charmer, 2nd at Palace; 2nd, unflighted cl., nice head and type, short and cobby, good qual.; 3, 4, Wilson, former shade longer in build, good head and feather; vhc, Aitken; hc, G. Jones; c, Davies. YORKS., CL. or TICK YELL. (4): 1, 3, Nolan, leader wing tick, fine length and shape, good carr., well filled back, neat waist, nice style and qual.; 3rd, head mkd. nat. col., rare length and shape, good feather; 2, J. C. Williams, cl., bit stronger in build than leader, good shape, gets well up, loses in wing carr.; 4, Huxley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Nolan, leader cl., grand length and shape, neat head, good qual., well up on legs, neat shoulders and well filled back; 2nd, neck tick, nice length and shape, well drawn, not so good in back; 3rd, fine qual. hen, good shape and style, bit hollow in back; 4, R. Williams. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Nolan, leader uneven yell., fine length, nice length of side, neat girth, well up on good legs, very stylish; 2nd, uneven buff, rare length, bit stronger in build, nice feather, not so neat at waist; 3, Huxley, very shapely hen, nice qual. BORD. (9): 1, 4, Hudson, leader very neat cl. yell., nice shape, col. and qual., jaunty carr., good order; 4th, very stylish cl. buff; 2, 3, hc, E. R. Roberts, uneven buff, good in shape and qual., tight as boxwood, very smart; 3rd, uneven yell., nice type, fine qual., close up; vhc, Huxley; c, Green. A.O.V. CAN. (including nat. col.) (7): 1, Hudson, winner in Border class; 2, 4, vhc, Nolan, leader very nice cl. cap Silver Lizard, well spangled, nice shape, in grand feather; 4th, stood 3rd in yell. Yorks.; 3, hc, Roberts, former took 2nd position in Border class; c, Huxley. MULE or HYB. (9): 1, 4, hc, Hughes Bros., leader Can.-Bullie, nice size, light feathers in wing and tail, shows parentage distinctly, fine cond.; 4th, very nice uneven buff Goldf.-Can.; 2, 3, Griffiths, leader Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape, good flush, good exhibit, close up, loses a little in cond.; 3rd, very fine Siskin-Can., grand size and shape, good col. and cond., bit hare over beak, a beauty; vhc, e, W. Williams. GOLDF. (11): 1, W. H. Williams, very bonny Greypate, grand size an dshape, fine width of face, blaze of rare brilliancy, splendid bars and tanning, lovely cond.; 2, vhc, hc, e, E. Jones, well up in size and shape, nice square-cut blaze of fine depth, good tan, bars and buttons, in rare fettle, not far behind; 3, E. Hughes, grand qual. Finch, all there for size and cond., nice depth of blaze, good bars, minus toe-nail; 4, T. Roberts, about the best face in class, rare width, and very squarely cut, in poor body feather or would have been higher. GREYPATE (9): 1, Lloyd-James, one of the best youngsters we have seen for many a day, topper grand size and shape, fine width of face, blaze of fine depth, coming well back, grand collar, very pure in col., best of body col., rare bars and buttons, should make up a gem; 2, Williams, stood 1st in previous class; 3, hc, Nolan, very fine Finch, loses a little to leaders in depth of blaze and body col., shown in excellent trim; 4, Parry; vhc, E. Jones; c, Roberts. BULLF., ETC. (13): 1, W. Williams, rare good Greenie, well up in size and shape, nice wings and body col., excellent cond.; 2, W. H. Williams, Bullie, nice size, good breast and back, well cut cap, very steady; 3, Lloyd-James, Greenie, fine one, just loses trifle in size to leader, otherwise equally as good; 4, vhc, hc, Green; c, O. Davies. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, Nolan, Waxwing, nice size, splendid col., rare length of crest, nice-sized wax and flight tippings, clean-cut bib, excellent cond.: 2, Morgan, Yell. Bunting, good size and qual., rich col., nice head and cheek markings, nicely mkd. body, in fine fettle; 3, W. H. Williams, Hawf., topper for size, nice bars; 4, vhc, Griffiths, Waxwing, shade smaller than 1st, not so rich in col. or so profuse in wing tips; hc, Parry. FOR. (5): 1, 3, Harrison, leader a nice Alexandrine in grand feather; 2, Mrs. Thomas, fine Amazon; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Mrs. Williams. NOV. CAN. (12): 1, 2, vhc, Wilson, leader 2nd in yell. Nor. class; 2nd stood 3rd in buff Nor. class; 3, Hyde's sp., W. Williams, yell. Yorks., fine length and shape, well up on leg; 4, Hughes, Cinn. mkd. yell. Yorks; hc, W. Williams; c, Harrison. DITTO BRIT. (15): 1, Wilson, Goldf., well up in size, rich square-cut blaze, nice tanning and bars, in good feather; 2, Sorgan, Goldf., good size and shape, nice width of face, not so rich in body col.; 3, Hughes, Goldf., nice body col., hardly so deep in blaze; 4, vhc, Humphries; hc, W. Hughes; c, Miss Hughes.

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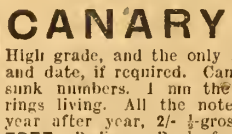

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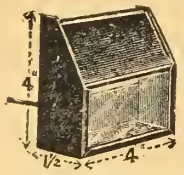

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A FEW Norwich cocks and hens, yellows, and buffs, reasonable prices; stamp reply: McLennan, 16, Market-st., Forres. (1552)

LOVELY yellow variegated cock, 1913, three 1sts in members' shows, 12/-; bargain; approval: Wright, All Saints'-st., Stamford. (1554)

HAVING more pairs than I can conveniently attend to, have two good pairs for disposal: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (1563)

WANTED any quantity surplus stocks Norwich for abroad; established 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs.

GOOD Norwich hens, ready for nesting, buffs 3/6, yellows 4/- each; approval: G. Nolan, Roselelgh, Huntingdon-rd., Coventry. (1558)

CHAMPION Norwich buff cock, 10/6 (winner); Green cock, buff hen, 25/-; offers; approval: James, 32, Margaret-terr., Abergwynfi. (1555)

COCKS, some nice 1913 hatched, on full song, ready for immediate breeding, 7/-; approval: Arthur Green, Tunnard-st., Boston. (1558)

GRAND quality buff hens, clear and variegated, 5/6 to clear; week's approval, deposit: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (1550)

MONSTER unflighted buff Norwich hen, 6/6; large yellow Norwich hen, 5/-; single breeders, 1/3: Runson, 8, Colville-st., Burnley. (1552)

WANTED, clean, healthy Norwich Plainheads, best price given, any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1513)

NORWICH Roller cocks, every bird warranted on full song, my own breeding, 7/- each: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1556)

A FEW typical 1912 Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; four unflighted hens, 5/- each; correspondence a pleasure: Shepherd, Smith, Colwall, Malvern. (1551)

WANTED two pairs Canaries, exchange sterling silver English lever watch, new; sell £2: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1552)

APPROVAL willingly, exceptional quality, big 1913 buff Norwich hen, tip-top form, 12/6, worth treble: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (1561)

TWO good unflighted yellow hens, 17/6; or exchange for unflighted yellow variegated cock: J. England, Trent-st., Burton-on-Trent. (1563)

HAVING returned from abroad, young birds still unsold, direct from winners, breeding condition, 10/6, 15/-: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury. (1534)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1272)

YELLOW marked cock, buff hen, cost 50/-; accept 25/-, no time for breeding; bargain for someone: Sheard, 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (1559)

TWO Norwich cocks, colour-fed, 1913 birds, singing, show blood, grand type, 6/6 each; Yorkshire hen, 2/6: Duckworth, Hammerton-yard, Burnley. (1556)

LARGE variegated buff cock, 20/-; unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; number of buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; to clear: Mason, 218, Watt-st., Glasgow, S.S. (1555)

FOR sale, two very fine yellow Norwich Canary hens, 7/- each; two buff ditto, 6/6 each; all ready to nest; particulars: Dymock, Prestfelde, Shrewsbury. (1539)

LARGE buff Norwich hen, 2nd prize, 6/6; two rich buffs, 5/- each; also few large buffs, 3/6; splendid condition; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1559)

OVERSTOCKED. Var. buff cock, buff hen, 15/- each; two var. yellow cocks, 10/- each, 40/- lot; approval, deposit: Dawson, 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton. (1557)

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CHAMPION Norwich, large, variegated yellow cock, 1913, 20/-; also buff cock, 15/-; both worth double; breeding condition; approval: T. Billington, 55, Colwick rd., Nottingham. (1555)

FOR sale, yellow marked Norwich cock, his mate having died; four times shown, two 1sts and two 2nds; medium sized, good colour and quality; price £3; approval: T. S. Mabon, Melrose Cottages, Kelso. (1556)

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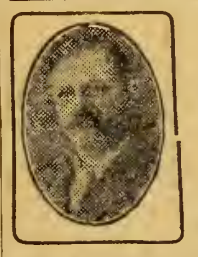

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WANTED, Yorkshires, will give 6/3 each cocks, fed, full song; cash deposited; stamp reply: Oliver. (See Wanted column.) (1564)

YORKSHIRES. Five cocks, 8 hens, 8 breeding-cages, all ready to nest, £3 10s.: Beach, Builder, 41a, Crosland-rd., N.W. (1550)

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BELGIANS, grand yellow hen for sale, suitable Yorkshire crossing, price 15/-; approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (1562)

FEW good pairs Yorkshires, bred from winners, nesting, cheap to clear, room wanted; stamp: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (1557)

FEW good Yorkshire hens, ready to nest, 4/6 each; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravenshury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (1558)

PAIR 1912 Yorkshire-Norwich, with their five 1913 youngsters, 2 cocks, 3 hens, 25/-; approval: H. Edwards, Butcher, Glastonbury. (1557)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some 7in., from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (1306)

1913 LONG racy typical Yorkshire hens, clears, bred from cup winners, 5/- each; others, 4/-; approval: Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester. (1561)

WANTED, clean, healthy Yorkshires, best price given, any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1513)

FOR disposal, Yorkshire Canaries, from 8/6; hens, 3/6, cold-room, or exchange for boots: 49, Banstead Grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (1559)

TWO Yorkshire buff hens for sale, splendid condition, anxious to nest, 1913 cold-room bred, 3/6 each: Adey, 56, St. Mary-st., Weymouth. (1556)

FOUR buff hens, untried, same as my winning strain, 5/6 each; approval: Bayliss, 7, Hugh Villas, Hugh-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (1555)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from my winning strain, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, pairs from 10/6; approval: Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (1539)

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BUFF marked unflighted cock, 3rd Middlesbrough open, £1; ditto, 2nd members', 10/-; breeding condition: Rant, 47, Wicklow-st., Middlesbrough. (1555)

TYPICAL buff marked Yorkshire unflighted hen, on good legs, 7/6; ditto smaller hen, 4/-; Ogden and Radley strain; approval, deposit: Wood, 72, Southgate, Gloucester. (1563)

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Singing Contests.

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Open Linnet singing, April 25, at P. Finn's, Canterbury Arms, when three good prizes will be given for 6d. entrance. First bird up at 1 o'clock prompt. —J. Nugent, Sec. (Advt.)

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, April 11; 56 entered for 7 prizes: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, divided. Boyd, Brady, Heslop, McQuirk, McVoy, Kendrie; 4, Ridley. Judge, Thos. Farrey; timer, J. Farrey. Next contest open to England, Black Horse Inn, New Elvert, Durham, April 25. T. Farrey.

[Please see notice above as to announcements of forthcoming contests.—ED.]

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, Linnets, three minutes' singing, April 12, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street. Twelve birds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Schofield, and some good singing was heard by a good attendance. 1, Spottswood, 68 sec.; 2, Laurie, 36 sec.; 3, Orton, 26 sec. Wm. Bingham, Sec.

Open Linnet contest for time, British Oak, April 19. Mr. H. Austin gave three prizes: 1, 2, 3, Robinson; also an open show at night, when Mr. Parlett scored all three prizes. E. Robinson, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Annual special sing, April 11, George and Dragon, Bridge-st. 45 birds entered for 11 special prizes: 1, Liversedge; 2, 8, Brindley; 3, Parnell; 4, 7, 11, Sweeting; 5, Nelson; 6, Morley; 9, Kirk; 10, Caddy. April 12, 17 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, Brindley; 2, Wainwright; 3, Nelson. Weekly Linnet contest, April 18, 53 entered for 5 prizes: 1, 3, Liversedge; 2, Caddy; 4, Smith; 5, Williams. April 19, 17 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, Brindley; 2, Kirk; 3, Smith. —J. Brindley, Sec.

WOODHOUSE CARR.

Open contests for quality, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, April 11. 18 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Jarman; 3, Rosendale. Judges, Messrs Pyrah and Green. April 12, 29 entered for four prizes ,and some very good singing was heard before a packed house. Our old friend, Mr. H. Allen judged and gave every satisfaction. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Pyrah: 1, Ward; 2, Buttery; 3, Rosendale. On Easter Tuesday we had our great open contest, which brought fanciers from far and near. 33 birds entered for four prizes given by Mr. Bowyer; there was some extraordinarily good singing. 1st prize was won by Mr. Pyrah, pro. Mr. Buttery's bird. It was a treat to hear it run and turn its notes like a German Canary; 2, Ward, another good bird and well-known winner; 3, Binns; 4, Jarman. Judges, Messrs. Lunn and Wigfield. April 18, 17 entered for three prizes: 1, Laycock; 2, Ward; 3, Binns. Judges, Messrs. Green and Lunn. April 19, 19 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Laycock; 3, Rosendale. Judges: Messrs. Whitaker and Lunn.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

[Please forward address.—ED.]

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, April 10, Albion Hotel, Saville Green. 18 sang for three prizes: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Johnson; 3, shared by Wood and Chadwick. Judges, Richardson and Naylor. April 11, 23 sang for 4 prizes: 1, 4, Wood; 2, Gomersal; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Naylor and Crane. Open contest, Easter Monday, 27 sang for 4 prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, Buttery. Judges, Naylor, Richardson, Jennings. Easter Tuesday, 18 sang for 4 prizes: 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sissons; 4, Hayes. Judges, Crane, Richardson, Naylor. April 18, 15 sang for three prizes: 1, Sissons; 2, Stead; 3 shared Hardcastle and Hayes. Judges, Jennings and Naylor. April 19, 23 sang for 4 prizes: 1, Chadwick; 2, Sissons; 3, Wigfield; 4, Hardcastle. Judges, Jennings, Crane, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Prince of Wales, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road, April 14. 20 competed for 3 prizes: 1, Lipman; 2, B. Smith; 3, Yates. Judges, Messrs. Playford, Barrit. April 18, 22 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Yates; 2, B. Smith; 3, Bickerdyke. Judges, Messrs. Morian and Dobson.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting and British night, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, April 7. President Gillies, chair. Agreed to engage Co-operative Hall, a much better hall than public hall for annual show. Judges were voted upon, and will be written to in due course. Village schoolroom was also engaged for F.F. show, judges to be appointed at next meeting. Mr. Hannah having handed in the awards, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Best exhibit, McLean, Goldie-Bullie, new member; most entries, Mr. W. Hardie; BRIT. GOLDF., Hardie; BULLF., Storrie; GREENF., M. McEwan; LINNET, McLean; SISKIN, M. McEwan; M. REDPOLL OR TWITE, Hardie; LESSER REDPOLL, J. McEwan; A.O.V., Daw; SOFTBILL, McLean; A.V. HEN, McNab; FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF., McLean; MULE OR HYB., McLean.—A. H. McLean.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting, headquarters, April 7, Mr. T. Down presiding. A very large and enthusiastic attendance. Table show of British was held, 39 being staged, the majority having passed through the past show season with honours. Mr. Beswick (Stockport) judged, and a stiff task he had, a good many of them testing his ability to the utmost; afterwards he pointed out the various good points in the specimens, which proved of great interest. The tips he gave will no doubt prove of value to members when selecting future specimens. Balance-sheet for 1913 showed a profit of £21 7s. 3½d. on the year's workings, after paying full prize money in every class at the All-England show, and without drawing on the guarantors. This, indeed, was a great achievement, but the greatest of all is a bank balance of £69 after four years' working. All table shows, N.F., and members' shows have had fixed prize money in addition to numerous specials. —J. A. T. Woodall, Press Corresp.

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HENLEY F.S.

Meeting, Oxford Temperance Hotel, April 6, Mr. Dearlove presiding over a fair attendance. Five new members were enrolled. At next meeting, May 4, at 8, Mr. Lovegrove has kindly consented to give an exhibition of bird-washing. G. Machin, jun., Hon. Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, April 1, Mr. Holden presiding before a moderate attendance. Mr. Geoff. Benson gave a very interesting lecture on the Pairing of Birds, and dealt with Yorkshires, Norwich, and Borders, and many useful hints were learnt, various questions being asked. Mr. Benson very ably dealt with same. A hearty vote of thanks was carried with acclamation. We thank the Wallasey C.B.S. for the invitation extended to our society to join them in their ramble, May 3. Will any of our members who intend going please drop me a card, and I will let them have particulars. Messrs. Marland, Percival, Huyton, Southwood, McCready, Lobb, and Pengelly, were elected members. Edgar S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting, Y.M. Halls, April 18, Mr. Bandell presiding. No special business being on, we decided to discuss Mr. Haston's proposal to add a decorated cage class at annual show. Agreed to add the following class: Decorated cage, open to any boy or girl under 14 years; entry money 3d cage; prize money, 1st, 5s., given by Mr. Haston; 2nd, 2/6, by Mr. Kerr; 3rd, 1s. 3d., by Mr. Kennedy. A cup was promised by a member to take the place of novice medal, which was won outright last year; cup to be won by novice not having won more than 2 1sts who gains most points at annual show. To be won three times before becoming own property. Next meeting, May 2nd, fixing judges for annual show. —Allan Thomson, Sec.

BIRTLEY, CHESTER-LE-STREET AND PELTON FELL (Amalg.).

Meeting, April 11, at Pelton Fell, Mr. Lindsay in chair. Letters read from judges re terms, etc., for N.F. and annual shows, and the following were chosen for same: Chester-le-Street N.F.S., July 4, Mr. H. Seely, Choppington; Birtley N.F.S., July 18, Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland; Pelton Fell N.F.S., Aug. 1, Mr. J. Riseborough, Sunderland; Chester-le-Street annual, Nov. 7, Mr. Riseborough; Birtley annual, Dec. 5, Mr. H. Seely; Pelton Fell annual, January 2, Mr. Wm. Reid. Moved that we run table shows at our meetings in future, up till our first annual show, for British, Can. and For. All Canaries to be young birds and to wear closed rings. Medals will be given for most points throughout table shows. Mr. Wm. Davidson has promised medal, value 15s., for most points in Canaries. Canary fanciers have promised medal, value 15s., for most points in British, etc.; so fanciers come and join us—the progressive club—and win one of our medals. Annual subs., 7s. 6d. and 1s. entrance, which covers all shows mentioned. Mr. Forster showed a sample of Mr. Leclair's open rings and his charpie nesting. Next meeting, Chester-le-Street, April 25, at 7, when a table show will be held; points to count for medals, etc. Linnet or Twite, Siskin or Redpoll; Softbills not larger than Thrush; Bunting, any variety.—Wm. Forster, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

First meeting of the new Council April 18, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. Wm. Cruise (pres.) in chair. There was a splendid attendance of delegates, only two societies not being represented. The President thanked the delegates for the honour they had paid him in electing him to that most important position. Mr. Cruise said that he had an experience of something like 26 years in the Fancy, which had been not only profitable, but from which he had derived much pleasure, and he trusted that all would experience a pleasant year. Dwelling on the novice question, he said that from the time he won his novice medal the Union had given upwards of 110 medals, and he much regretted the fact that many of these exhibitors, after achieving that object, seemed to him to drift out of the hobby altogether. He expressed a desire that some scheme would ultimately be devised which would retain these novice medal winners in the Fancy. The first question after the confirmation of previous meeting's business was as to whether Halifax and Dist. C.B.S. should be allowed to have the first show date and judge allotted to the Halifax Society before the split. This had been referred back to the members of the Union societies from the previous Council meeting, and by a unanimous vote the Council decided to grant them this application. The delegate representing the society thanked the Council very heartily. Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S. made an application for membership, and this was also granted by a unanimous vote. A letter from Manningham C.B.A. in respect to their open show was allowed to lie on the table pending further important developments. The Bradford National Show Committee made an application for the support of the Union at their next show, Dec. 4 and 5, and the Council granted that all the Union trophies, novice medals, and other competitions should be competed for at that show. The Council decided to give eight gold novice medals at Union shows during the season, six for Yorks section and two for Norwich. Annual subs. for all members returned to the Union was fixed at 8d., payable on or before May 1. Decided to write to various firms to tender for the printing of Union handbooks, show rules, etc. Following were elected on the sub-committee to deal with any urgent business:—W. B. Atkinson, J. Horsfield, W. H. Symes, G. White, W. Hellas, F. Hodgson, and A. Brown. The Pres., in thanking the delegates for their attention, hoped that they would attend as near to the time stated for the meeting to open as possible. Anyone desirous of having an advertisement in the Union handbook can do so by applying to me; 7s. 6d. full page, 3s. 9d. half-page, 2s. 6d. one-third, 2s. quarter, 1s. breeders' cards. Secs. of affiliated societies should note that all members' names and addresses, also payment for same, should be sent in to me by May 1. Novice members' names being marked with N; also state headquarters of society, when meetings are held, and what time they commence.—H. Hill, Sec., 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Meeting, April 8th, at the Station Hotel. We have fixed our show on Nov. 7 instead of Nov. 14, as stated previously in CAGE BIRDS. This is to avoid clashing with Blaydon. I think when societies are fixing their show dates they should see they do not take other clubs' dates. Since Wallsend was a society its annual show has always been on the second Saturday in November, so Blaydon has taken our date. Their usual date is the first Saturday in November; last year it was the third Saturday. I think they should have altered their show date, not Wallsend; it would not have meant loss to our Society, because we are having a members' show. I hope another year societies will keep their own date and not clash with others. Members elected: Mr. Blakey, Wrekenton; Mr. Doughty and Mr. Coutts, Byker; Mr. Affleck, Wallsend.—G. Greenwell.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held April 6; very poor attendance of members. Mr. W. Bowyer, Leek, appointed judge for young bird show, June 20; the same classification as last year in the members' section was adopted, and as the open classes we put on last year were very poorly supported, it was decided to defer them for further consideration. Mr. Blower (Stoke) and M. Hartley (Hanford) were elected members. Mr. Ousman submitted sketch and estimate for some staging for use at shows, and if we can raise the necessary funds to purchase same, I am sure it will prove most useful. I purpose giving a china tea service for competition amongst the members at the N.F. and annual members' shows, but only those members whose annual subs. are fully paid up, previous to the first show, as per rule, to compete. I hope to see a better attendance at the next meeting.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH M. & F.B.C.

Annual meeting, March 28, Chairman Mr. C. Petterson presided over a large attendance. Decided to ask Mr. Nicholson, of Stockton, to become President, and the following gentlemen Vice-Presidents: Messrs. T. Holmes and R. Davidson, Carlisle; T. Porteous, Hexham; T. C. Crawhall, J. Mackenzie, J. Bertram and R. Tindale, Newcastle, and W. Butler, Stanley. Officers elected: Chair., Mr. Petterson; vice, Mr. J. Mackenzie; auditors, Messrs. Mackenzie and Hamilton. Decided that all members act as committee instead of local members as in previous years; also decided to hold meetings on fourth Saturday in every month until further notice. Mr. Tindale, who was present, promised a cup to be competed for at our table shows next season. In connection with the meeting the last of the series of six shows was held. Mr. J. Maddison judged.

LINNET: 1, Jobling; 2, Voutt. GREEN.: 1, Petterson; 2, Jobling; 3, Hamilton; 4, Hooper. BULLF. or GOLDF.: 1, 3, Jobling; 2, Hooper; 4, Voutt; 5, Petterson. BRAMBLE or CHAFF.: 1, 2, Bertram; 3, McGuire. SISKIN, REDPOLL or TWITE: 1, Jobling; 2, Hooper; 3, 4, Petterson. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Jobling; 2, Bertram. PAIRS for HYB. BREEDING: 1, 2, McGuire; 3, Hooper. FOR.: 1, Voutt; 2, 3, Petterson. Special toilet set given by Mr. Petterson for the three highest birds, Mr. Jobling; 2s. 6d. by the Sec. for the second most points, Mr. Bertram. Vote of thanks to Mr. Maddison for judging brought a pleasant and instructive meeting to a close.—W. Curry, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting, April 18, Newmarket Hotel, Shudehill, Manchester, with a fairly good muster from Rochdale, Glossop, Denton, Manchester, Oldham, etc. We had the pleasure of making Mr. G. Naylor, of Rochdale, a member, and were interested in noticing that he took an intelligent part in the various questions put before the meeting. Mr. Stansfield made a very sporting offer to guarantee prize money at our next club show under certain conditions, which will be more fully gone into at some future meeting. We had sad news from Mr. Bradley's brother that Mr. John Dewsnap is in a very critical condition, and also in regard to Mr. E. Fuller, our old friend being once again the victim of gout. No better news was to hand in regard to Mr. John Garner, who is still in a very bad way. Decided that sec. write letters of condolences to the gentlemen mentioned, with hopes for a quick recovery. Decided we have tea and social at Mr. Clarke's, Volunteer Inn, George Street, Oldham, May 9. Tea at 5, tickets 1s. 3d. It will assist the sec. in making arrangements if all intending to be present will send names not later than May 2, so that proper arrangements may be made. Messrs. Fitton and Swalwell kindly undertook to see after the entertainment part, and also the ordering of the teas. There was a strong feeling and determination on the part of the members present to make a big effort to place Lancashires and Lizards at the front, where they ought to be. Sec. was instructed to write the winners of club trophies, to know what they want as specials, so that Mr. Swalwell can get them in time for social, when it is proposed to present the prizes as follows: Champ Lanc. trophy, G. Litton (runner-up, A. Beattie; champ. Lizard trophy, W. P. Barnes, runner-up J. Rukin; champ. Novice Lizard trophy, E. Lord, runner-up C. L. Bosworth. No novice competed for Lancashire section. Where are all the novices, with specials going begging for this? There is evidently plenty of room in the L. and L.F.A. for novice Lancashire breeder and exhibitors. One of the best meetings for some time was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to chair.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN, C.B.S.

Table show of British birds, April 7, Nightingale Hotel, 16 birds being staged in the pink of condition. After judging, Mr. H. Norman gave a lecture on the birds, and said it was one of the finest table shows of British birds he had judged. There were birds amongst them that could hold their own in open competition, which speaks well for the rapid strides we are making for so young a society. Three new members elected.

GOLDF. (6): 1 Stephen; 2, Miss Smith; 3, Griffin; vhc, Hetherington, hc, Day; c, Bates. BULLF. (5): 1, Stephen; 2, Pettit; 3, Day; vhc, hc, Bates. REDPOLL (3): 1, hc, c, Bates; 2, 3, Stephens; vhc, Pettit. GREENF. (4): 1, Stephens; 2, Griffin; 3, Pettit; vhc, Bates. LINNET (3): 1, 3, Stephens; 2, Griffin, vhc, Hetherington; hc, Pettit. BUNTING (4): 1, Hetherington, 2, 3, vhc, Willis. CHAFF. (3): 1, 2, Stephens; 3, Pettit. BRAMBLE (2): 1, 2, Stephens. HAWF.: 1, Stephens. HENS: 1, Stephens. TITS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Willis. A.O.V. (2): 1, Hetherington; 2, Willis. Special best 1st and best 2nd, Stephens; best 3rd, Griffin.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones (Pres.) in chair. Balance sheet for 1913 was read by Sec. This would have been given earlier, only Mr. Hobson has been waiting for members to bring in ticket money. If they will kindly oblige in this respect in future it will make his work ever so much easier. The report shows a profit in both the nest feather and annual members' shows, and it rests with the members to make the shows this season even a greater success. Sub-committee's report re rung birds created a great deal of discussion. The schemes as proposed by the committee were adopted, viz., that there be prizes for each section, the four highest rung birds to count; also a special for the best rung bird in each section; rings to be got from the Assist. Sec. Decided to have a competition for nominated birds, the details left to sub-committee. The first ramble of the season fixed for June 6, to Ridgeway, Mr. Curley to be the guide and make arrangements for refreshments. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Beven in his sad bereavement, he having suffered the loss of his mother, who died very suddenly. The rest of the evening was taken up by questions. These proved very interesting, and many useful hints and suggestions were given. May meeting, lecture on Norwich by Mr. A. H. Waters, and egg-food making competition. This should be very instructive. Fanciers invited.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting at 3, Priory Grove, Mr. M. E. Wilson chair. Six new members nominated. A discussion arose as to nest feather shows, and it was decided to hold two night N.F. shows, which will count for season specials. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe promised a cup for same. The Chairman was sorry to inform the members that the President, Mr. J. C. Crowe, was seriously ill; a vote of sympathy was accorded, wishing him a speedy recovery. A deal of business relative to specials, show regulations, etc., was left in the hands of the Committee to go into and report at May meeting. On behalf of the Wallasey C.B.S., Mr. H. Alston invited the members to their ramble, May 3. Liverpool men meet at Central Low Level, 9.45 a.m. train for Bidston. All fanciers are invited; please don't forget time and date. We are endeavouring to get the best known authority in the North of England to speak on "Mendelism" at some future date. Secretaries were instructed to write to the North Liverpool C.B.S. to go into this lecture, with a view to getting a large hall. Mr. W. Young gave his lecture on "Which was the most interesting and profitable Canary to keep, the green or the clear?" Mr. W. Young advocated the green, while Mr. H. Alston, Egremont, took up the cudgels of the clear. It was a wonderful debate, being taken up by all present, who must have learnt something. A vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, who suitably responded.—Robinson and Burns, Hon. Secs.

UPPER RHONDDA C.B.S.

Meeting April 8th, Cardiff Arms Hotel. Mr. Powell presided in the absence of Mr. Curtis. Decided to hold two F.F. shows, June 11 and July 30. Sec. was instructed to write to judge re first show. Decided not to be affiliated to the S.W. and Mon. Federation, the chief argument against being that members had to compete at mixed shows, and that South Wales wants a union for Cage Bird Societies only. Members are reminded that subs. are due. After business Mr. Bees was called upon to give a lecture on "Sweating Hens." Mr. Bees said his intention in reading the paper was to start a discussion in which we might learn from one another, so he would give his own experience of 19 years' bird keeping, during which time he had seen many funny things happen. He always tried to prevent trouble by keeping his stock birds in good robust condition, with plenty of muscle and energy; during winter he gave them plenty of flight exercise, and fed on plain canary seed and apple. When he had a hen in a fat, sluggish condition while sitting, he gave half-a-teaspoonful of oatmeal in two ounces of water, and for bad feeders lettuce twice a day with dandelion once; he believed the latter was a good blood tonic. He never forgot to hang on the bath. After Mr. Bees had answered many questions a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Next meeting Mr. Powell will read a paper on Egg Binding.—E. Richards, Sec.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Redruth F.S. Show is fixed for July 1. Mr. W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon, will judge cage birds.

Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, has, we hear, been elected to judge the first open show of the Burslem and Dist. C.B.S., Dec 12.

I have undertaken the duties of Assist. Sec. and Press Correspondent of the Poplar C.B.S., writes Mr. F. H. Marhoff, 1, Stanfield Road, Bow.

Mr. Boothman, Manchester, will give a lecture on Norwich Canaries at our next meeting May 6, at 8, at headquarters, Wareing Dining Rooms, writes Mr. G. Lord, sec. Radcliffe C.B.S.

At a meeting held April 19, with a good attendance, Mr. J. Hands was elected to judge cage birds at annual show, writes Mr. Wm. Robinson, sec. W. Stanley Empire Workmen's Club F.F. and C.B.S.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S. are having a ramble on May 3rd, writes Mr. W. Hodgkins, sec. Meet at headquarters 9.30. Meet Birkenhead and Liverpool fanciers at Bidston Church, 10.30. All fanciers invited.

Mr. Arthur Wake having resigned hon. secretaryship of Middlesbro' and Teeside C.B.S., Mr. J. Swinsco, 125, Ayresome St., Middlesbro', has been elected in his place. All communications should be addressed accordingly.

The members of the West of Scotland have a treat in store at their May meeting in a lecture from Mr. R. Davidson, Mossend, on "The Study of Nature in Relation to Man and Birds." Mr. Davidson will also have present his cases of seeds, pressed plants, etc., comprising 500 specimens, many of them collected in his 12 years' rambles in India; a large turnout is requested.—W. Hutchison, sec.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Williams and Mr. J. C. Crowe (Liverpool).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, that I have to inform you of the death of two well-known Liverpool fanciers. One is Mr. John Williams, the old-time celebrated "Mule King." There must be hardly a fancier who does not know, or who has not heard of the sensations that Mr. Williams used to cause when he staged his teams of Mules and Hybrids, and he took an interest in birdy circles locally. Mr. Williams got in very feeble health towards the end. The other good fancier we have lost is Mr. J. C. Crowe, who was only ill four days with pneumonia. Practically only a young man in the Fancy, he made his name a household word in this district. He was the main supporter, financially, of the late Anfield Society. He had not an enemy in the Fancy. We in Liverpool have indeed lost two good friends. At the funerals the local societies were represented by Messrs. J. C. Cutmore, J. W. Metcalfe, W. C. Robinson, J. Burns, M. E. Wilson, J. C. Caine, R. Folland, and I. Dickinson. There was also a procession of his Masonic brothers.

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B. shows a very healthy state of affairs, the cash balance in hand being £27 4s. 11d. Mr. V. Wynn (the hon. sec. and treas.) and the members are to be congratulated on their strong position.

On Monday next, April 27, Mr. C. E. Weston has promised to have a "chat" with the members of the Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S., on Mule breeding and birdy topics generally. The meeting is held at 8 p.m. in the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. (near tram and 'bus, also the Tufnell Park Tube Station). Friends will be heartily welcomed.

The following well-known fanciers have been appointed to judge at Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. annual open show, on Nov. 14, writes Mr. A. Dickson, sec.: Scotch Fancies, T. Merrilees, Broughty Ferry; Borders, H. Wilson, Bannockburn. Yorks., J. Reid, Cowdenbeath; Crests, J. Veitch, Lochore; Norwich, J. Adams, Dundee; Mules, Brit., and Foreign, J. Steel, Dalkeith.

Quite a few members of Fife Cage Bird League have written me to alter the date of the next meeting from May 2 until the 9th, writes Mr. Jas. Cordery, sec., as they would like to attend the presentation to Messrs. Richardson and Jamieson, in Edinburgh on May 2, and as our lecturer is likely to be one of them I hope I won't be doing any harm by making the meeting a week later than usual.

Bradford East O.S. are having their annual fanciers' service at Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, on Sunday, May 3, at 6, writes Mr. W. Cruise, sec. The Rev. Hereld Parish will be the preacher, assisted by the members of the society. Master Cyril Hammond will be the soloist, and will render "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and "Nearer, my God, to Thee." A hearty invitation given to all.

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South Wales Fancier Honoured.

It must be very gratifying to Mr. Gordon McLueas to have had conferred upon him such an honour as was done at the annual meeting of the South Wales and Mon. Federation at Swansea on Easter Monday. He is the founder of this body and has worked very hard in its interests, and with the help of a body of good workers has been the means of bringing it to the success it is at present. For the purpose of retaining his services as sec. and treas. the delegates present passed a resolution that he should be elected permanently. We understand there is a good balance in hand, and seven cups are for competition for the coming season, with 31 societies affiliated.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Welsh C.B.C., A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil, closing date April 18; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Southern Border F.C., F. W. Burton, 91, Forest Road, Dalston, N.E., closing date April 27. Northern Norwich P.H.C., F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Yorkshire C.C., J. Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford, closing date May 9; Foreign Bird Club, A. Silver, 303, Streatham High Road, London, S.W., closing date May 20.

A MOORHEN NESTS IN A PAIL.

In this extraordinary case the Moorhen (or Water-hen) built in a disused pail which had been lodged in a bramble bush at some distance from the ground and away from the waterside. Photo by A. L. Bonas (Castleacre).

THE MIND OF A BIRD.

A Chat with Members and Friends of the L. & P.O.S.

By ALLEN SILVER.

(*Continued from page* 348.)

THE bill, therefore, may be summarised as a highly specialised organ, and may be used for pricking fruit, rending flesh, climbing and hammering, or it may act as a fly trap, a decorticator, a lance, a vehicle for various purposes, a comb and brush, or, as before explained, a highly sensitive indicator, so much so that its damage may mean death or slow starvation to its owner.

Having alluded to the actual organs of sense connected with the brain, we will get back to this central "office of works" and the general behaviour of birds, which has its origin therein, and from which the entity of the creature emanates.

The brain is an excellent example of the law that this organ requires to be of a certain size independently of that of the whole body. We find the brain cavity varying much in size apart from the size of the bird, so much so that the brain of extremely tiny birds is relatively very large.

Lives only in the Present.

Viewing the intellectual development of a bird apart from the organ itself, we shall not only (compared from our own standpoint) find great variation, but we shall also find great variation in the capabilities of individual birds of the same species. We know that there may be no fundamental difference between ourselves and birds as far as the various specialised mental faculties are concerned, but it is obvious that the difference of the degree of mental complexity must be enormous. A bird is probably able to think "of" a thing, but not about it—*i.e.*, memory is as essential to it as to any other fairly high form of life, but memory should never be confounded with the power of reviewing a situation, with deduction or induction.

Mr. E. Kay Robinson very rightly in his "Religion of Nature" deplores that system of nature-writing in which the authors (both here and especially in America) build up a fairy-story of the life-history of a creature, endowing it with a complete set of human emotions. He says it pays better than other kinds of nature-writing, which I believe to be a fact.

The average individual not trained in zoological pursuits likes to devour these tales, and prefers to hear about a creature endowed with human attributes, however distorted, rather than try to analyse the situation from an unbiassed view. A view of the situation can only be truthful, and an investigation can be only valuable when personalities are not involved, as in the case of a political argument. Deal with the measure and not the man, and, on the other hand, consider the behaviour of the creature and not your own emotions.

We will now consider what goes on in the mind of a bird. That a bird must have a mind of a sort none can hardly question. We must, however, remember that the ego of the bird is probably a very different thing to that of a mentally developed animal like man—the difference must be immense. A bird can be conscious of its surroundings, but not necessarily self-conscious. A great number of its actions must be largely automatic, and, judging from a great number of investigations, there is nothing whatever to lead us to think that such a creature can infer anything but the most simple sensations of its own existence and environment. I would go so far as to say that a bird cannot think of its past or its future, or review its situation outside its purely animal sensations.

The Power to Feel Pain.

The contemplation of happiness or anguish is evidently outside its scope, except for the purely animal (as apart from the intellectual) power of feeling pain or experiencing vague signs of displeasure. The power to feel pain or other unpleasant sensations is highly useful to any creature, otherwise a part of such creature might become irreparably damaged without the brain being conscious of it. This is quite a different thing to the mental discomfort that can arise in the mind of a human being through contemplation, and which in some highly strung individuals may almost equal the actual process itself.

The power to feel pain is much less developed in the purely animal and uncivilised man than it is in the highly civilised, and to both, when animal sensations are in a state of great excitement, a fairly bad injury may at the time pass unnoticed. Many lower creatures receive wounds which would cause human beings to collapse, and shortly after will dress them and exhibit little or no discomfort, whereas the highly developed, mentally nervous system of a man may be set in a state of extreme agitation at the mere thought of having the part touched. I will not bother you by illustrating these points, as they can be amplified during the discussion.

(*To be continued.*)

Beware!

Now that the Cuckoo may be heard on a country walk it behoves one to be careful. Tradition has it that the thing you are doing when first you hear the Cuckoo's note will be the thing you are to do most frequently throughout the year. Also, if you are unmarried, you may take note that you will remain single just as many years as the Cuckoo, when first heard, utters its call.

Jackdaw which Follows a Little Boy.

A Jackdaw belonging to a cottager in Seward's Court, Tiverton, has become so fond of Alfred Vickery, its owner's eleven-year-old son, that it follows him about wherever he goes. It flutters after him when he goes to school, and has on many occasions flown off to meet him after school was over. When the lad is sent on errands it almost invariably accompanies him. Recently it followed him to a football match and remained perched on a tree until play was over, when it fluttered off home after the boy. Recently Jacko, as he is called, was hopping round the boy while he was playing marbles in the street. The bird does not at all love other boys of the neighbourhood, and will often peck them while at play. It used to be fond of Alfred's older brother Edward. One day, however, Edward, finding that the bird was too persistent in its attentions, took it home and locked it up, and since then Jacko has had nothing to do with him.

A Great Success.

The full record of the magnificent clear Greenfinch-Canary Mule, belonging to Mr. R. Heggie (Glasgow), illustrated on our front page of April 11th, is first prizes at Lochgelly, City of Glasgow, Kelty, Kirkcaldy, Glasgow and Dist. Cowdenbeath, Queens' Park and West of Scotland Shows, and second prizes at the Crystal Palace, Scottish National, and Gateshead Shows.

The "Speckled Beauty" as a Cage Pet.

By FRED. HOBART (Upper Clapton).

Some Good Practical Hints Concerning the Song Thrush.

THE Song Thrush is a bird very well-known to everybody as a splendid songster. He is bold and vivacious in manner, readily adapts himself to cage or aviary life, and will sing as well in a cage as when perched on the topmost branch of some tree. In a crowded city street the Thrush is equally at home, and its surroundings have little effect on its song if it is kept in a good-sized, clean, well-sanded cage. It is a remarkably cleanly bird in its habits, and delights to keep its plumage in spick and span condition.

Life in the Wilds.

The Thrush when at liberty is an early breeder, commencing at the end of February or the beginning of March. Its nest is usually found in shrubberies, hedgerows, and among the dense undergrowth of coppices. In most cases it is low down, and a large, well constructed and neatly finished abode. Moss, grass, root fibres, very fine twigs, and pieces of decayed wood are chiefly used in its external structure, whilst the inside is lined with leaves and well plastered with clay and cow's dung. The eggs, from four to six, are greenish blue in colour, with small blackish-brown spots. Season after season a pair of birds visit the same locality, often building in the same shrub.

Now for one or two hints as regards keeping the Song Thrush in a cage, etc. To sex these birds is exceedingly difficult, the only difference in them at all, in my opinion, being that the breast of the hen is a little paler in colour. But some hens are quite as heavily spotted as the male birds. The song, of course, is the one safe guide.

To be successful in hand-rearing, one must be extremely careful in the feeding. A good preparation I have used is the same egg-food as for Canaries, with the addition of a few ants' eggs. I mix one hard-boiled egg, grated fine, with about two Osborne biscuits. For the first two days the young want feeding about every hour, afterwards every two hours will be quite sufficient. The young birds should have a good feed at night as they have a long while to wait for the next. They may also be given pieces of garden worms, also mealworms and small slugs. A little raw lean meat should be scraped and given to them not more than once a day. This has also saved the life of an ailing young Canary. One cannot, however, be too careful to see that the meat is quite fresh; should it be the least bit "turned" it is very harmful.

I always cage the young ones off separately as soon as they are able to feed themselves. You will then soon be able to find out which is Mr. and which is Mrs. Thrush out of the batch, as the cocks will quickly begin to warble. The hens might as well be given their liberty, unless you want to keep them for breeding experiments. You have the advantage of perfectly tame birds when they are hand-reared. A really good show bird requires to be extra large and shapely, with a bold full eye, rich colour, and chest markings distinct and clear, not running one into the other.

A First-class Dietary.

A good stock mixture for fitting birds for show (though far from being the cheapest) is as follows: Ground chicken meal six parts, ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each. Raw carrot or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, water-cress, or cold boiled potato should be used to damp it. Vary these frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake or half a hard-boiled egg, finely chopped, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can find them; also ripe fruit and berries frequently. Blackbeetles are very much liked; so are snails. This procedure I obtained out of the columns of CAGE BIRDS, and I have found it excellent. As an ordinary staple diet, any good packet Thrush food is excellent, varied by a few insects, snails, and such-like tit-bits you happen to come across.

Never have Cages too small.

The cages for Song Thrushes should be large (never too small), and should have only the front open. The front should be made of wooden rods, or wire. The cages should have the feeding and drinking vessels outside. A small stone should be placed inside for the bird to break the shells of the snails on, as he is quick to detect anything on which to smash up his victims. A bath is also appreciated daily, and this should also be hung outside. Another very important thing is to see that all feeding vessels are kept clean.

Satisfactory and Economical.

I will here mention a cheap recipe for a prepared staple food for those who do not care about packet foods, which can be used if preferred: Take six parts of fine chicken meal, and add six parts of fine crissel. Pour enough boiling water on the daily portion to thoroughly soak it, and give it to the birds when cool. Give this to the birds three or so days a week, and on the other give the following: To 4 parts ground Osborne biscuits add one part each of dried flies, ants' eggs, meat meal (or fine crissel); also a few grocers' currants in the winter. This should be mixed crumbly moist each day, not more being moistened than will be eaten. These foods should be kept in tins.

Remember to give your pets room to open their wings and expand their lungs, good food, clean cages, and kindness, and they will live long to liven you up with their merry song and engaging ways.

THE UVÆAN PARRAKEET.

A delightfully coloured Parrakeet from New Caledonia, which aviculturists have found somewhat difficult to keep for a lengthened time in captivity.

TIMELY ADVICE ON CANARY BREEDING AND REARING

Points from a Lecture recently delivered before the Leeds C.B.S. by Mr. A. Chew.

DANDELION leaves are excellent conditioners for both cocks and hens, and a little egg food given every third day is also of great value as a conditioner, likewise a teaspoonful of mixed seed two or three times per week. My staple diet is plain canary seed. The mixed seed that I give is composed of 1lb. hemp, 1lb. niger, ½-lb. linseed, ½-lb. maw, ½-lb. gold of pleasure, ½-lb. white millet, ½-lb. red millet, ½-lb. summer rape, ½-lb. winter rape, and ½-lb. teazle, which will cost you about 1s. 8d.

By March 21st I have generally got my birds started nesting, as I believe in getting an early start. I think it repays you in more ways than one; you have your birds ready for the early shows, and the early birds are, in my opinion, always the best. Whether the birds are ready you can easily tell by putting a few bits of cow-hair between the wires; the hen will run about with a few pieces in her beak, calling to her mate.

Materials for the Home.

I use the earthenware nest pan, with a felt lining fastened in, made from carpet felting, which is easily cut to the shape required, and is much cheaper than the ordinary nest linings. For nesting material I give cow-hair. If nesting material is not given, the hen may take to pulling feathers from her mate, and once having learned the habit, she may remember it when she has young ones, and pluck them also.

If the hen is seen about this time sitting with her feathers puffed out, and looking listless, you may expect her to lay the next morning. If in the morning she should not have laid, and it is seen by her appearance and actions that she is probably egg-bound, catch her and hold her gently, taking care not to damage the egg, the shape of which in the abdomen may plainly be seen; if broken it will be almost certain death to her. Have some hot water in a dish, and bathe the abdomen with a soft sponge for about five minutes. Have a little olive oil at hand and dip your finger into it, and rub gently over the abdomen and vent. Then place her back on the nest, where she will probably soon lay, and be as lively as ever.

Take the eggs away as they are laid, and keep them in a receptacle containing bran for them to rest on. On the evening of the day she lays her third egg, place the eggs in the nest and let her sit. Fasten a piece of cardboard on the wires in front of the nest, so as to hide it a little, as the hen will then sit more comfortably when you are attending to your duties in the room. Do not give egg food or mixed seed during the period of incubation, nor any green food, as it is apt to induce the hen to stop off the nest too long, the eggs thereby getting chilled.

The Egg-Food and its Making.

Place some egg food in a dish the night before the eggs are due to hatch, so that she may feed her young as soon as they need it. My method of preparing egg-food is to boil a new-laid egg about fifteen minutes, then press it through a sieve. The sieve I make in a very simple manner; nail four pieces of wood together, as if making a box and fasten a piece of perforated zinc to the bottom. To the egg I add one tablespoonful of fine sugar, one tablespoonful of ground rape seed, ½-lb. of stale bread, ground into crumbs, which I make crumbly moist. The egg should not be passed through the sieve until it is cold. Mix well together, and it will keep wholesome for a few days, if kept in a cool place.

Some, no doubt, will be troubled with non-feeding hens, and will have to do a little hand-feeding. I get a 4½d. syringe from the chemist to do this with, and I find it answers very well. If the hole in the end should be a little too small, all you have to do is to grind it down a little. As soon as my birds are able to feed for themselves, I put them in roomy cages, always running a few together, as I find if there are half a dozen or more together they seem to get on better. I also believe in giving them water both to drink and bathe in when they are leaving the parents. I believe a lot of young ones are lost each year by withholding water from them.

The Questions and Answers.

Mr. Chambers: What would you do in the case of the hen only laying one egg?—Mr. Chew: Take it out, give the hen a rest for a few days, and let her go to nest again.

Mr. Mennard: Does Mr. Chew believe in more egg than bread, and why does he grind the rape seed?—I believe in most bread, as I think too much egg is not good for them. Besides, it would cost too much if you had a lot of birds up. I grind the rape seed to get it to mix with the food better.

Mr. Mennard: Does Mr. Chew think it would be wise to make a staple diet of half canary and half rape seed, seeing that canary seed is so dear?—I always have a glass filled with rape seed in the cage, but it mixed I think that they would throw it about too much.

Mr. Dobson: How long is the cardboard left in front of the cage?—Until I take the young away.

Mr. Chambers: Do you use any oils in the egg-food?—Not usually, but I find cod liver oil emulsion is very good.

Milk-Sop and Cod-Liver Oil.

Mr. Mennard: Do you believe in milk sop for young ones, if unwell?—I do not use a lot of milk sop. I prefer cod liver oil emulsion in the egg food.

Mr. Norton: What number of hens do you use for one cock?—One cock to one hen, as far as I can, but it is best to keep a few spare hens in case of any going wrong.

Mr. Mennard: Do you believe in giving green food to the young after leaving the parents. I do, myself, for I find that if you feed with green food in the nest, no harm will occur, if you continue afterwards?—Mr. Chew's reply was, No.

Mr. Laughing: I do not believe in cow-hair for nesting, as I think that when the chicks are only a few days old they are apt to get their feet entangled in it, and being so weak are not able to get up to feed, thus getting starved. I am a great believer in milk sop for young birds. I give them as much as they will eat, and always do well with it. What advantage do you find, Mr. Chew, in crushing rape seed for your young ones?

Mr. Chew: I crush all seeds for young birds for a few weeks, as I think they get on better; they do not always get their fill when they have to crack it themselves, it being too hard work. I may say, gentlemen, that by following the methods I have just related to you, I have during the last fifteen years never averaged less than three and a half young ones for each hen, so you will see that I have been fairly successful.

Mr. Farrar: How do you steady Yorkshires?—Mr. Chew: By running them into the show cage as often as I can, but some I find impossible to steady.—Mr. Laughing: I believe in pedigree breeding for steady birds; I find if you have steady parents you get steady young, and vice versa.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Chew, this bringing a very instructive evening to a close.—E. Norton, hon. sec.

Why is the Hedge Sparrow's Egg Blue?

"Why is a Hedge Sparrow's egg bright blue?" A writer in "Countryside" gives the following explanation. The factors of the case are, I take it, that the Hedge Sparrow's nest is always remarkably well hidden, but that as soon as the covering above it is disturbed the eggs are startlingly conspicuous. Now the nest is almost invariably built under the branches of a bush, so close to the ground as almost to rest upon it, and at the time when the Hedge Sparrow nests the herbage under the bushes is growing fast. A great danger to the nest, therefore, is that some grazing animal, thrusting its head under the low branches in search of the growing herbage, might push the shelter aside and destroy the nest. The bright colour of the eggs would startle the intruder and cause it to withdraw; for grazing animals need to be very nervous about things which have conspicuous colours because these generally mean that their wearers are dangerous. This utility of bright colour, coupled with the tendency of the life-force in all creatures to produce excellence and beauty, suffices, I think, to explain the bright blue of Hedge Sparrows' and other birds' eggs. I do not think that Natural Selection could produce the colour, though, of course, it would help to fix it, if useful.

Correspondence.

The Home Club Comes First.

Sir.—Mr. Walter S. Wilson, of Hamilton, has refused the appointment to judge Leith show, the reason being that Hamilton show falls on the same date (Nov. 14) and Mr. Wilson, being vice-president of the Hamilton O.S., considers it would be unfair to both club and exhibitors to be absent from duty at Hamilton. Show secretaries will understand, however, that Mr Wilson is open for other dates. George Marlin.

A Twenty-Year Old Goldfinch Mule.

Sir.—We note in last week's issue a correspondent writes saying that a Goldfinch had been kept in captivity 15 years. It may interest you to hear that a friend of ours who uses our Finch Mixture wrote us the other day saying his Goldfinch Mule was in his 20th year. We think this to be an interesting instance of longevity in a cage bird, and that we may justly feel proud of our Finch Mixture being the food for this long period. We enclose a facsimile copy of our customer's letter

Bristol. F. Capern.

Pink Eyes in Cinnamon-Coloured British Birds.

Sir.—A few weeks ago in Cage Birds, in a few notes at the foot of your report of Birkenhead British Bird Show, sent by the sec., he mentions that Mr. Barker, of Wallasey, exhibited a Cinnamon Skylark (not for competition) most fanciers agreeing the bird to be pink-eyed. I have examined this bird very closely, and have come to the conclusion that it is not pink eyed. But I would like some well-known authority to examine this bird, as no doubt it has always been admitted that cinnamon-coloured birds are pink eyed. Mr. Barker will be pleased to let any authority examine it by appointment. I only write to see if any fanciers have come across a similar case.

W. Young.

[It certainly does not necessarily follow that cinnamon coloured British birds, or Mules and Hybrids, have pink eyes. I have possessed, amongst others, a cinnamon Greenfinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Robin, and Hedge Sparrow, and none of these was pink-eyed; my cinnamon Greenfinch and cinnamon Linnet Canary Mules were also black-eyed. On the other hand, I have had cinnamon plumaged British birds which have been pink-eyed.—Editor, "C.B."]

The Wryneck and its Nesting Troubles.

Sir,—The following item is taken from a letter recently sent by J.R.T. to "The Times," and I think it will be read with interest by my fellow fanciers. J.R. says: "Surely the Wryneck is not a very shy bird. It will nest quite close to a house if it finds a suitable place and is not evicted by the Sparrows. Some years ago a pair reared a brood in the hollow of a tree standing within 10ft. or 12ft. of the front door of a house I occupied in Hertfordshire. Later, in another garden in the same neighbourhood, I attached a nesting box to a post standing within some 30ft. of the front door of the house. From my study window I enjoyed a full view of this box and watched for several days the really touching efforts of a pair of Wrynecks to make a lodging there. First came the male bird to inspect. He examined the box, and apparently finding it to his liking he perched himself on the top of the post and began uttering his peculiar cry. This soon brought his mate to his side, and they proceeded to examine the box together. Then began the most industrious spring cleaning, which lasted for a day or two, for apparently the box had been previously occupied by Sparrows, and they had left it in a sad mess. Out came straws, feathers, and all sorts of litter, and then the Wrynecks settled in, but they had reckoned without the Sparrows. In a day or two they were ruthlessly evicted—though one would have thought a Wryneck was more than a match for a Sparrow—and I saw them no more. On another occasion I found in the same garden, a little farther from the house, two Wryneck's eggs deposited on the ground at the foot of a post to which a nesting box had been affixed. I can only suppose that a lady Wryneck had taken lodging there, but returning from a foraging expedition found the box occupied by Sparrows, who had bolted the front door against her. Then, being in a hurry, she deposited her egg on the ground, though how there came to be two eggs I have never been able to understand. I hardly think the Sparrows can have turned the eggs out of the box. It would have been a very difficult engineering feat, and the eggs would almost certainly have been broken by their fall to the ground. But there the eggs were, and they were intact."

W. Sanderson.

A Precocious Young Canary.

Sir,—I have only been breeding Canaries for two seasons, but I think the following will interest your readers. I have a young bird which is now just three weeks old. When only 13 days old it left the nest covered with feathers, having a tail half-an-inch long and wing feathers one inch and a quarter long. Yesterday (April 19) when just three weeks old it started feeding itself. I think this is something of a record for such a young bird. It is about three inches in length. I should like to hear what your readers say about it.

F. Bird.

Has a Bird a Conscience?

Sir,—I was reading Mr. Teschemaker's letter on Sunday morning, and, being the morning after Saturday night, I had to feel at my head to see if I had really made a mistake for once. No, my head felt all right, so I had another look at the letter. The passage which accounted for my topsy-turveydom was this: "Rooks have an assembly every spring, at which nesting sites are allocated, and if any rook ventures to build anywhere else, it is generally put to death and the nest destroyed." Now I happen to have been reared and have lived the whole of my life, almost, underneath a Rookery, and have often noticed the assemblies, but it never occurred to me that they may be for allocating nesting sites. It is quite a socialistic idea, when you think of it. I suppose they must draw lots for the places; kind of a raffle. Evidently prize draws are not contravening Rook law. I have often noticed them quarrelling, but I always supposed they quarrelled much as other animals do; in fact, much as the human animal does. This much I do know—which Mr. Teschemaker omits from his letter—that from my own observation Rooks only use two kinds of sticks to build their nests with. I think I remember once reading in a children's fairy tale book that Ravens hold an annual parliament in Iceland. But I had always looked upon the Raven's parliament in Iceland as a fairy tale Still, one has never finished learning. The last paragraph interested me very much. It refers to birds having infringed the moral code being chased by birds half their size. Anyone who who has kept pigeons will often have noticed one being chased through the air by a Sparrow. Now he will know that the pigeon must have been making love to Mrs. Sparrow. 'Tis a weary world! T. Johnson.

The Winning Linnet at the Bradford National Show.

The property of Mr. J. E. Jeffreys (Swansea). Our drawing is by Mr. J. C. Park.

A 15-Year-Old Skylark's Adventure with Pussy.

Sir,—Thinking it might be interesting to readers of Cage Birds, I venture to send you particulars of a Skylark, belonging to a friend of mine at Tillietudlem Station. This bird was brought from a nest and hand-reared on ordinary egg and biscuit food, and scraped raw beef, turning out a fine bird. It became a great favourite, being such a beautiful singer and so very tame. It was fed afterwards on plain canary seed, a little hemp, ants' eggs, and occasionally mealworms. About two years ago, when hung on the wall outside, he escaped from his cage and flew into the garden. The cat happened to be in the garden at the time, and she, thinking the bird had no right to fly anywhere but inside the house, the Lark was caught and carried back, in pussy's mouth, to the kitchen. The Lark, none the worse, was put in his cage, and was singing shortly after. "Jackie," as he was called, was cared for like one of the family, and will be greatly missed, as he died last week, having almost reached the age of fifteen, being taken from the nest in July, 1899. I think this quite a record for a Skylark.

Allan Thomson.

The Deposit System Recommended.

Sir,—Having read with interest in Cage Birds of March 28 a reference to the two maiden ladies "Miss Nomer" and "Miss Representation," I should like, in view of my own recent experience, to warn innocent and honest fanciers against sending P.O.'s, instead of taking advantage of your Deposit System in dealing with those whom they have had no opportunity of judging. I am personally inclined to "trust all men," especially when the name has become familiar from advertisement. One argues business must be done if such advertisement can be afforded. But I have discovered how it can be done. Such a simple way! Just keep your customer's money and also the birds sent back "not approved"—that is if your customer lives far enough away. A very limited number of birds would go quite a long way. Mine went back, and no acknowledgment of any kind has yet reached me, nor has any notice been taken of two or three reminders. Possibly the bird is still travelling around representing this firm—if so he must be quite au asset. I trust my words may make my brother fanciers a bit cautious.

Once Bitten.

[If our correspondent cares to comply with our rules (rule 8) we will see that satisfaction is accorded him.—Editor.]

The Sad Loss of a Noted Scottish Fancier.

Sir,—I was very pleased to read in Cage Birds of last week a letter from Mr. John Young, hon. sec. Scottish Crested C.C., re the sad loss of our old respected friend and veteran fancier, Mr. Hugh Moreland, of Falkirk; but a much sadder loss, I am very sorry to inform you, falls to be added, for within a few days of the catastrophy to his birds, Mr. Moreland was bereaved of one of his sons. With this doubly sad loss, I am sure, as Mr. Young has already ably said in his letter, that the sympathies of all our brother fanciers are with Mr. Moreland at this time. Since he (Mr. Moreland) has done so much for the Fancy in Scotland in assisting with that warm and whole-hearted spirit (which is always to be found in a true fancier) to bring it to the high standard of to-day, I have much pleasure in endorsing both Mr. Young's and Mr. Rennie's appeal to brother fanciers in aid of a grand national testimonial to help this old, respected fancier, and set him up afresh in his favourite hobby, so that it may brighten his leisure moments, and prove to him the respect in which he is held by his brother fanciers throughout Bonnie Scotland. I trust that such a testimonial may be got up, and meet with the success it so rightly deserves.

Wm. S. Proudfoot,
Sec. and Treas., Glasgow (W. End) C.B.C.

THE CHAMPION HEAVY-WEIGHT OF THE BRITISH WAGTAILS.

Also Some Notes on the Size of their Eggs.

Sir,—With regard to the fighting powers of the Pied and Grey Wagtails my experience is quite the reverse of that of Mr. W. E. Teschemaker. I have often seen the Pied Wagtail chasing the Grey Wagtail, and no further back than last autumn I saw a Pied chasing a Grey several times. I saw a White Wagtail and a Pied having a tussle twice. Victory lay with the former in the first combat, and victory lay with the latter in the second. I cannot, however, say they were the same birds; and as Mr. W. E. Teschemaker remarks "The Pied and White Wagtails seem very evenly matched."

A Robin once took possession of a small heap of manure in front of a window where I was working and any of its own species which ventured near was quickly driven off, while the House Sparrows met with a hot reception. A pair of Pied Wagtails frequented the heap and the Robin attacked the hen bird several times, but the latter was always victorious. The Robin never attacked the cock bird. That was forty-five years ago. Since then I have had a lot of experience with British Wagtails in their wild state.

It appears to me that the song and call notes of the White Wagtail are just the same as those of the Pied Wagtail, but the call notes of former are sometimes rather softer. The Grey Wagtail is the next best songster, and the Yellow Wagtail fourth. I have no experience of the Blue-headed Wagtail, but I recognised it at Paisley Bird Show.

In an article on Wagtails Dr. Butler stated that the Grey Wagtail has the largest egg. When I pointed out his mistake (that the Pied Wagtail has a larger egg) he said "I have in my possession a Grey Wagtail's egg as large as that of the Pied Wagtail." But that was not a satisfactory answer. It either showed that his observations were imperfect or his experience limited, as the average size of the Pied Wagtail's egg is decidedly larger than that of the Grey Wagtail. The Pied has a heavier body than that of the Grey, which accounts for the egg being larger. Dr. Butler also stated that he saw a Grey Wagtail's nest with eggs in the furrow of a ploughed field. I cannot help thinking that it was a Yellow Wagtail's nest, as I have seen a Yellow Wagtail's nest in a similar position. A gentleman whom I knew saw a pair of Yellow Wagtails in a ploughed field. He made several holes and the pair of Wagtails referred to selected one of them to nest in. In all my experience I have only seen the Grey Wagtail three or four times in an open field. The Grey Wagtail is often mistaken for the Yellow Wagtail; but it was the opposite, of course, with Dr. Butler.

Wagtails do not readily approach their nest when any person is watching them, as I have often had reason to know. I watched a pair of Pied Wagtails, with food in their bills, day after day. They built their nest in an old quarry in the town of Beith. But it was no use, and I found out later on that I was too near the nest. That was fifty-three years ago. The Pied Wagtail usually builds in quarries, or near dams, or ponds, or other sheets of water. I have only seen one nest of this species at the side of a stream. Five eggs are usually laid to the clutch. The Grey Wagtail prefers to build in rocks where there are quick running streams. Five or six eggs are usually laid. The Yellow Wagtail generally builds in hay or cornfields, and five or six eggs are usually laid.

John Craig.

Beith.

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Two Eggs Joined Together.

Sir,—I am a breeder of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, and on Sunday last, April 19, I found, to my great surprise, one of my hens had laid two eggs, joined together by a very thin shell. Both of the eggs contained a yolk, etc. I should be pleased to know if any other fancier has had this experience. Thanking you for all the valuable information I have received from your splendid paper, Cage Birds, which I wish every success.

P. J. Brown.

Fifteen Years of Cage Life.

Sir,—It might interest your readers to know that we have just lost a pet Goldfinch in his 15th year. His owner was Miss Gray, formerly of Sandwich, Kent, and he was known to a good many that way.

The Goldfinch was one of a nest of five taken at Eythorne, near Dover. He was a very typical bird, and his plumage was perfect to the last, always a brilliant colour. His singing was splendid, and as good as ever until two years ago, since when he has been blind. It seems a wonderful age for a bird, but he was always well looked after.

C. E. Richards.

How a Reader Got Rid of Red Mite.

Sir,—I have been taking Cage Birds for some time and have found many good hints in it which have come in very useful. There have been several letters about red mite lately. I had experience of them several years ago. I did not know what they were until I built a new wood house 12ft. x 6ft. x 7ft. high, with a galvanised iron roof, and a nice big window, with netting in front so that I could open it for ventilation. It was in the garden. I thought it was all right for bird-keeping, but the next breeding season I began to find out what red mite were. The birds were much pestered with them, so I began to think that I had made a great mistake. I found the house varied too much in temperature. I had another house at the kitchen end of my dwelling-house, which had a thatched roof. Thought I, before the next breeding season I will try them in there, and put an end to all red mite. So I took a big bath of water and put it on to boil. 1lb. of Lifebuoy Soap and four balls of camphor tar were put in the water. When these were dissolved, I put each cage in the boiling water for some minutes and left them a day or two to get dry, then whitened them with lime, when they were placed in the new house. From that day to this I have not seen a red mite. I find that my present one is the most even temperatured house that can be got. My birds are healthy, and I have now three nests of young birds, two fours and a three, and several more hens sitting. I hope you will think this worthy of being put in your valuable paper, so that it may be of some help to brother fanciers.

F. Curnow.

Who is Liable for Special Prizes at Shows?

Sir,—I thank you for your reply to my query under the above heading, which, in my opinion, is more than a surprise, especially as regards the private donor. In these days of competition, show committees make a big effort to get as many specials as possible, which are in the very great majority of cases given by private donors, and if the private donors are going to shirk their moral liabilities it will mean a big loss to societies, in fact, ruination in some cases. It will also mean that show committees will relax their efforts in getting specials, and the result will be loss of entries, as one cannot get away from the fact that a good list of specials is a great inducement to exhibitors to make entries, and helps to make the show a success.

You have pointed out that show committees can evade their liabilities by inserting a clause in their schedules that "they will not be responsible, etc." Good advice; and no doubt it will be acted on. At the same time, I shall be very sorry to see it in any schedule, as to my way of thinking it is unsportsmanlike, and will not be beneficial to the Fancy. But this is only my personal opinion, and I should be pleased to see other fanciers' views on the subject.

Now, as regards the particular special in question, there appears to be a doubt in some quarters as to the special being promised, and as the donor has not come forward with any statement it lends itself to the view that there is a certain amount of "swank" attached to it; but this is not so, and I will state the case briefly. Meeting the person in question one day I mentioned that the B.R.C.C. were going to run a show on their own, and he said he would be pleased to give a special of a plated teapot value £1 1s., and that it would be the value. I thanked him very much, as one does not come across £1 1s. specials every day, and not canvassed for at that, and on behalf of my committee I wrote and thanked him, also sent him a schedule of the show. He has admitted his liability in writing since, as you will see by the copies of a letter and postcard (enclosed) written by him to the winner of his special. I think under these circumstances that there is a strong case for the donor to be sued successfully, but one does not want to do this kind of thing, and it has been a most unpleasant duty for me to have to write about the affair at all, and I appeal to the donor, as a fancier, to redeem his promise in some shape or form. I thank you very much for the information you have given on this subject, which I feel sure will be of great benefit to the Fancy in more ways than one.

J. W. Norris.

Hon. Sec. B.R.C.C.

Irish Club News Wanted.

Sir,—Knowing that the annual general meeting of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland was to have taken place last month, and the officers for the present year elected, I would like to know if there was any meeting held, as I have seen no report in Cage Birds.

No Nothing.

A Mannikin-Zebra Finch Alliance.

Sir,—A Pied Mannikin has mated with a cock Zebra Finch in my aviary and laid three eggs. Perhaps this may interest readers of Cage Birds. I should be interested to know whether anyone has heard of young birds being reared from this strange combination. The Zebra Finch was bred in my aviary some four years ago.

(Mrs.) L. G. R. Sheldon.

How to Distinguish the Roller Tours.

Sir,—I desire to thank you for the insertion of my letter which appeared in our much-esteemed Cage Birds under the above heading, it having been the means of introducing me to a fellow fancier in Leeds who has promised to call on me during the coming summer. My sincere thanks are also due to Mr. Tomlinson, whose article was the cause of my letter being written, and from whom I have received a very kind letter informing me that he has arranged for me to visit Mr. Oldroyd, of Wakefield, which I hope to do at some future date. The interest shown by the above-mentioned gentlemen proves that there are yet some fanciers who are willing to give a little spare time to the cause of the novice in our hobby. Therefore I desire to express through your columns my best thanks to these gentlemen for the kindness shown, and at the same time once more express the desire for any Roller fancier coming this way (Skipton) to call upon me for a chat on our hobby.

E. Gill.

The "Napoleon" of the Canary World and the Novices.

Sir,—I feel sure the writer, "W. McK.," in Cage Birds of April 11 hardly expects I can possibly be alive this week to tell the tale; or, at least, if I have managed to survive the interval between the publication of my few remarks regarding novices and the appearance of his own letter, I shall, no doubt, now have been driven to my kennel, beaten and dejected, with my tail down! Otherwise, he surely would not have hastened to so freely extend his forgiveness for all my sins! In mentioning his "few novice friends" he asks: "Am I only pulling their legs?" Well! Well! It does not want a very long stick to touch someone who has had both legs pulled—and badly, too! No, W. McK., what I really intended to say, and which I unfortunately omitted when dealing with the novice question broadly, satirically, and even humorously, I hope, was that a reader such as "W.McK." was not included in my remarks; for instead of my winter boots awaiting him, I should be pleased to pat him on the back, tell him what a good boy he is, and give him a sponge cake and a penny to go home with. This, if nothing else, should help his mother to soothe him to slumber; also to allay his fears regarding the "Bogie" man taking him if he doesn't. Are there any more readers like "W. McK."? If so, next please!

E. M. Allsopp.

Sir,—I read "W. McK.'s" letter with pleasure. It is quite time someone put a spoke in Mr. Allsopp's wheel. I notice that "W. McK." says "he is getting used to speeches from Gallant Little Wales." Mr. A. does not belong to Wales: much nearer "Limehouse" than "W. McK." thinks. And "W. McK." is mistaken if he thinks all Welsh fanciers are like this. What has Mr. A. bred since living in Cardiff? Only one, "The Welsh Queen," 1st Plymouth, commended at Manchester and died the very next day of a broken heart. So he must breed a few "weeds" as well as the

Despised Novice.

(Correspondence continued on page 370.)

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The Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League Show Patronage.

Sir,—Kindly grant me space to inform secretaries or those interested in the foreign section of all open shows (which are prepared to give at least six classes for foreign birds) that the League has now under consideration the matter of granting their patronage for the season 1914 15. Those desiring help in this direction should apply to the secretary before May 20, 1914. The society will in all probability be in a position at least to offer for competition four season cups and their diplomas at these shows. Applicants should send a catalogue of their last season's show, particulars of classification, and names of judge or judges.

A. Silver, Hon. Sec.
303, Streatham High Road, S.W.

Border Fancy Canary Club's Presentation and Smoker.

Sir,—As all arrangements are fully completed for the presentation and smoker, to be held in the Cathedral Hotel on May 2nd, in connection with the above, would all members who still have lists please return same to me at once, as we would like everything to be included in the total. We take this opportunity of thanking most heartily all those who gave such a good response to our appeal. We have in hand at the present £15 8s. 6d. A full report of the proceedings will appear in Cage Birds. The chair is to be taken promptly at five o'clock, as our late president, Mr. J. B. Richardson, must catch his train at six o'clock.

George W. Brown, President.
Walter B. Smart, Hon. Sec.
13, High Street, Loanhead.

An Appeal from the Welsh Cage Bird Club.

Sir,—At the annual general meeting, time would not allow of dealing with the Club's patronage, and this matter stands over until the next meeting, so should there be any society desirous of obtaining our patronage, will they please make application to me as early as possible. The classification for mixed shows has now been altered considerably, and I shall be glad to send a copy to any mixed society. Any fancier wishing to become a member should send me the subscription, viz., 3s., without delay, which will be returned if not accepted. I will send a rule book to anyone wishing to join. Members who have not sent their subs. should do so as early as possible, to enable me to get list of members, etc., printed.

A. E. Brown, Sec.
66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

A Wail from Aintree.

Sir,—It appears to me to be quite a mystery to your correspondent, Mr. G. A. Skilling, and the Fancy in general in the Liverpool district, who "Yorkshireman" is. I will give my reasons for writing under a nom de plume. First of all, as to whether I have attended any meetings, your readers can draw their own conclusions. The secretary, Mr. Anderson, has never allowed any member to exhibit at shows unless their annual subscriptions have been paid. On the other hand he has allowed Mr. Skilling to exhibit without having paid his entry fees before judging, Mr. Skilling's instructions being to take his entry fees out of his prize-money. Has Mr. Skilling still to pay any entry fees? He makes a slight mistake in regard to the so-called silver cup; his contribution was not seven shillings, but seven pence, the amount he asked for back at the meeting. Neither the secretary nor anyone else is aware of any medals being in the club for Mr. Skilling to win. As I may wish to join other societies, of which Mr. Skilling and one or two of his associates are members, I am not going to place it in their power to object and sit in judgment upon my election, hence the nom-de-plume "Yorkshireman." Mr. Skilling asks me if I think the bird members are slow; well, Mr. Skilling, you are not slow to describe the secretary as an ignoramus, pure and simple. And you say you condemn no man, but you like harmony! The society is now wound up, and the financial affairs placed in other hands. I appeal to Mr. Skilling to be a sport and return the cup to the secretary, as it has been won by Mr. Wilkins. I could say a lot more on matters of this description; but these columns are not open to personal abuse. A little advice to societies in the Liverpool districts may not be out of place, and that is in reference to the methods adopted by societies in the election of fanciers to membership. A fancier is proposed at one meeting and elected or rejected at the next, and no reason is given. A much more satisfactory way would be to propose and elect at the same meeting. This would prevent a clique being formed to attend the election meeting to reject certain fanciers whose credentials in exhibiting are known to be honourable and above-board., which in several societies is more than can be said of the officials, and some members. A case in point is a new society in the Liverpool district, which has refused quite a large number of fanciers' membership by these methods. If the Editor will allow me to put the reasons point blank, the chief is this, if you wish to become a member of this particular society you must deal with and purchase all your birdie requirements of a certain dealer (who is an official). If you don't, you won't be elected. It is as well that these facts should become known to fanciers before applying for membership, if they wish to avoid an insult. My contention is that no dealer should hold an official position in any club. If these methods are employed, which they most certainly are, at least in Liverpool and district, it is time that fanciers took matters into their own hands, and refused to be coerced. What reason have I, or any other fancier, to go and put matters right with any dealer in birds, etc., to ensure my election to membership of any club? I maintain that this is one of the reasons why so many fanciers exhibit in the open and yet belong to no club. Every club in Liverpool has its dealer, and I will go further and make the bold statement that that dealer is an official and adopts these methods. I know, Mr. Editor, I am opening up new grounds, and I am prepared to prove my statements up to the hilt, which might result in good to the Liverpool and district societies. I should like to give my reasons through Cage Birds as to why the breeding of green Canaries is not the success it ought to be in Liverpool and district, but space forbids. I was speaking to a well-known dealer in Liverpool the other day, and he told me that if I would give him a look in in about a week's time he would be able to tell me who "Yorkshireman" was, as he, the dealer, was a personal friend of the Editor of Cage Birds. But I know the Editor better than that. I will give our friend a call, as he has promised this information to a good number of fanciers, including Mr. Skilling. My advice to all societies is: Accept all applicants to membership, and make your rules strong enough to govern all, and carry them out without fear or favour. By refusing subscriptions you are only putting obstacles in the way of the rising champions, and probably losing a few specials. I have a good stock of birds, but I would not exhibit in Liverpool under the present conditions that exist, nor would I join any club under the conditions on which they are governed.

Yorkshireman.

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FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A.

Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, March 28; appointed the judges for the forthcoming shows. Next meeting April 25th when Mr. James Muir will judge a table show of British Birds. Members please bring your exhibits forward.—Walter Clarkson, Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F.F. AND C.B.S.

Meeting held April 19, Mr. R. Peart in chair, and a very large turn up of members. Mr. W. Reed, Sunderland, was elected to judge cage birds at annual show, December 5-6. Names were booked for our char-a-banc trip. We accepted Mr. Harrison's terms for the journey; twenty names were put down, and the first payment was taken. Next meeting, May 3, when all intending going will oblige by giving their names to Sec.—W. Elliott.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

The annual general meeting of the Cinn.-marked Yorkshire C.C. will be held May 2, at 6, at Market Tavern, Bradford, for the election of officers, alteration of rules, etc. Last year was not a success from an exhibiting point of view, and I would like a large meeting of members and intending members so that we may devise some means to ensure that special classes at shows where our patronage is given will be better filled. Any member unable to attend meeting writing me before May 2 I will lay same before members. Our year financially is all right, but there are some members' subs. yet outstanding. I would like to receive them before our meeting, and I shall have all ready for our auditors.—R. Garnett, Sec.

OLDHAM C.B.A.

Meeting March 10, decided to hold annual ramble May 31, to be to Mottram and Broadbottoms; also to have F.F. show June 20. Mr. Fred Steeple has been selected judge. At next meeting, April 28th, Mr. Steeple is giving a lecture on the bird room management. Decided to hold back end show November 14; Mr. R. Barrass will judge. I am hoping to have a good turn up at next meeting, to hear Mr. Steeple, as I think all fanciers will benefit by his remarks. All fanciers will be pleased to hear that our brother fancier, Mr. Herbert Walsden, is recovering from his recent illness; the sympathies of every one of our members have been with him, and we are wishing him a speedy recovery. Our sympathies are also extended to our brother fancier, Mr. W. Whyatt, also to Mrs. Whyatt, in their recent bereavement, the death of Mr. Lingard, Mrs. Whyatt's father, and the gentleman who has on one or two occasions granted our society the loan of plants for decorating.—James Lope, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting Maskell's Hotel. Mr. E. A. Allsopp presided; 18 present. Sec. reported he had booked Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) to judge British at the open show. Messrs. W. Chidgey and F. Hopson wrote resigning their membership through retiring from the Fancy for the time being. It was with regret that the society accepted the resignations, and trusted that the gentlemen would in the near future again take up their old love. Mr. E. J. Davies was elected press correspondent, it being felt that the sec. should have some help. The table show of British hardbills was a great success, some grand birds being staged. The chief winners were Messrs. J. Pearce and E. J. Davies, Mr. Pearce winning special for most points. Mr. H. C. Smith judged. We also had questions and answers in cage bird management. On the questions being read out it was the sweating hen and non-feeder that took pride of place; the cures suggested were many, and let me whisper that if any member is troubled with a sweating hen, Mr. Jim Pearce will be pleased to let him know how to cure it. Mr. H. C. Smith strongly recommended soaked hemp, also soaked rape for feeding young. As to unfertile eggs, Mr. Ted James put the fault on the breeders, saying they were at fault in putting hens up before they were ready. For green food some swore by dandelion leaves, chickweed, and lettuce; Mr. James recommends young turnip tops. On the question of which is the best method of using linseed with colour feed, the general opinion was freshly ground and mixed with the colour food. If any member fails to get the real fresh ground linseed, our chairman will be pleased to grind linseed for anyone who will send on to him. Resolved to elect judges for the young bird show at the next meeting. Mr. W. Peterson was elected as a member. We will deal with hall for open show at the next meeting, so please all make an effort to attend.—E. Thomas, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, headquarters, April 11, Mr. Farrer presiding. Letter read from Mr. Crawhall, accepting the appointment to judge at open show, January 15 and 16. Messrs. J. Johnston and G. Wilson were also elected judges, which now completes our list. Decided to hold N.F. shows, June 6th, July 4 and August 1, and a medal (value 5s.) be provided by club for most points over the three shows. Entrance fee, 3d. per cage, each class, at each show, to stand on its own as regards prize-money. That there be one class for each variety, including British and Mules. Mr. Farrer was elected judge. Markers were elected: Messrs. Machin and Owen, for south side of the river, and Messrs. Proctor and Johnson for the north side. As it was getting late, it was decided to take the members' classification (open show) at next meeting.—John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Meeting and British, Foreign, and Mule Show, Foresters' Hall, April 10, Mr. J. F. Park presiding over a grand turn-out. After the routine business was completed the show exercised the members' attention, and many anxious moments were in store for the younger members of the society. Mr. George Laurie made an auspicious beginning, having out a good team that was greatly admired, and we feel certain that this fancier will make things hum down Partick way in the near future, as he is a keen fancier of British and Mules, and just the man the society was greatly in need of. Mr. Fraser was again out with a great team, and some wonderful moulted specimens were staged by him; many were greatly taken with the tone of colour of some of his exhibits. Mr. Craig judged, and also promised to give a paper at next meeting, May 1, when a good turn-out of members is requested, and friends will also be made welcome.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BAD LEGS (W. A.).—It is quite possible for the trouble to be rheumatism, but I think it far more likely to be an enlargement of the scales on the legs due to the bird's age. Try the following treatment for a fortnight or so, and if there is not a very considerable improvement in that time, write again and describe the appearance of the swelling as nearly as you can. Catch the bird gently and bathe the legs for a few minutes daily in a warm solution of extract of Wych Hazel—a small teaspoonful of the extract in a tea-saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry carefully and slightly anoint them with zinc ointment. Do not leave any surplus grease about the legs for them to collect dirt from the cage floor. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week.

LAYING ONE EGG (H.G.).—(1) I suspect the hen is a rather young one, in which case the laying of only one egg is of no importance. She will probably start nesting again in two or three weeks hence and produce a normal clutch of eggs. Leave the birds together, and in addition to the staple seed diet give a small teaspoonful of egg food with a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it each day. Every second day give also a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and millet, and on the alternate days a small growing stool of crisp young dandelion. Cut off the root just below the crown, clean off the soil, and give it to the birds as it has grown. Continue this feeding for two or three weeks, or until the hen has again gone to nest. (2) It certainly is not wise to mate father and daughter without any special object in doing so. At the same time, if the birds are robust and healthy, and not the progeny of similar close in-breeding, no harm is likely to result from a casual mating of this kind. But you must not in-breed again with the progeny of this pair in future seasons.

SWELLING ON BACK (F.C.).—It is not possible to be quite definite as to the exact nature of the swelling without seeing it. The older swelling is probably a caseous tumour which might have been removed by excision some time ago, but the recent "watery" blister is just as likely to be filled with air. Try the following for a fortnight, and if the bird is not considerably better in that time, write again, and I will advise you further. First carefully prick the swelling in the watery part with a clean needle; gently press out any contents, clean, and then anoint daily with lanocyllin until the place has healed. Give bird a morsel of bread and milk dusted over with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw, and add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food—dandelion, chickweed, flower buds of groundsel or watercress, for preference in the order named.

A VOICELESS ROLLER (T.B.).—You say the bird is "fairly healthy." If this means that it is not quite healthy, this may be the clue to the bird apparently singing to itself, but making no sound. See that it is not exposed to any cold draughts, or sudden and extreme changes of temperature. Keep in a comfortable place, well ventilated, but free from cutting draught, and fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and as equable as you can command. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed. Continue this for a fortnight, and during the first week add to the water every second day a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, and ten drops of lemon juice, and in the next week substitute for this six drops each of glycerine and ipecacuanha wine, and four of sweet spirit of nitre every second day.

ROLLER GOING BALD (J. J. P.).—It is a very common defect and one that is most difficult to cure sometimes. To stand a fair chance of success treatment should coincide somewhat with the natural moulting season, and as you cannot treat the bird successfully whilst she is breeding, you had better let matters take their own course until the end of the breeding season. The defect will in no way interfere with her breeding successfully, nor with her capacity for rearing any young that may be hatched, but whether it is really desirable to breed with a bird having this defect, is a matter of opinion. Personally, I think not. Still, some birds troubled in this way make most excellent breeders. The only objection to them is the risk of the defect becoming hereditary in the young. Do not take more than two broods from her in any case, so as to leave her with plenty of reserve strength to go through a quick and healthy moult, and at the end of her breeding write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you how to treat her during the moult.

NORWICH WITH DIARRHŒA (Novice).—See that cage floor and perches are kept as clean as possible, also all food and water vessels. Stop all green food until the looseness is cured. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this, give separately, every second day, half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle, and a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and dusted with carbonate of bismuth. On the intervening days give a morsel of banana and a quarter-teaspoonful of maw. If the looseness is not stopped in the course of two or three days, add to the water, in addition to above treatment, six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of opium each day, and continue this until the necessary effect is obtained.

ABNORMAL LAYING (Novice). — Another "Novice." Querists should try to invent a more distinctive pseudonym. Leave the birds together and treat them for two or three weeks the same as advised to "Beeston" in this issue. If the hen does not go to nest again and produce a normal clutch in, say, from three to four weeks hence, write again and repeat particulars.

A BASHFUL SWAIN (Trepidus).—If the cock was in good song and active when you mated him I do not think you need worry. You may find things are all right at hatching time, notwithstanding his apparent laxity now, unless, as may be, you removed him to a much colder room when you mated him, in which case he may not be very reliable. But you give no information on this point. You also seem to be interfering with the cage too much since mating the birds. You should not do anything in the way of overhauling the cages after the birds are mated. To prevent mites becoming too troublesome now, touch the ends of the perches, joints of doors, etc., with carbolic fluid twice a week throughout the breeding season, but beyond this interfere with the cage as little as possible. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a teaspoonful of egg food with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and millet. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily.

PROLAPSUS (F.H., Falkirk).—Separate the hen for a few weeks. It is doubtful if she will be of any more use for breeding this season. Keep in a moderate-sized cage at first, so that you can easily catch her. Bathe the protruding part with a lukewarm solution of Wych Hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing a minute or two, dry gently, and carefully return the part, by "coaxing" it back into the correct position with the aid of a bone knitting-pin with a blunt end; then insert a tiny piece of gall ointment, which you will get from any chemist's. Repeat the whole operation as often as the protrusion returns. It may not return at all; but, on the other hand, it may return frequently, and finally prove fatal.

SHELL-LESS EGGS (Beeston).—It is owing to the oviduct being a little out of order, due sometimes to the hen being too fat. Certainly, it is worth while trying her again. Add a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, and ten drops of lemon juice, to the drinking water daily for a week, and for a fortnight afterwards add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, omitting, of course, the other items. Use a good-sized breeding cage that the hen may have a fair amount of exercise. Add a sprinkling of millet to the seed. Keep well supplied with cuttlefish, and also get a little old mortar, smash it up to a coarse powder, and mix it with the sand on the floor of the cage.

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Give a fairly liberal supply of green food, but limit it to chickweed, flower buds of groundsel, or watercress. Treat thus until the hen has gone to nest again, when you may find this trouble is not repeated.

SIZE OF BREEDING CAGES (Inquisite).—(1) There is no necessity to fit the size of the breeding cages to the size of the birds, so to speak. Provided you allow a certain amount of space in which the birds can move about freely and get a fair amount of exercise together, you may, if you like, use the same size for all varieties. You may take a fair minimum size for a single breeder to be from 18 to 20 inches long, 16 inches high, and from 10 to 11 inches deep, that is from back to front. Double breeders the same height and depth, but twice the length. These cages may be used for either Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshires. In the case of the Yorkshire an extra inch or two of head room above the top perches may be allowed with advantage, but this may quite easily be arranged by having the cross-bars on which the top perches are rested a little lower than is the case for the other varieties, and thereby still adhere to the same size generally. (2) From December to the end of February is about the best time of year to buy fresh stock.

LAYING BROKEN EGG (C. Hutchings).—Unless the hen had received some rough and unskilful handling the night before laying, I should suspect that the lower part of the oviduct was in a badly inflamed condition and the egg very imperfectly shelled. I doubt whether she will be any use for further breeding this season. Keep her caged alone for the present, and give her a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water daily for three or four days. After this give instead six drops of tincture of opium every second day until the looseness is stopped. Add a morsel of bread and milk to the diet daily for a week or so. For green food give only flower-buds of groundsel, chickweed, or watercress. If she wants to go to nest again in three or four weeks hence, treat her, after mating, the same as you will see advised to several other querists in this issue for hens laying eggs without shells.

BREEDING ARRANGEMENTS (W. Nicholson).—(1) I take it that you do not purpose separating the young birds when ready to leave the parents into a flight cage, but to allow them to fly loose about the aviary, so that they might, if they wished, alight about the cages containing the breeding stock. If this is correct, there would certainly be a little risk of them disturbing any fickle breeding hen. But with hens in really good breeding condition and normal condition the risk would be scarcely worth considering. At the same time, to be quite on the safe side, it would be best to cage the young in a large flight until the end of the breeding season, when you might allow them all, old and young, to fly at liberty together. You might also reduce any risk of disturbance by covering that part of the cage fronts in front of the nests. (2) You certainly would not be successful with breeding several varieties all flying loose together, as they would not breed pure, but mix up and mate according to their own ideas, irrespective of type or variety.

YORKSHIRE COCK HOARSE (Novice).—Your feeding is not correct, and you may, in addition, be keeping the bird in an unsuitable place. See that it is not in a cold direct draught, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling. Give as staple diet a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape only. In addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days, give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape and teazle. Give two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn for three consecutive days, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days during this period give 12 drops of glycerine, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece. Allow bird to bathe daily if it likes.

DELAYED LAYING (Puzzled).—You should not jump to the conclusion that a hen is egg-bound and begin tampering with her because she does not happen to lay just when you think she should. There may be no such trouble whatever, and in that case your treatment can only be productive of mischief, as well as much pain and misery for the hen. As long as a hen remains in a fairly active condition, it is wholly unwarrantable to begin active measures to relieve supposed egg-binding. In your case I think it not unlikely that this hen has been absorbing too much of the plentiful supply of tit-bits, and is in consequence in a rather overfed condition, which tends to reduce the activity of the oviduct and cause delayed or even difficult laying. Should the hen become really ill and ordinary measures fail to relieve her, get a chemist to mix you a small quantity of glycerine and extract of helladonna—three parts of the former to two of the latter—and, after steaming in the usual way, smear the vent with this; give two drops of equal parts brandy and glycerine in the beak; add 20 drops of brandy to the drinking water; and keep bird in a small cage in a quite warm place for an hour or two until the egg has been laid.

LIZARDS AND ROLLER (E. M. T.).—(1) Thanks for your letter. Am glad to know the Lizards are now doing well. It is a pity you did not try to hand-rear the two young of the first brood, as this should have been a very simple matter when they had reached thirteen days old. You did quite right not to interfere at all with the hen when she appeared ill the night before she was expected to lay. It is time enough to lend assistance in this way when the time is overstepped if the hen is then in real difficulty. (2) I think you may safely venture on mating the pair of Rollers. It is not unlikely that the cock will breed successfully in spite of his silence.

AVIARY MATTERS (E. E. Taylor.)—(1) No, it is not permissible to keep more than one variety flying loose in an aviary if you wish to breed pure stock. If allowed to fly together, any matings you may have arranged yourself would be ignored, and the birds pair indiscriminately among themselves. (2) Yes, any one variety you may choose, but not more. (3) Three cocks would be sufficient in the circumstances for nine or ten hens. I would advise you to have clear yellow cocks and ticked or lightly marked hens, so that any two of different sexes might make a reasonable pair of matched birds. Plainhead Norwich would probably succeed best of those you name. (4) The proportion of roost and flight space will do very nicely. (5) If the birds are in good breeding condition; have not previously bred this season; and settle down to business quickly, it is quite possible you may get three broods from each hen, but in other circumstances, or if the birds are some time in beginning, you would be much wiser to be content with two broods per hen.

NORWICH HEN PANTING (A.E.).—I assume you have taken the necessary steps to remove all exciting causes of bronchial trouble as far as possible. If not, you must certainly do so before you can expect the hen to throw off the trouble. In addition to the seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight or so. On the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, and five each of syrup of squills, syrup of tolu, and ipecacuanha wine. Shake well together. Give a leaf or two of crisp young dandelion each day, and, if you have any, a mealworm a day would be beneficial. If this does not bring about a very considerable improvement in two or three weeks, I fear the bird is too far gone to be done any material good, and I would strongly advise you not to breed with her.

A COUPLET (Aspirin).—(1) This bird is suffering from cataract, and nothing you can do will have the slightest effect upon it in a curative sense, so you may just as well cease worrying the bird with your well-meaning attentions to its eyes. You should not breed with it in circumstances, but it will live happily enough in its way if kept caged alone for its full natural term. (2) When the first hen has gone to nest and begun to sit, you may let the cock remain with the second hen constantly until she has begun to sit. Then remove him and keep him caged until the hens are ready to begin nesting for their second broods. Leave both the hens to sit and bring up the young by themselves without the assistance of the cock. Glad you find CAGE BIRDS so useful.

SWELLING NEAR EYE (Somerset).—If the swellings appear to have any "head," after bathing for a minute or two with the warm boracic lotion, carefully prick the head with a clean needle, gently press out the contents, cleanse the part with the boracic lotion, then dry, and anoint with Lanocyllin. Repeat the anointing daily for a week or so. If there appears no "head," instead of the above treatment touch the swellings daily for three days with a small camel-hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine. Add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water every second day for a week, and give a fairly liberal supply of green food.

EGGS WITHOUT SHELLS (Novice).—When the hen is going to nest again, get a little old mortar from some building that is being demolished, smash it up to a coarse powder, and mix it freely with the sand on the floor of the cage. Also add a little millet seed to the seed mixture you use. You may, as you suggest, give a teaspoonful of lime water in the drinking water every second day whilst she is going to nest, even if she is still feeding young. But if she is not feeding young, give instead of this six drops of tincture of gentian, and three drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give 20 drops of Chemical Food. Of course, you will still keep a regular supply of cuttlefish on hand in addition to the above.

STARTED MOULTING (R.W.K.).—There is just a chance of your snatching one or, perhaps, two nests from the birds this season, but they will be very late in beginning. See that they are in a comfortable position, free from cold draughts, sudden and extreme changes, or fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, daily to each bird. Every second day give also a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts, hemp, millet, and teazle, and two leaves of dandelion. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. You may just as well separate the birds whilst giving this treatment, and it will be useless mating them again until they are in perfect plumage.

MORE EGGS WITHOUT SHELLS (F.W.C.).—See reply to "Novice" for hen laying eggs without shells in this issue, and treat your hen the same until she has gone to nest. Possibly the Linnet is not quite ready for breeding. Still, you had better leave them together now. Add a small teaspoonful of egg-food to the dietary every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, thistle, linseed, and teazle. Give a little dandelion, leaves and blossoms, each day.

A WRONG JUDGMENT (C. Quaile).—Seems to me you misjudge the cock in asking if you should replace him with another. It is the hen that is at fault through not being in breeding condition. A vigorous, lusty singing cock Canary that would drive her well might possibly incite her and bring her forward a little more quickly, but this would only happen if the hen is really in a quite normal condition save for being a little backward in breeding. Therefore, if you wish to breed Mules, you had better allow the birds to remain as they are, and await the result patiently. To help in bringing the hen forward, feed as advised to "An Anxious Beginner" in this issue, but omit the medicines in the water. She will probably show more interest in the nest shortly.

YORKSHIRE COUGHS AND SNEEZES (A.W.H.).—See that the bird is kept in a comfortable position, well ventilated, but free from cold draughts, fumes of burning lights, and dust, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling. Give the seed mixture twice a week only, and also the sponge cake, minus the sherry, twice a week. Instead of the medicine you are now giving, try the following for two or three weeks, or you may stop it sooner if the bird gets all right in less than that time. For the first three days add 12 drops of syrup

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og buckthorn to the water each day. After this give five drops each of syrup of tolu, tincture of lobelia, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirits of nitre every second day. If she does not quickly overcome this trouble it is not at all advisable to breed with her.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET AND CANARY (Charlie Evans).—Your birds are going on all right, and the hen is evidently ready to nest, and if she had a cock Canary with her would no doubt do so at once. Canary hens are generally a little later in breeding when they are paired to birds of another species. All you need do is to continue to feed them well and keep her supplied with nesting material. She will soon go to nest, and probably will have done so by the time this is in print.

ANOTHER LINNET AND CANARY (Glasgow).—You did not enclose your name and address; perhaps you will send us a postcard with it on. Kindly read our rules. You should have no trouble with your Linnet. He should breed all right and, according to your letter, I judge he is about fit now; also the hen, which is no doubt the cause of her plucking out some of her feathers. Hens frequently do this when they are anxious to nest. I would advise you to supply them at once with a nest pan and plenty of material to build with, when the hen will probably do so. You do not say in your letter if you have given them a nest pan and something to build with; if so, it is just possible that your material is too coarse, in which case supply her with some hair and short strands of cloth or linen. These you can pull to pieces and rub them in the hands until soft and woolly.

CONCERNING BLACKBIRDS (W. G. M.).—There is no best material for covering the bottom of a Blackbird's cage. I have used almost everything one can mention, but must say I like sifted peat mose as well as anything; it is absorbent and lasts a long time. Cocoanut fibre slightly damped is also much used. With this I like to mix a handful of builder's sand; it prevents the fibre being scattered. (2) Blackbirds have bred in captivity, and to be successful you will want to let them have the aviary to themselves. They are naturally somewhat pugnacious, particularly in the breeding season, and I fear it would be waste of time to attempt anything with them in with other birds. (3) The Pine Grosbeak is not recognised as a British bird, and can only be exhibited in the Continental classes.

MEALWORMS (Sands).—Do not disturb the worms. They will change into beetles when the weather is warmer. These will deposit eggs, and when this duty is done will die. You must then wait until the eggs have hatched. Keep your box warm, but do not rake about in it. It should need no fresh feeding material until the eggs have hatched and the worms commence to grow, and then only a handful or so of meal.

SHOW CAGE FOR NUTHATCH (W. Watson).—There is no accepted correct size of a cage for exhibiting a Nuthatch in. Most fanciers follow their own ideas. A very nice size would be one 16 inches high, 14 inches long, and 10 inches deep, with wire front. The inside should be painted French grey, and then lined with Virginia cork. This should fit tight so as not to allow any space between it and the back of the cage, or the bird will be difficult to find at the show. He will not need any other perch, unless you like to put one in the centre near the bottom of the cage. Paint the outside black. The food and water vessels should be placed inside on swing doors, as in other Softbill cages. (2) A box pattern cage, 14 inches by 12, 6 wide, would be large enough to exhibit a Wheatear in. Paint the outside black and the inside and front bars a rather dark green. The food and water inside.

CHAFFINCH SINGING (R. W. K.).—It appears to me that your bird is simply a bit backward in song. He requires a little extra good food and hanging out in the air for a few hours every day. You do not say how you are treating him, but he should have something besides the usual seeds. Give him a mealworm or two every day, varying them with small caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, green fly, etc.; in fact, offer almost any kind of live food. Instead of the green food, put a handful of turnip and radish seed into a shallow dish, and keep moist until they sprout, then cut out a piece and give him a good feed of hemp about twice a week, which would assist him. Let him bathe on fine days. With this treatment he should soon be in full song.

BREEDING GOLDFINCHES IN CAPTIVITY.—Goldfinches can be bred in captivity, and a spare room with a bush in it is just the place for them. By your letter it appears to me that your hen has a fancy for the wrong mate, in which case I would advise you to either change them or remove the Goldfinch and Canary to another room. British birds cannot be managed quite in the way we do Canaries. There must be perfect harmony between the pairs put up for breeding, otherwise the cock, in a fit of jealousy, might damage either eggs or young ones. Have the bush you intend them to breed in in a quiet corner of the room, and supply them with plenty of nesting material, such as moss, short lengths of hay, hair, and a little wool, and any vegetable down or fluffy material you can collect in the fields. Disturb them as little as possible. (2) Keep the Linnet and Canary hen together, and feed them well; they will go to nest as soon as they are ready. The beak of the Linnet should be dark slaty blue when quite fit.

CANARY AND BULLFINCH HEN (Bulldog).—There is no need to part your Canary and Bullfinch hen, as they appear so friendly together. If the hen has taken to him, part of your trouble is over. Feed on plenty of wild food. I am convinced that this is the secret of obtaining fertile eggs.

THRUSH MOULTING (E. Clarke).—I fear you have hardly attended to your Thrush as you should do, or he would not be moulting now. You have possibly left him in a draught or changed him too suddenly from a cold to a warm room, or vice versa. You do not say how you are feeding him, but as you have sent for our booklet on the Thrush, you will no doubt follow the directions given. Procure from the chemist an ounce of the crystals of citrate of iron with ammonia, and dissolve as much as will cover a sixpence in his drinking water. Let him have this fresh every other day for a fortnight. Feed him on good food, a few mealworms or beetles, and let him bathe frequently. Be careful to hang his cage out of a draught. Examine him and his cage for insects.

THE CROW FAMILY (Wonder).—The birds you mention belong to the same family, but are different species. The Raven is a large bird, about 24 inches in length, glossy black in plumage, with a very stout strong beak. It is mostly found in mountainous regions, and is becoming very rare. The Crow is smaller, generally about 18 inches in length. He is a black bird with greenish reflections. He has a rather stouter beak than the Rook, and the nostrils are covered with feathers. If you see one walking in the fields he has a curious habit of keeping his beak to the ground. These birds generally go in pairs. The Rook is seen in flocks, and an old bird has a bare beak and face; the black feathers have purplish reflections. (2) I cannot say positively, but should not think the Crow and Rook are protected birds in most counties. The Raven would be.

AVIARY MATTERS (Anxious).—I have carefully examined your sketch, and I do not think you are wise in proposing to divide your aviary. I think you would do better to have all the front wire, or, if it faces the quarter where the rough winds come from, you could board up about a foot of it. If you divide it as you propose, you simply reduce the size of your flight to 3ft. 6in., because the birds will seldom go into the darkened space. (2) Softbills are not very sociable birds, and will seldom live amicably together. You could try the birds you mention, but I am afraid you will have to remove the Blackbird and keep him in a cage. The others may do, and there would be nice room for them. In a small aviary it is rather difficult for a weak bird to get away from a stronger.

SEXING WAXWINGS (C. E. H.).—There is not very much difference in cock and hen Waxwings. The hen is scarcely so rich in colour, particularly in the wings, and the wax-like appendages seldom so numerous or fully developed. She has also a smaller crest. If you have several you should be able to sex them, comparing one with the other.

SEPARATING BREEDING PAIRS (Ignorant).—You should have taken out the cock bird when the hen had laid her third egg, and left her to bring up the young ones alone. You had better take him out at once, and watch if the hen goes back on the nest; if she does all will be well, but if she calls for him and neglects the eggs you must return him, and try again until she settles down. A good time to do it is just before they go to roost. If you leave him in and remove him when she has young ones she may neglect them.

LINNET AND CANARY (A Lover of Birds).—The trouble is that your birds are not yet fit. If yours is a double breeding cage, place a bird in each compartment and feed them well until they are both ready. The Linnet should be in full song, with a dark bluish-grey beak, he should sing at the hen and feed her through the bars. She should be full of life, flapping her wings and bouncing from perch to perch and calling to him. When they are in this condition put them together again and give nesting material.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY NOT SINGING (Anxious).—Your bird is all right, it is only the change of home that has knocked him off his song. Feed him well, let him have a bath, and hang him in a light position free from draughts. If you have red mite in a cage, give it a good scrubbing with Lifebuoy soap and water, and afterwards paint the cracks with either paraffin or turpentine in which has been mixed a few drops of creosote; half a spoonful to a pint of turps.

BIRDS IN AVIARY (Castle).—You would do better if you reduced your birds to the following: Two cock Goldfinches, 1 Redpoll, 1 Linnet, and with these turn in half-a-dozen Canary hens. Give them plenty of nesting places and material to build with. If you put in all the birds you mention I fear you will overcrowd and have a disappointing season.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT (Fox).—Regret to hear there is no improvement; for the present stop the Dinneford's Magnesia and put daily in the drinking water half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates. Try it with a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day). Prepare as follows: Boil a tablespoonful of maize till it is soft, but the grains should remain whole, pour off all water, and then soak into it 10 to 20 drops of cod-liver oil. Give the ordinary diet as usual. Continue to use the honey and borax as already advised. Now the weather is so much brighter, let the bird have the benefit of all the light and air possible, but do not leave it exposed to east winds and risk a chill. Except for the above modifications, continue the treatment already advised, and report again fourteen days hence, with full details.

BUDGERIGARS AND FINCHES (W.A.).—(1) There is ample room in your aviary for two more pairs of Budgerigars, but I much fear, as the Budgies become numerous, that the Finches will suffer, thus I think you would be wiser to put in only one additional pair, and part with the young birds, when able to fend for themselves. (2) I think it is only a case of patience, and that ultimately your hen will do the right thing. It would appear that she is rather young, and as she gets older she will settle down satisfactorily. The ceres of the yellow variety are not so dark as those of the green variety, but there is some variableness with the yellows, the ceres of many being a very dark cream colour, while others are almost as dark as the greens, and there are gradations between.

GREY PARROT WEAK (S. Walsh).—If you have not our Nut bell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, it would be better for you to get it; it will tell you all about general management. In the present case, put five to ten drops of Cod-liver oil, twice daily, on to a piece of cake, biscuit, or crust, or anything similar the bird will eat, and put syrup of phosphates (half teaspoonful to the ounce of water) in the drinking water. Keep the bowels moving quite freely (not watery loose) by putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, in lieu of the phosphates, as occasion requires. Give it all the light and air you can without subjecting it to draughts or easterly wind.

A FEATHER PLUCKER (A. Wilden).—I am afraid the case of a bird that has been pulling its feathers for nearly two years is almost hopeless. Again, you only give me the bare fact, no details. How can I help you? I can only say keep the bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and at other times use syrup of phosphates in the drinking water (see quantities in other replies in this issue). Confine the diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, biscuit, crusts, plain cake, and green food; supply regularly grit, cuttlebone and pieces of wood and, of course, water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Also give it all the light and air you can, but do not subject it to either draught or easterly winds. Now the weather is more genial, spray it once or twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution.

SIX QUERIES (Farrier).—(1) About 30 x 18 x 18 to 24 inches high; full particulars are given in the Budgerigar Nutshell. (2) A partition is not required. (3) Same as Budgerigar. (4) Budgerigars are free breeders, Lovebirds less so, but the Black-cheek Lovebirds is very free once it makes a start. (5) A large husk or small barrel, and you must supply pieces of thin bark, leaves, etc., as Lovebirds line their nest receptacle with such rubbish. Budgerigars require no nesting material. (6) Green Budgerigars, 6s. to 7s. 6d. pair, yellow do., 7s. 6d. to 10s.; Madagascar Lovebird, 2s. 6d. to 5s.; Red-faced Lovebird, about 63s.; Peach-faced Lovebird, £6 to £7 10s.; Black-cheeked Lovebird, 42s. to 55s., all per pair.

WHAT ARE THEY? (H.J.C.).—(1) They are Madagascar (Grey-headed) Lovebirds. (2) The bird with the grey head is the cock, the other (practically all green) is the hen. (3) They will require a large husk, log, or barrel; and you must supply either a natural live branch with leaves on for them to cut up to their liking, or you must supply pieces of thin bark, leaves, etc., as they line their nest receptacle with such rubbish. (4) Canary, white and spray millet, a few whole and crushed oats, green food, ripe fruit, if they care for it; also grit, cuttlebone, and water. As a rule this species are very wild till they become accustomed to you and their cage or aviary. Avoid approaching them suddenly or hastily, or you may lose them in a fit.

BUDGERIGARS (A Beginner).—I can only advise patience. The birds are evidently not yet in breeding condition, and a single pair in a cage take longer to settle down to nesting than do several pairs in an aviary, but they will ultimately do so. Give them as much flowering and seeding grass as they will eat. As regards the cere, this does not rule so dark in the yellow variety as in the green, some hens being dark brown, others a sort of dark cream colour, and then others which come between the two extremes. Foreign birds are not like Canaries, and do not settle down to breeding as soon as they are put up for this purpose, often trying one's patience sadly before doing so. Though many breed in cages, there is always an element of uncertainty about it, which only gives zest to the pursuit of foreign bird keeping; that which is "as easy as shelling peas" soon becomes monotonous and uninteresting.

AVIARY BIRDS (T. T. Baines).—Your query mostly refers to British birds, which will have been answered by Mr. Norman in his column. Cutthroats like a few insects when rearing young, but if your aviary contains growing trees and bushes they should capture a good many for themselves. You can help them by supplying live ants' eggs, caterpillars, gentles (these must be well cleaned—that is, white right through). For the Waxbills, supply millet sprays ad lib when there are young hatched out; they will catch many flies and help themselves to the live food supplied for the other species. Flowering and seeding grass, when obtainable, is the green food most favoured by foreign species, and British species are also very keen after it.

GREEN PARROT (Billie).—Many Parrots do this; if it had a mate they would feed each other with the regurgitated food. Give it a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water once a week, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. Also half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water, say twice a week, will be beneficial. As regards a book on Parrots, you cannot do better than get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," as the same treatment will answer for your bird perfectly, if you double the proportions of canary and white millet in the seed mixture given in the booklet. In all other respects the treatment is similar. Our manager will send you the booklet, 2½d. post free.

HOW MANY (E. Tewthwaite).—It is only really a large cage. You ought not to put in more than four pairs the size of Budgerigars. Will you not find their chattering rather a nuisance in a parlour? The following would agree with Budgerigars: Madagascar Lovebirds (about 5s.), Red-headed Lovebirds (63s.), Black-cheeked Lovebirds (about 50s.), and Blue-winged Lovebirds (10s. 6d. to 21s.), also Canary-winged, Tovi, and Tui Parrakeets (40s. to 60s.), all per pair, but you must not exceed the four pairs, as this will tax your accommodation to the utmost. In such an aviary-cage you must not mix Parrakeets with Finches, etc., and if you decide to have the latter please repeat query.

AUSTRALIAN PARRAKEET (E. Hackett).—The species of Australian Parrakeets are almost legion. You do not say what kind yours are; how can I help you? Parrakeets, with only one or two exceptions, use no nesting material, but deposit their eggs on the bare wood of the nest cavity. For a nest receptacle, a hollow log, box with concave bottom, or a small barrel will meet their requirements. For the seed-eating species a diet of canary, white millet, oats, and a little hemp and a few sunflower seeds, with greenfood, fruit if they care for it, will about meet their need. Of course, you must supply the ordinary essentials, grit, cuttlebone, and water. I cannot help you further till I know what kind of Parrakeets yours are. If you do not know this, describe their size and plumage.

YOUNG GREY PARROTS (A.T.S.).—The time is very variable, but these are always a very precarious purchase, and I should only buy between May and September. It is usually during these months that the supply is greatest. When you get one, you must ascertain how it has been fed, and continue this for a time, gradually bringing it on to the adult diet. You will find all details as to how to treat, etc., in our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Manchester Reader.—The cutting is not suitable for reproduction in our own columns, but we have handed it over to the Editor of the "Poultry World."

W. Pratt.—We have dealt with this idea before.

W. P. Montgomery.—The wing is that of a Bramblefinch; a hen, we should say.

POST MORTEMS.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—April 29, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. Arrangements for young stock show, and other important bus. R. Elliott.

Blaydon C.B.S.—May 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Replies re Club's patronage and other important business. Local fancier given a hearty invitation. G. Hayver.

Bradford National Show.—April 20, Market Tavern, 8. Election of sub-committee and other important business.—S. Midgley.

Bramley O.S.—April 25, Carnival Rooms, 7.30. Special prize list; judges, etc.—F. Page.

Bristol C.B.S.—May 6, City Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. Clarke.—B. L. Pool.

Burley Chester-le-St. and Pelton Fell Amalg.—Ap. 25, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Table show; election of officers, Pelton Fell Society; other important bus.—R. Ward.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. "Egg-food" competition. Three medals presented. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Chopwell C.B.S.—April 25, Club Hall, 6.30. — W. Tommon.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 25, Flying Dutchman, 8. Classification for open show and other business.—W. Holliwell.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 29, George Hotel, 8. Important business.—Todd.

Derby C.B.S.—April 25, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Revision of rules.—F. W. Jordan.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—April 27, Headquarters, 8. Gen. business.—J. Anderslade.

East Ham and District F.S.—Ap. 30, Earl of Wakefield, East Ham. Monthly show. Exhibits to be in by 7.30.—W. Kitt.

Glasgow and W. Counties.—May 2, 6.30. Show of six classes; Gold., do. For., F.M. Linnet, H.M. Linnet, Green., and Siskin.—J. McGowan.

Glasgow, West of Scotland O.S.—May 2, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr R. Davidson, "The Study of Nature in Relation to Men and Birds."—W. Hutchison.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—April 29, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. F.F. show business.—R. Heggie.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 2, Grange Schools, 7.30. General business; lecture on British Birds by Mr. P. Jowett.—A. Firth.

Halifax C.B.S.—April 30, Trafalgar Inn, King's Cross, Halifax, 8. Syllabus and open show.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—April 28, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8.—A. Roberts.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—April 27, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. G. E. Weston on Mule and Hybrid breeding; members make an effort to be present and bring a friend; all welcome.—J. Hyde.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 27, White Hart Hotel, 8. Delegates' report of Council meeting.—A. Lawford.

Littleborough C.B.S.—April 29, Mr. Hartley's, Harstead, 8. Committee meeting; show business, etc.—J. R. Windle.

London and Counties A.C.B.—May 2, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse St., E.C., 8.30. Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. T. Hazell.—G. G. Stubbs.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—May 2, Sawley Road C. Schools, committee 7, general 7.30. Usual monthly business.—G. Baines.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 29, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Mr. W. Hulme will read a paper to start an open discussion.—R. Charleson.

Middleton C.B.S.—April 27, Old Goar's Head, 8. General business, show, and election of judge; also lecture, April 29th, by Mr. Robinson (Manchester), subject: Norwich Canary; fanciers make special effort.—J. Hutton.

National British Bird and M.C.—April 30, The "Feathers," Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8. Arrangements for the annual ramble.—J. P. Carr.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—April 29, Leighton's School, Heaton Rd., 7.30. Classification, annual show. Lecture by Mr. J. Milne on Norwich Plainheads. Subs. now due.—J. W. Coutts.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Ap. 28, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.30.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Ap. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, Mumps, 8. Lecture on bird-room management, by Mr. F. Steeple. All fanciers are welcome; old and new turn up.—J. Cope.

Poplar C.B.S.—April 30, All Hallows Schoolroom, East India Dock Road, Poplar 8. General business.—F. H. Marhoff.

Provincial Roller C.C.—April 25, Old Boar's Head, Corporation St., Manchester, 6. Discussion re judging standard; friends invited.—A. Peroival.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 29, Temperance Club, 8. Committee, F.F. show business; important.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S. April 25, Mail Coach Inn, 8. Members and friends cordially invited.—J. E. Taylor.

Runcorn B.B.A.—May 1, Headquarters, Old Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Business important.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—April 28, Rose and Crown, 8. Committee meeting; very important business.—E. C. Job.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—April 28, Liberal Club, 8. Choosing judges for F.F. shows.—F. Hampshire.

Southampton P.P. & C.B.A.—May 1, Bedford Hotel, 8.30. General and show business; proposed alteration of contribution rule.—G. J. Slade.

Southern Border F.C.—April 27, The Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 7.45. Patronage and other important business; note alteration of meeting night.—F. W. Burton.

South Moor C.B.S. April 25, South Moor Hotel, 6.30. Selection of judges for young bird and annual show, and other important business.—C. Davison.

Stirling C.B.S.—May 2, McDonald's Temperance Hotel Arcade, 8. General business.—J. Gillies.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—April 28, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. F.F. show business.—W. Stallord.

Swindon F. & F.S.—April 29, The Baths, Milton Rd., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. W. Goldsmith. "First principles in the breeding of exhibition stock."—W. J. Moran.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—April 25, 122, Ingram St., Glasgow, 5.30. Annual general meeting.—J. Brown.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 25, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Members' classification for open show; patronage of specialist clubs; any other business.—J. Peacock.

Tredegar C.B.S.—April 25, Silver Grill, 7.30. Date and classification open show.—W. B. Watkins.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—April 27, Cambridge Park Hall, 8. General meeting, arrangements for May show; young stock show fixed for Sept. 17; annual show Nov. 19.—H. S. Lofthouse.

Warrington C.B.S.—April 30, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Judging competition (British); members are requested to bring as many birds as possible.—G. M. Nelson.

Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M.C.—April 25, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Business very important; balance sheet; election of officers, etc.—T. H. Inman.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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AFRICAN Grey Parrots, 30/-; young Blue-fronted Amazons, 25/-; talking African Grey Parrot, £6; talking Amazon, 70/-; Bare-eyed Cockatoo, 30/-; satisfaction and safe delivery guaranteed: Jack Daley, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool. Phone, 5490 Central. (1557)

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EXCHANGE, cricket boots (five), two match balls, Thrush cage, for new Canaries, or offers: Cave, 166, Pool-rd., Leicester. (1555)

WANTED, good lady's cycle; exchange cash and aviary, 5ft. x 5ft. x 2ft., sell 12/6, or best offer: 11, Nevett-st., Preston. (1556)

WANTED offers in Canaries for all wool Scotch blankets, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1558)

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112 "Cage Birds," from January, 1911, good condition; hen Greenfinch, twice h.m., offers or exchange: Lerry, Glebe-st., Penartb. (1558)

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STRONG bull-Irish terrier dog, good guard, face anything if tackled, under perfect control; bargain, 8/6: Boothby, Pinxton. (1563)

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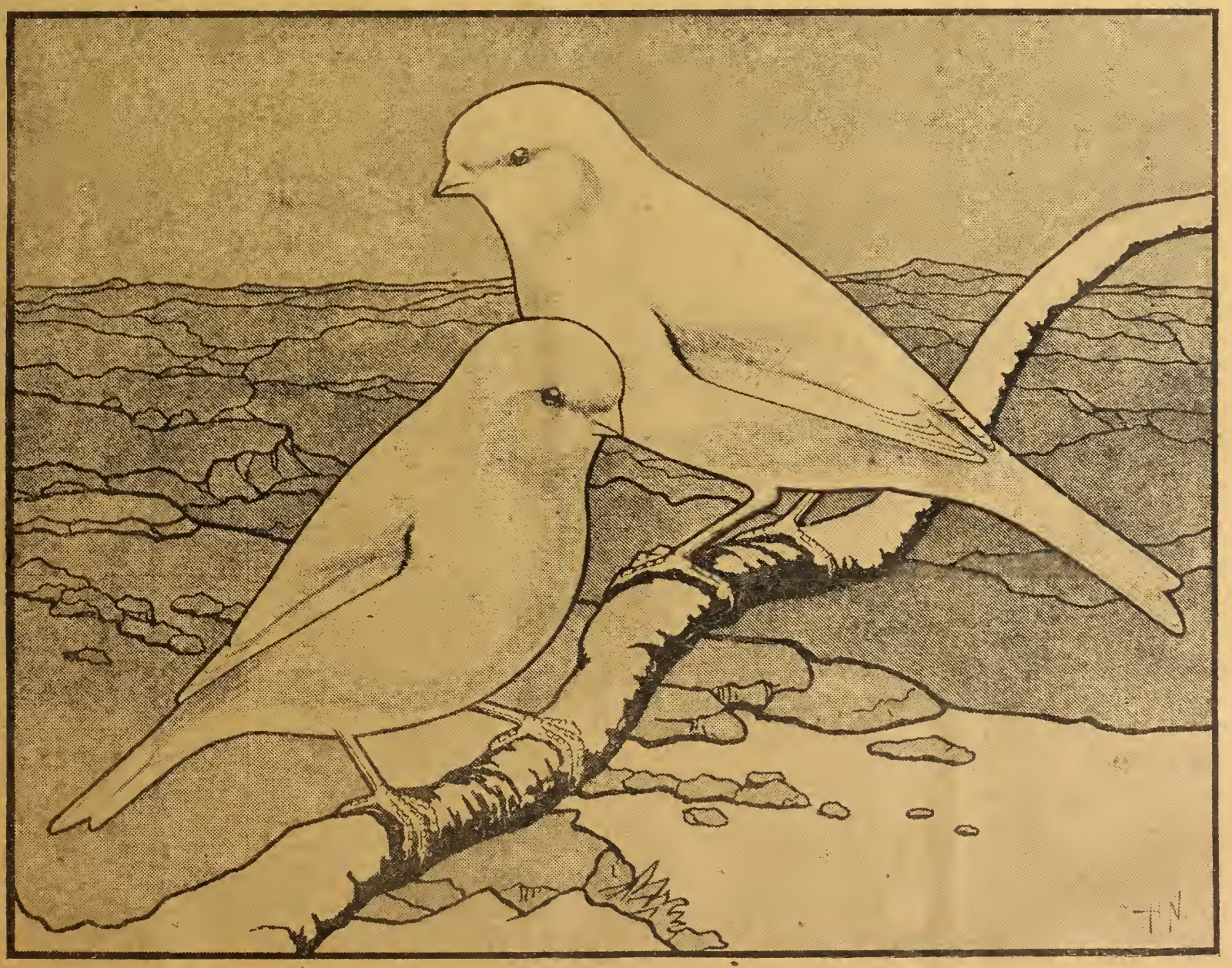

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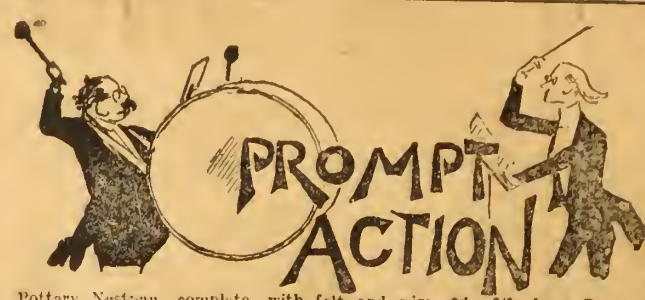

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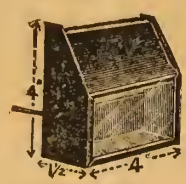

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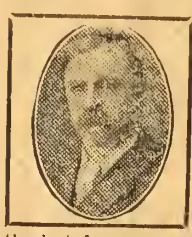

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HOUSE-MOULTED cock Redpoll, 1/; Greenfinch cock and hen Bullfinch, 3/6; Norwich hens, 4/-; Yorkshire, 4/6 and 5/-; or offers: Lewis, 30, Hamilton-st., Pentrebach, Merthyr. (1576)

PAIR Budgerigars, nesting, 5/6; Domino Finch, Bronze-wing, cock Chaffinch, hen Bullfinch (paired), cock Linnet, hen Greenfinch; cash offers: Howdle, Jessamine House, Howden, Yorks. (1572)

TWO H.M. Greenfinches, grand colour, 2/- each; Highland Linnets, 1/9 each; Yellow variegated Norwich hens, 12/6; foreign Goldfinches, grand blaze, 9/6; bargain: Farmer, 96, Buccleuch-st., Edinburgh. (1573)

GIVING up: Three pairs Norwich, pair Rollers, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, two Linnets, two Redpolls, one Red-breasted Chaffinch, all cocks, 15 cages, 50/-; sell separate; approval, deposit: Gillett, 4, Egmont-rd., Surbiton, Surrey. (1576)

WANTED.

WANTED, Canaries, best prices: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (1579)

WANTED, good singing Mules at a reasonable price: Golden, 120, Tib-st., Manchester. (1579)

WANTED, foreign Doves for outdoor aviary: Mrs. Peget, Steavenson, Hurworth, Darlington. (1568)

WANTED, any quantity cock Mules, best prices given: R. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED Canaries for re sale; state breed, quantity, and price: Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (1578)

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FEW pullets for laying; also few Bantams (hens only); sound stuff for cash, or see British advt.: Metcalfe. (1571)

WANTED, cock Canaries, full song, cold room, cheap for cash: Fraser, 161, Crosslane, Salford, Manchester. (1578)

WANTED, all varieties Canaries cheap for cash; terms, cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1574)

WANTED, all kinds of birds; state price and particulars; will deposit cash: Bird Shop, 178, Alfreton-rd., Nottingham. (1580)

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WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Coweaddens-st., Glasgow. (1505)

WILL exchange exhibition Irish Terriers or set Irish wire pipes for exhibition Norwich: M'Creesh, Thomas-st., Armagh, Ireland. (1571)

WANTED, a good Yellow Lancashire cobby hen; good price given for a good hen; approval; no rubbish: Lennard, Smitheram. (1573)

BUY, sell, exchange, birds in song, or talking; Parrots, Doves, Homing and Fancy Pigeons: Call, write, Maynard, Bethnal Green. (1579)

WANTED, any quantity of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries for cash; state price: H. McCormack, 29, Brodick-st., Moston, Manchester. (1578)

WANTED, Canaries, moulted British, for resale; state prices: R. J. Andrews, 16 and 18½, Howick-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. (1572)

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WILL exchange very high-class British song birds or show birds for Canaries or foreign birds: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Becket-st., Leeds. (1581)

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EXCHANGE two pairs of good Norwich, big birds, untried, for two pairs of Yorkshires, must be good; yours first: Malone, 115, High-st., Jarrow. (1572)

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held April 25; 49 birds sang: 1, 2, 3, 4, Brady, Quirk, Heslop, Close. Next singing, Broom Park, May 9. Thos. Farrey, judge.—J. Farrey.

BLACKBURN.

Linnet singing contest for members only, May 2. Members must pay subs. before they stage their birds.—T. Haythirst, Sec.—(Advt.)

TYLDESLEY.

Members' contest, April 18; 16 birds sang for three good prizes for time: 1, Harrison, 180; 2, Litherland, 99; 3, Partington, 75. Timers, F. Kennedy and A. Newton. Tappers, W. Benson and T. Robinson. Our secs., Mr. I. Harrison, is indisposed, and very badly, too, but we hope for the best, and trust he will be amongst us very soon again. We shall hold our first open contest to all England, May 9, for time and quality, when we hope to see all the old faces amongst us at "Bongs" again.—F. Kennedy, Assist. Sec.—(Advt.)

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, Linnet singing, April 26, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street; 14 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. J. Schofield: 1, 2, Woodcock; 3, Bingham.—Wm. Bingham, Sec.

Open Linnet singing contest, British Oak, April 26, when Mr. Austin gave three prizes; 24 birds competed before a good attendance of spectators, and some good singing was done: 1, E. Robinson; 2, Thompson; 3, Newton.—E. Robinson, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest for time, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Ap. 25; 58 birds entered for 5 prizes: 1, Brindley; 2, Smith; 3, Harding; 4, Dobson; 5, Williams. Ap. 26; 36 entered for 3 prizes: 1, Wainwright; 2 Caddy; 3, Bush. Sing, May 2, open to all England.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road, Ap. 25; 20 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Ward; 2, A. Lorriman; 3, Yates. Judges, Messrs. Sellers and Goodwill. Ap. 26; 18 sang for 3 prizes; 1, 2, shared, W. Lipman and Yates; 3, Bickerdyke. Judges, Messrs. Sellers and Goodwill.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, Ap. 25; 27 birds sang for 4 prizes: 1, 3, Pyrah; 2, Hayes; 4, Stead. Judges, Richardson, Naylor. Ap. 26; 27 birds sang for 4 prizes: 1, 3, Stead; 2, T. Chadwick; 4, Cooper. Judges, T. Johnson, Naylor, Nicholson.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, Ap. 25, for field-moulted Linnets only, being the first of its kind, was quite a novelty; 15 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, Rosendale; 2, Bowyer; 3, Madden. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Lunn. Ap. 26, open Linnet contest for quality; 27 birds entered for 4 prizes given by Mr. Bowyer. There was some very good singing before a packed house: 1, Buttery; 2, Kelly; 3, Brabiner; 4, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Wigfield and Butt.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest time sing, held Woodman Inn, Ap. 17; 32 birds entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done: 1, Nelson, 158; 2, Beard, 108; 3, Jones, 75. Open sing, Ap. 25; 40 entered for three prizes: 1, Proctor, 115; 2, Jones, 92; 3, Beard, 74. Open sing, Ap. 26; 17 entered for three prizes, three minutes' time sing: 1, 2, Beard, 80 and 78; 3, Jones, 68.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest, Ap. 25, for time and quality; 53 entered. Six minutes' singing, but some poor time was done: 1, Farshaw, 91; 2, Dixon, 85; 3, J. Statham, 79; 4, Smawley, 69. Quality: 1, Bates; 2, 4, J. W. Jones; 3, T. Statham. Timers, Ashcroft and Farshaw. Minute man, J. Ellison. Judges for quality, W. Barnes, Gibbons. Referee, Jones. Open contest for time, May 2, at Bay Horse, Bolton Road, Westhoughton.—Robert Disley, Sec.

WEST AUCKLAND.

Linnet singing, Ap. 25, Robin Hood; 34 birds faced the judge. Some excellent singing was heard: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Million. Judge, Jonas Parker. Timekeeper, C. Hope. Linnet singing, Whit Saturday.—G. Gilling.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Ap. 11; 21 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Collison; 2, A. Cooper; 3, J. Cooper. Third members' sing Ap. 18; 20 birds faced the timers. Result: 1, A. Cooper; 2, Potter; 3, Collison. Members' sing, Ap. 25; 29 sang for three prizes: 1, Potter, 50; 2, Bath, 49; 3, A. Cooper, with two birds at 45 each.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

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Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place). J.W.M.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 10.—**Crewe O.S.**—(N. L. Croft, 38, Cemetery Rd.) C.H.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House. Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Halliday, 58, George St., Oxford.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton. S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Wingford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

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Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.) J.T., E.J.R., A.C., R.L.C., F.E., J.R., A.S., C.P., J.D., A.J.M.

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

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Dec. 2-3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.) J.R.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

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Scotland.

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Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

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Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1.—**Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Aberavon, Port Talbot C.B.S.** (A. Magor, 18, Rice St., Port Talbot.).

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Vendre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Crockdock St.).

Nov. 25.—**Pontypridd F. & F.S.**—(A. A. G. M'Lucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.)

Dec. 3.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Richards, Cliff Arms Hotel, Treorchy.)

Jan. 12.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pott Place.) J.R., H.N.

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzwilliam Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

NORTH-WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting, April 9, at headquarters; a large number present. Several new members were elected. Next meeting, Stag's Head, Hawley Road, Camden Farm Road, N.W., May 7, 8.30; any new members wishing to join will receive a hearty welcome.—H. Sutton, Assist. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, April 2, Daybrook Street School; a good number present. After general business, we had a good British bird show, containing some really good specimens. Mr. W. Kay won sp. for most points, also specials for best bird in A.O.V. Hybrids and Mules or Hybrids. Mr. E. Holt won specials for British Finches. Mr D. Cundiff judged. FINCH: 1, 4, Holt; 2, Collis; 3, Henshall. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 4, Kay; 3, H. Hall. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 4, Kay; 3, Heushall; 3, W. Collis.—H. Hall, Hon. Sec.

BIRTLEY, CHESTER-LE-STREET AND PELTON FELL (Amalg.)

Meeting Ap. 25, Mr. Forster chair, before a good turnout of members. The first business was the feather show schedule. Classification as for last N.F.S. was adopted. Letters read from judges chosen accepting their respective engagements. Mr. Forster put a good idea before the meeting, which seems to give everyone an equal chance, namely that prizes for closed rings for most points gained by three nominated birds be competed for at the three annual shows. This idea was adopted by the meeting. Election of officers for Pelton Fell resulted as follows:—Sec., Mr. J. Robinson, No. 1, Lonsdale Street, Newfield S.O.; chair, Mr. J. Stanger; treas., Mr. I. Redpath.

Table show, Mr. Stanger judged. LINNET (13): 1, 2, 3, Davison; vhc, Sanders; TWITE (13): 1, 2, 3, Davison; vhc, Sanders; Wilford; c, Lindsay. SISKIN OR REDPOLL (6): 1, vhc, Wild; 2, c, Sanders; 3, hc, Wilford. BILL (2): 1, 2, Davison. BUNTING (6): 1, Wilford; 2, Wilde; 3, hc, Davison; c, Lin Next meeting at Birtley, May 9. Table sho connection with same; points to count for me Classes: Greenf., Goldie or Bullie, Chaffinc Bramblef.; A.V. Finch.—R. Ward, Sec., Chest Street C.B.S

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Twitterings.

Mr. C. E. Silk, Emsworth, will judge at Gravesend, September 30, and Eastleigh Nov. 25.

Wigan C.B.S. is holding its nest feather show June 27, Mr. Houlton (St. Helens) judge, writes Mr. Ed. Ball, hon. sec.

The Lancashire and Lizard F.A., writes W. Hopwood, Hon. Sec., Denton C.B.S., are holding their annual show with ours, Nov. 21, at the Brotherhood Rooms, Denton.

Mr. R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh, writes that membership cards of the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby, have been sent out. If any one has been overlooked, Mr. Lile will send card on application.

At a meeting held April 25th with a good attendance, writes Mr. Chas. Davison, Sec., South Moor, C.B.S., Mr. Wm. Reid was elected to judge our Nest Feather show, and Mr. J. Riseborough our annual show.

We have received the neat booklet of rules, etc., adopted by the Bridlington, Driffield and District C.B.S. Mr. J. Chadwick, the sec. (Sewerby, Bridlington) will be glad to send a copy to any fancier interested in the society, or desirous of joining.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. A. G. Cant., hon. sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., that Mr. J. Hazell (Plumstead) has been practically confined to his bed. Although he lectured to our society some three weeks ago, he was far from well. All old friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The rule book of the Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. is to hand, from the sec., Mr. A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue, Hillsbro'. Besides the rules, it contains a list of officers and committee, the syllabus for 1914, classification for the table shows, N.F. and members' shows, and a list of members' names and addresses. The society is open to a twenty miles radius.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Lewsnap.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Rukin, I have to write to tell you that one more good fancier has passed away. This is Mr. John Dewsnap, the well known Lizard breeder and exhibitor, who died on April 22, at the age of sixty years. He will indeed be missed wherever the Lizard Canary is known. I know I am voicing the sentiments of all fanciers in tendering to his sorrowing widow our earnest expression of sympathy in her bereavement. Mr. Dewsnap was interred at the Charlesworth Independent Congregational Chapel on April 25, a large number of friends and relatives being present, amongst whom Messrs. Bradley (New Mills), Hambleton, E. Fuller and Ollerenshaw (Glossop), along with myself attended to pay our last respects to our fancier friend. May he rest lightly is the wish of those who knew him.

We are holding an open show Oct. 10, writes Mr. N. L. Croft, hon. sec. Crewe O.S. Mr. C. Houlton is to judge. Will secretaries please note, to avoid clashing, and will fanciers please support us in this our first venture for some years.

Mr. Wm. Wilson, the well known Glasgow naturalist, is removing from 247, Argyle Street to larger and more commodious premises at No. 233. Fanciers in Glasgow, and visitors to the city should give Mr. Wilson a call. Cage Birds' "Nutshells," and all books and literature published by us are obtainable from Mr. Wilson.

The Committee of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. have arranged a very interesting and instructive evening for bird lovers, writes Mr. G. Griffith, the hon. sec., at their meeting on Monday next, May 4, at 8 p.m., at headquarters, 6, The Broadway, Wimbledon, when Mr. C. E. Weston, the well known authority, has kindly consented to have a "Chat" with the members, his subject being "Some Point about Bird Keeping and Mule Breeding." Fanciers who have not heard Mr. Weston are advised to take advantage of this opportunity. The club room is easy of access, trams and buses passing the door, and it is opposite the railway station (L. and S.W.R., Brighton and District lines). Visitors heartily welcomed.

The show of the Llanelly C.B.S. has been fixed for January 12 next. Mr. H. Norman will judge British, Foreign and Mules, and Mr. J. Robson the Canaries.

In proof of the statement made in his advertisement of Norwich Plainheads this week, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, has sent for our inspection the prize-cards won by the birds in question.

We understand from Mr. Allen Silver, sec., that Major Boyd R. Horsbrugh has accepted the presidency of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, to which he was unanimously elected, and that the League has a very progressive programme in view.

From Mr. W. Rudd, the celebrated bird specialist, of Norwich, come samples of his 1914 colour feeds. Mr. Rudd rightly lays stress on the fact that these are sold quite pure, as received from Spain, containing no added sugar or oil to deepen the colour and increase the weight. The "Excelsior AI Red Feed" is excellent, hot as fire in colour, and beautifully ground, while the "Excelsior Yellow Feed" cannot be beaten by anyone needing a yellow blend. Mr. Rudd also puts up a very convenient and good mixture of egg and colour foods, ready for use (called "Orange Blossom" feed), and this is sure to be widely appreciated. Mr. Rudd's "Eggertine" food (a fine combination of ground biscuit and fresh egg) we can also highly recommend. It is unquestionably one of the best on the market, and will rear young from the shell, while for birds out of condition, or as a change of diet, it is invaluable.

TO READERS ALL.

Full Eggs, Full Nests and Full Pockets are the worst we wish you.

Surely the Limit!

A Robin's nest containing three eggs has been found in an oil stove in the scullery at Lindsay House, Bishop Stortford, the residence of Mr Percy Hay.

Moscow's "House of Song."

Called a "house of song," a large birdcage, to contain specimens of the birds of the district, is to be erected in a public square at Moscow.

The Epping Forest 'Gales.

We hear that the Nightingales have been later than usual in filling the glades of Epping Forest with their melody, but they may now be heard singing in the Loughton and Chingford districts.

Country Rambles

The following rambles have been arranged: Border City (Carlisle) O.S., May 3; meet Post Office 9.30; West Bromwich C.B.S., May 10, to Clent Hills, etc.; meet 8.30 a.m., King's Head, Hagley Road.

"A Wail from Aintree."

We have received a letter, signed "Yorkshireman," concerning the above controversy, but as it is made up practically entirely of insinuations against, and abuse for, other fanciers, we cannot publish it. The correspondence is now closed.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Northern Norwich P.H.C., F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Yorkshire C.C., J. Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford, closing date May 9; Foreign Bird Club, A. Silver, 303, Streatham High Road, London, S.W., closing date May 20; Yorks and Lancs. British Bird and M.C., T. H. Inman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Y.C.C., R Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Hospital Egg Week.

May 12th to May 19th are the dates fixed for The Poultry World's Hospital Egg Week. Last year over 27,000 new laid eggs were collected by poultry keepers and distributed amongst the inmates of the Metropolitan Hospitals, and this year it is hoped that the grand total of 30,000 eggs will be reached. As last year, egg collectors have been appointed in the various large centres, and eggs received by them will be forwarded direct to the offices of our sister paper The Poultry World. A full list of the egg collecting depots will appear each week in that journal till Hospital Egg Week. We shall be pleased if any reader of Cage Birds who can act as an egg-collector or promise a number of eggs no matter how small will write Editor "P.W.," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will send full particulars of the scheme on application.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

"Cage Birds" desires to stimulate the production of new varieties of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids, and the breeding of all kinds of birds in Cages and in Aviaries.

Is it true that bird breeders are not progressive are lacking in initiative? We heard this view expressed by a well-known fancier not so many days ago. He had nothing to say against the enthusiasm of the bird keepers of to day, readily admitting that the vitality of the hobby was undeniable, that never before had the love of bird-keeping been so wide spread, so general amongst people in every walk of life.

But he held that in one respect at least bird keepers were not making the best use of their birds. He referred to the breeding of them. Canary fanciers in particular were apply "resting on their oars." Notwithstanding the plastic material they had at hand, they were content to jog along with the few present-day varieties, making no serious attempt to evolve new and attractive forms of their little pets. How badly they compared in this respect with fanciers of pigeons and poultry. And this lack of initiative—this tendency to concentrate on two or three varieties only—was not good for the Canary Fancy and did not make for progression.

Well, we think there is a good deal of truth underlying the above remarks. We would extend their scope to cover breeders of Mules and Hybrids, and, most strongly of all, keepers of British birds. It is quite time, surely, that cage-bred strains of many of our native Finches, and even insectivorous species, became an accomplished fact; that this should come to pass may be, indeed, of great importance to the future of this branch of our hobby.

To encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, Cage Birds is adopting the scheme outlined below which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it. Next week we shall deal with some of the openings that present themselves for breeders to take advantage of in the four sections.

Cage Birds suitable and valuable mementos are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary, any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition to the medals and certificates, we shall award to the sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

This prize is generously offered by that steemed aviculturist, Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, who takes a special interest in the fostering of the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages. Mr. Teschemaker asks us to mention that it was Mrs. Warren Vernon, one of our most skilful and enthusiastic lady aviculturists, who suggested to him the excellent idea of rewarding, in the manner of our scheme, this section in some special manner.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact, the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in Cage Birds, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of Cage Birds will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

With regard to the Quails, a number of species are popular as aviary inmates, but many bird-lovers may not be aware that the smaller species also make wonderfully good cage birds, and there is no doubt they could be bred in a cage without much difficulty.

We have not debarred hand-feeding in the case of Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, as we are aware that some fanciers believe in making a practice of this, or of indulging in it to a more or less limited extent, and we have no desire to put any undue difficulty in the way of the winning of our prizes. It should be remembered, however, that some hen British birds will rear their own young quite well in captivity. Notable instances are the Greenfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, and Siskin; in the aviaries of Mr. Teschemaker last summer a hen Bramblefinch, too, fully reared five youngsters from five eggs.

We realise that in a scheme of this comprehensive nature the details are bound to be open to individual differences of opinion, and we shall be delighted to hear the views of our readers, whether critical or commendatory, and, needless to add, to act upon any that seem to us to make for the betterment of our project.

TIMELY HINTS.

To Gather Dandelion Seed.

Winner of Half-Crown Cash Prize.

Before pulling the heads with the fluff on, light a match (or a piece of candle, which will burn more), and when ready to pick, just touch the top, when the fluff will burn off and leave you the head of seed quite easy to pick. One has no trouble then of cleaning away the fluff.—E. W. Nichols, 1, Milford Street, Cambridge.

A Sure way with Egg-bound Hens.

This is a simple, safe way, and never known to fail. Place the hen in a small travelling cage, in the bottom of which there should be a piece of flannel. Put the cage on a boiler, or oven, where it will be warm, but not too hot. The hen will probably lay within a few hours, or will recover without laying, when she may be returned to her cage, and the egg will come the next morning. If necessary, keep in a warm place all night, but care should be taken to see that she is not over-heated. This way is far superior to steaming, and using olive oil.—H. Teat (Ancaster).

When Spring Cleaning.

To fanciers preparing their bird-cages and rooms, I should like to give a few good hints on redecoration. (1) For the insides of cages get a stone of white lime and add, while it is boiling in water, some tallow, say ¼-lb (or else you may have the same amount of table salt). This makes a fine and pure distemper, which dries with a gloss, and does not rub off as well as being a sanitary disinfectant. (2) For the outsides, get ¼-lb. of concentrated size, pennyworth of vandyke brown, and pennyworth of burnt sienna in water. Melt size in about ½-pint of boiling water, and mix in the remainder; this will make an ideal stain for cages, and not injurious to the birds. The cost of both is about 7d. If you want to colour the insides of the cages, dry colours (such as ultramarine blue) can be bought in pennyworths at the oil and colour stores. Add in the quantity desired, while the lime is boiling (slacking).—G. F. Cooke

OUT OF CONDITION AND THE WAY IN.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

A contribution of the greatest importance to Breeders of Birds of every kind.

WITH the advent of May a recruit to the Fancy will be experiencing that deferment of hope which maketh the heart sick. Daily for about six weeks he has vainly inspected the nests for that tangible evidence which may spell multiplication, or perchance his hopes have been raised to concert pitch by eggs, only to be dashed flat by reason of their infertility.

By now he has doubtless reached that stage when Micawberisms are ineffective to console, and doubtless also he has sought many opinions. Generally, the most obvious feature in the stock is badly matched pairs, and we may guess that in his endeavours to at least get something he has been shuffling his pack in a manner not at all conducive to good results in Canary breeding.

The various breezes which are taking place in his room show that such shuffling has been recent, and is being resented. Nor does it require the penetration of a Sherlock Holmes to discern a lack of condition in one or the other, or both, birds of his matchings. In his endeavours to impart fitness he has unknowingly been contributing to the opposite, as fatness does not predispose to reproduction.

Giving Them a "Liver."

Enquiries will probably reveal the fact that he has been feeding up with egg-food, maw and inga since the Ides of March, what time his stock have been restricted to such exercise as is afforded by a half share in an 18 inch cage. We may cease to wonder at the listlessness of the hens, and "I don't care if it snows" air of their partners. A similar method is employed to give geese a liver weighing up to 4lbs., the *fois gras* of epicures.

We have here a typical instance of premature pairing, in other words while the birds were not in breeding condition, and the evils which may result from injudicious attempts to force matters, stimulating and fat-producing foods, and doubtless the birds are just about as disgusted with their owners' forceful methods as he is with their dilatoriness.

It is quite a common mistake with breeders to attribute delay in coming into condition to ill-health, and straightway start dosing their birds with drugs. That many healthy stocks are naturally late is just as true as that many unhealthy are abnormally early. That heat and light have a wondrous effect in awaking the sleeping desire we have yearly proof in the many instances of broods produced in the first and second months by artificial employment of heat and light.

Another point worth noting is that late-bred birds of the previous year, and those which have undergone a protracted moult, are often late in coming into condition, and when the breeder is aware of this it is unwise to resort to extremes in stimulation, for this is much more likely to produce the state of affairs described than awaiting the termination of the period of cessation and recuperation which nature demands.

THE BIRD BREEDER'S FRIEND.

A dandelion plant (photographed by Mr. S. Crook) in just that "ripe" condition best suited to the breeders' needs.

The treatment of backward stock, to be effective, must depend entirely on the cause, and whether such arises from an omission or otherwise in the management. The instance I have pictured in the beginning of this article comes under the latter category, and is the most common error to which the inexperienced fancier is liable, surfeiting. These birds I would at once separate, putting all the hens into the largest cage or cages available, and the cocks might be permitted to remain in the breeders, where they will be less liable to enter into acrimonious discussions on Home Rule.

The food supply I would reduce to good, sound canary seed, with a modicum of German rape on alternate days, and each and all would get a full strength dose of glaubers salts twice weekly. This treatment I would continue for a fortnight or three weeks, and its effect would be to remove some of the adipose tissue and stimulate the action of the liver and digestive organs. A daily bath and abundance of fresh air and sunlight will play no small part in this hardening process.

The Virtues of the Dandelion.

As a stimulating food I am quite convinced nothing equals the succulent seed of the dandelion, and I now begin by supplying three ripe heads (not more) per bird, previously cutting off the downy part to prevent making a mess. These heads I would arrange in as many lots as there were birds, to prevent the more assertive getting more than their share, and on alternate days I would supply a mixture of rich egg-food and maw seed, equal parts, in the proportion of one small teaspoonful to each pair of birds, and gradually increase the supply of dandelion heads till they were getting as many as they cared to consume, but never increasing the supply of egg-food.

At the expiry of a month or five weeks from the beginning of treatment, the beneficial effects will be discernible in the flapping wings and shrieks of desire on the part of the hens, and the wild outbursts in song of the cocks. When this latter sound comes to a pitch which would be insufferable to anyone but a fancier, it is time to pair up, and it will be found that the time entailed in the process of preparation has been well spent, but it should be borne in mind that the curbing of his impatience at the outset, and common-sense treatment of his stock, would have saved him that time, and rendered the corrective part unnecessary.

Cases that Cannot be Cured.

That some birds, hens in particular, are by reason of some defect in their reproductive organs, unresponsive to any treatment for periods which may extend to years is well known, but such state in an otherwise healthy individual only occurs in isolated cases, and is extremely unlikely to be a feature in a stock. This, however, cannot be said of a failure to reproduce, due to inherent weakness, a state which I have already dealt with in these pages, and for which I can offer no remedy.

No doubt the young fancier likes to have corroboration as to the effectiveness of any remedial measures of which he may hear or read, so I will quote a past and future instance. A few months ago I purchased a trio of Canaries from one of the most experienced fanciers in Scotland. These were in his opinion, two hens and a cock, and I saw no reason to doubt his opinion, nor did any of the many fanciers who saw them in my room. The backward state of one of these supposed hens called for a supply of the dandelion heads, and eight days from the beginning of such treatment "she" proved to be the most incessant songster in my stock, and was sent on April 10th to a Bristol fancier, who could doubtless corroborate.

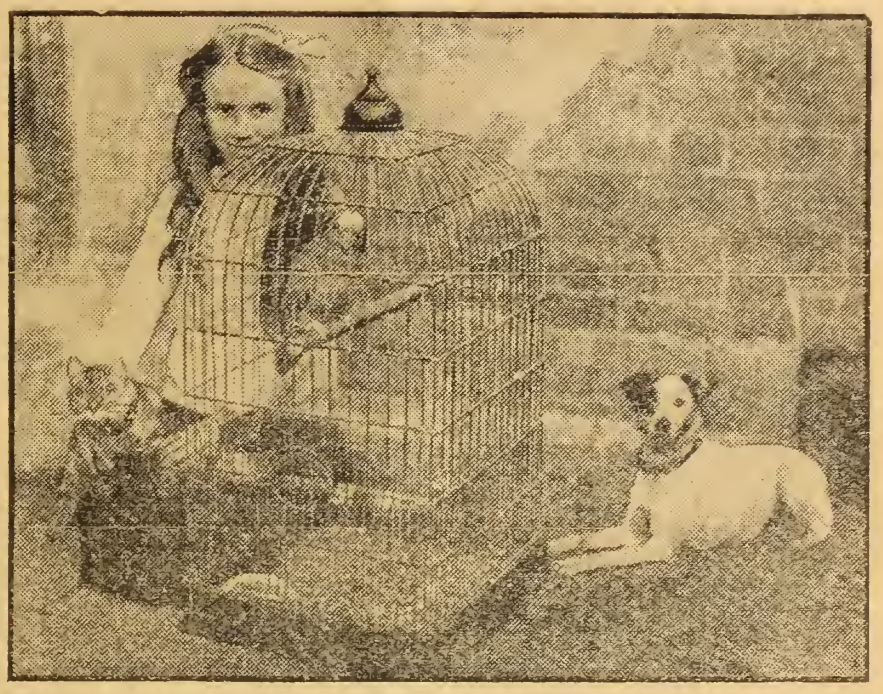
The other instance I will stake my reputation on has yet to be proved, inasmuch as I only got the bird two days ago from a fancier of Musselburgh. This is another alleged hen; she has been paired up as a hen, and in no feature, except colour and eyes, has the appearance of a cock, and her peculiar marking makes recognition an easy matter. So healthy is this bird, and so convinced am I that it is simply a very backward cock, that I will treat it in the manner I have described, and return it to him within 14 days in full song and ready to pair up.

Coming to the Finches, it is early yet to expect results from the hens, but if backward I would advise a supply of dandelion heads for both them and the cocks intended for hybridising or Mule breeding, and as at this season few, if any, of the other wild seeds are procurable in the succulent state, an effective substitute may be improvised by germinating those preserved from the previous harvest, these, plus certain forms of insect life, constituting the natural food of the Finch species at this season

The seeds supplied must be those most favoured by the particular species for which they are intended, and are all procurable from stores and collectors (see CAGE BIRDS' advert. columns). It is advisable to discard, or at least greatly curtail, the supply of such oily seeds as sunflower, flax, inga, and hemp, while the succulent wild seeds are being employed, and a careful inspection of the samples should be made, as many of these wild seeds are absolutely worthless by reason of their being badly gathered and imperfectly dried. An examination with a seed microscope may reveal the presence of millions of weevils, and disclose the fact that the sample consists largely of empty husks.

(To be continued.)

A HAPPY FAMILY AT BURTON.



A photograph (sent by Mr. F. Ludlow), of Miss Lucy Hinchcliffe and her pets. She has taught the parrot to open the door and come out of the cage itself, and "Polly" and the cat and dog are the very best of friends, living in perfect harmony. The parrot is a fluent talker, and both cat and dog are good at performing tricks.

The Birds of Flamborough Headland.

By J. FEW (Wigan).

(Concluded from page 267.)

A SECOND (or guide rope) hangs down, by which he can signal and inform those above whether he wishes to be pulled up or lowered. His hands are filled with grass, as a protection from the chafing of the rope, and as he descends or ascends he collects the eggs from the ledges and places them in the bags at his sides, a hooked stick enabling him to reach any in awkward positions. In one part where the cliffs considerably overhang, a steel rope has been secured to the face, by means of which the operator is able to draw himself under until loaded, when he leaves hold and swings back to the perpendicular. When the linen bags are fairly full of eggs, the signal "Up" is given, and hand over hand the rope is hauled in, until the head of the climmer appears over the edge of the cliff. He is then able to take the weight off the rope and assist himself up the slope. The eggs are placed in a basket, unusually "pretty," or rarely-marked eggs being put on one side, the remainder being sold at about one penny each.

The season commences in the third week in May, and finishes at the end of June, or, at the latest, the first week in July, during which period, it is calculated, each gang collecting from 300 to 400 eggs daily, or, allowing for wet weather, an average of 100,000 eggs per season. These are sold to collectors, and are also made use of in other ways. Notwithstanding this enormous drain upon the eggs there appears to be no diminution in the number of the birds; in fact, according to some authorities, they increase annually.

At an International Congress of Naturalists, principally interested in bird life, a special excursion was made from London to Bempton to see the myriads of sea-birds which breed on the ledges of the steep chalk cliffs. There were representatives present from various parts of Europe and America, many of whom had travelled extensively in different parts of the globe, and these visitors admitted that they had rarely, if ever, seen anything to compare with the extraordinary sight to be viewed on the Bempton cliffs.

"To those who know thee not, no words can paint!
And those who know thee, know all words are faint!"

—*More.*

No Egg and No Green Food

A Novel Method of Rearing Young Canaries and Mules.

By W. J. STAGG (Birmingham).

I AM writing on the rearing of Canaries or Mules without the use of egg-food in any shape or form. I mean a food that can take the place of the egg without losing in size or quality or quantity of the young birds bred, and which is also readily eaten by the parent birds. It costs very little, it is very easy to make, easy to prepare for the birds, and is next to no trouble in any way. This may seem a lot to say about a food containing no egg, but I can assure all of its value, and if any will give it a trial this coming season it will do all I have said and am going to say about it.

I have kept birds a long time, and when I first tried this method I had for breeding one pair of Norwich, one pair of Yorkshires (both pairs of good strain), one H.M. cock Goldfinch to run with two Norwich hens, and one not H.M. cock Greenfinch with one Norwich hen. All the Canaries were of different

Mrs. Canary (out for a fly): "Come and help at once, Dick; I have found some nice soft stuff to line our nest!"

ages. The Finches were fed on a mixture of hemp, linseed, teazle, inga, and Spanish canary seeds, double the quantity of Spanish to the other seeds. This was for Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. On Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday I fed them with plain Spanish canary seed, and the egg drawer was half full of soft food, with a little ripe apple added.

Feeding the Old Birds.

The Canaries were fed on Spanish canary-seed, with a little rape added, except on Sunday, when they had a little of the Finch mixture. I watched the birds until the hens showed signs of wanting to go to nest. This was about the first week in April. Then I drew out the wired slide and let the cocks in, put in a nest-pan lined with felt, and left them like this till the hen laid her first egg. I removed the eggs until the third was laid, then started the hen to sit (I replaced the first egg with a dummy one). This is how I worked with all my birds. While the hens were sitting I removed the cocks and gave them plain canary-seed till the 12th day, when I started to add the soft food, giving a small teaspoonful at a time.

The Treatment of the Young.

When the young were hatched I gave the hen the following diet: Two parts canary-seed and one part German rape in the seed pot, and one teaspoonful of soft food in the egg drawer. When the young were four days old I added a little crushed hemp to the seed and a little oaked rape to the soft food, and kept them on this till they left the nest, when I dropped the oaked rape, and afterwards the hemp. I left them like this for a week, then I let in the cock and parted the young off in the other side of the cage (the wired slide between) for the hen or cock to finish them off. I put in the side with the young the soft food only, with a little crushed canary-seed added. No water until they could feed themselves; then I gave them a little. I kept this up until I found them eating the seed; then I started to drop the soft food and added uncrushed Spanish canary seed until they were on this altogether, when I put them in a large flight cage, 6ft. by 4ft. by 2ft., and kept them like this until the moult.

I have given you my method of breeding and feeding, and here is the "no egg food" and how to make it. Go to your baker and ask him to sell you as many plain scones as you think you want. Have them not more than two days old, and bring them home, keep them in a cool, dry place, wrapped in a damp linen cloth, until ready to use them. Renew your stock twice a week. You can buy them at 4 for 3d. or 2 for 1½d., so they will not cost a lot. When you have birds ready for the soft food get one of the scones and grate it up on a bread-grater. Then add one small tablespoonful of blue maw-seed. This is all you need add until you want to put in the soaked rape. If it seems a bit dry moisten with a little lukewarm water. The soaked rape should be drained first before adding.

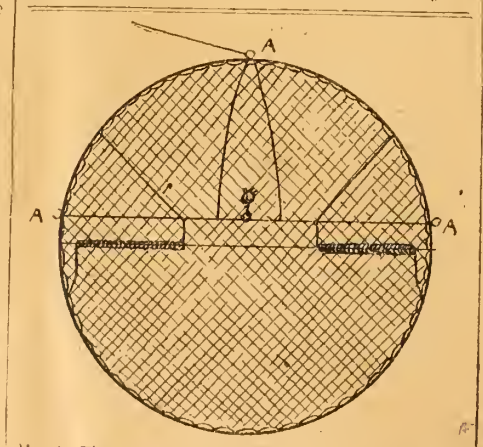
High Commendation.

This is the food I bred my Canaries and Mules on, and reared every one of the young hatched. It is just sweet enough, and the birds take to it quite easily and seem to like it as well as anything, and feed their young well with it. You can give them as much as they will eat without any fear, and as many times as you like in a day. It is just the food for anyone to use who, like myself, is away from the birds all day. Give them a feed before you go out in the morning and another when you come home at night, not forgetting to change the water as well.

Saves Time and Trouble.

You will notice I have not mentioned anything about the green food (such as watercress, etc.). Well, I never use it, as I think the soaked rape acts as a green food. But should any readers like to use green food instead of the rape, they can add it if they like. I think the method I have outlined, however, will serve as good as any. It has been proved a good one by me. I bred 16 Goldfinch Mules, 11 Yorkshires, 8 Norwich and 6 Greenfinch Mules, total 41 birds, from 4 cocks and 5 hens, taking three rounds of each hen. This I think is good. My food does away with the trouble, time and care of making egg-food, and the chance of overdoing it with the birds and causing illness. Anyone can mix it and it is always ready for use and takes a long time to go sour in hot weather; all you need worry about is getting good healthy birds to start with, giving them good clean seeds and cages, and a clean place to be in, then you have nothing to fear.

I keep my birds in cages (double breeders) 36in. x 18in. x 10in., with slide in middle (wire and wood). They are in a room by themselves and have no heat whatever, winter or summer. I give my birds cuttlefish bone to peck at all the year round. If a bird seems a little backward I give a few dandelion leaves. When once they are in breeding condition you can't go wrong, I can assure you.



No. 1: The trap for the larger species (A. the pegs holding it to the ground).

Birds and the Fruit Crop.

With regard to the suggestion to place receptacles containing water near to the trees and bushes carrying crops of ripening fruit, as a means of preventing, to a certain extent, the destruction of the fruit by birds, I may state that we have planted alongside a stream of excellent water, from which birds can easily obtain all the water they require, a row of bush apples, including the varieties Gladstone and Ribston Pippin, also an old standard tree of a Russet sort. I find, however, that I cannot keep the Blackbirds and Tits away from them; in fact without netting the trees cannot keep a single fruit long enough for it to ripen. I have known Blackbirds to tear holes in old fish netting in order to get at the fruits. Moor hens also cross the stream and eat the fallen Russets, of which they appear particularly fond. H. F. Maidment (Warminster), in the "Gardening Chronicle."

AN ENTHUSIASTIC LINCOLNSHIRE FANCIER.

Mr. H. W. Allmand, of Boston, and little daughter, outside his pretty garden aviary.

THE TRAPPING OF INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

By A. JACKSON (Rotherham).

THE following hints on the most approved methods of capturing insectivorous birds may be appreciated by some of your readers. The methods I am about to describe are those usually followed by the professional bird-catcher. The first and most important item is to purchase a number of reliable spring net traps. There is a right and a wrong way of doing everything, so don't get the idea that any kind of article fitted with a spring will do for catching birds.

The traps I am illustrating are the most satisfactory types I know. These I can recommend to do all that is required in the way of catching birds humanely and unhurt. I have tried the oval-shaped wire net-traps, but I can't say I ever did any good with them. I merely mention this to prevent fanciers speculating on worthless articles.

The Baits and the Baiting.

For the larger species, such as Jays, Magpies, Blackbirds, Hawfinches, etc., I use the round design (see sketch No. 1), and for the smaller birds, such as Redstarts, Wagtails, Chats, Nightingales, etc., the trap illustrated in No. 2 sketch.

Having your traps you now require a supply of bait, namely: live gentles, mealworms, and a number of very small ripe tomatoes (or other suitable fruit of a bright red colour), not forgetting a few bits of clean white bread, not too old; also last but not least, a small carrying cage to put the birds in when caught.

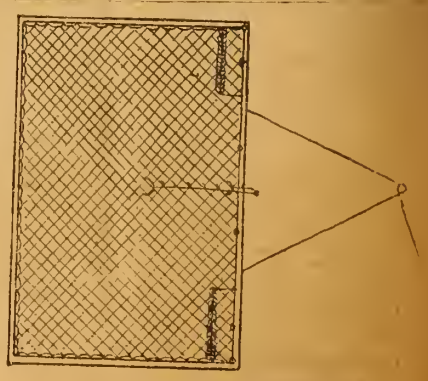
Supposing you are out for the larger species, Jays, Magpies, Thrushes, etc., the most suitable locality to set your traps is some quiet, unfrequented spot, near a wood or plantation. Set your traps a matter of about 30 yards or so from the wood side. Place a piece of clean bread on the bait holder, then a little of the fruit, and lastly pin one or two live gentles on the fruit. Conceal the parts of trap that are visible with some light material; leaf-mould is as good as anything, and shows up the bait wonderfully. Having set your traps a matter of 100 yards apart, get well out of sight, so as to give the birds a chance to return. If there are any birds at all in the neighbourhood you will not have long to wait before you obtain a capture. When after Hawfinches I always bait the traps with a pod of garden peas, and have taken a great many with this bait.

For the smaller Softbills, I procure a number of the traps as sketch 2, as these are more suitable for setting on rubbish and manure heaps. For catching Wagtails there is nothing better, as they can easily be set by the sides of running streams; Wagtails love a shallow stream. When setting, it is only necessary to lightly conceal the wire framework, and to bait with live gentles or mealworms. To catch Nightingales the trap should be set in the evening near the side of a wood, and baited with a live glowworm. This bait can always be found where Nightingales are.

The Usefulness of Gentles.

Having caught your birds, give them a liberal supply of live gentles, the finest of all foods for fresh caught softbills. On the second day, amongst the gentles mix a little of the stock food that you intend to use. Decrease the live food and increase the stock food from day to day, until you have the birds thoroughly on stock food.

Don't place the birds in cages the first week; keep them in a large packing case, well sanded on the bottom, with the food and water in shallow dishes inside, so that the birds can easily find them. Under the top of the packing case (that is, inside about two inches from the roof) stretch a piece of small mesh net very tightly. This will prevent the birds from damaging their plumage. If these instructions are carefully followed out success is assured.



No. 2: The trap for the smaller species

FOUR DAINTY SUMMER VISITORS.

THE NIGHTINGALE.
THE SEDGE WARBLER.
THE TREE CREEPER
THE BLACKCAP WARBLER.

How the Blue Grosbeak Was First Bred.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A

Success at the Twelfth Attempt, After Troubles and Trials Galore!

THE Blue Grosbeak is one of those beautiful species which reach us from South America, or, perhaps I should say, which used to reach us, for it has been rare on the market for the past few years. The male, which is about the size of a Bullfinch, is a deep, rich blue, the lesser wing-coverts lighter, the top of the head gleaming with a wash of cobalt; the wings and tail black. The female, for want of a better term, I will describe as tan-coloured. It is a native of the warmer parts of S. America, Brazil, the Amazon countries, and Guiana, and does not range northward in spring into the States.

Its place in our markets during the past few years has been to some extent usurped by its larger relative, the Northern, or Brown-winged Blue Grosbeak—a species which I never saw until some half dozen years since, but which has been not infrequently imported since. A fortnight since I saw a beautiful male in London for which only the moderate sum of one guinea was asked. This latter species is known to science as *Guiraca caerulea*, the first of which words is not a Latin but a native name, and perhaps has reference to its note; the second means "sky-blue." Unfortunately, very few females of *G. caerulea* have been brought over. Mrs. Galloway was the fortunate possessor of a pair, which she exhibited with success, and I think I recollect that Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P., wrote me that he also had secured a pair. It has not been bred in cage or aviary, I believe. I expect that we should have seen but little of the Brown-winged Blue Grosbeak but for two facts, the first of which is that it winters southward of the United States, and the second that that most enterprising German dealer, Herr August Fockelmann, of Hamburg, keeps several collectors working for him in Mexico.

The "Promise" of Mexico.

Unfortunately, Mexico has been in a very disturbed state, as we all know, for some time past; quite a year ago Herr Fockelmann wrote me that his collectors dared not leave the coastal district, and it is in the interior, and especially in those wonderful canons, through which the rivers flow, that the most interesting birds are to be found, as all readers of that most fascinating book, "Two Bird-lovers in Mexico," will recollect. With the events of the next few days the interests of aviculturists are vitally concerned, for a glance at a map will show us that as long ago as 1848 Uncle Sam bit off a large piece of Mexico (Texas), and it looks very much as if he now intended to swallow the lot. Now, Uncle Sam in the days of his youth was an inveterate bird-slayer; he used to have picnics in the woods where the unfortunate Passenger Pigeons nested, and pot them wholesale, until he had exterminated all but one big flock which flew away northward, never to be seen again. But Uncle Sam in his old age has become a reformed character, and we may be nearly sure that, should he annex Mexico, the exportation of birds from there will be a thing of the past.

However, to return to the Southern Blue Grosbeak. In 1904, when I secured my first pair, it was to be obtained from almost any dealer for a comparatively small sum. It was a delightful thing to see it flash across the aviary—a streak of dark blue against a green background—or to listen to its plaintive warbling song, delivered almost in a whisper from the shelter of some thick shrub. It seemed so hardy and so much at home in captivity that I thought it ought to be very easily bred. There are many undertakings, however, which look very easy until one comes to grips with them, when one begins to find out gradually a number of unforeseen difficulties.

Shrubs Deadly to the Young.

In the first place some of these foreign Grosbeaks are, in the matter of diet, intermediate between Hardbills and Softbills; they require a mixed menu, consisting partly of seed, partly of soft food, partly of green food, and largely of live insect food, and some of all of these comestibles they give to the young. The green-food I always find the greatest difficulty in an aviary, because, however much one may supply, the old birds always seem to supplement it with the tender green leaves of shrubs; and, when once they begin to feed with shrub, the end comes quickly. For all

THE BLUE GROSBEAK.

Male (on right) and female.

From a drawing [by H. Goodchild.

shrubs are poison to young birds. Secondly, though this Grosbeak is normally harmless enough, when actually nesting it will give the other inmates of the aviary no peace. Thirdly, I found that males in immature plumage would pursue the females and make some pretence of building, but would not settle down to business. Lastly, I found that adult males, if allowed to help themselves freely to live insect food, would throw the young out of the nest and induce the hens to nest again.

I had nothing but failures for the first three years. Then I placed a pair, which had nearly succeeded in rearing a brood, in a small aviary by themselves. This method, however, was even less successful, It is competition which keeps us all going, both birds and men; without competition the Grosbeaks became fat and lazy, and did not even lay a clutch of eggs.

The Home which Collapsed.

In 1909, therefore, I once again placed the old pair in the large aviary. They built a charming little nest in a privet, so small and frail that it hardly gave room for the three large white eggs, boldly splashed with red; it was a mere sketch of a nest, much like that of a Blackcap. But, alas! unlike the latter, it was not well woven; day by day it sagged more and more on one side, till one morning it collapsed altogether. This was my eleventh attempt! But the aviculturist must never say "die"; when difficulties fence him round, he must "up and at 'em."

Time passed, but the Grosbeaks did not seem to be nesting again. I decided to have a good look for a nest, and, if none was to be found, to remove the birds from the aviary and give some other pairs a chance. So I thoroughly examined the outer flight, bush by bush, and almost inch by inch, and could find nothing. I returned to the house for the hand-net, and was just going to use it when I saw the hen Grosbeak take a short flight and very neatly catch a fly. It was a little thing, but it is only by observing the little things that the aviarist can find out what is going on in the aviary. For instance, if he sees a bird with its tail bent in semi-circular fashion, he knows that it is sitting, and sitting in a domed nest; if he sees that the lower part of the breast is rather bare, he knows that it has been sitting for some time; and if he sees a Hardbill catching a fly, he knows that the young are hatched. But I had to hide myself for twenty minutes before I could locate the nest; it was in a flowering spray of privet at the extreme end of a branch.

This time I determined to dole out the live-bait very carefully, every few hours, and only just enough to satisfy requirements: everyone who has done it knows what this means! Everything went well for a time, and the young grew apace. But one afternoon I had to catch a bird in this aviary, and, in order to do this, I had to drive it into the covered house (where the food was placed), and close the small opening through which the birds fly in and out. I always close the opening with my pocket-handkerchief because, should one forget to remove the latter, one is sure to miss one's handkerchief before long and thus be reminded of the fact. On this occasion, having caught the bird, I started off for an afternoon's sea-fishing. Hardly had we put our anchor down and baited our lines before I put my hand in my breast-pocket and experienced a dreadful shock. My pocket-handkerchief was at that moment in the opening of the door, and the young Grosbeaks were starving!

It was a time for action: we made things move, but two and a half hours had passed before those young birds got another square meal—a near thing! However, this time we were successful—our twelfth attempt! My esteemed friend Dr. Butler has expressed his conviction that success in breeding birds is simply a matter of luck, and perhaps he is quite right. Nevertheless some of us have to try a good many times before we get a little luck!

I think that I was the first aviarist to point out that young males of this species take three years to acquire their full colour, and the colour still improves for another two years.

Members of the Brandon Colliery C.B.S.

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DRY HEAT FOR AILING BIRDS.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(*Concluded from page* 292.)

THE disadvantage of using the kitchen range is the difficulty of maintaining the heat during the night. Of course, the bird to be treated could go into a small cage, and be put into the oven or on top of the range while the apparatus was being heated up. Such an apparatus would often save the life of a valuable bird, and if not required for other cases could be used as a hardening-off cage as well, by a proper regulation of the lamp and by gradually admitting more and more air to the top, or hot-air chamber. Of course, aviarists having radiators in their winter bird-rooms could easily fix such cages, provided with metal bottoms, to stand on the top of the respective radiators, which would always be ready for use.

Now, as a final word, the substance of this article is a provision for ailing birds, or any which collapse from climatic or other causes, such as travel prostration or with birds past treatment, to bring them into a condition for treatment. A bird picked up almost lifeless, and practically incapable of movement, must be revived before it can be treated, but in the majority of cases two or three days, or less, in a hot-air chamber will be all that is required.

I have not supplied diagrams, as the whole apparatus is so simple as to render such unnecessary. Some exhibitors use a heated drying cage to dry their birds in after washing them for a show. Well, to such I will say, all they require is a drying cage on a larger scale, and capable of being quickly heated up to 80 degrees F., or higher. Others having an incubator could use such in any emergency. I am sure further directions are unealled for, but if anyone has any difficulty in the matter, it can be cleared up through the query columns.

My Parrot Finches from Australia:

This article is No. 43 of the new series entitled "Through a Birdroom Window," being personal birdy experiences

Related by that eminent aviculturist the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

AN old gardener once said to me: "I've known folk as could resist anything but temptation, and I ain't one for putting it in their way. Folk is only too ready to hunt hard for it on their own, and they mostly find it." What brought these words to my mind were those Parrot Finches. Remember, I was told, the very last thing before I left home, to go to no birdshops; and the very first thing I did on leaving St. Pancras, was to drive straight to Charing Cross, deposit my luggage, and then hasten away to the East End. There temptation met me and I fell. I had only just entered a birdshop when a great railway van drove up, and a cageful of birds was handed in. I felt in duty bound to stay and see what that box contained. It is not every day you have the luck to see such a cargo opened.

The consignment hailed from Marseilles, and contained the usual assortment of little Finches, but among them I spotted in a moment some birds I knew well by seeing them in books, and a single specimen of which I had once possessed. It all happened quite by chance. One evening I saw offered for sale or exchange, "a little green bird with a red head"; the modest price asked being 5s.; to send off a wire for that bird was the work of a moment, for I knew it could only be an Australian Parrot Finch.

To send off a wire I knew was one thing; to get the bird would be quite another. Would not telegrams be converging from all parts of England on that one bird? In these things one doesn't count by time, but by anxiety and suspense; and to me, the term of waiting seemed like an eternity, or like one of those sermons that seem never going to end. That time my luck must have been in the ascendant, for I got the bird, but from that day onward I had never the luck to alight on another until the particular day on which I entered this shop.

When One Must Dissemble.

Long experience has warned me to suppress all outward marks of eagerness when about to buy any new bird, so after leisurely examining the consignment, I asked the price of the Parrot Finches, and so far as I remember, I think it was about 35s. the pair. As I knew this was exceedingly moderate and as Parrot Finches are always scarce, and these were in beautiful condition, I decided to take two pairs, for I remembered the saying of the same old gardener. "Nature made folks in twos, sir, but three be trumpery. Four is all right, sir, when its divided into two twos, but five's a crowd." I always admire the skill with which a dealer will catch a particular bird out of a big cageful.

I popped them into a travelling cage, and the next day carried them down to Yorkshire. I must say I did not feel very happy on the journey, for on the luggage rack I had half-a-dozen small cages, and should anyone meet me at the other end, what should I say? Fortunately, I was not met, and so I managed to get most of my parcels safely through without being spotted. I notice that on these occasions it is not the value of the bird that is noted, but the numbers. I am very seldom asked what I have given for a bird (perhaps it is just as well), but how many have I brought back?

I carried my treasures up to the birdroom and let them loose in a compartment in which were dwelling some Longtailed Grassfinches. Parrot Finches are exceedingly wild when first put into a strange place, and dash with horrible bangs against the wire netting; so that it is well to leave them for a bit to get accustomed to their new surroundings.

The Food Presents No Problem.

With regard to food you need have no sort of anxiety, as all Parrot Finches want is good canary seed and millet, clean water, and an abundance of green food. I find this is best supplied growing in pots, and by choice grass.

When I came back to the birdroom after a decent interval I missed one of the Parrot Finches. Hastily looking about, I saw him, to my great grief, with one leg caught in the wire netting, and hanging head downwards. By the position of the leg I saw in a moment that it was badly broken at the thigh, so that I knew the case was quite hopeless. I have many a time mended a broken shank-bone with a match splint, and effected a perfect cure, but a broken thigh is beyond my skill. If I had not been a priest, I think it would have been helpful to say things; as it was I could only look them and think them. However, it was really nobody's fault, but an accident pure and simple; and the only thing I could do was to catch the poor thing and put it out of its misery.

I set my mind on breeding Parrot Finches, and with this end in view provided all sorts of tempting nesting sites—cocoa nut husks, small baskets, and boxes of all sorts and sizes, but nothing seemed to suit the taste of the birds. At last, I remembered to have read somewhere that old straw hats were great favourites with many small Australian Finches, though why they should be I could never imagine, as old straw hats would not be common objects in the Australian Bush. However, there was the fact set down in black and white, so off I went in search of one.

It was not a difficult task, as all the hats in our house (except the ladies') are distinctly old and shabby. I found a battered old thing that would have disgraced a scare-crow, and first having cut a small circular hole in the crown, and inserted a long twig through the aperture to serve as a perch, I nailed it up sideways by the brim to the walls of the aviary, and awaited results.

The Parrot Finches were soon hopping around it, wildly excited, and the next day they had summoned up courage to enter it and explore the interior. Evidently it suited their ideas of comfort, for forthwith they commenced to line it with great diligence.

The birds behaved very well and for days were busy carrying hay into the old hat, till one wondered how it could hold so much; but the odd bird soon caused trouble, I suppose he could not bear to see others happy;

A fine photograph of the Male Blackcap Warbler, taken by Mr. Stanley Crook.

at any rate, he gave the happy pair no peace. The moment one of the pair lighted on the entrance twig he would make a savage rush, and try to dislodge it; and Babel was a Quaker meeting to what then went on. I saw that the only hope of a succesful ending was to catch and remove the odd cock. This I soon did with the help of a net, and then once more peace descended.

In about a week the hen began to stop a bit inside the hat, but she was so exceedingly timid that the slightest sound, the most quiet opening of the birdroom door, was quite enough to make her dash wildly out of the nest. I had a spy hole in the birdroom door for taking observations, but no matter how quietly I turned the handle, she always heard me. I felt sure there were eggs in the hat, though I couldn't see them, but I felt equally certain that they would never hatch with a hen behaving as this one did. Still I determined to be patient, and to give them every chance, but when after three weeks had passed, and the same performance went on each time I opened the door, I felt that I must get the steps and have a look inside that hat.

I carefully inserted my finger in the hole and felt. There was nothing. The wretched hen had never laid at all. As I slowly descended to the floor, I thought of the words of a quaint old fellow I once knew: "Well, sir," he was fond of saying, "we're born to trouble, as Adam said when he found Eve in the Garden!"

I was much afraid that I had got hold of a barren hen, and, as I did not want to lose a whole season, I advertised for a hen Parrot Finch. For a wonder I got one. It must have been one of my rare lucky days. I caught up my hen to avoid all complications, and took her away out of sight and hearing, and introduced the new comer. Alas, for the inconstancy of bird nature. The cock accepted her without a murmur.

In a few days the new hen was busy exploring the old hat, and all my hopes revived. The newcomer was not such a bundle of nerves as the former one had been, and merely put her head out of the hole when the door of the room opened, and after a bit did not even trouble to do that. All went well for some days, when a new disaster overtook me.

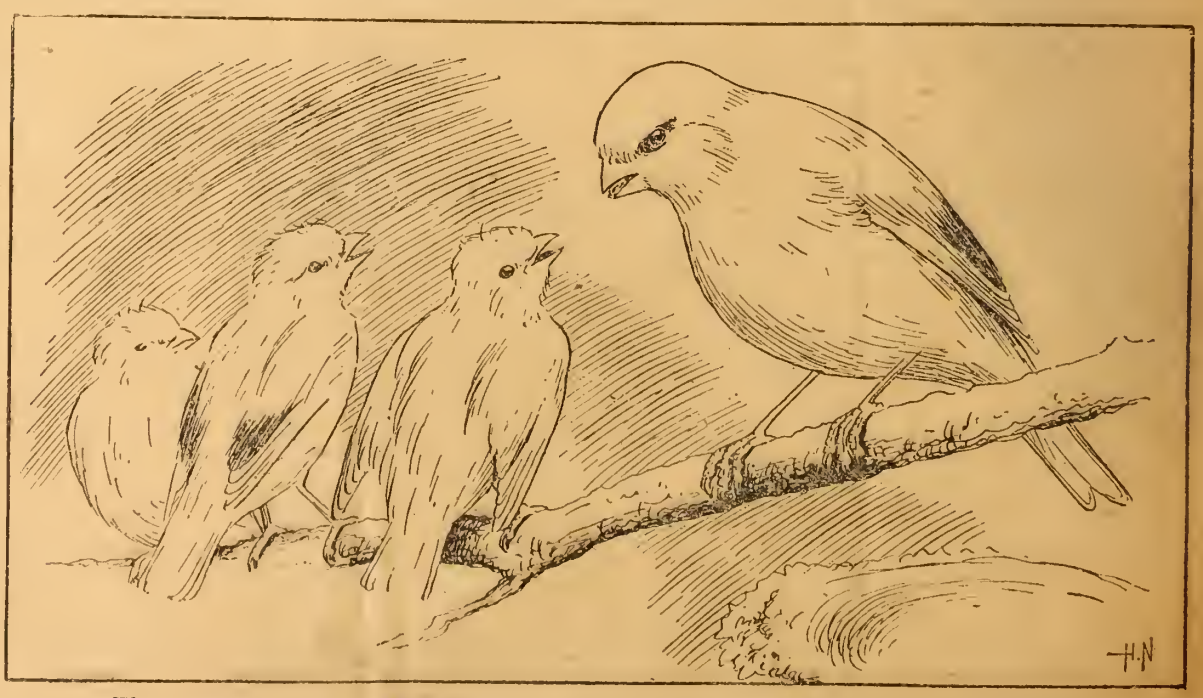
Foolishly, as I now see, I had left in the compartment the Long-tailed Grassfinches, as I considered them quite harmless. One morning when I entered the birdroom to feed, I heard a most unholy noise going on, and looking up I saw the poor Parrot Finches dashing about and scolding wildly, and the wretched cock Long-tail coolly looking out of the hat. When I saw that bird sitting on his neighbour's nest, I became at once primitive man with passions bloodthirsty and elemental. There was something in the cool way he sat there, looking out, that was offensive in the last degree, and when I drove him away he merely settled into a neighbouring bush, and used language suited only to a three bottle buck of the old school.

Enough to Aggravate a Saint!

It only took me a few seconds to get the net and transfer him to a cage, but I felt it was too late, the mischief was done. The hen had been so badly scared that she refused to go back to the hat on any terms. After waiting a whole day, I knew that the eggs, if any, were spoilt, so I made up my mind to have a look. Sure enough, there was a full clutch, and all well on towards hatching. Any intelligent man will understand that it was a situation calculated to amuse the ungodly, but without any real fun in it.

It was August when all this happened, and I felt somehow that for that year, at any rate, my chances were gone. Then one day I heard that a rival member of our society had succeeded where I had failed, and as I read of his success I felt as cold as a poodle that has been shaved for the first time. But there, things might have been worse, as the man said in the old legend, as the Devil carried him off. "How so?" asked a friend. "Why," said he, "the devil might have made me carry him." I might have lost my Parrot Finches in various ways. As it was, I still have them lively and well, and who can tell whether I may not be successful another time. The life of the aviculturist is one of perpetual looking forward, and notwithstanding the gibes of the comic papers, he is the most hopeful of men. He must be, or he would soon go mazed, as Devonshire folk say.

Of course, I see now that the mistake I made was in not giving those birds a place to themselves, but as Mrs. Brown said to Mrs. Duckett, on a certain historical occasion: "We all makes mistakes, and in course you're only flesh and blood, as is only grass arter all, as the saying is."



WE WISH ALL BREEDERS MANY SUCH PROMISING BROODS!

THE FASCINATING PURSUIT OF MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

A splendidly helpful article for beginners by one of our most successful breeders and exhibitors.

As I stood admiring the beautiful Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid exhibited by Mrs. Middleton, of Exeter, at the Crystal Palace Show in February, I found myself wondering what would be the next sensation in bird hybridism. Three months have passed since then and most breeders of Canaries and Hybrids are now in the midst of another breeding season, and are no doubt finding sufficient work to keep them well occupied during their leisure hours.

I propose in this article to call attention to a few important points connected with the breeding of Mules and Hybrids, which may prove useful, as the season progresses, to novices, also to those who have not yet entered the lists, but are thinking of adopting Mule or Hybrid breeding as a hobby.

Many of the older and experienced breeders of Hybrids are no doubt aiming at something sensational, but most beginners will be content to follow the well-worn track, and wisely pair their birds with reasonable hope of success. And it is better so, for it is a hobby in which one has to feel one's way, as it were, and it would be unwise to attempt the more difficult crosses until one has gained experience.

Perhaps no branch of the interesting hobby of bird-keeping presents so many difficulties and disappointments to beginners as that of Mule and Hybrid breeding. These difficulties I will deal with individually, in order as they occur during the breeding season, and will endeavour to show in what way many of them may be overcome. With all its difficulties, however, it is the most fascinating of hobbies, and, as in all pastimes where "chance" plays an important part, its difficulties and its "glorious uncertainties" are its chief attractions. There is no doubt that if Mules and Hybrids were as easily produced as Canaries the attractions and fascinations of the hobby would to a great extent disappear.

Where the Hybrid Breeder Scores.

We should remember that there is a very great difference between the breeding of Mules and Hybrids and that of Canaries. In the latter case the breeder aims at the gradual building up of a stock of Canaries which will be likely to produce a fair percentage of exhibition specimens. With this end in view he proceeds, by judicious mating of his birds, and by the introduction of new blood, to produce in his stock those qualities which, in his opinion, make for the ideal specimen. This, in most cases, is the work of years, and unless one can afford to buy his winners we generally find the men of greater experience in their hobby capturing the chief prizes at the shows.

In the breeding of Mules and Hybrids the mode of procedure is entirely different. There is no building up of a stock (except in the case of those who are building up a stock of Sib-bred hens for Light-Mule breeding), and therefore no correcting of faults, or gradual breeding in of good qualities. As most of my readers are aware, we have to be satisfied with the result of our first cross, for although some breeders claim to have bred from a Mule yet we must remember that in the producing of any kind of Hybrid we are working contrary to the laws of Nature, and it is only in very, very rare instances we get beyond the first cross. The exhibition Hybrid, then, must be produced at the first time of asking, as it were, or we have to begin again.

Selection for Breeding.

It will be easily understood from the above that one cannot be too careful in the selection of Finches and Canaries intended for breeding, as much depends upon our choice. I am afraid this matter of selection does not receive the careful attention it deserves. Of course, I am assuming that it is the aim and ambition of every breeder to produce a specimen which shall be a credit to its owner, and that being so, it is essential that we should get the best birds we can buy for our purpose. Of course, this does not necessarily mean that we should pay a very high price for them, for it is not always the exhibition bird that is the best for Hybrid breeding.

Suppose, for instance, we are thinking of pairing a Goldfinch to a Canary in order to produce a good dark Mule. In this case a large Siberian Goldfinch should be mated to a large Norwich Green hen, and the hen should be a yellow. The Finch should be a big bold bird, with a large rich blaze, and would probably cost about fifteen shillings, while the hen should be obtained from some well-known breeder of Norwich Greens, for about twenty to thirty shillings.

This may seem rather a big price for beginners, but I can assure my readers that it will give them much more pleasure to have only two such pairs in their bird-room than to have ten or a dozen pairs of common birds bought at about seven or eight shillings per pair. I can think of nothing more discouraging than to have a large stock of cheap Canaries or Mules, which one finds it difficult to dispose of at five or six shillings each.

The Best in the End.

I cannot warn beginners too strongly against putting up too many pairs for breeding, and thus making hard and disappointing work of what should be a pleasant recreation. To those with a fair amount of leisure I would recommend four or five pairs for the first year, the pairing to be as follows:

1. Goldfinch and Canary.
2. Greenfinch and Canary.
3. Linnet and Canary.
4. Siskin and Canary.
5. Twite and Canary.

Or Goldfinch and Greenfinch, if any would like to include a British pair in their first attempts. My reason for selecting the Greenfinch hen for beginners is that she is generally a good mother and will attend to her offspring, whereas most British Finch hens refuse to have anything to do with either incubation or the rearing of the young.

There are many who are not in a position to pay regular visits to the bird-shops in order to select their Britishers. In this case it is best to place yourself in the hands of a regular dealer, explaining to him what you require. Pay a fair price for your birds and always have them sent on approval. I strongly advise purchasers to adopt the deposit system with CAGE BIRDS when dealing with strangers. When purchasing your Canary hens, explain for what purpose you require them.

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THE BLACKCAP.

By H. MEAKIN (Luton).

IN the "Nutshell" Booklet, No. 25 Mr. H. J. Fulljames speaks of the Blackcap Warbler as his "absolute ideal among British birds as a cage pet." This opinion is not his alone, for Mr. G. E. Weston has frequently recommended this charming songster, especially to the man (or woman) who keeps only a few birds.

The Blackcap arrives here in April, and leaves these shores sometime in September to spend the winter in Italy, Asia Minor, and North Africa. One of two, however, stay with us the year round. He breeds all over Europe, south of 60 degrees latitude, except in the south-east, where he is represented by the Orphean Warbler. The nest of the Blackcap is found amid very dense foliage, away from the road side, but he has been known to make his home in a large garden.

Like all insectivorous birds, the Blackcap must be kept in a good suitable cage. If housed in some old "soap box," and allowed to get dirty he will soon sicken. A suitable cage would be one at least two feet long, by sixteen inches high, and ten inches wide. The food vessels should be inside the cage, but so arranged that the bird cannot soil them from the perches. Three perches are necessary and these should be of different thicknesses.

A Consumer of Fruit.

The Blackcap is largely a frugivorous bird and therefore a constant supply of ripe fruit is needed. In winter the ever-ready banana is pressed into service, together with grocer's currants (carefully soaked). At other times berries of all sorts may be offered—blackberries, and those of the privet and elder.

The great thing to keep in mind is to provide as much variety as possible. Thus one day banana should be offered, the next day blackberries, the next ripe pear, and so on. In addition our friend needs some good quality insectile food (many such are advertised, mixed ready for use, in CAGE BIRDS) and a few live insects, smooth caterpillars, flies, gentles (well scoured), or mealworms.

The Blackcap's cage must be cleaned out much oftener than, for instance, that of a Linnet. By this is meant the sand tray must be removed, scraped, and refilled at least three times a week. Some fanciers recommend that the tray should have merely a piece of newspaper on it, which can be renewed each day. It is a good plan to have two trays so that the bird is not kept waiting, as it were, and allowed to soil the cage bottom. The tray not in use can be hung in the sun, and so thoroughly disinfected.

The perches must be kept spotless, and the food vessels cleaned very frequently if our friend is to live free from sore feet. This may seem, to the outsider, a lot of trouble; but what true fancier minds the time and labour spent when he is rewarded by seeing his pet in perfect condition and hearing it pour forth its beautiful melody as only a Blackcap can?

Some years ago a writer in CAGE BIRDS gave some excellent advice on "meating off" this species. When freshly caught, he said, it should be put in a clean cage with, if posible, a canvas top. For food a banana, with a few mealworms stuck on it, should be given. The next day another should be provided, but this time let a very small quantity of insectile food be sprinkled on it. The third day the insectile food may be increased, and so on until at the end of a fortnight it will be eating the artificial food quite well.

No trouble, as a rule.

Most Blackcaps take to cage life very readily, but others give a little more trouble. It is a good plan in the latter case to hang the cage on a level with one's head, and never pass by it without offering the little inmate some dainty in the way of food.

During the moult Blackcaps should have a constant and varied supply of berries, flies, smooth caterpillars, and spiders. These latter seem to act as an excellent tonic. The Blackcap has been bred by Mr. Teschemaker in his spacious aviaries but it is one of those birds the average fancier keeps solely for its song and sociability. Unlike the Nightingale, with which is has been compared, the Blackcap Warbler, soon makes friends with its owner, will sing freely while there is a ray of light of any sort, and if given reasonable care and attention will be a joy if not for ever, at any rate, for a goodly number of years.

"Pleased to inform you that I have disposed of birds advertised and I ask you to kindly state this through your columns, as I find it impossible to answer the 71 applications that I had from different parts—some seem to come from the other end of the world—which shows the number of people that read your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I wish you more than success."—T. COOK (Cambridge).

Why Some Norwich Plainhead Canary Breeders Fail.

A FEW "STRAIGHT TIPS" BY E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

(*Continued from page 391.*)

LACK of grit is really at the root of this novice trouble. I fear that all we may do in the endeavour to hold novices can only be regarded as a palliative, and not a cure. The fact remains that unless our novices are provided with both grit and determination they are hopelessly beaten before they commence.

Now it must be patent that if I am going to treat of only one-half of the interesting and important points relative to the Norwich Plainhead Fancy, I might write sufficient to fill a book; or, as it is said in Wiltshire, keep on "till the cows come home." But will just briefly refer to three or four little matters, and then give some one else a look in.

That truth is often stranger than fiction is a fact which has been brought home to me on more than one occasion by novices who, in spite of what has been already written, still cling to the belief that the old hands possess the real secret of breeding "toppers," which they will not divulge. With a knowing wink, the novice adds: "Yes, and there's something they know, too, when they're showing."

Some of us are Sane!

Well. I have lived long enough to know that it is not always policy to assume that everyone, or anyone, with whom you come in contact, has a "tile" loose; but I will say that every novice who thinks thus has not yet exercised the brains he has had entrusted to his keeping.

About the best way to tackle the question of whether the old hands really possess the secret of turning out winners by a certain formula, is from the money point of view. Briefly, if there is a secret process, then there must be quite a lot "in the know," and if they have combined, or formed an Association to hold the secret and dominate or control the market value of our breed, then it is quite the cutest Association I know of; and what is more to the point, I am outside in the cold.

Fortunately, I have no experience of prices ruling fifty years ago for Norwich Plainheads. I can safely say, however, that winners were comparatively as scarce then as now, and commanded just as much respect if one were a buyer. If the secret was known at that time, therefore (as it would appear to be), then I can only conclude that old breeders, to ensure the demand being more than the supply, just kept a bucket of water handy in their birdrooms, so that when a nestful of winners came along the pick of the basket only was retained; much on the same lines as those in the mind of the little girl who, being introduced to the newly-arrived twins next door, naively asked the nurse, "Which one are you going to keep?"

Who "Holds the Secret"?

Now, supposing there be such a thing as a Combine amongst the leading breeders to hold the secret of how winners are bred, you may safely bet if there is any question of £ s. d. involved, there would, if I know anything of human nature, be sure to be an awful rumpus at times, when we outsiders would almost certainly hear a thing or two. No, my friends, when a sure process for producing winners, other than the one which has always been in evidence to those that have eyes which see and a brain that works is evolved, then you may put the shutters up; with such a process in force, the Fancy, like little Willie, would long since have been dead!

The fact remains that, to my own knowledge, during the past few years, from five to ten, and even twelve to fifteen pounds have frequently been offered and paid for outstanding specimens of our breed, whilst six guineas for a stock pair is not unheard of; and please don't run away with the idea that the buyers are a "wee bit saftie," for having had a little to do with them, I can assure you they are not. This is the point where "the money speaks," for these buyers as a whole would long since have found the weak spot in any "Combine," and brought the prices tumbling down years ago. Real good specimens of our breed, in spite of the growth of the Fancy, are, comparatively speaking, as rare as ever they were; and what pleases me is, they are always likely to be so.

Just how you are going to breed a "topper" I cannot definitely say, except that true pairs of stock birds are absolutely necessary, and in yourself certain qualifications and opportunities are required, which I have already casually touched upon. What I do strongly advocate the beginners to fully realise is the importance of making one's self a part and parcel of the whole—the breeder weaving himself with his birds. With the important matter of pairing your stock, do please stand absolutely upon your own. There is, in following out this advice, no need to be rude to the friends who wish to counsel you upon the wisdom of utilising this or that pair. Listen with respect, with interest, with pleasure; offer them your cigarette case or cigar box, but after that, just have your own way. If you have had three or four years' experience with your stock, and can at any moment of the day or night conjure up a vision of all the birds in which you have put your trust, and have not failed to note all their good and bad features, who then in the wide, wide world is better able to arrange the pairing of your stock than yourself?

"Looking through the Window."

When you consider the fact that breeding upon careful and definite lines will allow you to match two birds decidedly weak in head and neck points, and yet produce some of the best youngsters in this respect in the room; another pair quite on the small side, yet producing some of the largest; another pair both clears, and yet producing almost self greens, and so on, does it not strike you that oftimes the criticism of your friends is not warranted? After all, it is only based upon the outward appearance of your stock, and 'tis only yourself that is capable of "looking through the window" of your stock birds. What if, at the end of the moulting season, your friend does say, as he scans the youngsters: "What did I tell you? I am sure you would have done better to have paired the other way round." Perhaps it may have been so, but after all, although you have apparently not improved upon the parents, you have nevertheless made some substantial progress. If certain faults remain in evidence, apparently as strong as ever, in spite of counteracting influences, then you now know the strength of those faults, and when you are on the way of measuring the strength or depth of faults, or weaknesses, then you are on the way to success.

I appreciate that it is often a difficult matter even to diplomatically shake off well-meaning friends, but obviously, if you have the advantage of knowing the innermost secrets of your stock (which you should have), the advice of friends, though well meant, is extremely likely to be misleading. Hence, if you have to choose between losing a friend and preserving the right to exercise your own judgment and brains, then lose the friend. Don't be a jujube, or a jellyfish in the Fancy, to be easily squeezed as anyone may desire! The failure of many to exercise the courage of their convictions is the reason of their failure. To such I would advise the text, written large in their birdrooms: "Save me from my friends."

(To be continued.)

CORN . . .
BUNTING'S
NEST . . .
AND . . .
EGGS. . .

Photograph by S. Crook.

THE PASSING OF THE OLD-TIME "MULE KING."

Some Interesting Reminiscences of the late John Williams (Liverpool) by that Well-Known Exhibitor and Judge, CHAS. HOULTON, St. Helen's.

I AM sure the whole of the cage bird fanciers throughout the United Kingdom, and particularly the older fanciers, will deeply regret to hear of the demise of Mr. John Williams, late of Yanwath Street, Lodge Lane, Liverpool. "Old John," as he was most familiarly called, was also described as the "Mule King," and truly his multitudinous exploits as a "team builder," an exhibitor and judge, fully merited the Royal title. For some years he has been in failing health, and the last time I travelled with him to a show he was very shaky and he then said his doctor had advised him to retire to his native heath in North Wales, as a last resort to stave off the slow but sure last call upon failing human nature.

To go back to his early days as a Mule exhibitor will cover a period of over 40 years. He was a veritable glutton for work, and although his business as a master tiler, when at times he would have 40 or 50 men on full work in some of the largest hotels and public buildings, gave him plenty to do, he still for over 30 years found time to keep a large stock of show birds, including Yorkshires, Norwich, Mules and Hybrids. He would travel all over the Kingdom with his birds to shows.

Some of his exploits were most romantic, some were savouring of trickiness, some were most bold, fearless, and enterprising, and it was a common thing for him to be at a show in the extreme North, and a telegram would arrive, calling him to the South to come and see the latest young Mule or Hybrid, which promised to become a champion. Off he would go by the next train available, and if the new budding champion satisfied him, he would plank down almost any price they liked to ask to secure it. Twenty, thirty and more sovereigns have been put on the table—thus tempting the breeder or owner to sell.

Only the Very Best Wanted.

Second-raters were no use to John, and he stuck like a leech, once he got his eye on the right stuff, until he secured it. The first-known Canary-Bullfinch to be bred and exhibited was being shown at the Palace show, and friend John went specially down from Liverpool to see it. He was quite satisfied, so he told me, that it was bred from a Scotch Fancy cock and a Bullfinch hen. It cost the old man very large sums to secure all the rarities for very many years.

Some people say a man such as he was is a "deck sweeper," and ruins the Fancy. I do not think so. He might sweep the deck; men with long purses have many times made poorer fanciers and breeders smile with glee when the sovereigns came along, and made them more keen to go in for breeding high-class birds. We cannot do without the moneyed men, any more than in any other enterprise in life, if the Fancy must be a success.

I remember a very crafty trick performed by John at one show at Prescot. A certain Yorkshireman was an exhibitor, and one of the premier judges of those days was officiating. Our old friend was also showing Yorkshires, and these were supposed to have been bought from a first-class breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires. When the Yorkshireman's exhibits arrived, old John noticed the labels tied on with coloured string, all alike, and in the same position on the cage.

"Oh! I see how he beats me every time, I will do him one this time," said John, so he took the labels off, changed the string, put the string on his own labels and on his own cages in the same position as they arrived on the Yorkshireman's cages. Old John's birds scored well, and the others only did moderate. The old man was pleased with himself, and it was hard to make him believe his birds had won on their merits. I think they did, for I saw them all, and old John's friend from Yorkshire had supplied him with tip-top birds.

Another keen piece of diplomacy he used to operate was to induce, in various ways, fanciers to enter in the Mule and Hybrid classes, so as to get full classes; but when I had collected a very strong team and was able to chase him hard in the Mule classes, John used to try and get me to take one show whilst he took another on the same date. This was done up North for several years, with pecuniary advantage to both parties. For my part I should never have thought to suggest it, but our esteemed "Mule King" of the old days was out always to win all he could. No one could blame him for that.

When the historical undisputed Canary-Bullfinch which was bred by Mr. Wilkinson, of the Conservative Club, Middlesbrough, had got through its first moult, several prominent exhibitors were trying to buy it. I received a wire one morning from Wilkinson stating his lowest price. Wilkinson had also wired friend John Williams. I could not get off and make the journey, but old John found time to do so, and had planted the money on the table and just completed the purchase when my reply wire was handed in to Wilkinson. I was too late. This happened when Liverpool Show was being held, and we both wanted this bird in our team.

The Fate of the Canary-Bullfinch.

The late Mr. Barnesby was judge of Mules and Hybrids that day. The Canary-Bullfinch was in the dark Canary-Mule class. Mr. Barnesby put it out as not being a Canary-Mule. Old John at once went to Mr. W. Hughes, the Sec., and entered it in the class for Hybrids between two British birds. It got 4th. So far it did not do what John wanted it to do. I was 1st and 2nd in the Hybrid class with my Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Greenfinch-Bullfinch respectively, and Mr. Dewar was 3rd, with, I think, a Linnet-Bullfinch.

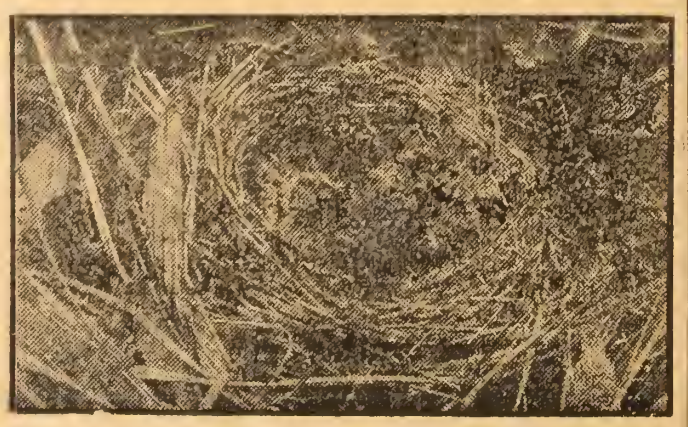
Mr. Funston, of Liverpool, was one time a great rival to old John in Mule classes, and afterwards whilst they were showing as Funston and Williams they were most formidable. John used to get capable men to moult most of his best birds, and also to wash and get them up for show.

He was a very noticeable figure on the opening day of the Palace show. You would see him waiting at the Sales Office window, often the first there. He had quickly run round the show, and had got his eye on some bird or birds worth picking up and adding to his stock.

One Little Lapse.

Only once did I find him a bit slow. He bought all my best living show birds when I gave up showing a team, except one young promising dark yellow Goldfinch-Canary. I wanted 30s. for it. John declined, saying he wanted them ready for the bench. I moulted this bird and exhibited it at Liverpool under Mr. C. A. House, and he easily won in his class. Old John found he had made a mistake, so he tempted me on until I let him have the bird at his own offer of £7 10s. He won many prizes with him after, including at Crystal Palace.

The Fancy would be all the richer for a few more enthusiasts such as he was, and his memory will ever live in connection with Mule and Hybrid history. Such old-time strong men in the Mule and Hybrid Fancy as Messrs. Crossley, of Kendal, Dewar, Smellie, Mauchan, Pettigrew, Funston, Denny-Hunt, E. Pretty, C. Martin, Fowler, of Halifax, Duncan, Browning, Cross, Blount and Needham etc., could, if they are all alive yet, tell many interesting stories of old John's escapades in the Fancy. We want more of his sort to keep the Fancy strong, for it is the man who is liberal with his money when he sees a good thing that keeps the mare jogging along merrily.



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Photograph by S. Crook.

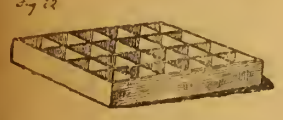
Bird-Room Appliances Explained.

By H. NORMAN (Carshalton).

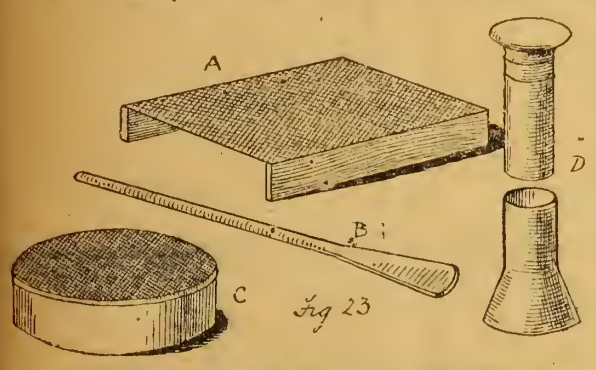
(Continued from page 392.)

AN egg cabinet, or box with division, is a necessity in a well-managed bird-room. I have seen one or two very daintily-made cabinets on the market, but a nicely made box with divisions answers the purpose equally as well. The one depicted, Fig. 22, is made for 24 pairs—that is, a division for each pair of birds; each division should be numbered, the numbers to correspond with those on the cages. When the hen in No. 5 cage lays the egg is taken out and put in the division marked No. 5, until she has laid sufficient to set her. By the use of this simple arrangement there is no fear of the hen being set on the wrong clutch of eggs, and, of course, where high-class stock is bred, one has to be careful over these matters.

Fig 22



There are many foods upon the market now for the rearing of young birds, and most of them are excellent preparations invented by vendors who understand the requirements of birds, but still the majority of fanciers pin their faith to the old-fashioned method of feeding with hard-boiled eggs and bread crumbs or biscuits. Fig. 23 shows different utensils used for making the mixture. A is made with three pieces of wood upon which is nailed a piece of fine gauze wire or perforated zinc; the egg is pressed through this with the wooden spatula B; some fanciers use the blade of a knife, but I prefer the wood, which can easily be washed and kept handy. One end of A is open, because when used for sifting seed the husks can easily be blown away. C is a round sieve,



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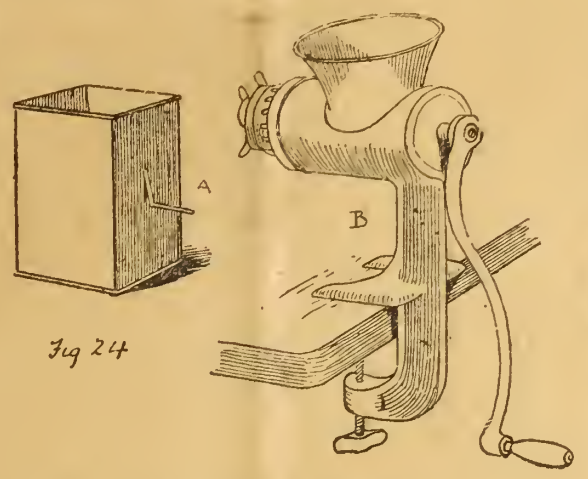

Fig 24

made of metal and used for the same purpose; it can be purchased at most dealers' establishments.

Another arrangement at D was much in use some few years ago; it consists of a metal cylinder, with a perforated interior, and a wooden plug. The egg is placed in the cylinder and forced through the perforations with the plug. Although this is a very admirable arrangement, it is not quite so easily cleaned as the others, and as cleanliness is so very important, especially during the breeding season, it is scarcely so popular.

At Fig. 24, B, is shown a proper mincing machine, which can be used for egg, bread, biscuit, or anything else; these mincers are particularly useful for grinding up biscuit; one can grind several pounds and store it in a tin for use as required. A is a handy little seed mill now on the market, and one the fancier frequently makes use of for cracking hemp, sunflower, etc.

We now come to the bathing arrangements. The bath is a wonderful conditioner, and frequent bathing, particularly in the summer, is almost as necessary as food. A bird that is a little bit down will frequently brighten up after a splash or two.

The bath should always be made use of in the morning and taken off at mid-day. Metal baths are not quite so much used as formerly, but the one shown at Fig 25, A, is still popular where just a bird or two are kept. At B are depicted two forms of glazed baths, a square one, and an oblong; the latter is made in two or three sizes, and is mostly used in aviaries. The square one is placed in the bath cage shown at C, and hung on to the doorway of the cage. When these bath cages are first purchased they should be thoroughly painted, or they soon become rotten and useless; see that they are made large enough.

(To be continued.)

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe ♣

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 313.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

TO lay down a rule and say that cocks should be fed on equal proportions of canary and rape seed is wrong; they should be dieted in accordance with their temperament, and the use that is intended for them. I have no desire to coerce anyone into my views on the feeding of the cock birds; let each one study the subject for himself, for because so and so says this, or so and so feeds his birds in such and such a manner is no criterion that it is a correct method.

I have been in some breeders' rooms during the autumn, when an old bird's song should be at its best, having just finished the moult, and have found them in rank song, so rank that in one room the birds kept repeating two or three tours, and it was only occasionally that they would bring their full complement. The cause was not far to seek, as they were being dieted on a mixture of canary and rape. Where a number of cocks are kept together in one room, their song will become rank quite soon enough without the aid of canary seed.

Keeping the Voice Low and Sweet.

My experiments prove to me that the best staple diet to keep a bird's voice sweet and low is best German summer rape seed alone, and in cases where this is found not to be sufficiently nourishing, a little egg-food, or mixed seed may be added, as necessity demands.

Cocks can be placed under three headings in respect of treatment. First, those required solely as stock birds. Second, those for stock, and afterwards as tutors; and third, those required solely as tutors. The first will require a treatment that differs very little from that given to the hens, as their singing qualifications are only a secondary consideration, the object will be to bring them into vigorous condition at the time they are needed for breeding. They can be allowed to fly in the flights until the end of January, amongst the hens, caging them off separately the first week in February, or earlier if it is made necessary by their becoming pugnacious and coming into breeding condition. Those that come forward too early should be induced to "wait awhile," by curtailing the egg-food and mixed seed; increasing the quantity to that advised for the hens on the approach of the breeding season. No benefit will be derived by darkening the cages of the cocks.

The bird that is wanted for a stock bird, and afterwards for a tutor, should be treated a little differently to number one. During the time it is not in the breeding cage, it should be kept in a song cage and cabinet, or a shutter cage, the doors being kept closed or partially closed, and opened out to full daylight for a period not exceeding one hour each day. The staple diet should consist of the best German summer rape seed, but small quantities of egg food and mixed seeds may be given occasionally; it is not advisable to lay down a rule as to the quantities and periods when these extras should be given. The fancier will ascertain this, for the temperature of the room and the different temperaments of individual birds will have to be taken into consideration.

It is not absolutely necessary that the tutor should sing for youngsters before it moults, as its song will be quieter and steadier afterwards. Of course it is advisable to place the youngsters under tuition as early as possible, and the best singer should only be allowed for them, so a little care will be required with the bird that is to be used in the breeding cage, and afterwards as a tutor.

There are two objects in view with this bird; firstly, to bring it into breeding condition, yet not to feed so liberally that the value of the song would be greatly impaired. Some fanciers do not advise that a bird should be kept with the sole object of using it as a tutor; they contend that using it in the breeding cage will reduce the bird's stamina, so that it will afterwards sing quietly enough to be used as a tutor. This may be correctly said of the few, but with the majority a rich stimulating diet that is required to bring the bird into breeding condition will be found to have a detrimental effect on the quality of the song.

Take Care of the Classical Song.

The song of a classical singer is too valuable to be lightly dealt with, either by feeding on stimulating foods, or allowing it to remain for any length of time in the company of inferior singers, or under the baneful influence of the calls of the breeding hens. The voice of a bird when in rank breeding condition is invariably pitched in a high key, and it appears to delight in repeating two or three of the higher toned tours, and, dwelling on its faulty passages, will deliver them as objectionably as possible.

It is difficult to keep the voice in the normal tone in the warm weather, and one of the chief difficulties is to provide a suitable tutor at the time the earliest bred youngsters are finishing the moult, which will generally be in August. In our endeavour to maintain the low, sweet, well-connected style of song, the diet should be the best quality German summer rape seed. Canary seed cannot be used with impunity, and where the bird keeps in good health and song it should not be given at all. A little egg food may be given occasionally, also a spray of green food, grit, and fresh clean drinking water daily; an occasional spray with chilled water would be beneficial.

This method of keeping and feeding a tutor would not prevent it from being used to breed with in the height of the breeding season, but it is very doubtful if it would fertilise the eggs earlier. We are all eager to produce something from our best singer, and if this could be done without any injury to the bird's song by carrying out the following simple instructions. The selected hen for this cock should be fed in the usual way to bring her into breeding condition. Give her a lined nest pan and a supply of nesting material, and when she commences to build a nest, take the cock into the breeding room, and run him into the hen's cage. After copulation has taken place, he should be immediately run back into the song cage, and taken out of the breeding room.

Fertilising the Eggs.

I have had on several occasions this year hens that have evinced the desire for copulation, on the first sight of the cock, before he was placed into the hen's cage. Whether this one intercourse will fertilise the eggs or not we have no means of ascertaining at the time, because it is often difficult to judge when she will lay her first egg; so the cock should be placed once each day, or on alternate days, until the first egg is laid. If repeated until the second or the third egg is laid, it would give every opportunity for the whole clutch to become fertilised. It is usual for four days to elapse from the first introduction of the cock before fertile eggs are produced.

On occasions I have had hens lay the first eggs before the cock had been run with them, and as soon as I have perceived this, I put the cocks with them. Their second eggs in each case were unfertile, but the third and fourth eggs have been fertile. The hen will go to nest and sit where the cock is used in this manner, just as though they were allowed to remain together as is customary in some instances, or again in others until the morning the fourth egg is laid.

Should the hen be known to be a good mother, allow her to rear her own young; otherwise, at the end of eight or nine days, test the eggs to see if they are good, and if you have a good feeding hen due to hatch about the same time—a day or two either way will make no difference—exchange their eggs; or the eggs of the common bred hen could be destroyed, and the better hen allowed to go on and lay again. Follow the above instructions as regards the use of the cock when she commences to build her second nest.

The Case of the "Sweating" Hen.

In the course of the fancier's breeding experiences, a case of a "sweating hen" will sooner or later occur in his breeding room. Probably the first thing that will appeal to him will be how he is to diagnose the complaint, and its cause, rather than to learn that the term "a sweating hen" is a misnomer. It is generally believed that the Canary has no sweat glands, as we understand the term, and for this reason it is held that the Canary does not perspire.

Probably I have given a little more attention to this subject than the majority of fanciers, and the term appears to me to be an appropriate one, because a

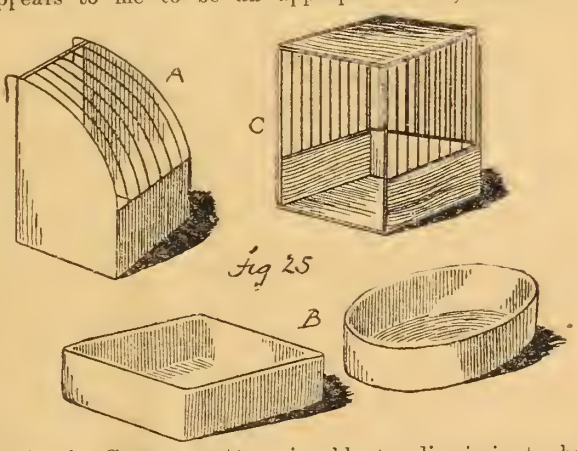

Fig 25

novice in Canary matters is able to discriminate between the bird troubled with "sweating," and one that is suffering from any other illness. It has been the subject of debate on many occasions amongst the older fanciers, and individual differences of opinion still remain. By some the cause is attributed to the use of a certain pattern of nest-pan, by others to a particular kind of nesting material, and another view is that it arises from the young birds. To deal with these in the order named, we have the wooden nest-box, another of similar construction, with the exception that it has a perforated zinc bottom, the half of a coco-nut shell, the wicker, the leather, the zinc, and a later invention is the earthenware pan, now so popular. It is thought by some that none of these nest-pans allows sufficient ventilation to circulate into the nest, and therefore they give rise to "sweating." Later we got the German open wirework nest-pan, which would allow of all the ventilation that would be necessary—assuming that want of ventilation was the cause—yet the complaint still continues. These wire nests may do much to relieve, but they will not prevent or cure the trouble.

To any not conversant with the use of these wire nests, it should be noted that a lining—swansdown for preference—should be sewn in them before using, and only a small quantity of nesting material should be given, say, as much as will roll to the size of a pigeon's egg. This would not be given for the hen to build a nest with, but rather as a guide to the fancier to ascertain the hen's condition; but I believe I have touched on this elsewhere. The reason I advocate so small a quantity of nesting material is because these wire nests are too small to comfortably accommodate a nest of four or five well-nourished youngsters, a typical instance of the maker of an article being less conversant with its requirements than the one who has to use it.

To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Two Hens Lay in the Same Nest

And Sit on the Top of Each Other.

Sir,—We have a strange thing happening in our aviary. We have a German hen and a Norwich hen both laying and sitting in one nest. They have each four eggs (eight eggs in the one nest). The German hen, being the lesser bird, sits next the eggs, and the other one on the top of the German! I wonder if any fancier has known of such a thing before. We are afraid if we were to disturb them they might leave the eggs altogether.

J. I. Hargreaves.

Great Harwood.

Wood Pigeon Decapitated by Telephone Wires.

Sir,—I was an eye-witness to a rather remarkable thing on April 23rd. While standing at the back door about dinner time, I noticed a pair of wood pigeons flying at a great pace. The telephone wires from the next flat stretch across a piece of waste land to a telephone pole some 50 yards away. The pigeons flew straight at them. One cleared them by rising quickly, but the other did not notice the danger until within some three or four yards of them, when he brought the whole of his wing and tail surface up to the wind in a vain attempt to stay his progress. But he hit the wires in an upright position. The force of the impact severed the head from the body, which I picked up some fifteen yards away on the opposite side of the wires. I was unable to find the head at all, although I searched carefully. Have any readers of your excellent paper, Cage Birds, which I take in every week, seen or heard of anything like this?

R. E. Burt.

Bournemouth.

A Good Start at Grays (Essex).

Society for Bird-keepers' Proposed.

Sir,—Forgive me taking the liberty of writing to you, but I must tell you what a fine book is "Canary Breeding for Beginners." I have followed out the instructions given therein, and the result is four young Canaries in my first nest. The cock is a Maltese bird; he has a different song to a Norwich. The young are the first to be hatched in the Grays district, and I am only sixteen. The Nightingale has already been heard around this district, and the Swallow has appeared. I have found a Swallow's nest with two eggs in it; I think this is rather early. I should like to start a cage-bird society in Grays. We have a population in Grays of about 16,000, and not a club for birds of any sort. I think Cage Birds Annual is the best book ever published for 6d on birds.

E. Dicie.

5, Southend Road, Grays, Essex.

[Possibly other readers interested in the suggested society will communicate with our correspondent.—Editor.]

Is the Novice of To-day "Coddled" Over-much?

A Reply from Mr. Allsopp.

Sir,—I am glad to observe yet another novice has been stung into having something to say for himself, and seeing he dubs himself "Despised Novice," too, it seems without doubt that he admits he is one of those of whom I wrote "they toil not, neither do they spin, and exist in the Fancy just for what they can grab, easily." 'Tis merely this class of novice I heartily despise, and I have not failed to say so. If the cap fits "Despised Novice," and maybe others, and has awakened some sense of shame within them, I am delighted, and hope it will be "continued in our next," and even longer, for 'tis just what I have been working for. I was, in fact, nearly getting disappointed that no one, excepting myself, seemed interested.

"Despised Novice" hastens to assure W. McK that all "Welsh fanciers" are not like me. I expect the particular point he has in mind is that what I write from time to time is not cloaked with a "nom de plume," but is fearlessly put before the Fancy, whom I challenge by so doing to prove any of my statements ridiculous, false, or even worthless. Were I to arrogate to myself, by thought or expression, that my stock never produced a percentage of weeds and wasters (not of the "Welsh Queen" type though) then I should expect the Fancy to promptly tell me that I was an impostor and a humbug. It is to be regretted that neither "Mr. Mc. K." nor "Despised Novice" has confined his attentions to any debatable feature which may have appeared in the articles I have written; both have contented themselves with abuse and innuendo, neither of which is argument, nor likely to help the Fancy to progress a little bit, and is the more despicable when hurled behind the shelter of a nom de plume. Clean arguments, above-board, I simply thrive upon, and welcome, but letters of the "W. Mc.K." and "Despised Novice" order hardly seem worth the candle.

As to what I may have bred since I migrated to Cardiff (five years), show catalogues, and the experiences of those to whom I have sold winners and stock from which they have bred winners will more eloquently reply than I wish to. Satisfactory, I view it, though always upon a modest scale; and what is more, I have never declared it otherwise than a modest scale.

E. W. Allsopp.

Sir,—Mr Allsopp should not try to ride roughshod over the novices. Of course, I did not try either to drive him to his kennel, nor yet to muzzle him, but we cannot allow his thoughts and pen to run riot without a protest. I rather like his breezy style of writing, and will grant him credit for being a satirist, but not a humorist: but, then, being a Scotchman, perhaps I cannot detect the humour. I have no wish to hurt any Welsh fancier's feelings, and am sorry if my letter conveyed that impression. Well, Mr. Allsopp and fellow fanciers, may you all breed more birds than you care to, and, Mr. Editor, may your circulation be as large as you can cope with for years and years to come.

W. McK.

A Homing Siskin Mule

Spends the Day in Epping Forest.

Sir,—A friend of mine, living within 100 yards of Epping Forest, in the Chingford neighbourhood, has a cock Siskin Mule which is liberated each morning about 9 a.m., when it flies right into the Forest, returning at evening through the open window into its cage hanging on the kitchen wall. As the bird has been doing this daily for some considerable time now, it clearly goes to prove that it has no dread of a cage, and is perfectly happy and contented. I have heard of birds doing this sort of thing once or twice, but not keeping it up day after day, as this bird does. On one occasion he evidently got too far off to reach home before dark, but he was there very soon after daybreak, and seemed quite pleased to have reached home again.

H. Hammond.

The Sad Loss of a Noted Scottish Fancier.

Sir,—I was very pleased to read in Cage Birds the good fanciers are trying to do for Mr. Moreland and his son. But I would like to see a better response coming from the Falkirk District. Mr. Moreland has sent his big hamper with twenty birds in it to all the club shows in Stirlingshire, and he does not forget the rest in Scotland. He has done a lot for the fanciers in Falkirk, and the only way to pay Hughie back is by putting our hands in our pockets. Here is a chance for true bird fanciers in Falkirk. It will not be Mr. Rennie's fault if he does not get a big sum, for he is always there if there is any good to be done.

A Bell.

Sir, I was very pleased to see the several letters under the above heading, also the generous and practical offer from the proprietors of the "Filup Feeder." I also thank you for your appended footnote to my letter on the subject, and I am sure you merit the thanks and appreciation of the entire Fancy for your kindness in opening a Cage Birds fund on behalf of our old friend Mr. Moreland. I understand that a local fund in support of your own has been organised by Mr. Rennie, Secretary of Falkirk and District C.B.S. (of which club Mr. Moreland is one of the original members), the idea, I suppose, of this move being that by a local personal canvass quite a number of contributors could be reached who otherwise might be unfortunately overlooked. I sincerely wish both efforts the success that ought to be theirs for such a commendable cause. In the meantime I am glad to enclose my donation of 5s. to Cage Birds fund. Of course, opportunity, I daresay, will be forthcoming locally of giving further. Thank you very much for being so good as to open your valuable medium for discussion on the matter, and the great interest you have personally taken.

John Young.

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When I Was a Novice, About 15 Years Ago, in London.

Sir,—Seeing in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, so much about the novice has put me in mind of when I first started in the Canary world. Unfortunately, travelling about, I have been unable always to continue. In the beginning I bought a whole nest of common Canaries, chancing the sex, for 12s., and sold out three which were cocks at 7s. 6d. The hen I kept to run for songsters. I then bought, as I know now, a faulty Crestbred cock; then I felt I must have a plunge for a Crested hen, so I hied myself over to the same house, in Peckham, and found a hen for a moderate sum; then I bought a cock which was a half-Roller for the other hen. Then I got to work, for having read up all I could about Canaries I had got a decent bit of knowledge. The birds paired well and hatched three from the Crests and four from the songsters, when I was offered a hen to run with the half-Roller, and being eager, I bought it. Yes, and I bought something else, for, having put it up in the bird-room, I was surprised to find the Crested hen dead in cage, and cock refusing to feed the young. My wife and I took it in turns to hand-feed, and the young ones would have us at it early morning. The cock went next, so I sent him for post mortem; next morning another, so sent that off too, and got a wire, "Isolate at once, bird fever." All parent birds died, but I saved all the youngsters. That didn't damp my ardour, and I went in again, but, as I said, I had to give up through moving, as I had to go where sent by my employer. After a time things became more settled, so I, or the wife I should say, as she is as birdy as myself, was offered a bird which, the rev. gentleman who made the gift told me was bred wild in China, and for which he had to give the same price as here for songsters, a Chinese cock and a good Norwich hen. I am told that of all his friends to whom he had presented a Chinese bird I was the only one who had any results. I found that the progeny from these were longer coming on to seed, and out of three nests, eleven in all we reared only five (two are lovely songsters). The Chinese is a rattling feeder or else we should not have reared any. I also dropped on two Norwich hens from a man who was giving up (a novice), and from another a double yellow Norwich cock. One of these hens I used with the Chinese; the Norwich cock I ran with the two Norwich hens, both of which are from the same strain. I have bred out some of the faults in the cock, and have three of the best paired up with the two old buff hens and a lovely green (not quite self), so I am hoping to have something towards the show bench, not this season. I still have the Chinese, and am trying with the daughter to see if the youngsters are any better in coming on to seed. I think it was the cock not being acclimatised to this country. His note at beginning is like the Roller (have any been let loose in China?). Seeing in Cage Birds, which I have regularly, so much about egg bread, etc., I may say I have found nothing better than new laid eggs and Osborne biscuit. My advice to novices is to go to a breeder of note and get a pair with the blood, even if rough, and see the results. Ask him to point out their relative faults; then you have something to go on, and it will be a pleasure to see what you can do. Read up in Cage Birds the letters of every fancier who is kind enough to give his own experience; that is where the knowledge is to be got, and you will have the shows to compare your own with.

Fancier, Suffolk.

The Champion Heavyweight of the British Wagtails.

Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. J. Craig's letter, for which I beg to thank him; I may add that I am always grateful to anyone who can tell me anything interesting about birds, because I am a learner. When I spoke of the Grey Wagtail as the "Champion Heavy-weight," I did not mean that it actually weighed more than the Pied but that, of the three Wagtails in the heavy-weight class (the Grey, Pied and White), it was the most doughty warrior. I see that Mr. Craig doubts this. Perhaps some other reader will give us his opinion. I think the statement was correct for this district, because one summer I made a collection of photos of the bridges over the River Teign, and thus had an excellent opportunity of noting that almost every bridge had its pair of Greys, and, as the ivy that covers the masonry is the favourite nesting site of both species, it looks as if—in this district at all events—the Pied had been compelled to give the Grey best. I have a note that the Grey weighs 5drms., but I have no note of the weight of the Pied; perhaps some reader can supply this. Though rather shorter than the Grey, it is apparently, as Mr. Craig points out, stouter in the body. I expect that Mr. Craig is also right in saying that it has the larger egg; according to Saunders it measures .8in. by .6in., and that of the Grey Wagtail .75in. by .55in.

W. E. Teschemaker.

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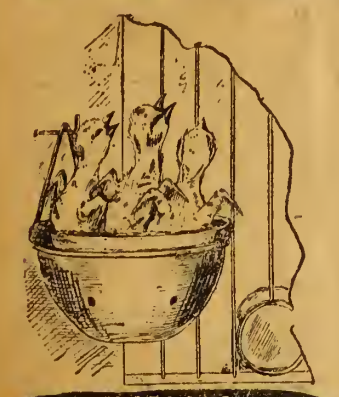

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London.—Send me another "Filup" Feeder. I keep selling mine to people, when they see me feeding young birds with it.—J. TAYLOR, 4, Whitehall Place.

London.—I find your little invention a great boon, and have already saved four of my young birds whose mother had deserted them.—JOHN ASPINALL, 44, Fitzwilliam Road, Clapham.

Worksop. Please send me another Feeder, they are just the thing for hand-feeding.—P. J., New Cottages, Scotland Farm.

Sittingbourne.—The "Filup" Feeder has just saved me four nice young ones already, so if I go on at this rate it will be worth its weight in gold.—P. GYFORD.

Plymouth.—I have 24 young ones doing for themselves, and I can safely say if it was not for your wonderful Feeder I should not have a feather, much less young ones.—W. A. DYER, Assistant Sec., W.C.O.S.

Northampton.—Your Feeder is a splendid idea and invaluable in the bird-room.—A. NIND, 48, Denmark Road.

Colchester.—Kindly despatch another Feeder. I consider them great; no one who keeps birds should be without one.—GEO. WALTON, Cavalry Barracks.

Stoke-on-Trent.—Please send another Feeder. I lent mine to a fellow fancier, and he has reared 14 young ones with it.—H. TEESE, 21, New Street, Longton.

Carlisle.—I used your Feeder last season and found it extremely useful.—F. F. LAWSON, 14, Pegin Street.

Uddingston.—I am sending for another Feeder for a fellow fancier, to whom I recommended it as an extra handy article in life-saving of many a young Canary.—H. DONNAN, Bankhead.

Walthamstow.—Your Feeder saved me at least 8 youngsters this month.—H. T. JONES, 21, Worcester Road.

Burton-on-Trent.—I think the Feeder A1, and no breeder ought to be without one. I shall certainly recommend them whenever I have the opportunity.—W. EAGLE, 65, Hunter Street.

Flint.—Both Feeders arrived safe, and one was at work in less than 10 minutes, and it knocks the old way with the match into top hats. Anyone can use them, they are so easy to work.—R. EDWARDS, Little Island.

Penzance.—I must let you know how pleased I am with the Feeder. I lost 12 before I had it, but have reared 9 since, saving 4 of my best birds. I have recommended it to all fanciers here, and would not be without it for ten times the amount paid for it.—E. HOCKING, 4, Roberts Place.

Staffordshire.—Kindly send another Feeder by return. I am highly pleased with the idea.—C. DURKIN, 9, Knappers Gate, Newcastle, Staffs.

Guildford.—Thank you very much for sending the "Filup" Feeder so promptly. I will certainly tell my friends the value of it for all young birds.—L. YALDEN, St. Nicholas Rectory.

Wolverhampton.—I left my little boy to look after my young birds with the "Filup" Feeder, and he has reared them with it to 5 weeks old. I think it is a splendid invention and so simple to use.—S. PRESTON, 228, Dudley Road.

London.—Enclosed P.O. for another of your Feeders, which are a great success in rearing young birds.—R. S. LEIGH, 19, Danvers Street, Chelsea.

Dollar, N.B.—The Feeders are invaluable, as hardly any of my birds feed. Before I had your Feeder I lost a great number.—S. A. MACQUEEN, Hillfoot.

Plymouth.—I find your Feeder a most excellent contrivance, and feed many birds with it. I give nearly all a turn from it.—K. H. JONES, Seymour Park.

London. Kindly forward two more "Filup" Feeders. I am more than pleased with the results.—R. J. BURT, Princess Road, Notting Hill.

Hove.—I consider your "Filup" Feeder is invaluable to anyone interested in birds. — W. MANTON, 31, Princess Road.

Wigan.—The "Filup" Feeder you sent me is grand, and no fancier should be without one.—H. YOUNG, 9, Fitzadam Street.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—I would not be without a "Filup" Feeder now for anything. I found it most useful when a hen was not feeding. Fanciers about here are full of praise of your Feeder. All my young have been fed with it some time or other, and are doing well.—W. CURRY, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.

Edinburgh.—Kindly send me on another Feeder as I had to let another fancier have mine; he would not go away without it.—J. ANDREW, 11, Dean Park Street.

Sheffield.—I am recommending your Feeder to my fellow fanciers, and think it a splendid invention.—R. SMITH, 345, Shalesmoor.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Your Feeder has got a grand name about here, they are doing well.—J. R. WATSON, 29, Stone Street.

Ulverston.—I cannot do without your Feeder. I find it A1.—MRS. R. STOREY, 11, Lightburn Rd.

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A Novel Item. At the Hornsey and Wood Green Society's young bird show, during the evening one of the members showed a Yorkshire Canary that had been fed and reared entirely by hand with the use of the "Filup" Feeder. He gave a demonstration how the feeder was used, the bird still evidencing a strong regard for its "foster-mother." The bird was 23 days old, and created a deal of interest.—CAGE BIRDS, 1913.

Send P.O. for 1 3 to Sole Manufacturers, C. H. GOODMAN & Co., 24, Bedford Rd., Kempston, BEDFORD.

More Eggs Laid Joined Together.

SIR,—I see in last week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. P. J. Brown has had a hen laid two eggs joined together, and he wants to know if any other breeder has had the same. Yes; I had a Yorkshire hen that laid two joined just the same on May 24, 1912.

RICHARD STOREY.

Ulverston.

Two Saucy Nesting Sites.

SIR,—From time to time we read of curious nesting places, and I thought this one worthy of note. Last week a friend of mine went to a field to bring to the station an engine which had been in use some few weeks ago, sawing timber, and in the axle of the wheel was a Blackbird's nest containing three eggs. Further, one of the men working with this engine had left his coat hanging up, and a Wren had built in one of the pockets! Yet the birds had fields and coppices all around them. I thought this very funny.

C. E. SILK.

The Birds in a Dunfermline Beauty Spot.

Sir,—Pittencrief Glen is indeed a pleasure to visit, and the flowers in the glass-houses are worth seeing; but it was the birds that attracted me to the Glen, and a few notes on these may be of interest to your readers. The large aviary (about twenty feet square) has a big open space turfed (this was being energetically overhauled by the inmates) and a sheltered space with shrubs growing in it, and contains the following native birds, all in good feather and enjoying their roomy quarters:—Linnet, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Yellowhammer, Reed Bunting, Canary, Lark, Bramblefinch, and a Pied Wagtail. The latter followed me all round the inside of his aviary, "asking for more," after tasting the introductory tit-bit I had thrown in.

In a corner away from the smaller birds (a wise thought) are a pair of Brown Owls (one of whom came down and "whee-whee'd" to me when I spoke to him), a Buzzard, and a big Raven, his sombre black brightened up by the purple sheen. A Sparrow-Hawk (who preened himself next the netting, undisturbed by my scrutiny) and a pair of Pheasants complete the list of native birds. The Pigeon lover is well provided for, as there are specimens of many kinds—Fantails, Magpies, Archangels, Jacobins, etc., and several pairs of Ring-doves, sleepy as usual. The Peacocks and Peahens strutting about the grounds afford the children a host of delight. Beyond two pairs of Australian Green Budgerigars, the Foreign Section is neglected, unless we include the several beautiful Gold and Silver Pheasants, the deep rich crimson and lustrous gold of the one showing up in splendid contrast with the jet black and intense white of the other. These birds are able to raise the neck feathers at will, a very curious trait. The Glen is teeming with the commoner varieties of our native birds, and there is a good-sized bird sanctuary in the grounds, with open top and plenty of sheltered perches inside. With such surroundings aviculturists have the nucleus of what could be made a splendid collection, which would be both a source of pleasure and of much educative value.

DAN. MCARTHUR.

Edinburgh.

The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see in CAGE BIRDS the model of the Border Fancy Canary which Mr. Norman so kindly gave, and which has been accepted by the Southern Border Fancy Club. I feel sure most of the members are glad to know what type of Border they are to strive to breed and exhibit in the future. This past season some (and not a few) have found it very difficult to know which is the correct type of bird, for one judge goes for a rather slim bird and says others are too stout; the next week, under another judge, the exhibitor is told his birds are too slim and long. What I hope the secretary and committee will do is to give the judge, no matter who he is, or what pet type he has of his own, instructions to judge the birds to the club's standard. The Borders in the South have come on splendidly, and no longer will anything do; we have a right to demand a fair share in the good things in the way of specials given by different societies. Also I trust the committee of the Club, when deciding which show shall have the patronage of the S.B.F.C., will, as far as possible bar all shows which have a two shilling entry fee for a 10s. 6d. first prize, or three prizes given, for 1, like others, consider two shillings too much for the average exhibitor.

MODEL.

A Good Nestful.

SIR,—I was quite surprised on receiving my paper, CAGE BIRDS, last week to find that two of the birds I bred last year had the honour of being depicted on the front page. The buff hen I sold to Mr. Saunders early in the season, and she won him many honours. The yellow cock, 1st Portsmouth, was one of four yellow cocks in the same nest; three out of the four turned out to be winners. He has also gone to the same stable as the buff hen. It is a great credit to your artist, Mr. Norman, for the life-like picture of both. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

D. JENKINS.

Is the Cuckoo Reforming?

The Problem of Its Eggs and Young.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS of July 26th, 1913, I remember it was stated that "On the estate of Colonel A. M. Blake, at Welwyn, Herts, two young Cuckoos have been found with the parent birds in attendance. This, it is said, is the third successive year that Cuckoos have brought up their young at Welwyn." There was no nest found. If the eggs were laid on the ground and the young ones hatched, they would both be reared together, but if there was a nest one of the young Cuckoos would eject the other. Other instances are on record of the Cuckoo hatching its own eggs and rearing its own young. On the 16th of May, 1888, Herr Adolf Muller, a German, was crossing a wood, when a Cuckoo started from almost under his feet. He examined the ground carefully, and discovered beneath a tussock of grass, in a little hollow, three eggs. There was no nest. Another Cuckoo was seen feeding a young one while in the nest, but the foster-parents were also in attendance. The Nightjar, however, is sometimes mistaken for the Cuckoo. According to the above the Cuckoo lays from two to three eggs to the clutch, which goes dead against the idea that the Cuckoo lays from seventeen to twenty-two eggs in a season. It may be argued that when the Cuckoo is not hatching its own eggs and rearing its own young, it will lay more eggs. That may be quite true, but if it laid from seventeen to twenty-two in a season it would soon be laid out. For many years I have been trying to find out how many eggs a Cuckoo lays in a season, and I have come to the conclusion that it lays from three to five, judging from the number of eggs and young Cuckoos I have seen in a given district. In 1913, Mr. Robert Kennedy, Beith, saw 37 Meadow Pipits' nests, and in these only one Cuckoo's egg. The Cuckoo generally deposits her egg in the nest of the Meadow Pipit in Scotland. He also found a Whinchat's nest with a Cuckoo's egg. It is rare for the Cuckoo to deposit her egg in the nest of this species here (Beith). The Cuckoo's egg was about the same size and colour as that of the Skylark (the usual type in this district). He also saw twelve Yellow Buntings' nests, and most of these contained three eggs, while none had five. He also saw eight Skylarks' nests, and most of these contained three eggs; none had five. Mr. Kennedy saw 100 nests, with 371 eggs altogether, last year.

Beith. JOHN CRAIG.

Why Are Hedge Sparrows' Eggs Blue?

SIR,—We see some curious opinions expressed in some of the daily newspapers on bird life generally, and the one given in your last week's issue on the reasons for the colour of the Hedge Sparrow's egg is no exception to the rule. Last summer I was walking through a plantation and saw a Hedge Sparrow exhibiting signs of distress, by its well-known wings and tail fluttering, and uttering its shrill call note fretfully and painfully. I looked about for the cause and found its nest very low, almost on the ground, and a hedgehog was busy sucking the eggs. The intruder in this case didn't appear to be startled at the colour of the eggs, for he seemed to have no more respect for them, or their owner, than I have for my neighbour's cat. The hedgehog is evidently colour-blind! By the way, if grazing animals are so startled by bright colours that they cause them to withdraw, how is it that the saying "holding a red rag to a bull" has become so universally proverbial? But, really, some of the nature writers in daily papers say things that do credit to their own observations. A week ago I saw an account in a local paper of the Grey Wagtail, and the writer said it was a summer visitor. Apropos of Wagtails, I should say Mr. Craig was right in his opinion that the nest found in a ploughed field was a Yellow Wagtail's. That is the usual nesting site of the Yellow Lamster, as it is locally called.

T. JOHNSON.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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An Auspicious Beginning.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for a number of years, and seeing the notes of different fanciers about their birds, I should like them to know that I had a nest of five hatched on March 27, five birds from five eggs. I have fed them on the recipe given in CAGE BIRDS of March 14, by Mr. J. Steel, of Dalkeith; and I might tell you that they are all doing well. One of them began to sing on Friday, April 25. Such a good result comes from articles in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I might tell you it is the recipe with 4ozs. of cod liver oil in the cake; I made the latter myself.

W. WILSON.

A Soldier Bird-lover in India.

SIR,—I have CAGE BIRDS come out here every week, and I have gained plenty of knowledge reading it which will be useful to me when I return home again. I must congratulate you on the splendid Coloured Plates which keep appearing in your paper. I bought two Canaries last week, which came from China, and I am going to try breeding with them, but it will be under difficulties, as the breeding cage will be made out of a soap box, with small mesh wire netting on the front. I am hopeful of success, however, as I think the experience gained by reading CAGE BIRDS will carry me through. I am hand-rearing three young Rock Parrots, which are getting on finely, and I expect them to pick up by next week. I reared two Mynahs last year, and gave them to a fellow going home. They could talk nearly as good as a Parrot, and they landed quite safe in England. The Mynahs are just beginning to build again, and they remind you of the English Starling as they fly under the tin roof of the bungalow with bits of straw in their beaks. They will feed on almost anything, and they love a bit of raw steak. The birds out here are not to be compared with those at home as regards singing; the Linnet would beat the lot of them put together. Wish your valuable paper every success.

PRIVATE J. CLARKE.

Ranikhet, India.

Rooks Deserted Beith Manse But Have Come Back.

SIR,—Rooks deserted the rookery at The Manse, Beith, about the 21st of April, 1913, owing to a Carrion Crow visiting the rookery. The Rooks must have had young ones, and it takes a good deal to make a bird forsake its young. After the Rooks deserted their nests they did not perch on the trees at The Manse for some weeks, but they began to roost there about the beginning of August, which indicates they had not nested at any other place during the interval, and there were no young ones accompanying them. They left again about the beginning of September. No doubt they went to Caldwell, their usual winter quarters; Caldwell is about five miles south-east of Beith. The Rooks have this spring again been busy building at The Manse, and their further movements will be watched with interest. The Carrion Crow may be distinguished from the Rook by its rather larger size, stouter bill, and the bristly feathers at the base of the bill, where the adult Rook has none. The call notes, too, are more pronounced (or coarser), and are uttered more rapidly than those of the Rook. From two to six caws are uttered in succession, three being the most frequent. This latter is the best all-round test of identity in a wild state. The Carrion Crow devours a great many eggs and young birds. Although the Rook is not blameless in that respect, it is not nearly so bad as its sable relative.

JOHN CRAIG.

Beith.

Show Dates on the Tyne-side.

SIR,—I see by last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS that the Wallsend Society have changed the date of their annual show so as not to clash with Blaydon, and on behalf of the members of the Blaydon Society I sincerely thank the Wallsend members. I hardly think, however, that Mr. Greenwell, the Wallsend secretary, has put the case fairly in his report to your paper. With regard to Blaydon show dates: Since our commencement and up to and including 1912, our show has always been held on the first Friday and Saturday in November. Last year, 1913, as there was no local open show, our members fixed the show dates on the second Friday and Saturday in November, the 14th and 15th of the month. Mr. Greenwell is quite right when he says our show last year was held on the third Saturday, but, as most fanciers know, Blaydon show is a two days' show; that being so, our show was held on the second Friday and Saturday in November. Will Mr. Greenwell please note. As for this year's dates, at a meeting held on Dec. 13th, 1913, it was decided to hold our show on the second Friday and Saturday in November, (13th and 14th), and I may say that announcement was in the next week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, namely, Dec. 20. I am sorry that the Wallsend fanciers did not notice the same, or I am sure they would not have fixed on the same date as Blaydon. In conclusion I may say that we at Blaydon have no desire either to crib, or clash with, other local societies' dates, as we know what a struggle it is to keep our heads above water.

G. HAVVER,
Hon. Sec. Blaydon C.B.S.

The Deposit System Recommended.

SIR,—I see a letter from "Once Bitten" recommending the deposit system. It is a well-known fact that if anyone has anything to sell there is no better medium than either CAGE BIRDS or POULTRY WORLD, and the adverts. therein are eagerly read by thousands. Some, unfortunately, are dishonest. Only a fortnight ago I had the pleasure of learning through the police that a man I had supplied with eggs at Burnley was doing hard labour for 3 months. He was a stranger to me, but sent false references. It is a very difficult thing to know who is to be trusted nowadays, for on April 1st I wrote to a man at Mildenhall whom I had had birds from several times. I enclosed the money as usual, and heard nothing. I have since written three postcards and two letters and can get no reply. He is still advertising the same birds, and probably receiving money from others, but his game will be stopped as soon as I get a reply from the Chief Constable. This incident shows that the safe way to do business is to take advantage of the deposit system, even if it does cost a little more. It is much wiser to spend an extra 6d. and get the birds, than save it and lose all.

W. F. WILBEE.

[The above letter is typical of several received, which space will not permit us to publish. We hope the moral conveyed will not be lost on buyers.—Editor.]

The Fertility of Eggs.

SIR,—A discussion arose between a friend and myself, the question being: In the event of four eggs laid, two fertile and two unfertile, which are the fertile ones, the first two laid or the last two laid? I unhesitatingly said that the last two were the fertile ones. For instance, the first eggs were too far advanced, and although copulation took place, no good was likely to come of it. Another view of mine is that the cock was not quite in condition, but that by the time the third egg was being laid, good results may have followed. I really cannot see how it can be made out that the first two are the most likely fertile ones, as my friend believes. Of course, I may be wrong, but I would like your opinion, and other fanciers' views on this subject, as I think this good matter for argument. The birds are said to have been seen to pair, but a fancier knows full well that when copulation has really taken place the cock-bird will return to the perch, and in a "fainting" attitude spread himself on the perch and call (or "twitter") to the hen.

A. G. CANT.

Sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

[Assuming a male-bird in perfect breeding condition, and copulation taking place a satisfactory period (at least four days) before the first egg is laid, there would be no reason why the first two eggs should be infertile rather than the two laid last. It would not be impossible, however, for the first and third to be fertile (or first and fourth) and the others infertile. If no sperms (male cells) were in the upper part of the oviduct when the yolks of the first two eggs came to maturity, then, of course, it is obvious that these could not be otherwise than infertile.—EDITOR, "C B."]

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Has a Bird a Conscience?

CAN IT REASON?

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Teschemaker for his letter regarding the above subject, but must regret that he has devoted by far the greater part to a side issue, namely my denial that a bird has a reasoning intelligence, and only favours me in his concluding paragraph with any support of his statement that birds have consciences. I am gratified that he is interested in my remarks, and will gladly elaborate on them, but as I prefer to take things in their proper order I will first deal with the question of consciences in birds. I note that Mr. Teschemaker has amended his original statement to that 'birds (some which he mentions anyhow) have a 'moral code.'" Of course birds of similar species live almost uniform lives, owing to their instincts being similar, and may therefore be said to have a code or order of life; and that part of their lives which in man's

SUCCESSFUL FANCY COSTUMES.

Worn by the Misses Bond, of Peckham Rye, at a ball held on behalf of the Teachers' Orphanage. No prizes were given, but Miss Bond informs us that the "Cage Birds" dress was greatly admired.

eyes may appear to concern morality may, by a great stretch of language, be called a "moral code." But do birds recognise, or are they conscious of, this "moral code," as apart from the ordinary routine of their lives? Of course they do not. I have heard of a Rook which was killed by its fellows because it had broken its wing; not, mark you, for breaking a "moral code." Birds are creatures of nature, and nature has no use for "moral codes" or consciences, but cries insistently in clarion tones for fitness and efficiency, and ever gives "the race to the swift and the battle to the strong." Might, or fitness, then, is the only "moral code" that a creature of nature can exist under. If a bird had a conscience it would naturally encounter temptation, and it would also be sufficiently intelligent to weigh up the advantages of violating its conscience against the chances of discovery, and the nature of the punishment to be "meted out." This would require almost a subtle brain, far in excess of what a bird actually possesses—what, in fact, I called a "reasoning intelligence." I did not mean by that, that birds had no intelligence at all, but I do think their intelligence is very low. In fact, I question whether it is very much higher than that of the reptile from which the bird was evolved. Their evolution seems to me to have been on the lines of such a great physical change that I consider their intelligence has only grown to the bare extent of their needs. There is nothing in the life of a bird (i.e. cage-bird) which demands or requires a greater intelligence than that of a present-day reptile. In fact, the latter is the more naturally fit, seeing that it can live out its life independently of man, while most birds, in addition to being the direct recipients of man's charity in winter, rely then on his hayricks and farmhouses for the bulk of their food. Take the nests birds build—how can they compare with the nests of wasps and bees as architectural accomplishments? And even when the nest is built, how easily its builder is imposed upon by the Cuckoo. Take, again, migration—fish also migrate; and the migration of the eel, which leaves its natural element to find an outlet, is far more wonderful than the migration of any bird. I do not think it necessary to comment on the instances Mr. Teschemaker gives, as they are not inconsistent with what I have written, but would say, to sum up, that I believe birds to be animated by instinct rather than by reason, and that instinct works more on the impulses and emotions than on the intelligence. Anything we see that is incomprehensible to us in bird life is almost daylight in comparison with some of the wonders worked by insects. These latter surely have no "reasoning intelligence," nor have they a conscience; and neither have birds. The bare idea is positively grotesque in its fantastic absurdity, and I for one rejoice that it is so since, if a bird had a conscience, much of my faith in the humanity of our hobby would vanish, for birds would naturally be under such circumstances extremely sensitive to confinement.

A. R. COE.

SIR,—I accept Mr. T. Johnson's humour gratefully, although perhaps a little laboured, because the correspondence column is generally solemnity itself. I note that he knows all about the spring assemblies of the Rooks, but he cannot believe that the Ravens have an assembly in Iceland, which seems a little inconsistent. I can assure him that I should not waste either his time or my own in reciting as a fact anything for which there is no reasonable evidence. Not only in Iceland, but over the whole of the Western Islands of Scotland, and over large area of the mainland the Ravens have annual meetings, which are a matter of common knowledge. If Mr. Johnson has access to a file of back numbers of "The Field," he might write to the Editor of that paper and ask for some references with regard to this subject; and, with regard to the Iceland assembly, if he were to write a polite letter to Mr. Pike Ward, Teignmouth, who has a business connection with that country, and therefore spends every summer there, the latter might perhaps be courteous enough to tell him more about the matter than I could. Then, when he has enlarged his knowledge of the subject a little, he might ask himself how it is that Ravens who live in scattered pairs spread over a very large area, are able to get in touch with one another and arrange a meeting in some particular spot. He might also enquire into the return of the sea-birds to their nesting sites on our cliffs, and he will find that it is not a "fairy-tale," but a fact that some species return not infrequently year by year on the same day of the year, and are seldom more than a few days out. He then can then ask himself how it is that, whereas sailors, shipwrecked on a desert island, soon lose count not only of days and weeks, but even of months, sea-birds scattered over the great wide lonely spaces of the vast Atlantic Ocean are able to keep the calendar accurately. He will then perhaps agree with me that with regard to the ordinary affairs of life—the only things which really matter—the intelligence of a bird, though it knows nothing of the higher mathematics, or Greek Syntax, is not only similar to our own, but in some respects can achieve results which our intelligence cannot compass.

What amazes me is that these attempts to disparage the "reasoning intelligence" of birds should come from aviculturists, who have such unrivalled opportunities of testing their intellectual powers. I can forgive a certain professor for saying recently that a bird "cannot reflect," because this eminent biologist is a museum naturalist and his practical knowledge of our hobby is not large; but I cannot forgive an aviculturist for saying that "a bird cannot think of its past" because he must know, as we all know, that a bird can—and not infrequently does—die from simple grief, the mere mental anguish of comparing the present with the past. I have yet to find a student of nature who doubts the "reasoning intelligence" of birds. When our readers next attend a Kearton lecture, they should try to buttonhole the lecturer and ask him what he thinks about the matter, or, better still, they might consult the written opinion of the late Charles Darwin, the greatest intellect that ever studied this question, and a practical (not a museum) naturalist, and they will find that his conclusion was that they had "considerable reasoning power" and that "their senses and intuitions differed from ours only in degree."

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

Another Flying Start.

SIR,—I am getting along well with my breeding. I have nine young out of ten eggs, and five on the perches, with the other four ready to come out of the nest any time now. One hen is again sitting on four eggs, and another laid the first egg to-day (April 23).

F. W. WYLD.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

YOUNG WITH SWELLINGS (H. G.).—It is not possible to be quite certain about the nature of the swellings without seeing them, but in all probability they are the result of emphysema, in which case they will appear like blisters filled with air, which, on being carefully pricked with a clean needle, will disappear. They may return in a day or two, perhaps more than once, when the pricking may be repeated. This is all you can do with birds so young. If swellings are not due to the cause suggested, there is a possibility that they may be the result of injury on the part of one or other of the parents, in which case you can only remove the culprit after discovering it by close observation. If it should prove to be the hen, then you must transfer the young to a more natural parent which has lost her brood, failed to hatch out, or even one that has a small brood about the same age.

COMPANY FOR CANARY (V. P.).—As you purpose keeping the birds in separate cages, you could quite safely keep practically any bird in the same room as the Canary. Except in the case of a highly-trained Roller whose song you wished to keep pure, the presence of another bird in the same room will not have the slightest ill-effect upon the Canary. As you only want the other bird as a pet, I would advise either a cock Bullfinch, Siskin or Goldfinch—in the order named.

YOUNG NOT FLEDGING (D. W.).—Some young do not feather quite so soon as others, but yours are certainly very late, and I should suspect that the hens did not brood them quite so warmly as they might. At this season this would account for the delayed fledging. You cannot do anything to the youngsters in the way of treatment to make the feathers grow—they are too young. If you can keep the place where they are a little warmer, do so, as this will help to remedy this trouble. Make up your egg food of equal parts bread crumbs, sponge cake, and egg, and to each tablespoonful of it add a small teaspoonful of maw seed and half a teaspoonful of freshly ground linseed. Also give a little chickweed and flower buds of groundsel as green food instead of giving all dandelion.

ROLLER BARE ON NECK (S. A. M. J.).—Glad to hear the bird has improved on its former condition. You can only treat its susceptibility to cold by keeping it in a fairly comfortable place, free from cold draughts or sudden fluctuations, but do not overdo the heat. To help remedy the bareness of the neck, add to the usual seed dietary half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every third day for a month, and on the following day each time add to the water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece. Give a little green food in variety each day.

WILL NOT SIT (A. P.).—You can do nothing at all to compel the hens to sit against their will, and if you got an older hen, as you suggest, she would not be very likely to commence to sit on the eggs straightway. You would have to mate her in the usual way and wait until she had gone to nest in the ordinary course, and by that time the eggs you now have would be quite useless. If you had been provided with one or two other hens just about beginning to sit, you would have done quite right to place these eggs among them for hatching, but as things are you may just as well throw them away, and let the hens go to nest again as soon as they are ready. It is just possible that the cause of the refusal to sit is due to you interfering too much with them whilst laying, or perhaps removing the eggs and not keeping a dummy egg in the nest whilst the clutch was being laid. Next time when they begin to lay remove the egg each day, but replace the first with a dummy, which you should leave in the nest until you return the birds' own eggs on the evening of the third day, when you may take it away. The failure to keep this dummy in the nest whilst the clutch is being laid not infrequently prevents the proper development of broodiness in some hens.

SHAPE OF PERCHES (M. C. M.).—Neither the quite round nor the flat perches are the correct shape. The perches found in cages bought of dealers are often of a most unsuitable shape and size. To get an ideal shaped perch, take the round perches which are of a proper size—that is, of such circumference that an average sized Canary's claws would not quite meet underneath when the bird was gripping it. Trim one portion of this, which is to form the upper surface of the perch, down to a flattened oval, leaving the under surface round. The size naturally depends to some extent upon the variety kept, but the average perch should be of such thickness that the claws just fail to meet when the birds are gripping it. In large cages and flights it is best to have a variety of thickness in the perches, some rather thinner and others thicker than the average just described, as by this means the feet are kept more supple and cramping of them prevented.

YOUNG DYING (First Start).—There is not much wrong with your feeding, if, as I assume, you give a little fresh green food after the third or fourth day. The only two doubtful points are that you begin with the hemp too early, and you might defer the soaked rape another week or so, and then you should give it separately, and not mixed in the egg food. When soaked rape is mixed in the egg food the latter is exceedingly apt to become sour in a very short space of time, and in this condition it very soon causes trouble. Be careful to use fresh eggs, and try the following course with the next brood. Feed as now up to the third day, then continue as follows:—Give the egg food the same strength as on the third day, and mix it quite fresh at least twice each day. On the fourth day add a little scrap of freshly gathered green food, and continue this afterwards fresh twice a day. About the sixth or eighth day, if there is a large brood, you may add a little soaked rape each day, but give this in a separate vessel, and not mix it with the egg food. About the tenth day will be soon enough to commence giving cracked hemp. If at any time the parents appear to flag in feeding, add a sprinkling of maw to the egg food, and you may also try tempting them with a little soaked rape or hemp, each given separately, at once. You should have no difficulty with this regime, but if the next brood should fail, write again and repeat full particulars, and refer to this reply.

A GREAT TOPER (Ayrshire).—The excessive drinking is a common effect of diarrhœa. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible. Give a staple diet of three parts canary seed to one part of summer rape, mixed together. In addition to this, give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, black rape and teazle. Add to the water daily for a week or so four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid. Give a leaf of dandelion daily.

PLUCKING ITS FEATHERS (H. R.).—I am somewhat inclined to think what you imagine is irritability on the part of the bird is merely the natural habit which all birds have of preening their plumage to keep it in proper order. It might, of course, be due to attacks of red mite, and it may be due to the bird's diet, which is by no means perfect. Did you examine the bird or the cage for mites? It is the cage, not the bird, that must be searched for these pests. Make yourself sure they are not present in the cage; also see that the bird is kept in a bright, healthy position, free from cold draughts or extreme and rapid fluctuations. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and on two other days give a similar quantity of egg food or bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of some kind of green food daily, and allow the bird to bathe freely. In the drinking water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week or so. You may adhere to the above mode of feeding regularly, which will be more wholesome than your present system.

EGGS DRYING UP (G. L. L.).—It is due to some defect in the shells allowing the moisture to escape and become evaporated during the progress of incubation. Add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel to the water two days in every three for a week, and when the hen is going to nest again keep her well supplied with cuttle-fish; get a little old mortar and smash to a coarse powder and mix with the sand on the cage floor; and add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinker every second day when she is about laying. This may remedy the defectiveness in the next clutch.

FIVE IN ONE (Avus).—(1) Six is certainly an exceptionally large clutch, but then the Canary's clutch varies very greatly. It is sometimes as low as a single unit, and I have known as many as eight. By all means allow the hen to go on sitting them. There is no reason why they should not all prove fertile, nor that all that are fertilised should not hatch. Should they all hatch, and you happen to have a hen or two with very small broods, hatched out about the same time, you would do well to transfer two or three of this brood to lighten the work of this pair. (2) Between three and four weeks old may be taken as the time when young Canaries can feed themselves with the aid of soft food and crushed seed, and two months is quite early enough to attempt to limit them to hard seed. The times vary according to the stamina of the young and the feeding qualities of their parents, so that some discretion must be used in the matter. (3) There is no reason why you should deprive the young of green food after removing them from the parents. For the first week or so you should give only very limited quantities, so that none may remain in the cage to become stale and decay, and also, for the same reason, avoid the more succulent stuff. Half-ripe seed heads are better than the more succulent foliage. (4) The young will begin to moult when from eight to twelve weeks old, according to the time when they were hatched. Very early hatched birds may be the latter age; late-hatched ones the former. In the case of healthy normal birds for all ordinary purposes the usual feeding, plus a little extra egg food and a rather more liberal supply of mixed seeds, is quite sufficient for moulting upon. In the case of show birds, it depends upon the variety whether it is necessary to colour-feed them. The food you name is quite wholesome and beneficial if the birds take to it freely. You might sprinkle it with maw seed to make it more attractive. (5) Certainly you could move the birds from the kitchen to the outdoor flight in summer with every success, and they would probably thrive far better than being in the kitchen. You need not fear they will die from cold. Move them in nice settled weather. See that the flight is nicely ventilated, but at the same time free from cutting draughts.

AFTER EGG-BINDING (E. V.).—I am afraid your fears that the bird would not survive are only too correct. If it is still alive, keep it in a quite warm place, caged alone, as it will be no further use for breeding this season. In addition to the usual seed diet, offer daily a piece of bread the size of a walnut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed, but not sugar, and also half a teaspoonful of maw seed given separately. Mix together a small quantity of equal parts brandy, glycerine, and tincture of opium, and give two drops of this in the beak three times the first day, and afterwards twice a day for three or four days. When she shows a fair improvement, stop the latter and give instead in the drinking water twenty drops of brandy, five of tincture of opium, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea daily for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary. Steaming is often useful and beneficial when a hen is in real difficulties with egg-laying, but where you went wrong was in giving "a lot of castor oil."

POINT ABOUT CLEAR EGGS (Welshman).—(1) It is impossible to tell definitely the actual cause of the bird's death. The only reliable means of knowing this is to send the body of the bird as soon after death has occurred as possible to our post-mortem examiner for a post-mortem to be made. Judging from your description, I should imagine it was pneumonia brought on by a sudden chill, but this is only speculation. (2) Yes, certainly, clear eggs contain yolk just the same as an egg that is fertile. The term "clear egg" is popularly used to describe an egg that has not been fertilised, and to all naked-eyed appearances these eggs do not differ in the slightest degree from a fertile egg, but after being sat upon for the full normal period of incubation will, if they do not dry up in the shell, still retain the appearance of a newly-laid egg. The cause of your clear eggs from both hens was doubtless due to the cock not being in good breeding condition. If the cock in question was the one that died, you could scarcely expect anything else from him.

LIZARDS OR SPANGLES (Variegated).—(1) Yes, the Canary sometimes referred to as the Spangled and the Lizard are one of the same variety. The spangling deteriorates more or less after the first adult moult by growing less distinct and regular, and the wing tips often become tipped with grey, so that the bird is of little further use as a show bird against those in their first perfect plumage. Cases are on record where a bird has gradually moulted out into clear plumage, but these are rare. Other varieties which might give you the impression of spangled plumage are the old London Fancy, but this is now practically extinct, and the Green and Cinnamon, which are pencilled rather than spangled. I think your young birds are Greens, and the marks you take for spangles are in reality pencilling. (2) Yes, now that the weather is warm and settled, it is very good for the parents to bathe if they desire to do so whilst they are rearing young. Put in a bath daily for a few minutes after the young are, say, four days old. When the weather is quite warm, it is also a good thing to give the hen an opportunity for bathing on the last day or two of incubation.

NESTING DIARRHŒA (China).—You should have treated the hen for this complaint before the young were hatched, as you had a good opportunity to do so. If the looseness still continues, add half a teaspoonful of ground rice to the egg food each time you give any fresh, and be quite sparing with green food of a succulent nature. Also give about half a teaspoonful of boiled summer rape each morning, and in the afternoon give a similar quantity of cracked hemp, but see that the latter is sweet and sound in the kernel. For one-half of each day for three days you may add six drops of tincture of gentian and five of tincture of opium to the water. This should set matters right in a day or two. The looseness will not affect the young, unless, indeed, it lowers the hen's condition so much as to cause her to stop feeding.

RED OR GREY (Novice).—Red mites are not in the least likely to eat feathers away, though their irritating attacks may cause the birds to peck themselves until they remove the feathers themselves. Grey lice are more likely to be responsible for the loss of a large number of feathers. In either case, you must first take the necessary steps to exterminate the pest, whichever it may be. Having done so, allow the bird to bathe freely, and anoint the bare places sparingly three times a week for a month with Lanocyllin ointment. Do not use enough to cause an unsightly mess or daub the surrounding plumage. Just a slight moistening of the bare skin is all that you need do. Considering the condition of the bird, it would prove beneficial to add twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water two days in every three for a fortnight, and give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day during the same time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHAT BIRD (C. Haddrell).—The bird nearest to your description that you saw with the Yellow Buntings would be the Reed Bunting. He has black on the head and white on the neck, he is scarcely so big as the yellow bird, has a dipping flight, and in settling spreads his tail, showing the white feathers on each side.

SKYLARK FOOD (Alexandre Lyon).—I have examined your food and I have come to the conclusion that you have omitted one of the ingredients given in the book, probably the lard. In making these mixtures you must keep strictly to the recipe or it will be a failure. The food sent is certainly too dry; if you wish to use it, you had better add lard or suet to the remainder, and re-bake. What have you been feeding your birds on previous to attempting this? If they were doing well, why change? And if you wish to change you should do it gradually, giving them the fresh food twice a week until they get the taste. Birds in captivity that have been fed on one particular food for any length of time will frequently sulk, and refuse to eat any other mixture, although it may be a better one. If you do not like your previous food, and cannot get on with this mixture, try another one. Here is one: Take 1lb. wheat meal (not flour), 4 tablespoons of coarse sugar, 3ozs. beef suet, 1 hard-boiled egg, mix and place in cool oven until sugar and lard are melted, stir until brown. Place in a jar, to be used as required. To this you can add a little maw and hemp seed, not ground or cracked. Or the following may suit you: 4 parts of powdered biscuit, one part of each meat meal, ants' eggs, and dried flies. Damp with boiled potato or scraped carrot. If you can occasionally add a little hard-boiled egg it would make an agreeable change, and certainly improve the mixture.

LINNET WITH INJURED FOOT (J.R.).—You cannot do better than persevere in the treatment of the foot in the way you have been doing. If you have the time you should catch him, and gently massage the injured toes night and morning. Before doing so, foment the foot with warm water, into which has been mixed a small quantity of witch hazel. Half a teaspoonful in a full-sized egg-cup, dry gently, slightly grease the finger and thumb with vaseline, and work the toes into their proper position, gently stroking and rubbing them, including the remainder of the foot and shank in your operations. After which fasten to the card as before.

LINNET AND CANARY (E. Ducie).—You should have no difficulty with your birds. The Canary appears anxious to go to nest, but you say nothing about the condition of the Finch. If he has a dark bluish-grey beak, and is in full song, he will, or has, probably already paired with the hen. You should give them a nest at once, with plenty of building materials. If the Linnet is backward, give him a good feed of cracked hemp every other day, and plenty of wild food—dandelion heads, chickweed, and shepherd's-purse. This should bring him along.

THRUSH WITH GROWTH (Young Novice).—The growth on the head of your Thrush should be lanced. If you are friendly with anyone having surgical skill, take the bird to him and ask him to operate. A kindly chemist might do it for you. Failing that, paint it with iodine once a day for three days, then miss three, and do it again. Be careful how you do it: only put just enough on to cover the lump, and hold the bird until it dries in before replacing him in his cage. See that his perches are perfectly clean. Give him in his drinking water as much glauber salts as will cover a shilling, miss a day, and repeat the dose, and again in a week's time. Buy some good insectile food as given to Warblers and feed him on it until he is better, when you can give him a less expensive food two or three times a week. Don't forget the insect food, and let him bathe frequently.

WILD BIRDS AS FOSTER PARENTS (Wild).—My only personal experience in the rearing of Canaries by wild birds is that of two eggs hatched and reared by a pair of Greenfinches in the garden; the young were fat and lusty when I removed them from the nest and placed them in a cage on the window-ledge, where the old birds fed them until they could pick up. Unfortunately, you say you have no Greenies in your district. Next to them I would choose Linnets, and, failing these, Chaffinches, and then Hedge Sparrows. If they hatch and rear safely you should remove them just as they commence to open their eyes. If you leave them later they get shy, and sometimes refuse to gape. If through any cause you are obliged to leave them, place the nestlings in a dark box or basket, and then when you lift the lid and they see daylight, they will gape, when you should pop some food in at once. Shall be glad to hear if you are successful.

TREATMENT OF BLACKCAP (Bluebib).—The Blackcap is a great favourite of mine, and whenever I have been fortunate enough to possess one I have always given him as much cage room as I could spare. A nice size would be one about twenty inches long, fourteen to sixteen high, and eleven deep, with food and water vessels inside. As you state, they are not frequently advertised, but meet with a ready sale when they are. As a caged bird for song, they have scarcely an equal, and make charming pets. They require a high-class insectile food as staple diet, with insect life as obtainable. If you have a garden you should be able to keep him pretty well supplied with tiny caterpillars, beetles, spiders, and green fly. The latter can be brushed off the shoots of the rose trees into a matchbox or sheet of paper and transferred from there to his food dish. Failing garden insects, you must use mealworms, wasp grubs, or gentles. One of the most valuable foods for the Blackcap is fruit. This you can supply all the year round. Give soft fruits when in season, and bananas, pears, etc., during the winter. Do not stint him in this; let him have a constant supply; it is astonishing what a quantity one bird will get through, and look all the better for it. The Blackcap is about 5¾ inches in length, with a black crown (hence its name); the upper part of his body is olive brown with whitish throat and breast. The hen is a similar bird, but with a brown cap instead of a black one.

HAND-REARING WRENS (Bird Lover).—Unless you have had considerable experience in hand-rearing, I would not advise you to try your hand on such tiny mites as Wrens. I do not think you would find the results worth the trouble, even if you succeeded. If you are particularly anxious to obtain one or two as cage birds, you had better do as follows. First find your nest, but on no account meddle with it. Simply watch it occasionally from a distance. When the young are large enough to leave the nest, the old ones will feed them in the vicinity. Keep an eye on them until you notice the youngsters begin to pick up for themselves. Then watch them to roost, which for some time will be in the old nest. If it is in a haystack, which is frequently the case, you can put your hand on it when they have all settled down and make your selection. You will have to feed them on live ants' eggs, green fly, and other tiny insects, placing them on the floor of the cage at first, and afterwards in the feeding dish, upon some good insectile food, containing very little biscuit meal. You will gradually get them on to this, but do not leave off the live food too early; in fact, after they are meated off they will still require some. This charming little bird still manages to get in the prize cards; but it has to be a good specimen and well shown. (2) It is difficult to sex young Thrushes, but you should select the brightest and sleekest when in the nest feathers for males, although the females frequently make the better show birds. (3) Respecting the size of birds' eggs, the size of the bird is no guide. The Cuckoo, as an instance, lays an egg scarcely larger than a Pipit, and the Snipe, a far smaller bird, deposits one double the size.

HAND-REARING THRUSHES (Pow-wow).—To hand-rear Thrushes is not a difficult matter, and many mixtures are used for the purpose. I have reared them on various foods myself, but prefer one in which hard-boiled egg is the main ingredient. Boil a fresh egg for ten minutes, break it up,

with a fork and mix with it two crushed Osborne biscuits; to this add a spoonful of ants' eggs, or good insectile food that has a good proportion of ants' eggs in it. Take a small proportion of this mixture and make rather sloppy with fresh new milk. Feed as frequently as possible, do not cram them, but give them just sufficient to keep them going until next feeding time comes round, when they should be ready for more. Watch the weakest one and see that he gets his share. Your last feed at night should be a rather heavy one and given just as it is getting dark. Feed as early as possible in the morning. In addition to this

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nut-shell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

food give some pieces of mealworms, dipping them in the milk before dropping them into the young bird's beak. As they grow they will not require to be fed so often, once every two hours will be enough. Mix a little grit occasionally with the food, and be very careful to keep the nestlings warm, and scrupulously clean. (2) A double breeding cage with a sliding partition is the best cage for Hybrid breeding with hen Canaries. You could run your Goldfinch with two hens, but not the Linnet and Greenfinch. As a rule the Linnet is sulky and frets if parted from his mate, and the Greenfinch is inclined to be spiteful.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT (E. Hudson).—A Grey Parrot that has been over a few months and is healthy and in good feather is worth from £3 to £5, according as it has shown itself teachable or otherwise. If you get one, ascertain how it has been fed and continue so to feed it for some time, then gradually, not suddenly, get it on to the diet given in the Nutshell.

BLACK-HEADED MANNIKIN (D. Ferguson).—This is very simple; a cage not small than a double breeder with a twiggy branch at each end, and the ordinary perches removed. Canary, white millet, and millet sprays, with green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water will about meet their simple needs. They are not fragile, but no kind of bird must be subjected to draught, neither must they be kept in a darkish corner they must have light and air. They are apt to be dull in a cage, but if you furnish it as above the birds will appear at their best.

BLUE FRONTED AMAZON (Anxious).—Bathe the eye first with warm water, and dab dry with a soft cloth; then bathe with a rose-water and zinc eye lotion (from any chemist). Keep the bird strictly out of draught, yet in a light and airy part of the room. Cease spraying, at any rate the head, till the eye trouble has passed. It will be well to give a laxative once a week, a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water is about the best, and on the other days of the week put half a teaspoonful of Syrup of Phosphates in the drinking water. Do not neglect to keep grit and cuttlebone in the cage, and supply as much ripe fruit as it cares to eat.

IN POOR FEATHER (P. J. Hastings).—You should get our "Grey Parrot" Nutshell, and gradually treat and feed your bird as stated therein. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. On either a piece of plain cake, crust of bread, or piece of biscuit put eight drops of cod-liver oil and give this twice daily. Also give in the drinking water once a week one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, and on the other days of the week half a teaspoonful of Syrup of Phosphates. Do not omit to supply grit and cuttlebone regularly, also a piece of wood for it to chew up. Ripe fruit, any kind it will take, should be given daily, also various nuts, as well as the regulation seed mixture. Do not use a metal drinker when giving drugs. Report progress in a month or six weeks.

PARROT WITH GROWTH (A. F.).—As the bird is evidently an old friend, I should let a vet. see it, and if it is possible have it removed. This is always the best way in such, as the character of the growth would be correctly diagnosed on seeing the bird, and he would tell you at once if it could be removed. In its earlier stages painting with tincture of iodine would most probably have kept it in check, but if you use this at all, you must be careful and not let any get into the eye. From your details it would appear that it does not suffer pain, but I should say it causes inconvenience. As to whether it will affect the sight ultimately, only an examination of the bird can reveal. For a thirty-year yet bird I should most certainly go to the expense of letting a vet. see it; such a course may save the bird much future pain. It is not much use my giving you all routine treatment, as you must follow the directions of the vet. who sees the bird. If you do not take this course, write me again and state the appearance of the growth where it was cut off.

SWOLLEN FOOT (F. W.).—First bathe the foot to soften it and soften the skin, then, after taking off surplus moisture with a soft cloth, paint with tincture of iodine daily so long as the skin remains intact. At the same time, if you have a vet. anywhere near you, let him examine it to see if there is any dislocation or foreign substance in the swelling. It will be well to keep the bowels moving quite freely by occasional doses (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia; also to give daily ten to fifteen drops of cod-liver oil on a piece of bread, plain cake, biscuit, or any similar substance the bird will eat. There must be something more about the swelling than is apparent outwardly, if it does not yield to the above treatment; the only other course is to let your local vet. examine it.

OUTDOOR CAGE (C. E. A. A.). I should add a covered-in piece to one end, not less than 18in., putting in a small square of glass, covered with wire netting on the inside, to light it. I should also roof it, or the wood floor will be in rather a sorry condition during wet periods, and one of the long sides, which I will term the back, should also be boarded in and have twiggy branches fixed thereto; the covered-in piece must be similarly furnished. Rush nests and small boxes may be hung against the back amid the branches, and suspended from the roof of both shelter and flight. You could put in one pair each of Zebra Finches, Avadavats, Grey Singing, Ribbon and Bib Finches.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (J. V. Such).—(1) No, it is not too big and should not be too cold (I do not know your county), providing it is not damp or draughty. With a sufficient supply of husks, if above conditions are complied with, Budgerigars should be better in the flight than a cage. The door they go in and out at must not be so placed as to cause a draught; you can meet this by having the inside walls of Section I. wood and glass. (2) Watch our columns. One pair imported birds and one pair unrelated aviary-bred ones should give you a good start. You could also put in one pair each Black-cheeked and Madagascar Lovebirds. Yes, grass and growing cereals in Section III.; if you have space, it might well be larger. (3) The difficulty is to keep the varieties separate when only two pairs are kept, and I suggest two pairs Yellows and one pair Green. (4) I should not keep Passerines (Finch-like birds) with Lovebirds and Parrakeets under any conditions, though nothing may happen for a time, a big disaster comes in the end. Canaries and British birds should do well in cages if the conservatory is neither damp nor draughty. A roof covering of some felty material for the winter would help to keep temperature more even. (5) I have already named two species of Lovebirds, and you could also include a pair of Cockatiels. (6) Partly covered under No. 1, but you can have sufficient glass (covered netting inside) to see the birds through.

CORDON BLEU (E. A. B. N.).—Get a bottle of Tonic Drops (see advertisement under Medicines); use according to directions for, say, a fortnight, then, if the bird should be no better, repeat query.

ZEBRA FINCHES, ETC. (H. C. B.). — Zebra Finches will readily rear their young on seed alone and green food; the latter may be varied, but seeding and flowering grass should predominate. The Ribbon Finches should have dry ants' eggs, also live ones if obtainable, as well as seed and green food. A little soft food (insectile mixture) may be given with advantage if they will eat it.

COCKATEELS, ETC. (R. B. C.).—(1) Nothing more is required as a rule than the usual diet of canary, white millet, oats and green food, but if they will eat them, stale crusts and broken biscuits may also be supplied, and a dish of crushed

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/2); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

oats may be kept in the aviary. (2) Rush nests, small boxes, and Hartz travelling cages are all favoured by Mannikins and Cordon Bleus. Hay, moss, and a little hair for nesting material. (3) The diet for the Pekin Robin is a good insectile mixture (see advertisement columns), ripe fruit ad lib., and some live insects daily, mealworms, also spiders, and any other insects the garden supplies. A teaspoonful of millet seed may be given every other day if the bird cares for it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. Edwards.—Death occurred from internal hemorrhage owing to rupture of an important blood-vessel leading from the lungs. Fright, excitement, exposure to strong sunlight, or anything which tends to impede the heart's action, may produce these symptoms.

Geo. Cartwright.—Bird died from a fit.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

P. McClusky.—You see things very early, don't you think? Frankly we "take our doots" about your wild-life observations, so have regretfully consigned your missive to the W.P.B.

W. Dobson.—The Goldfinch is known in many localities as "the proud tailor."

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberfillery C.B.S.—May 9, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30. To finish business for F.F. show and other important bus. G. Broome.

Accrington C.B.S. May 7, Crown Hotel, 8. F.F. show arrangements. Special invitation to Roller fanciers in the district to attend. H. Harwood.

Altrincham Open C.B.S. May 6, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8. General bus. and discussion on the sanitation of birdroom.—C. Bailey.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S. May 5, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Ordinary bus. Arrangements for picnic, etc.—J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. May 5, St. Thomas's School, entrance, Old Schoolroom, Chapel St., 8. A few Hints on Canary breeding, by Mr. A. E. Lang.—J. Spencer.

Bolton C.B.S.—May 5, Joiners' Arms, 8. Election of judges for N.F. shows.—J. Gerrard.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 2, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Election of judges for young and annual bird show, and other important business.—J. H. Elliot.

Bootle and D.C.B.S.—May 5, St. Andrew Parochial Hall, Litherland, 8. Important bus.—L. S. Hamilton.

Burnley O.S.—May 6, Star Inn, 7.30. Selection of judge for N.F. show (June), etc.; quarter's subs. now due.—G. Whittaker.

Barnet F. & F.S.—May 6, 35, Wood Street, Barnet, 8. Schedule for young stock show; selection of new headquarters; proposed alteration of Rule 3 re radius.—W. J. Cartwright.

Barnsley C.B.S.—May 2, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Discussion of N.F. show.—E. Toulson.

Barrington & Choppington Social Club C.B.S.—May 2, Social Club, 7.30. General bus., subs., etc. —H. Seely.

Bedlington C.B.C.—May 2, Co-op. Hall, Bedlington, 7.30. Subs. due. Other important bus. C. E. Fuller.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—May 4, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. General meeting, correspondence re young stock show.—R. Jackson.

Birmingham (City of) C.B.S.—May 6, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30 p.m. Judge and classification N.F. show; season special for novices. J. H. Jones.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Ramble, May 3. Meeting-place, Post Office, 9.30 a.m. Meeting, May 6, King's Head, 8.15.—N.F. show arrangements; classification for open show.—J. C. Bell.

Bournemouth C.B.S.—May 5, Quadrant Restaurant, 8. Impromptu questions and answers; all should attend this interesting meeting.—L. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—May 5, Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, 8. Classication for open annual show; very important. Don't forget the fanciers' service, Park Chapel, May 3, at 6. Hearty welcome to all.—W. Cruise.

Bridlington and Driffield C.B.S.—May 5, 20, Prospect Street, 8. F.F. shows, etc.—J. Chadwick.

Bristol C.B.S.—May 6, City Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. Clarke.—B. L. Pool.

Bristol East C.B.C.—May 4, Glass House Hotel, 8. Judging competition; general business.—Wm. J. Norman.

Bromley (Kent) F.A.—May 5, Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8.—A. T. Bellinger.

Burslem C.B.S.—May 7, Barnfields Inn, 8. Classification, etc., N.F. show.—L. Janies.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—May 5, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Breeding questions.—A. Wood.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 6, Lamb Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. Geo. Stevens. "Some British Softbills."—A. S. Treasure.

Chorley C.B.S.—May 6, White Lion Inn, 7.30. Very important. F.F. show and other bus.—J. H. Welch.

City of Dundee C.B.S.—April 6, Doig's Rooms, 8. Important.—A. Law.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 5, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, 8.30. Arrangements for ramble.—T. J. Hose.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—May 4, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Lecture on colour-feeding by J. Southworth.—J. Southworth.

Craghead C.B.S.—May 2, Mr. R. Lawson's, Black House, 7. Bus. very important.—A. Dawson.

Crewe O.S.—May 5, Burton Hotel, 8. Arrangements for open show, etc. Please make big effort to attend.—N. L. Croft.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—May 2, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 6. Arranging N.F. show; selecting of judge for same.—Geo. S. Lynn.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—May 2, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. General business.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 9, Black Bull, 7.30. Table show classes: F.-M. Goldf. and F.-M. Bullf. Birds staged 6 o'clock; business very important; subs. now due.—G. Hunt.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, 8. Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. J. Hodder. Fanciers welcome.—A. G. Cant.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—May 2, Black Swan, 7.—H. Cockrem.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—May 2, The Fountain Inn, 8. Schedules and general bus.; something very special. —S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—May 7, Riego Street Hall, 8. Replies from judges, B.F.C.C., etc. Items not already booked should be so at this meeting.—C. Grant.

Edinburgh N. & M. Breeders' Soc.—May 7, 142, High Street, 8. Ordinary bus.—J. Stormont.

Erith F.S.—May 6, West Street Schools, Erith, 8.15. Correspondence and reports; other business urgent.—G. Rickett.

Falkirk C.B.S.—May 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Judges for annual show, table show, Greenfinches.—R. Rennie.

Felling F. & F.S.—May 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Table show, judging at 7 prompt.—G. Garbutt.

Fife C.B.L.—May 9, Recreation Rooms, High St., Kirkcaldy (opposite King's Theatre), 5.30. Important bus.; lecture by Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) —J. Cordery.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—May 5, Senior's, High Street, W., Glossop, 8. Important bus.—E. Thompson.

Grangemouth C.B.S.—May 6, Rechabite Hall, 8. —J. Woodhouse.

Grantham C.B.S.—May 4, headquarters, 8. Important business; open show, etc.—H. Lowther.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—May 6, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Classification N.F. show, subs. due. A. Graham. [Kindly forward address.—Ed.]

Halifax C.B.S. May 7, Trafalgar Inn, King's St., Halifax, 8. Exchange on ideas and management in the breeding of Canaries.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hirst, Linton, & Woodhorn Club.—May 2, L.W.S.C., 7.30. To consider the show; take subs.; enrol new members and fix day for show.—J. Smith.

Halifax O.S.—May 2, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Mr. T. Wilson will give a paper on "In a birdroom from April to July." Friends invited. H. Clegg.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—May 6, St. George's Hall, 8. Fixing feather show, etc.—Pyman and Thornton.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—May 5, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Open meeting; also to arrange ramble.—P. Brooks.

Hull C.B.S.—May 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Question and answer night.—J. L. Heseltine.

Idle C.B.S.—May 6, White Bear Inn, 8.—C. E. Hylton.

Islington F.A.—May 4, Congregational Schoolroom, Warlters Road, Holloway, N., 8. Judging competition; lecture at 9; and other business. H. A. Brown.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—May 6, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. Ayers.

Leyton C.B.A.—May 4, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardener; fanciers welcome.—Forse and Son.

Kelty and Blairadam.—May 5, No. 2, Goth, 6. General business.—A. Dickson.

Leith O.S.—May 9, Liberal Club, Hope St., 7. Judges' replies, etc.—G. W. Brown.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—May 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show business, judging competition, etc. Very important. W. H. Symes.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. Table show of British birds, and lecture on same by Mr. F. King. L. Norton.

Leeds Roller C.C.—May 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Show bus. Mr. Walton and Mr. Peel promises to bring birds. H. Best.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—May 5, White Swan, 8.30. General business.—A. Frecstone.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—May 7, Daybrook School, 7.30. F. Broadhurst will give paper on the treatment of young birds. H. Hall.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—May 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on "Seeds and Foods: Their Uses and Abuses," and other important business. Lecture by T. Harrison, Altrincham.—W. H. Tansey.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 2, headquarters, 8. Business of vital importance. H. Grange.

Middlesbro' and Teeside C.B.S.—May 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Outing, etc.—J. Swinsco.

Middlesex O.S.—May 7, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. General business and distribution of new rule cards. J. Jefferis.

New Cross C.B.S. May 7, People's Hall, Tanner Hill, S.E., 7.45. General meeting; lecture by Mr. H. Norman on "Canary Management." Fanciers invited.—Burton Bros.

National Green-marked Y.C.C.—May 2, Market Tavern, Bradford, 3. Annual general meeting.—J. Chambers.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—May 7, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. N.F. classification; members of specialist societies invited. Subs. now due. J. W. Reed.

Nelson, Colne C.B.S.—May 5, Mr. Fulton's, 7.30. Classification young show, cup discussion, etc.—D. Watts.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—May 6, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Patronage shows. Lecture by Mr. T. Robson.—M. C. Potts.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—May 6, Alhambra Buildings, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Syllabus, etc., committee only. General meeting May 13.—A. W. Newton.

Oxford C.B.S.—May 6, The Welsh Pony, George Street, 8. Committee meeting, general bus.—A. F. Fifield.

Preston O.S.—May 5, Tokio Cafe, Fishergate, 7.30. Lecture given by Mr. J. W. Cleminson on "Birds I Have Seen in a Day's Ramble." Business, schedule N.F. show. W. H. Cottam.

Portsmouth F.S.—May 4, Star Hotel, Lake Road, Portsmouth, 8. Adontion of revised rules and annual subs.—G. J. Kirton.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S. May 4, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—May 7, Granby Hotel, 8.—W. Jagger.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—May 6, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 7.30. Lecture on "Norwich Canaries," by Mr. Boothman, Manchester.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—May 6, Palmer Hall, 8. Paper by Mr. Giles; members not attending will miss a treat. —O. C. Smith.

Redhill C.B.S. May 6, Watkins' Hotel, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show; subs. 3s.—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 6, Temperance Club, 8. General meeting; F.F. show and other important business.—W. Adams.

Rossendale C.B.S.—May 5, Swan Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Will members who have not yet paid their subs. kindly do so at this meeting?—H. Wantling.

Sheffield O.S.—May 5, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Arrangements for N.F. show; table show of Foreign birds; common species; A.O. Seedeaters; Softbills; A.O.V. Fanciers and friends invited.—E. C. Job.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—May 4, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Elect new member; arrangements for N.F. show, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Sheffield C.B.S.—May 7, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture on "Norwich," by Mr. A. H. Waters, and egg-food making competition. Fanciers welcome.—A. Hobson.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—May 4, headquarters, 8. General business.—R. Churchill.

Southampton C.B.S.—May 4, Waterloo Temperance Hotel, London Road, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. G. Gamble, Winchester. Non-members heartily invited. —W. L. Page.

S. Shields C.B.S.—May 2, Cyprus, 7.30. Arrangements for annual ramble.—W. S. Smith.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 4, Commercial Hotel, 8. Distribution of schedules, reports by delegates, Union bus.—S. B. Grayshon.

Stanley (Victoria) F.F. and C.B.S.—May 3, Club Room, 6.30. Final arrangements for trip.—W. Elliott.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—May 7, Little Regent Inn, Regent Street, 8. Schedule for open show. —J. W. Lowes.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—May 2, Cardiff Arms Hotel, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show; other important bus.—E. Richards.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—May 5, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Lecture on "Breeding," Mr. A. W. Donaldson. Subs.—A. H. McLean.

Walkden Roller C.S.—May 5th, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—H. Howard.

Walkley C.B.S.—May 14. Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Question night by ballot and arrangements for N.F.S.—A. Lawton.

Wallasey C.B.S.—May 7, Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard, 8. Lecture, "Feeding and Staging Young Birds," by Mr. G. Benson. W. Hodgkins.

Watford C.B.S.—May 6, 20, St. Albans Road, 8. Lantern lecture by E. F. Bailey, Esq. Members please bring a friend.—W. Rackley.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 5, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.30. Arrangements for ramble. Dates for N.F. shows.—W. G. Andrews.

West London F.A.—May 7, Windsor Castle, King Street, 8. Egg-food competition. J. W. Newhurst.

Wibsey C.B.S.—May 2, Horse and Groom Inn.—W. Chapman. (Time not stated. Ed.)

Wigan C.B.S.—May 2, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Arranging sheet for young show, etc. E. Ball.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—May 4, 6, The Broadway, 8. Mr. G. E. Weston will have a "chat" with members on "Some Points About Bird Keeping and Mule Breeding." Visitors heartily welcome.—G. Griffiths.

Windhill C.B.S.—May 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Open show business, etc. Allotting prizes for members' shows. Taylor and Ellis.

Windsor and Dis. C.B.A.—May 6, Star and Garter Hotel, 8.30. H. W. Simms.

Walsall C.B.S.—May 6, White Hart Hotel, 8.30. Discussion on breeding season.—F. Price.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—May 7, Duke of York, 8.15. Very important bus. W. Harrison.

York C.B.S.—May 4, Lantern Tower Cafe, High Ousegate, 8. Extra special meeeting.—V. Zimmermann.

Club Reports.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting, April 18, Mr. Rushton chair, with a fair turn-up of members. Judges elected: Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland N.F. show, July 4; and Mr. J. Riseborough, annual show, Oct. 24. The following were made members: Messrs. R. Peart, W. Laxton, M. Wall, which makes a total of 39. J. W. Robson, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting at headquarters, April 15. Mr. J. Robson gave a lecture on the Border Fancy. From the history of this particular variety, he proceeded to give a detailed description of the birds to choose for breeding purposes, and the standard to breed for. The lecture proved most interesting, and should do much to improve this section and make it more popular with the members. Only a fair attendance was recorded, no doubt due to the Easter holidays, but to those present I offer my sincere thanks, including Mr. H. Burton, hon. sec. of the Southern Border F.C. Visitors are cordially invited to our meetings, which are held the third Wednesday in each month (August excepted), at Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, April 18. Mr. J. W. Lawson presided over a good company. Two new members elected: J. Richardson, Gateshead, and C. F. Tapson, Ashlington. Mr. R. Tindale outlined Mr. Crawhall's scheme in asking us, along with other specialist clubs, to join Newcastle C.B.S. and hold our future table shows at their monthly meetings; he thought it would be a benefit to the mother society, and would tend to a much larger and better show if all varieties were shown together. Specialist clubs should try to help the societies that run open shows because without these societies specialist clubs would be no use. Mr. Tindale also spoke of his own scheme of granting our patronage to Newcastle's N.F. show, July 4. Both propositions were carried unanimously, so if any of our members wish to exhibit at the Nest Feather show they may do so, whether members of Newcastle or not. Fanciers in the North should join us, especially novices, as they will get a big benefit by joining us for our novice competition this year: 1s. nomination and 2s. 6d. annually. Further particulars from the sec., 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle.—F. W. Laidlow, Soc.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting, April 27, Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. F. Knight (chair), Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., and about 20 members present. Owing to illness our chairman, Mr. W. A. Shepherd, was unfortunately unable to be present. Three nominations were received for membership. Hon. Sec. presented the quarterly balance sheet, which showed a substantial balance in hand. An egg food competition then took place, and it was disappointing that only four members competed. After witnessing their various methods, members tested the quality of the foods, and recorded their votes in the order they considered best. Mr. W. Sanders was first with 44 points; Mr. Salter 2nd, 43; Mr. Thomas 3rd, 30; Mr. Withers 4th, 24; Messrs. E. C. Offord and T. L. Sayer acting as scrutineers. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the anonymous donor of the handsome iced cake presented for competition at last meeting. The small attendance was, no doubt, due to members being busy with the breeding, and fair reports were received from those present, one member already having 44 young birds.—Vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—Fred Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

A lecture on the Roller Canary.

Meeting, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, April 1, Mr. A. Broadhurst chair. Balance sheet for 1913 was presented and adopted, showing balance in hand of over £6, while other assets are valued at £3 (and a steadily increasing membership is the best of all). The Vice-Chairman mentioned the loss the society had sustained in the decease of Mr. Clempson, and a vote of sympathy was passed to his widow, the members approving the action of the sec. in attending the funeral and purchasing a wreath from the society's funds. Messrs. Hoeley, Haynes, and Westwood elected members, and four nominations received. Decided to advertise in the Fancy Press as before. Other business was put off until next meeting to enable Mr. M. Jacquemin to give us his lecture on the Roller Canary. After reading a brief history as to the origin of the Canary, Mr. Jacquemin rapidly took us through the various ways of breeding. First the room set apart for the birds, these flying loose, nesting sites being fixed on the walls. The fancier thus breeds quantity, if not quality, but he advised anyone adopting this way to be careful as to the number of cocks introduced, either one or three being preferable to two, and pointed out that where two cocks are used they interfere with one another when the hens call, and the result is a great proportion of clear eggs, which would have been avoided by having either one or three cocks. Another way largely used by Roller fanciers was flights containing four or five hens and one cock, nests at each end (with a sufficient number to allow of a choice being made by the birds). It was advisable to let the hens be together a little time before introducing the cock, and not to put a strange hen into the flight after the birds had commenced breeding. Then there were the ordinary double breeding cages used by other fanciers. Mr. Jacquemin emphasised the fact that young Rollers learnt the greater part of their song while still in the nest, and therefore fanciers should be careful not to use a cock faulty in song for breeding, or the young would pick up the faults; that is why so many fanciers only have one or two cocks to several hens, introducing them to the hens when necessary; but there was another factor to be considered, and that was that by using one cock to one hen stronger youngsters were obtained, as both parents assisted in the rearing, the cock being likely to sing more, to the benefit of the young. This was now Mr. Jacquemin's method. His feeding was similar to other fanciers, although he only gave the egg food in small quantities at regular periods, as he preferred the young having a mixed diet instead of being gorged with egg food. He told the members they could remove all the young birds who opened wide their beaks when coming into song, as the best songsters always sang with beak closed. He then introduced some of his birds, giving us the names of the tours as sung, and this proved a most interesting lesson to the non-Roller fanciers. A vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., per J. H. de M.

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LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting April 21, "Ll Vino." Mr. R. L. Crisp chair. After the usual business Mr. W. H. Mugford gave a most interesting lecture entitled, "Off the Beaten Track," the subjects he dealt with were:—Insufficient ventilation of bird rooms; sawdust versus sand for bottoms of cages; nesting pans and material; improper feeding with rich foods; young dying after hatching; green food during nesting; bad feeding hens; egg-binding; and the benefits derived by the general use of the bath. Messrs. Crisp, Robson, Dewhurst, Easterling, and Johnston ably assisted with the discussion that followed. At the close of the meeting Mr. Mugford was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks, and was presented with a silver plated mug for most points gained in the Crest section at the L.C.B.A. annual show; this being kindly given by Mr. Watcham. After the meeting a committee was held, and Messrs. W. Buckingham, Watford, and F. Thynne, Thames Ditton, were elected members of the association. Several members not having returned their tickets which were sent for their disposal for the L.C.B.A. annual show would greatly assist to close the books referring to this by sending on to F. Knight, 64, Chaplin Road, Wembley, as per letter sent with tickets.—F. Knight, Press Correspondent.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cowdenbeath Inn, April 18, Mr. J. Sneddon, president, in the chair. Replies from judges were read, and the following appointed:—Scotch Fancy, G. C. T. Hope, Edinburgh; Borders, D. Hamilton, Hamilton; Yorks., C. Martin, Glasgow; Crests, J. Lindsay, Markinch; Norwich, A. Fleming, Musselburgh; Goldfinch and Bullfinch, J. Henderson, Edinburgh. Other British, J. Mason, Peebles. Sec. was given instructions, re applying for specialist clubs patronage. Fife C.B.L. report submitted by Mr. J. R. Reid, and approved; agreed that our annual subscription be paid. Sec. read correspondence from the factor of the Naemoor Estate, Rumbling Bridge, stating that Mr. W. Mowbray had kindly granted permission for our society's annual ramble on June 2 through his woods, and had also appointed guides for us. Sec. was instructed to convey the thanks of the members to Mr. Mowbray for the privilege granted, also to find cost of motor charabanc, and report to next meeting. It is hoped all members will avail themselves of this opportunity to explore new ground, and give in their names to sec. at the earliest moment, so that all necessary arrangements may be made in time. Mr. Y. Stewart was appointed judge for next table show, May 6, in Ewan's, Fountain Bar; Any Variety Buntiug or Softbill. Mr. D. Aitken handed in two 2s. 6d. specials for next open show. Other members please note. New members proposed: Messrs. Duncan and Grant.—A. Robertson, Sec.

SOUTH WALES AND MON. FED. OF F. AND F.S.

Second annual meetiug, Bush Hotel, Swansea, April 13. Mr. D. A. S. Longden presiding. There was a very good attendance of delegates including Mr. Norris Sair, vice-president. The allotting of dates in the various societies was happily a very easy matter, there being no clashing. Officers elected: Pres., S. W. Thomas, Swansea; chair., D. A. S. Longden, Swansea; vice-chair., Mr. W. J. Davis, Treharris. Decided in future to elect the officers out of the Executive Council. Mr. Gordon McLucas elected permanent sec. and treas. The Executive Council was elected to comprise representatives from Pontardawe, Mumbles, Neath, Abertillery, Swansea C.B.S., Pentrobach, Llauelly and Dis. (mixed), Welsh International (Treorchy), Cardiff Welsh United G.C., Ammanford and Swansea and Dis. F.S. in addition to the officers. £3 3s. cup went to cage bird section, Mr. Wm. John Harry (Llauelly Society) with 394 points (subject to points being verified). Mr. J. E. Jeffries, Swausea, had sent in a return of 417 points gained, but he had included 29 points at Waunarlwyd show. This society not being affiliated these points had to be deducted which brought him under the number gained by Mr. Harry. All cups will be competed for again next season, having to be won three times. Three other cups were promised for next season, one of which, from Mr. Dendle, Swansea, is for novices in any or all sections. Sec. was instructed to write railway companies with regard to the possibility of having the rates reduced for conveying exhibits to and from shows, also to draw attention to the rough handling of exhibits whilst in their charge. With regard to the accusation made by Mr. A. E. Brown, Sec. Pentrebach Society against the Sec. of the Federation who is also the Sec. of the Pontypridd Society, that he had altered the date of the Pontypridd Society's fixture in an unfair and improper manner, ultimately a vote of censure was passed upon Mr. Brown, and a unanimous vote of confidence in Mr. McLucas and the officials of the Federation was also passed, embodying that what the sec. of the Federation did was open and quite proper. Accounts were audited by Messrs. Dendle and Eley, and showed a balance in hand of over £8. This is very gratifying, and the future of the Federation looks very hopeful. Two Societies have recently become affiliated: County of Pembroke and Barry; the latter society does not intend to hold an open show this season. The best thanks are due to the president, vice-presidents, and others, who have taken such a deep interest in the welfare of this Federation, and helped to make it such a success for such a period. Information will readily be given on application to the sec. and treas., A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser-st., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

CUMNOCK C.B.S.

Meeting, April 18, Crosskeys Hall, Auchinleck. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hainey, pres., Mr. Tom Findlay, vice-pres., occupied the chair. As the attendance was rather disappointing, it was thought that it would be in the interest of the society to alter the meetings on to the working Saturday, as there were always some taking advantage of the idle Saturday for holidaying. Acceptances of the judges confirmed. Sec. drew attention to the fact that the classification had now reached the grand total of 41 classes, which, for a society of only a few years' growth, must be considered. I should like to draw the attention of the New Cumnock fanciers to the fact that, while they are inside our radius, they are still outside of our society. We, as a society, would like to get them as members, and given the necessary support, intend to add two classes for Yorks., as we learn that some of them are Yorks. fanciers. Sec. will be pleased to give any information necessary. Ramble fixed for June 13; arrangements left with sec., who has approached the Marquis of Bute for a day's outing on the Dumfries House Estate, which should prove a desirable spot, being finely wooded throughout. Sec. will postcard all members later. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chairman.—Alex. Wyper, Market Place, Auchinleck, Sec.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Meeting, April 22, Station Cafe, Altrincham. Mr. T. Harrison presided over a good attendance and a few friends. After a little general business, the Chairman introduced Mr. Robinson, of Manchester, who had very kindly attended to give a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. The lecturer described to the meeting his idea of the type of Norwich Plainhead. It should possess a good round head, short neck, round full back, short wings, with good carriage, short legs, short tail, and good depth of front. In pairing to produce the bird, he said he must have a perfect hen, with the cock bird as big as he could get, with plenty of colour, as type and quality came from the hen and size and colour from the cock. He went on to say he is a great believer in double buffing, and recommended three times double buffing and one double yellowing, as in clears; he got size and quality of feather from the buffs and colour from the yellows. Referring to green blood, for colour he preferred a dark marked bird. During pairing never be frightened of giving plenty of dandelion, as you cannot give them enough, but give sparingly of soft food. Mr. Robinson then invited questions, which were very satisfactorily answered, and produced a good deal of discussion. At the close, Mr. Broadbent proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Robinson; this was seconded by Mr. Hallworth, and carried. In reply, Mr. Robinson said he was very pleased to be able to assist the society, if only as some return for services rendered to his society by the Chairman, Mr. T. Harrison, and he would be very willing to help and advise the members on future occasions; he wished them success in their efforts. Next meeting, May 6, Station Cafe, Altrincham. Discussion on sanitation of birdroom.—Chas. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PARK B.C.

Meeting and table show of British, Reid Hall, April 8. GOLDF.: 1, Fyfe; 2, Webster; 3, Dunlop; 4, Lindsay; 5, Crawford. BULLF.: 1, Hadley; 2, Swan. GREENF. (15): 1, 2, 4, Crawford; 3, Dunlop; 5, Fraser; 6, Webster. SISKIN: 1, Swan; 2, Fraser; 3, Hadley. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Fraser. Special best bird, J. Crawford, with Greenf.—T. Penman, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual general meeting, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, April 25, Mr. W. Aitchison (president), chair. The financial statement was considered, and after some little discussion on several items was passed unanimously. Chairman presented the medals won during the past season and congratulated the winners, several of whom secured their first medal. The competitors for cup, bowl, and novice prize had proved very successful. R. Martin won the cup with 103 points. A. M. Gardiner the bowl (93), and D. Harper the novice prize (43). Result of voting for office-bearers for the current year was intimated as under: Committee—West, E. Barron (30), A. Sloan (24), A. Maxwell (21), A. Chalmers (21), J. McLay (19), W. Bishop (18), J. Young (15), F. Taylor (15); North—G. Mitchell (31), W. Grewar (30), J. Hector (29), A. Harris (24), W. Allison (19), A. G. Forrest (17); East and South—A. G. Cameron (40), J. Winter (38), W. Aitchison (35), J. F. Dewar (30), J. Smeaton (27), A. M. Gardiner (21). Judges—A. G. Cameron (25), A. Chalmers (22), E. Barron (18), G. Mitchell (17), J. McLay (16), A. Sloan (15). Auditors—J. Young and W. Hutchison. Scrutineers—R. Craig and W. R. Dunn. Sec. and treas.—J. Brown. By 22 votes to 19, the club adopted compulsory ringiug of young birds, and rings can be had on application to sec. Sec. intimated that he had decided to resign, and Mr. E. Barron, 119, Montroso Street, Glasgow, was elected in his stead. Members elected:—Messrs. Park, Glasgow; Bissett, Motherwell; Burt, Bellshill; Tawse, Drumchapel; and Kelly, Kirkeudbright. Mr. Barron, the new sec., will be very pleased to hear from prospective members.—J. Brown.

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THE BREEDING OF THE EXHIBITION YORKSHIRE CANARY.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. W. Broughton before the members and friends of the Manchester and Northern Counties C.B.S.

Meeting April 20, Mr S. T. Oldham chair, with not so large an attendance as might have been. Mr. Bull was elected a member, and nominations for judges for first nest feather to be elected next meeting. The president called upon Mr. W. Broughton to give his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. Mr. Broughton said no had great pleasure in giving a lecture, and hoped they would give him some questions to answer. The lecturer then proceeded as follows: I think I cannot do better at the outset than refer to the standard shape: head small and round, skull narrow, neck moderately long and straight, shoulders narrow, rounded and well filled, back long, straight, well filled, wings long and evenly carried, breast round and smooth. The body long and gradually taporing to a neat waist, logs long without being stilty, thighs well clothed, tail long, straight and closed folded. Length, six and three-quarters, with correspondiug symmetrical proportions. Position: attitude erect, with fearless carriage; head, neck, back and tail in straight line, feather short, close, tight and compact; close carriage of wings and tail; colour, pure; condition, health, cleanliness and sound feather. As to shape, it will be noticed that the head is required to be small and round, with a narrow skull. As regards the neck, this should be long and straight; "straight" implies that the neck should be well filled, show no hollow from poll to shoulders, or fall away at the sides from the ehooks to the wing butts, as otherwise it cannot be straight. It should gradually widen from the head to the shoulders and run into the latter almost imperceptibly. The shoulders should be narrow and well filled; if a bird's shoulders are well filled in (as they should be) a nicely rounded back will always accompany them. On the question of size, this must not be overlooked, as bulky birds, however long they are, must not be countenanced at all in the breeding room. A Yorkshire should almost stand erect on the perch. No amount of training will give to a bird the correct Yorkshire position if position is not bred into it. Feather: Do not sacrifice this for anything, as coarse feather, in my mind, makes a bird appear to be scraggy. The Yorkshire, being a bird of position, does not require such a rich colour to show off its beauty as some other varieties. Condition and good health result from the selection of healthy stock birds with careful management afterwards. Having gathered what the good points of a typical Yorkshire should be, it is equally essential that one should have a knowledge of its chief faults. Coarse, heavy beaks, generally accompanied by coarse heads, should be avoided; don't breed with cocks with flat heads; I do not mind the hen being a bit flat in head. Flat skulls, whether wide or narrow, also tell against a bird. The former frequently accompanied by eyebrows, giving the bird a sullen appearance. The chief fault in the neck is thinness. The neck should show practically no falling away from the head to the shoulders; hollow shoulders are bad, as also are broad ones, and both should be avoided. Square shoulders are not so objectionable in a stock bird. The length of the back is determined pretty much by the length of the flights, so short-flighted birds should be rejected. Guttored or hollow backs also are rather glaring faults. The wings should not cross at the tips like a pair of scissors opened, neither should they droop, exposing the rump to view. Well carried wings go a long way towards making a well-filled back. Wide and open tails are minor faults, but are detrimental. Drop tails are a bad fault, and should be guarded against, a once bred in the stock they take a lot of breeding out. I should like to say a few words as to the advantage of the Cinnamon blood in the Yorkshire. It is that it helps you to get colour and quality. By mixing Cinnamon and Green together, we get those lovely salmon tinted Buffs. You can put Cinnamon blood into your stock without breeding Cinnamon marks by using the pink-eyed hens, as by using a pink-eyed hen to a dark-eyed cock. You will never get a Cinnamon feather if the cock has no Cinnamon blood in him; Cinnamon markings come from the cock's side, so you are compelled to have Cinnamon in the cock to produce Cinnamon coloured feather in the young the first year, but the sons of the above pair, pink-eyed hen and dark-eyed cock, mated up the following year to dark-eyed hens, will be capable of throwing Cinnamon marks, although the Cinnamon marks so bred will be hens, as it is impossible to get a Cinnamon marked cock bird by this method of pairing. Pair those same cocks to pink-eyed or Cinnamon marked hens, and you can produce Cinnamon marked cocks. I advise trying to breed your own stock birds, and you should have two sets of birds to breed from—one set to breed stock birds and the other set to breed show birds. In my experience, inbreeding has been a success, and some of my best birds have been inbred. I believe in doing this before introducing new blood, that is providing your stock has got the good points in it. Do not do it too rashly, or you will be worse off. It will take time. Mr. Oldham now invited questions, and several were fired at the lecturer, all of which were answered admirably. A vote of thanks to Mr. Broughton for his very enlightening and instructive lecture was carried enthusiastically, thus bringing to a close a happy and most instructive evening.—W. H. Tasser, Assist. Sec.

CLUB REPORTS—Continued from overleaf.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting, April 21, Mr. Taylor chair, and a fair number present. The members had put before them the suggested routes for ramble and date for same. Date was fixed for second Sunday in May, the route selected being Clent Hills and neighbourhood. Abundance of bird life is about there. Next was time and mode of conveyance to nearest point. After a lengthy discussion this was fixed as motor char-a-banc to Halesowen, where we alight and proceed by foot over the route as mapped out, which will necessitate about ten miles walk. Meet 8.30 a.m. King's Head, Hagley Road, fanciers taking lunch with them. Then suggested we have a knife and fork tea before proceeding home, which will be by train from Hagley Station. Members and fanciers who care to join us, please be at next meeting, 8.30, May 5, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich, to give in names and hear final arrangements.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, April 21, headquarters, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane. Mr. J. S. Fairman, chair. Egg-food making was the feature of the evening. Mr. D. Reeke, 1 egg to 2 parts bread and cream crackers, 10 pairs up and 6 pairs down; Mr. H. Page, 1 egg, 2 parts biscuits, with Robinson's groats, 6 pairs up, several hens due to hatch; Mr. Taylor, Osborne biscuit, egg, with maw and boiled rape, hemp crushed, after three days, 6 pairs up, 8 young, 4 weeks old, 4 hens down with 20 eggs, hens are feeding well on this preparation; Mr. Tyrell, 10 pairs of Norwich, egg, plain biscuit, maw, rape, and hemp all mixed, hens feed well, 12 young; Mr. Gardner, 6 pairs Norwich, egg and Spratts' cage bird food, with maw and soaked rape, hens doing well, 3 young; Mr. Fairman, 20 pairs Yorke., stale bread, egg, maw, boiled rape, hemp and watercress after three days, 2nd round lettuce, fair results, 4 young, 16 hens down; Mr. Cant, 3 pairs Crests, 9 pairs Yorkshires, egg, lunch biscuit, castor sugar, maw, hemp whole after three days, with dandelion, rape with canary throughout, good results. General discussion followed, and the meeting closed. May 5, lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. J. Hodder.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS UNITED C.B.S.

April 15, question night, smoker, and musical evening, Royal Oak Hotel. Mr. J. Stevens, chair, and a very fair attendance. Among those present were Mrs. Crofts, Miss Harman, Miss Kirk-Bullock, hon. sec. and treas., and Messrs. W. Harman, T. Veness, W. Ellis, R. Cragg, A. George. An apology for absence was received from Mr. J. Stoakes. "Question Night" was an experiment, and proved most successful. Some of the questions caused great interest and amusement, and the replies were excellent. The following are a few specimens:—"Which egg-food keeps fresh the longer—that made with biscuit or bread?" "The biscuit is better, as the bread turns sour." "I have a hen paired up for the past three weeks; the first week I had a wire partition, and the birds were very friendly, feeding each other. Seeing this, I removed partition, since then the hen has shown nothing but fight, takes no notice of nesting, and gives the cock bird an awful life. What would you do with this hen?" A member replied that he never used a partition; he put them together straight away, and if they disagreed they had to put up with it. "What is the difference between a Hybrid and a Mule?" "A Hybrid is between two British birds, and a Mule is between a Canary and a British bird." "Do you think some Hawfinches and Bullfinches shown in British classes are foreigners?" This question evoked a great deal of discussion, and some agreed there were foreigners shown in British classes, and others thought not. "Why pair a yellow and buff and not both buff or both yellow?" This also brought forth a long discussion, and many other splendid questions were asked. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by various members giving musical contributions. Next meeting will be the F.F. show, May 27. Point prizes will be given in each section at the end of the season. Hope to see a grand attendance.—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Adjourned annual general meeting at headquarters, the "Feathers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, Feb. 26, for the electing of officers for the ensuing year. Present: Messrs. J. Robson, J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, W. A. Shepherd, G. Oliver, O. Puck, A. Silver, C. T. Maxwell, and J. P. Carr. Officers elected:—Chair, Mr. J. Robson; vice, Mr. J. Dewhurst; hon. treas., Mr. T. R. Trower; hon, auditors, Mr. C. Cooper and Mr. A. Silver; hon. solicitors, Messrs. Nicholls, Herbert and Co.; hon. sec., J. P. Carr; hon. assist. sec., Mr. E. Stephens. A committee followed, Mr. Robson in the chair. Letter read from Mr. S. Williams, which sec. was instructed to answer. Hon. treas. was instructed to order and pay for the medals won during the past season..

Committee meeting held March 26. Present: Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, W. A. Shepherd, G. Oliver, O. Puck, H. J. Fulljames, C. T. Maxwell, Chas. Cooper, E. Shearman, A. Silver, J. Frostick, E. Stephens, and hon. sec. Correspondence read from Messrs. Botting and Stephens and London C.B.A. Mr. Trower made comments on his attendance before the Royal Commission sitting to enquire into the Wild Bird Laws. Hon. treas. was instructed to pay Messrs. Francis and Son's account for printing, etc. Mr. J. Mace, Sheffield, was elected a member. Mr. Frostick very kindly brought to the meeting two hen Siskins which were imported from China, and Mr. Silver brought an English specimen, also a hen for comparison. The three birds were identical in size and colour, and also their "call note." A most interesting discussion followed. Mr. Frostick was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for showing the birds, as was Mr. Silver for bringing the English bird for comparison. A classification which it is proposed to adopt at the club show to be held in conjunction with the London C.B.A. show at the Horticultural Hall, Nov. 26 to 28, was discussed at some length, and a sub-committee (Messrs. Puck, Trower, Dewhurst, Stephens, and hon. sec.) was formed to discuss the matter with a sub-committee of the L.C.B.A., and try to come to an arrangement respecting the guarantee of full prize money in each class. A vote of thanks to chair concluded the meeting.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec.

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EDINBURGH (Open) O.A.

Meeting April 25. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. C. R. Drysdale; vice-pres., Mr. D. Martin; committee, Messrs. Bell, Wilson, Cockburn, Reid, Petrie, Howden, West and Stewart. —R. Lile, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting April 25th, Mr. Massey presided over a moderate attendance. Three members were elected. The judging standard was considered, the discussion—lasting over two hours—was very interesting, and was followed intently by everyone present. It was unanimously decided that the P.R.C.C. are not in favour of any alteration in the judging standard, and also to protest very strongly to the B.R.C.C. against any alteration. Vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting Ap. 21, Oddfellows' Hall. Mr. W. G. French presided over moderate attendance. Suggestions were made to provide novice classes at open shows and to reduce entry fee to long-distance exhibitors; discussion and voting on same to take place at May meeting. Mr. E. S. Lugg gave a lecture on "Seeds and their use for cage birds," which was greatly appreciated by all present. Amongst others who have lately joined the society the following well-known fanciers' names occur, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, late of Exeter (Mule exhibitors); Mr. Thos. Line, Barnstaple (Crests); Mr. J. Lashbrook, Sidmouth (Yorkshires); and Mr. Nicholls, Helston (Yorkshires).—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

A lecture on "Birdy Topics."

Owing to the nearness of the holidays the attendance at the meeting, April 6, at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, was not so large as usual. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, the chief feature of the meeting being a lecture by Mr. John Robson on "Birdy Topics." It was announced that Mr. G. W. Saunders had presented a cup for the best unflighted Norwich bred by a member, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. Next the chairman presented his prizes, two pretty biscuit barrels, for the judging competitions, to Messrs. A. H. Dyke and H. W. Hobden, who tied with 27 points each. Thanks were given the auditors, Messrs. S. Wright and A. R. Jay. Mr. Robson said he had chosen the subject, "Birdy Topics," because it would cover a large amount of ground, and could be made seasonable. After remarking that we lived in strange times, he laid himself out to criticise and censure the Society for the Preservation of Wild Birds for the attitude they took up with regard to the keeping of wild birds, averring that the birds were longer lived and better protected in cages than in their wild state. He also criticised the composition of the Committee appointed by the Home Office to make enquiry as to the protection of wild birds, and complained that no well known cage bird fancier was included in the Committee. He then went on to explain the necessity of studying the points and characteristics of British birds if they were kept for show purposes, although this was not essential if the birds were kept as pets only. He said a great deal of experience was necessary if success was to be attained in keeping British birds, especially the insectivorous varieties, and he pointed to the advantages of shows and meetings in gaining this experience. The breeding of hybrids, he said, required the patience of Job, although with proper experience it was one of the most fascinating branches of cage bird keeping. The difficulty of rearing the productions of rare crosses was pointed out, and the lecturer said it was most extraordinary that some of the rarest of rare crosses were effected by novices, a fact he ascribed to the little inclination the novice had at first to interfere with his birds, for fear he should upset them. He explained the method of building-up, without interbreeding, a good stock of hens for producing light mules, and spoke of the necessity of getting both good cocks and good hens if good results were to follow. Getting to Canary-breeding he gave some good advice as to the spring cleaning necessary before starting the breeding season, seeing that all the birds were in good and fit condition and properly fed, the importance of giving proper attention to pairing, and the correct blending of the cocks and hens, so as to get a correct distribution of properties and points between them. He explained the characteristics wanted, and the faults to be looked for. Other birdy matters dealt with before the conclusion of the lecture were Cinnamons, which he said were dying out as a result of a monopoly, and pointed out the essential properties demanded by the standard; and greens, which he said if they were to be kept up to standard required the occasional introduction of fight blood. A number of questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, and a vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.—G. Griffiths, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Table show, April 8; Mr. Dean judged, afterwards giving a lecture on Canaries and Breeding, and pointing out to those present the failing of the birds staged. CHAMP. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Gibb; vhc, Dandridge. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Gibb. A.O.V.: 1, Boxall, Crest; 2, Mrs. Gibb, Border Fancy. NOV. CAN.: 1, Williams; 2 3 vhc, Oakshott. A judging competition was also held, Mr. A. Goble handing in the slip nearest the judge's, and winning the club sp. Altogether an enjoyable and instructive evening was passed.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting April 16th, 81, Kilbowie-road, Mr. McGown presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Sheridan moved that two members be appointed to look after a suitable hall for F.F. Show. Mr. Simpson seconded Mr. Sheridan and sec. were appointed. Mr. McKay moved that we get a new minute book, and that the minutes be signed by chairman. Mr McBride seconded. Mr. Morton moved that we continue as we have been doing; Mr. Easton seconded. The amendment was carried. Agreed to appoint stewards for F.F. show at next meeting.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

WELSH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting at Merthyr, April 20, Mr. G. T. Jones presiding. Present: Messrs. D. H. Tedstone, J. H. Jones, E. Richards, E. Powell, G. T. Jones, W. B. Watkins, G. L. Harber, and A. E. Brown. Alterations to rules: In rule 2, all after the word "books" be struck out, and add "and forfeit all claims against the club." The last portion of Rule 5 will now appear before the secretary's voting power. Rule 6 was altered throughout, and it now states that all officers, etc., will be elected at the annual general meeting. Rule 7 was struck out. In Rule 17 the following was added: "When a member commences in a season as a novice, his points for that season shall count in the novices' section." The mixed show classification was altered, viz., Classes 7 and 17 struck out. Classes 11 and 12 made one, also Classes 13 and 14, and 15 and 16. Decided to pay Mr. H. Phillips 20s. for the loss of his bird, and the meeting regretted to hear of Mr. Phillips' accident. Club's patronage left in abeyance. Election of officers for 1914: Chair, Mr. G. T. Jones; vice, Mr. G. L. Harber; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Jones; sec., A. E. Brown; auditors, Messrs D. H. Tedstone and W. B. Watkins; committee, Messrs. E. J. Bevan, E. Powell, E. Richards, E. Lewis, F. H. Cook, and Capt. Collier. The Leach Canary Cup, Norwich Cup, and Sandiford's special, and four medals were presented to Mr. D. H. Tedstone. Mr. Tedstone's points amounted to 118, next highest being Mr. D. Jenkins with 100, balance-sheet showing a credit balance of £12 was read and accepted. At next meeting we will consider the advisability of running an open show instead of the usual club show. Will members please send me their subs. for 1914.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting April 11, Headquarters. Correspondence read from Blaydon, and patronage was granted to that show. Sec. reported that the breed was making headway at last, three new members joining us this season, and one or two more were expected. By the numerous enquiries about Lizards in the locality, I fully expect we shall be fairly strong next season. I shall be pleased to hear of anyone desiring to join us; no entrance fee, annual subs. 2s. 6d. Further information from the sec.—G. C. Davidson, 6, Eden Vale, Sunderland.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Supper and social evening, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Apr. 16. A good number of members and friends attended to partake of a substantial supper, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Morton. Mr. E. Stobart presided over the social evening, and Messrs. R. McAndrew (humorist), Wright, Copley (bass), and J. Hamer (tenor) very ably entertained with songs and duets. Mr. J. E. Priestley accompanied at the piano excellently. Mr. F. Armstrong proposed votes of thanks to the artistes, the accompanist, and to the host and hostess. He said he was most pleased to do so, as the manner in which they had been entertained and catered for that evening had been splendid. He could assure them that all present had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr. F. P. Sunderland ably seconded. Mr. Copley and Mr. McAndrews suitably replied on behalf of the artistes, and Mr. Morton the caterers.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting, Drill Hall, April 15; Mr. Wm. Whiteford presided. Proposed schedule for open show was drawn up. 88 classes in all to go forward this season. We intend putting forward a class for dark or heavy variegated hen Mules or Hybrids. The Fancy will, we hope, see with us in stipulating for dark or heavy variegated, as it is almost certain that clear, ticked, or even marked hen Mules would be most likely to carry off the honours. These, of course, have the opportunity of competing in clear, etc., Mule class as formerly. Some members had Linnets forward, and a nice table show resulted, some good specimens being shown. After judging, some discussion was carried on, and useful information imparted by Mr. Wm. Grewar who judged. This was our first table show, and we hope members will turn out in large numbers at next meeting, May 13, as we intend having an any variety British class forward then.—R. Muir, Sec.

The Shows.

LLANBERIS.

Show at Concert Hall, April 25. The entry was very fair throughout, and quality was excellent, several birds being in too high condition for showing. Norwich were a grand lot, Mr. W. H. Williams capturing special for best in show with his well-known cl. yell., but the four-pointed buff from same stables seemed to be the favourite with many; shown faultless. Yorks. classes were well filled, most of them well known. Mules and Hybrids still retained their good qualities. Goldfinches were a good class, the leader a stormer. Good specimens were shown in the variety classes and cheap birds in the selling. The local class was very good and contained a nice selection. Pres., Sir Charles Assheton Smith, Bart., and Lady Assheton Smith, visited the show and seemed to take great interest in the fixture; the hall was full of spectators and exhibitors all the afternoon, the committee striving in every way to make the show a success. Hon. Secs., Messrs. H. H. Parry and Ed. F. Jones were worthy officials, and very energetic. Mr. Clem Watson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, W. H. Williams, cl., rare size and subs., good col. and feather, grand body, neat head and eye, nice qual.; 2, R. E. Griffith, nat. col., good size and con.; 3, W. H. Parry, good medium size, good type, col. and qual.; res, J. Wilson. BUFF (4): 1, 2, W. H. Williams, four-pointed leading, ideal type, rare head and neck, still improving, lovely feather, 2nd grand cl., monster for size, typical, short wings, well clipped up, boxy feather; 3, J. Wilson, good size and col., nice qual.; res, W. H. Parry. YORKS YELL. (8): 1, res, vhc, Owen, winner cl. yell., nice length, slim and leggy, good pos.; 2, Sergt. Evans, rare length and style, well moulded, grand col. and feather, good wings and tail; 3, J. O. Williams, well-known winner, lengthy and stylish, might have gone up. BUFF (7): 1, 3, res, Owen, leader good length and shape, well balanced wing, tkd., full of qual., rare pose and feather, 3rd cl., lengthy and stylish, good col. and feather; 2, Parry, cl. nat. col., neat head, good qual., well up on legs, boxy feather; vhc, Sergt. Evans; hc, J. O. Williams. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, Griffith, Goldie-Bullie leading, nice size, good col. and feather, well known, 2nd Siskin Mule, good blocky type, rich col., grand con.; 3, res, hc, Hughes Bros., light Goldie Mule, good type, qual. and feather. GOLDF. (9): good class: 1, W. H. Williams, Greypate, good size and col., fine width of blaze, very expansive, grand sheen; 2, Lewis and Pritchard, good size and type, nice tan and bars, nice depth of blaze; 3, vhc, hc, E. Jones, former very rich blaze, good flush, face and tanning, might have gone up one; c, Owen. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, res, Green, Bullie leading, lustrous col., good breast and back, grand cap, one of the first water, easy winner, 3rd well pencilled Linnet, good feather; 2, Lewis and Pritchard, good Yell. Bunting, rich col., steady, well mkd. on cheeks; vhc, W. H. Williams. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Griffith, Waxwing, good size, rich col., clean-cut bib, nice cond.; 2, Hughes, good sized Thrush, well pencilled. A.O.V., including For. (3): 1, Griffith, good Lorrikeet, fine cond.; 2, Miss Green, fine Amazon, good size and col. LOCAL (8): 1, W. H. Parry, Nor. yell., 3rd in open; 2, D. Williams, yell. Yorks, length, slim and leggy, nice col.; 3, Lewis and Pritchard, light Goldie Mule, good qual.; res, Hughes; vhc, W. J. Parry; hc, O. E. Williams.

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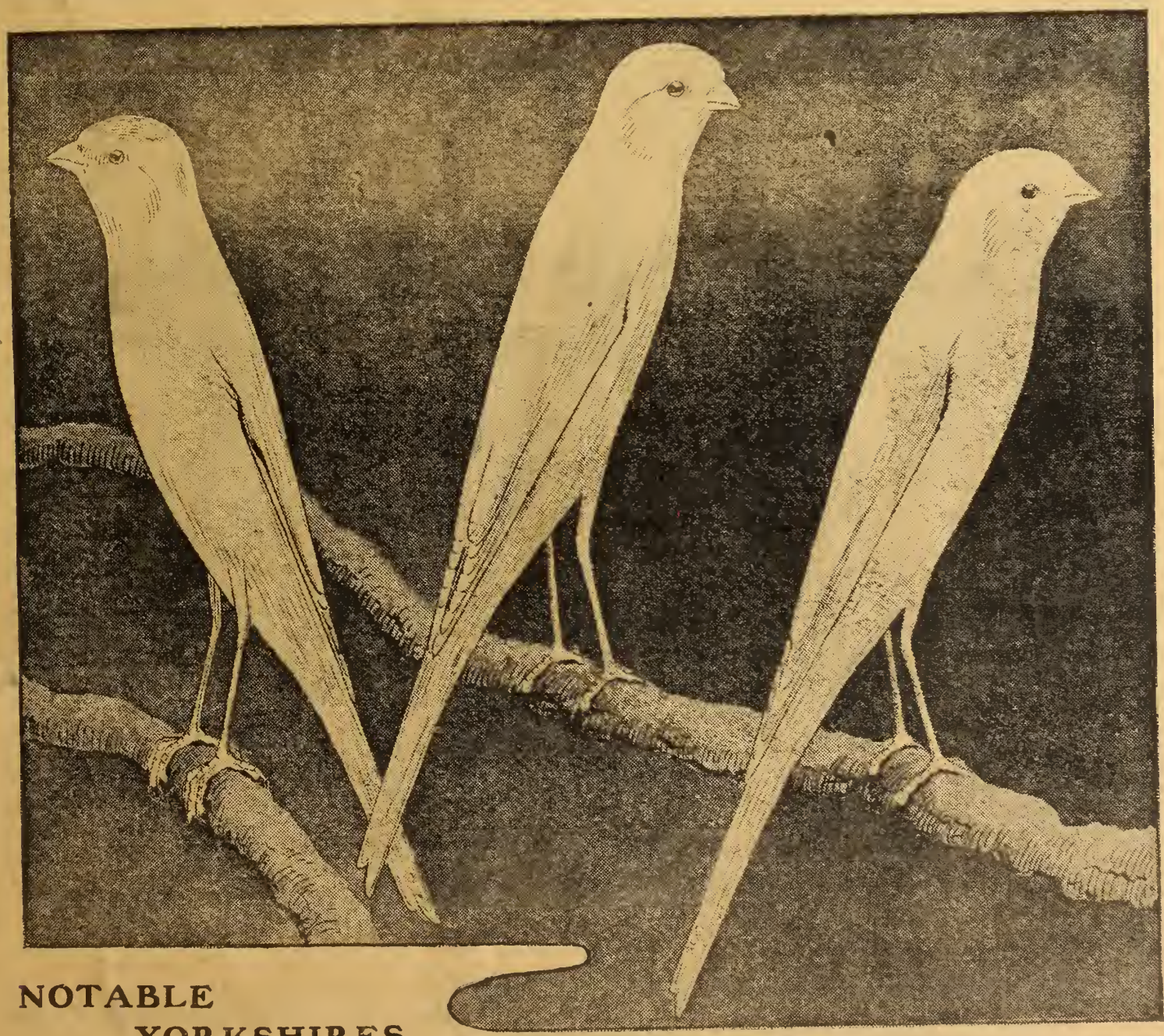

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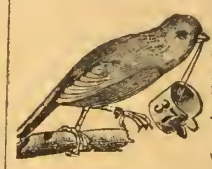

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Club Reports.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting at Mr. Hannighan's; Mr. R. Hutchinson chair. Mr. J. Mason, Oxhill, was enrolled a member. Decided that Mr. W. H. Butler, South Shields, be judge for young bird show, June 27, and Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington Station, for annual show Dec. 12. We invite fanciers to join our society, which is going very strong at present; we have two cups for competition at our annual show, and several specials are promised already.—W. Thompson, Sec.

PENICUIK O.S.

Meeting in Cowan Institute, April 11. Mr. George Greig, vice-pres., in chair, and a good attendance. Three new members were elected to the cage bird section—Messrs. Douglas, Gilchrist, and Steel. Decided to hold the show on the third Saturday of November if a suitable hall can be got for that day. Judges were nominated, and their names will be announced after they accept office. Classification for the Canary section was drawn up:—7 Borders, 4 Scotch Fancy, 4 Nor. Two British, one Mule or Hybrid, and a Foreign bird class will be added if required.—Jas. Weir, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Meeting April 25, Mr. E. Powell in chair. Auditors' report of year's working accepted. Decided to hold open show Jan. 11. Classification: Crests, 2; Nor., 8 (novice 2); Yorks, 10 (novice, 4); Bord., 2; Sell., 2; Brit., 7; Hyb., 2; For., 2; Local, 1; Members', 4. Election of judge will take place next meeting, also a paper will be read on general management of Canaries by our worthy treasurer, Mr. E. G. Bevan. I trust we shall have a good muster of members and friends, as I am certain with the experience Mr. Bevan has we shall hear something good. Now, novices, don't forget your questions.—W. B. Watkins, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting at headquarters, Oldham Hall, April 23. Letter read from Mr. Young resigning from the committee. New members elected: Messrs. W. Lamby, Alex. Forest, A. Pugh, Hockliss, and E. Ewin. The following were proposed: Messrs. Rothwell, Hartley, Pullin. Applications for patronage read from London C.B.A., Bradford, Newcastle,. Officers for ensuing year:—Chair, J. W. Metcalfe; vice, J. Walker; sec. and treas., Fredk. Handley; assist. sec., J. Lloyd; auditors, T. R. Jones, Ewing; committee, J. Abbott, T. Evans, T. R. Jones, R. Brotherton, W. Carruthers, D. Steinart, J. Handley. The election of pres. and vice-pres. is left to the sec. Members who have not paid up, please do so at once. In the Border Section Mr. Little wins cash special with 47 points. We are running the novice scheme again, and our next meeting, May 28, is for the purpose of settling matters.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Annual general meeting in Nelson's Temp. Hotel, Ap. 21, Mr. J. F. Park presiding over a fair attendance. Sec. submitted financial statement, which was considered satisfactory. The question of again running an open show was considered, and it was unanimously agreed to do so on same dates as formerly, Nov. 20 and 21. The question of raising a guarantee fund was discussed, and it was decided to raise same, and to ask the co-operation of the various Glasgow clubs towards that object. Election of office-bearers: Pres., Mr. J. F. Park; vice-pres., Messrs. A. Sloan and McLay; treas., Mr. Wm. Gunion; assist. sec., Mr. D. F. Webster; sec., W. Hutchison; auditors, Messrs. Heggie and Maxwell; comm. of 13, Messrs. Craig, F. Taylor, E. Barron, E. Taylor, R. Watson, T. Fraser, A. Swann, P. Huston, C. Martin, A. Walker, J. C. Sinclair, Wm. Priest, D. Wyllis. Decided to hold half-yearly meeting May 28 for election of judges etc. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, April 21. President, Mr. A. W. Watson, in chair, and a large turnout of members. Sec. gave a report as to the letting of Lynecastle Hall for annual show. The society are again fortunate in securing the said hall for annual show, as although the price of same is a little more than previous years, yet, considering the size of hall, and its convenience, it is well worth the money. Sec.'s action was endorsed by the members as to the booking of hall for Nov. 28. Two new members elected: Mr. A. Bell, jun., and Mr. A. Morrison. Sec. was instructed to try to arrange for a ramble some Saturday afternoon a few weeks hence. Members wrote questions on slips of paper, which were afterward drawn from a hat, each member giving an answer to the question which he had drawn, some other members also giving their methods of feeding, etc., and answering the questions. The members spent an hour and a half on questions, and answers were very interesting and instructive.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, Spencer Hall, April 27. Mr. R. T. Dann, chair. Mr. G. E. Weston gave a very interesting chat on Mule Breeding. He considered a cage 40 inches long, 12 high, and 10 deep, divided into three compartments, was a good size to use, and this, after the breeding season is over, could be used as three stock cages by inserting the partitions. He preferred to have the nest boxes outside the cage; this had many advantages, not only saving room, but from personal experience he found that the Finches seldom, if ever, entered the nest box, and it did away with the bad habit of the Finches breaking the eggs. The boxes he used were made of wood—top, back, and bottom, with wire sides, with a hole cut in the bottom in which to fix the nest. The nest he used was a blocked leather one, as the earthenware ones he considered were too deep. When the hen had finished building they were often cone shaped, and all you could see of her was the tip of the tail and beak; also it not only hampered the hen in feeding the young, but he believed was in many cases the cause of sweating, as the young ones had not the same chance of helping themselves as in the more shallow nest. He thought the Goldfinch was most used for muling, also that birds which had not bred in a wild state were the most reliable mulers. He preferred purchasing his birds in October; good sized Siberian Greypates suited him best, a good choice of which you can get at many shops in that month. As regards the hens, the ones to use were good sized yellow Norwich, bred from clears in preference to the much-talked-of Sib.-bred pink-eyed ones. He firmly believed that the Finch was the dominating factor as regards obtaining light Mules. For the Canary-Bullfinch cross he preferred a hen more of the Yorkshire type, one that is lively in the cage, to the thick set bird, as the latter kind had a tendency to develop fat, which was detrimental to them as breeders. For green food he much preferred the taraxacum (dandelion leaves) to any other. He strongly recommended the use of safflower seed in preference to hemp, which was too oily and fattening. Also, he considered that bad hemp was often the cause of fatalities amongst our birds. For other foods we can all read in CAGE BIRDS from week to week those which are suitable to bring our birds into condition. Mr. Weston also spoke of many other interesting points too numerous to mention. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weston was passed unanimously, and brought a very enjoyable and instructive evening to a close. Four new members were elected: Messrs. K. Harley, B. Wales, J. C. Brown, and W. C. Overton.—J. Hyd , Hon. Sec.

BARRY F. AND F.S.

Meeting, April 8, Mr. W. W. Marshall, chair. Decided to join the South Wales and Mon. Federation. Mr. J. Tenlett elected member of committee. Next meeting, May 13, 7.30, at Rosser's Restaurant, Holton Road, Barry Dock.—H. P. Thomas

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting Headquarters, April 27, Mr. H. Norman chair, and a goodly number present. Sec. read letters from a number of clubs applying for patronage. Decided to allot the patronage to Watford, Plymouth, Palace Autumn Show, Cheltenham, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, L.C.B.A., Llanelly. It will be seen that the committee have done their best to consider the claims of all members by distributing the patronage, so that each district is fairly represented. No two shows take place in any one week, and there will be six different judges officiating at the eight shows selected. It is to be regretted that we were not able to allot the patronage to all those clubs which received it last year, but several dates clashed, and as it is too great a strain on some of the members to show at two shows on the same date, the committee selected those which they thought would best suit the majority of the members. Members elected: Messrs. Green, Owen, Preece, and Elston. No new members were nominated, this being the first blank meeting in this respect. The secretary would be pleased to forward particulars of membership to any fancier of the Border Canary in the South. A considerable discussion arose on the model adopted by the club, several of the members stating that they did not think it wise for the club to adopt a model which differed from the models of the older clubs, and they thought it might be the cause of some friction. Decided that for the present the model should be withdrawn, but should it be found in the future that there was still a feeling that the existing model required some alteration, the Northern clubs should be approached with a view to all falling in line. A very lengthy meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman.—F. W. Burton, Hon. Sec., 91, Forest-road, Dalston, N.E.

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Singing Contests.

WEST AUCKLAND.

Linnet sing, Fleece Hotel, May 2; 60 birds entered for three prizes, and some extra good singing was heard: 1, 2, Jenkinson and Taylor and Bell divided 3, Milliou. Next sing May 9.—T. Rewcastle.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Linnet contest, Grey Mare, Bolton Road, May 2 for time; 25 sang for five prizes: 1, Knowles, 17 secs.; 2,5, Fairhurst, 167, 87; 3, Forshaw, 138; 4 Hilton, 93. Timekeepers, J. Woodward and J Halliwell. Tappers, J. Smalley and Darwell. Minutes, R. Disley.—E. Hickman.

BLACKBURN.

Members' contest, Empire Hotel, May 2: 31 birds sang for seven prizes: 1, 5, Sissons; 2, Jones; 3 Bentley; 4, Dobson; 6, 7, Smedley. There was some very good singing.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

CASTLEFORD

Linnet contest, headquarters, George and Dragon Bridge Street, May 2; 58 birds entered for four minutes' time-singing for five prizes. The winner sang very well: 1, Williams, 117; 2, Brindley, 73; 3, Sweeting, 56; 4, Wainwright, 54; W. Nelson and B. Nelson shared 5, 50 each. May 2: 28 birds entered for three minutes' time singing for three prizes; 1, Williams, 125; 2, Wainwright, 65; 3, Dobson, 68.—J. Brindley, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, headquarters, Commercial Hotel, May 2; 20 entered for three prizes: 1, Collison, 65secs.; 2, 3, Liversidge, 49, 43. Although the scores did not reach the usual mark, the singing was very good.—A. Tomlin, Sec

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, three minutes' singing, Linnets, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street, Sheffield; 11 pairs sang for three prizes given by Mr. J. Schofield: 1, 2, Spottswood and Brown divided, 35secs. each; 3, Brown and Robinson divided, 33secs. each.—W. Bingham, Sec

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, May 2; 23 entered for three prizes: 1, Beard, 92; 2, Jones, 88; 3, Proctor, 43. Open sing May 3: 24 entered for three prizes, three minutes' time sing: 1, Beard; 2, 3, Jones.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 2; 19 birds competed for three prizes. Some very good singing was heard. 1, 2, shared by Binns and Ward; 3, Jarman. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and Sellars. Special meeting, May 9, at 8 prompt. Intending members are requested to attend.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality Linnet singing, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, May 2; 26 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 2, Wood; 3, Stead; 4, Chadwick. Judges, Clegg, Naylor, Richardson. May 3, 28 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 2, Wood; 3, 4, Stead. Judges, Sissons, Naylor, Richardson.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Corr, May 2; 19 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Binns; 2, Ward; 3, Buttery. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Lunn. May 3, 27 entered for four prizes given by Mr. Bowyer: 1, 3, Buttery; 2, S. Johnson; 4, Brabiner. Judges, Messrs. Appleyard and Pyeah.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newtown.—32 birds sang: 1, Banfield; 2, Clark; 3, Chippindale; 4, Hayes. Judges, T. Ward and P. Madden.—R. Redyard, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, May 2, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road; 20 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 2, shared, Lipman and Yates; 3, Smith. Judges, Messrs. Sellers and Goodwill.—W. Lipman, Hon Sec.

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Twitterings.

Cage Birds last week and the Coloured Plate were excellent.—J. B. Lothian (Edinburgh).

I congratulate Cage Birds on the splendid spring double number and the beautiful coloured plate.—John Craig (Beith).

Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax, will judge the Yorkshire section at the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association show, Nov. 28.

Miss Kirk Bullock, hon. sec. and treas. Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S., is removing to 6, Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings.

We hear from Mr. J. C. Mossop, hon. sec., that the annual show of the Grange-over-Sands P.P. and C.B.S. is fixed for Dec. 3.

Mr. J. Raynes will judge Stockport and Hazel Grove Members' N.F. show, June 20, at Trinity House, Stockport, writes Mr. W. Stafford, hon. sec.

Mr. G. Siddoun, sec. Ilkeston C.B.S., writes that he is removing to No. 45, Lower Granby Street, Ilkeston. Correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

Permit me to state that one of your readers has again been returned as a member of Newbattle School Board, writes Mr. A. Anderson (Newtongrange).

The Spring Issue was extra good, the articles being of great interest. I learned a lot from this one issue. Good luck to Cage Birds.—E. Davies (Manchester).

The May issue of "British Birds," Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, contains a very complete index to Vol. 7, June 1913 to May 1914. The number opens with an article, "Snipe and Redshank Nesting in Sussex," by Col. H. W. Fielden, and the rest of the issue is occupied by records of the recovery of marked birds, some interesting letters, and a list of occurrences of rare birds in Scotland.

For hand-rearing young birds, either Canaries or British birds, there is probably no better implement than the "Filnp" feeder, made by Messrs. Goodman and Co. Messrs. Goodman, owing to the splendid reception given to their feeders by cage bird fanciers, are enabled to sell them on a 14 days' free trial basis. Full particulars may be had from Messrs. Goodman at 24, Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford.

At the City and Suburban A.C.B. meeting on Monday next, May 11th, a lecture entitled the "Bird Within the Egg" is to be given by Mr. G. E. Weston, who will deal with the fertilising of the egg and the progress of the embryo bird until hatched, while causes of clear eggs, young failing to hatch or dying in the egg at an early stage, etc., and why pedigree breeding is essential, will be discussed. All fanciers are invited to attend. Meeting at 8.15 p.m., at headquarters, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, High Street, Marylobone, W. (near Baker Street Tube Station and motor 'buses).

EGGS WANTED FOR THE HOSPITALS.

Hospital Egg Week, organised by our sister paper, The Poultry World, commences next Tuesday, the inclusive dates being May 12 to May 19. During this week poultry-keepers throughout the United Kingdom send new-laid eggs to the offices of The Poultry World, and these are in turn distributed amongst the inmates of the Great Metropolitan Hospitals. Last year over 27,000 new-laid eggs were collected, but it is hoped that this number will be exceeded during the coming Egg-Week.

We quote below the words of the Secretary of the Great Northern Hospital:—

"A gift of new laid eggs is one of the most acceptable that can be made to any hospital."

Many readers of Cage Birds keep poultry, and we appeal to them to spare as many eggs as they can for the Hospitals. Others, too, who have poultry keeping friends, would be conferring a favour on us if they would ask them to send new laid eggs during the Hospital Egg Week. All eggs should be sent carefully packed and carriage paid to The Poultry World, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., to reach the offices between May 12 and May 19.

We are pleased to see from the annual report that the Wimbledon C.B.S. is in a very flourishing condition. Despite a slight loss on the annual show, they have a cash balance of £25 12s. 9d., and assets altogether totalling £44 17s. 9d. This excellent society is also very much alive from the point of view of membership, 125 fanciers being on the books. The unavoidable secession of their tried and trusted secretary, Mr. H. Smith, is regretted by all, but in Mr. G. Griffiths (The Yews, Kingston Road, Merton Park) the society has secured an enthusiastic and capable successor, who will be glad to hear from anyone desirous of becoming a member.

We have read the balance sheet of the Sheffield O.S. for 1913. This sets forth details of receipts and expenditure over the members', N.F., and open shows, and also the management account. The members' show resulted in a loss of £5 14s. 7d., and 19s. 10d. was lost over the N.F. show. The open show, however, produced the very satisfactory profit balance of £14 17s. 11d., and the management account, which includes the £47 13s. brought forward from 1912, and all items of revenue and expenditure, shows that the present cash balance in hand is £65 4s. 6d. In addition there is an asset of £3 15s. 6d. for cash owing for advts. We congratulate the officials of the Sheffield O.S. upon the satisfactory results of their year's work.

OBITUARY.

Mr. A. Hodgson (Idle).

It is with profound sorrow, writes Mr. C. E. Hylton, Sec. Idle C.B.S., I have to report the tragic death of one of our members, Mr. J. A. Hodgson, whose death has cast a pall over the whole district. He went out to his work as usual on May 2nd, in robust health, and just before dinner-time, having to descend a ladder, he missed his hold and fell some 30 feet, dying at the Bradford Infirmary between 6 and 7 o'clock. I am sure all fanciers will extend with us their deepest sympathy to his widow and two young children.

Mr. J. McLean (Coppull).

The Chorley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. H. Welch, hon. sec., regrets to announce the death of one of its oldest members, Mr. J. McLean, of Coppull, nr. Chorley. He had always taken a deep interest in the Society, and was one of our best exhibitors. He had been a member of our society since its foundation, and his loss will be greatly felt by all the members.

The Jackdaw' Egg Diet.

Jackdaws now visit the British Museum daily to feast on the eggs of the Pigeons that nest over the portico, says "The Standard."

A Rare Visitor.

Mr. W. Wells Bladen writes to "British Birds" that on April 16 a Hoopoe paid a short visit to the lawn of Trentham Vicarage (Staffordshire).

Like Father Like Daughter.

The winning Yorkshire at the Palace of Messrs. Fisher and Dyson (Skelmanthorpe), depicted on our front page this week, was the father of the buff hen which also won 1st prize for them at the Crystal Palace show.

Sharing the Toil.

In the "Scotsman" a correspondent mentions a case of co-operative bird-nesting in which he found a nest with three Hedge Sparrow's eggs and two Thrush's eggs. The Hedge Sparrow sat in the morning and the Thrush in the afternoon. The correspondent was away before the eggs were hatched, so does not know the end of the tale. [We should hesitate to describe this as a "tale."—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: West Bromwich C.B.S., May 10, to Clent Hills, etc., meet 8.30 a.m., King's Head, Hagley Road; Huddersfield O.S., May 11, meet 2 p.m., top of King Street; Poplar C.B.S., May 10, to Laindon, meet East Ham Station, 9.35; and Woolwich C.B.S., May 17, to Swanley, via Bexley, meet 8.15 a.m., at the Fountain, Wickham Lane, Plumstead. Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not.

A Winner from Winners.

My winning unflighted buff Yorkshire Canary (see portrait on front page) is a grandson of my old wing-ticked yellow cock that won the silver cup at Bristol Fanciers' Show in 1908 in a very strong class, also 1st Cardiff, 1st and S.Y.C.C. diploma Swansea National, 1909. I consider this bird one of the best I ever bred, as he possesses in a marked degree all the essential qualities required to make a really typical Yorkshire. It may be of interest to note that the parents of this bird are both winners, as also were his great-grandparents, and it is apparent I have a predeliction for in breeding. I am fully convinced one must work on scientific lines, and that pedigree breeding must be our motto if success is desired, no matter what the variety may be.—George Thomson (Cardiff).

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES.

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

More Guineas for Bird Breeders; A Lady Aviculturist Generously Swells the Prize List.

OUR scheme to provide some recognition of the efforts of bird-lovers who break new ground in the breeding of birds—whether Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, or Foreign—would seem to find favour in the eyes of our readers. Last week, when we first printed details of the scheme in our columns we invited expressions of opinion, whether favourable or otherwise, and up to the time of going to press no adverse comment of any kind, or even suggestions of amendments, has reached us; congratulations, on the other hand, have been numerous.

We are chary of thinking, however, that Cage Birds' latest scheme is so perfect that improvement in some particular or particulars cannot be effected. We would, therefore, again ask kindly readers who may see some point or points which in their opinion could be advantageously altered, or some direction in which the scheme could be extended in scope, to write us at once. We shall welcome all suggestions; and every one shall be given full consideration.

A very handsome addition to the prize-list is the welcome announcement we have to make this week. Mrs. E. Warren Vernon, whose interest in the cage breeding of British birds we referred to in our last issue, has written us saying that she will give

A Cash Prize of One Guinea yearly, over a term of not less than five years, to the fancier who breeds the rarest British Softbill in a cage.

The decision is to be left to the Editor or committee, as per rule 6. The generous donor expresses the hope that these prizes may lead to a large number of successes. We, too, hope so; at any rate Mrs. Warren Vernon is assured that her offer will be widely appreciated by British bird enthusiasts.

Several fanciers have notified us of their intention to do their utmost to win certificates or medals in one or other of the sections. Most gratifying of all, we hear already that there is a possibility of a claimant appearing for an award in the section covering new varieties of Canaries.

We are not now at liberty to divulge the name of the breeder (a lady, by the way) but feel that we cannot resist the temptation to make public this item of information, as it should stimulate others to think out how departures from the present breeds may be secured, and in this way to endeavour to add a new spice of interest to the exhibitions of the 1914-15 season.

Revised particulars of Cage Birds Prizes for Breeders are appended. To encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in cages and aviaries, Cage Birds suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary, any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Softbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to the sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

which is presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in Cage Birds, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of Cage Birds will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

The Wheatear in London.

That well-known British bird enthusiast, Mr. W. A. Lott, who worked so hard in the early days of the N.B.B. & M.C. as its secretary, tells us of a happening which seems well worthy of being put on record, namely, the capture of a fine male Wheatear in his garden in Clapham, not far from the heart of the city! On April 19th Mr. Lott discovered this bird crawling about in a crippled condition, obviously having been mauled by a cat, one wing being badly torn. Mr. Lott naturally did everything he could to get the bird to survive, but unfortunately without success; it succumbed within twenty-four hours. It was a really fine specimen.

Elderly Cage Birds.

In recent issues of a daily contemporary, several readers have given interesting details of elderly pet birds.

"I have a Goldfinch Mule which will be eighteen years old next month. Is this a record?"—C. Cook (Wellingboro.).

I am the happy possessor of a Bullfinch, now in his thirteenth year, in perfect health and condition, who occupies the same cage he was put into twelve and half years ago, but he is allowed a certain amount of freedom, which he makes full use of, for bathing, etc. —C. Boulnois (Chertsey).

I think I can beat all records up to now, for I had a Goldfinch Mule live to twenty-four years of age. As a curiosity I had it put in the Swindon Bird Show when it was twenty-three years old.—M. Warburton (Swindon).

I read that Miss Cocking, of Harlington, has a Canary fourteen years old. I thought that you would like to know that I possess a bird (a cross between a Goldfinch and Canary) which is twenty-one years' old. He is in perfect health, but his eyesight is failing. He sang beautifully up to as late as last summer. He is very fond of sponge-cake and walnuts. I do not know whether you would consider this a very great age for a Mule bird, but I should think it is very rare to find one so old. He has thus lived in three reigns—Queen Victoria, Edward VII., and George V.—D. E. Houghton (Caversham).

I have had a yellow African Weaver since Sept. 7, 1895. He also has lived in three reigns, and he was not a young bird when I bought him. Every day he takes a bath, and never leaves his cage, which he decorates in a wonderful way with bits of cotton which are given to him. He is unique in one thing, I fancy; in that he escaped and flew out of one window lately, coming in very soon by another which was only open about four inches.—M. M. Furlong (St. Andrews, Bridport) in the "Daily Express."

The Fascinating Pursuit of Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

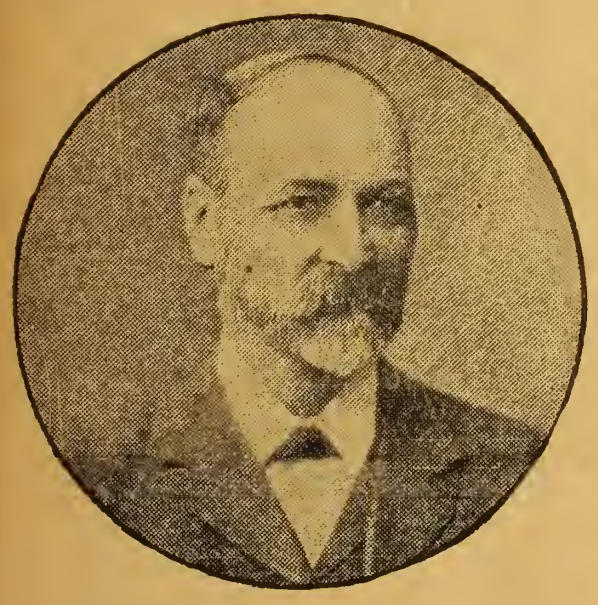
(Continued from page 393)

A splendidly helpful article by one of our most successful breeders and exhibitors.

SOME breeders advise the use of hand-reared Finches for breeding, especially the British hens, and I at once admit that there is one great advantage in this. Hand-reared specimens have never known any other life than that of the cage or aviary and more readily settle down to breeding, whereas the wild caught birds have to be gradually steadied and accustomed to their new mode of life, which often requires considerable time and patience. But here the advantage of the hand-reared specimen ends.

Once your wild-caught bird has adapted itself to its new conditions of life it is, in my opinion, much to be preferred for the purposes of breeding. As a general rule British birds which have been hand-reared lack the size and stamina of wild-caught birds, and both these qualities are essential in a bird which is to be successful either in the breeding room or on the show-bench.

In my earlier day of Hybrid breeding I reared several nests of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, and Linnets, but almost without exception I found the birds quite unsuitable for breeding, and since those early days I have not troubled to experiment any further in this direction, rather choosing to select my prospective breeders from wild-caught specimens. In selecting your Finches always choose the big, bold birds, of good type and colour, and be as careful in your choice of hens as of the cocks. You are not likely to produce a good Mule or Hybrid from small parents of poor type and colour.



Mr. Jas. B. Richardson, of Dumfries, first president of the Border Fancy C.C., and recently honoured by its members (see page 415.). Mr. Richardson named this variety of Canary the "Border Fancy."

As I have already pointed out, it is not necessary to pay a very big price, nor do you require an exhibition specimen. A striking illustration of the truth of this statement is provided by my Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid so ably depicted in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, which has won over forty prizes at the leading shows, including 1st prize Crystal Palace 1911, and which last season, in his eighth year, was still able to hold his own in the best of company, standing in the money cards at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall), Scottish National, and Crystal Palace Shows. Yet the parents of this bird were bought for less than half-a-sovereign.

To give another instance, the Linnet from which I bred my well-known Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid was not by any means an exhibition specimen. It failed in breast markings, and was not so prominent in whites as some I have seen, but I have yet to see the Linnet I would sooner have for breeding. Of great size, with fine head and chest, and wonderfully rich in colour, he was an ideal bird for the work required of him.

When Exhibition Points Don't Count.

In selecting a Goldfinch, rather choose a big Finch without the square blaze, than a smaller bird because he possesses that quality. One often sees a very small Finch winning at a show because of its good exhibition points, which would be quite unsuitable for the breeding cage.

I have dealt at some length with this matter of selection as it is of great importance. In the great majority of cases Mule and Hybrid breeders are content to purchase the first Finches that come their way and then pair them up in haphazard fashion without any thought as to their suitability to one another. This method can only lead to failure; and nothing discourages more than repeated failures. Many young beginners in the Fancy have thrown up their hobby in disgust because the results of their first season's work were disappointing, when a little care would have made all the difference.

The next important matter is the housing of our birds. Before deciding upon the kind of cages to be used we must settle whether we intend to carry out our breeding operations in an indoor room or out of doors. I have given both methods a fair trial, and I do not hesitate to give my verdict in favour of the open-air treatment. All my Hybrids and most of my Mules were bred in the open air. There is nothing like fresh air for your Britishers, and for Hybrid breeding, at any rate, I would strongly recommend pairing your birds outside.

Of course, you will have to protect your birds from the attacks of the feline tribe, and afford them shelter from rain. You will also find it necessary to have larger cages, as the birds will require plenty of exercise.

The Hybrid Cages Described.

My Hybrid breeding-cages are each five feet long, two feet high, and eighteen inches from front to back. Each cage can be divided into two compartments by a sliding partition, and there is a separate wiro front to each compartment, so that there is no difficulty in cleansing, removing the eggs, or the nest-box, etc., as the birds may be shut off during these operations.

Each compartment is provided with a drawer 1½ inches deep, which should run freely so that the work of cleaning, etc., may be carried out without disturbing the birds more than is necessary. You will find these drawers indispensable during breeding operations, for British hens, though they generally make a lot of fuss at nest-building, almost invariably drop their eggs from the perches, and unless some floor protection is afforded, these eggs are broken. Hence the necessity for the drawers, which should be kept full of coarse pine sawdust during the breeding season; at other times grit and sand should be used for the bottoms.

As breeding time approaches the perches should be brought to a lower level, about two inches above the sawdust, to prevent the breaking of eggs dropped from the perches.

Contriving the Nest.

When arranging your nesting receptacles for your Hybrid pairs it would be advisable to give your British hens a choice of building sites, say an old Hartz Roller travelling-cage, or small back cage, with the two ends removed, and branches of fir fixed along the front and top, containing a nest pan, or an old Blackbird's nest fixed firmly in the bottom. Or use an ordinary square nesting box containing a clod of turf beaten into the shape of a nest, the grass forming a lining. Round the outside of this box fasten some branches of fir, leaving an opening on either side for the hen to enter or leave the nest. These receptacles should bo placed on a level with the perches. In addition to these, a nest pan may be placed in a secluded corner on the floor of the cage.

All my cages are arranged under a lean-to roof of wood and felting, supported in front by four posts and at the back and sides by thick walls. The whole front is covered with ½-inch wire-netting, with a door at one end. This structure is 18 feet long, 8 feet high, and 6 feet from front to back. The cages are always dry and the birds safe from the attacks of cats.

If you have no convenient spot for the erection of such a structure, and are compelled to breed your birds indoors, then your cages need not be quite so large, though I am a great believer in large, roomy cages which will allow the birds plenty of exercise.

The cages for Mule breeding do not require the deep drawers, as the Canary hens can generally be trusted to carry out their parental duties in a satisfactory manner. There must be a sliding partition, however, for it will often be found necessary to shut off the Finch, while the hen is laying, and during incubation and the early days of rearing of the young brood. My Mule breeding-cages are each 4 feet long, 16 inches high, and 11 inches from front to back.

In constructing your cages, however, you will be guided to a very great extent by the room at your disposal. A cage 30 inches by 15 inches by 10 inches is quite a nice size for Mule breeding, and this cage has the advantage that it can be easily moved. There should be seed-boxes and drinking-vessels to each compartment.

All the nesting boxes or pans, and, in the case of the Hybrid pairs, the sawdust, low perches, and nesting receptacles should be introduced some little time before the breeding season begins, and not just as your hens are commencing nesting operations, or you will possibly upset your hens for the remainder of the season.

(To be continued.)

Mr. M. Jamieson, of Hawick, for 21 years the secretary of the Border Fancy C.C., under whose able guidance it became the strongest specialist club of the day. A report of the recent presentation made to him will be found on page 415.

OUT OF CONDITION AND THE WAY IN.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(Concluded from page 389.)

A contribution of the greatest importance to Breeders of Birds of every kind.

SOME are composed largely of seeds which I have never seen a bird partake of. Wild seed I bought and exhibited to the members of a society to which I was lecturing was found to contain about 50 per cent. of hemlock, and the germinating test, which, I may state, is the best possible method of determining the qualities of a sample, proved it to be almost entirely devoid of feeding qualities. I would strongly advise the British bird fancier to provide himself with one of these glasses (they are procurable from opticians for about 1s. 6d.), and familiarise himself with the appearance of the various species by gathering samples from the plants when in season; the various shapes and forms which they present when magnified are a study in geometry.

Apropos of these wild seeds, and the fact that the value thereof is now recognised by the majority of fanciers, I have, after many experiments and careful observation, arrived at the opinion that many which are eaten greedily while in the succulent or germinating state, are worthless when in the dry, preserved state, inasmuch as the birds either ignore them entirely or partake of them in a manner which plainly reveals the lack of relish. But this is a subject to which I hope to return on another occasion, and I will now describe my method of germinating and some of the seeds I use to bring Finches into condition.

Some Good Hints on Feeding.

For Linnets, Twites, and 'Polls a mixture of two parts German rape, one part English rape, two parts teazle, and three parts fine screenings. The latter, if a good sample, will consist largely of poppy, sorrell, plume thistle, redshank, mouse-ear, and various grasses, but it will be found that scarcely two samples are alike. If, in the country just before harvesting, the fancier should see a cornfield which is foul with weeds, and the borders of which reveal the presence of such desirable seeds as shepherd's-purse, etc., he should strike a bargain with the owner or a farm hand to send him all the fine screenings.

The Goldfinch and Siskin may have the rapes withheld, and a supply of Scotch and sow thistle substituted, these being more favoured by those species. These thistles may be withheld from the Bullfinch, a supply of meadowsweet (queen of the meadow) being more to her taste, and thistle is rather too expensive to be wasted. No opportunity should be neglected of providing the three last-named species, and also a plenteous supply of aphides (green-fly) which will be found in quantity upon such plants and bushes as sow thistle, nettle, shepherd's-purse, currant, and rose. These are supplied on the spray, and constitute in addition to such germinating seeds as I have mentioned, the natural food at this period, and that largely supplied to their nestlings at a later date.

The Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, and Greenfinch will appreciate the addition of a few oats, and the insectivorous tastes of the two first-named run more to such live fare as earwigs, grubs, and the larger larvæ; a supply of the former may be secured by stripping the bark from fallen and decayed trees, posts, etc., and the latter, by spreading a large sheet of paper under the branches of trees or bushes infested with them. Willows are very liable to such pests; striking the branches smartly with a stick will dislodge these crawling critters, which, falling on the paper, are transferred to a box to form as welcome an addition to the birdy menu as they are the reverse to that of picnickers.

How to Prepare "Soft" Seeds.

And now to describe the germinator. Take sheets of felt or close woven flannel, about nine inches square, or larger if the stock be numerous, dip the sheets in tepid water, and wring out surplus, sprinkle each with the seed mixture, and lay another on top; sprinkle this also, and proceed thus till seven have been prepared, place in a warm and dark situation, and at the termination of a few days it will be found that the seeds have swollen and begun to germinate, when they may be distributed among the stock. Care must be taken never to supply more than the bird or birds can consume daily and before nightfall, and also that the supply is arranged in the cage or aviary where the light permits of even the smallest seeds being discerned.

The seeds are at their best when the germ is just visible, and over-development should be avoided; a little experience will soon indicate the time and quality necessary for a particular stock. As each sheet is emptied it should be well rinsed, re-sprinkled with seed, and placed at the bottom of the pack, thus a continual supply is ensured. The usual supply of canary seed should be allowed, and if it is desired to ascertain the preferment of the birds, place a pot containing a supply of the dry seed mixture alongside that containing the prepared, and watch.

I have omitted dandelion in the dried mixture, for the reason that it is so easily procured in the succulent state at this season, and a plentiful supply should be maintained, but it is advisable to begin with one or two heads per bird and gradually increase the quantity. If these are unprocurable, a portion of the preserved seed may be added to the germinating mixture. Given such treatment, in addition to plenty of light, air, and opportunities to bathe, a very short period will suffice to bring all the Finches into full song and the height of breeding condition.

Correspondence.

When Hens Refuse to Sit.

Sir,—I often see in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, the question asked: what are we to do with hens that refuse to sit? Well, here is a tip. At dusk, when the birds have gone to sleep quietly put your hand in cage, catch the hen gently and place her on the nest, keeping your hand over her until she has nicely settled down. A night on the nest seems to work wonders. If she does not settle down at once, repeat the following night. I have saved many rounds this way and have never had a hen that would not take to the nest after the second time of asking.

L. B. Yates.

Linnet Singing in Durham

Sir,—Durham Linnet fanciers are getting down-hearted at so many of the champions singing together. I think it very unfair to the member with one box. We intend holding a meeting at Broom Park, on May 9 to arrange some rules as to how many birds a member should be allowed to sing. I propose one member one box of four birds. I would like to see present some of the old fanciers to arrange how a bird should be judged, as there are so many fanciers of different opinions. Anyone wishing to join the club should please bring their birds. One member one box.

T. Farrey, Sec.

Is the Modern Exhibition Norwich Plainhead Satisfactory?

Sir,—My sketch of a Norwich Canary and the accompanying letter published Feb. 28, have not raised much discussion. Two friends —truly fancierlike—suggest a little longer bird, and give their reason in support of their scale. To these I lift my hat and thank them because they are fanciers. Some one else wrote you, but had not the heart to append his name. He had a deal to say at me and if his vituperative eloquence relieved him I do not mind. He says "He would like to breed one like my model." I heartily wish him luck, and if he ("Sub Rosa") will write you again and allow you to publish his name and address I will make him an offer through your esteemed paper, with your kind permission. There are far too many nom-de-plumes in our Fancy. Every good wish for Cage Birds and all fanciers.

Edward Floyd.

A Pearl Above Price.

Performances of a Wonderful Hen.

Sir,—I was agreeably surprised to see my noted buff hen depicted on the front page of your valuable paper, Cage Birds. I might say she has had a successful career so far. She was bred in 1912, and that show season, when unflighted, she was 1st Cheltenham, 1st Bristol, 1st Newport, 1st Frome, 2nd L.C.B.A., etc. In 1913 she was mated to my 3-pointed yellow cock (also a well-known winner; 2nd Palace this year), which produced some good birds, one of them a yellow which was second L.C.B.A., also another yellow which was second Palace, only time shown, and which I sold to a well-known fancier for a good price. Last show season (1913) she was 1st Leyton, 1st Plymouth, 1st Cheltenham, 1st Cardiff, 1st L.C.B.A., and finished up with 1st and gold medal at the Palace. She is mated again this year to the same cock, and is the proud mother of three promising youngsters, which will be on the sticks by the time this letter appears.

J. R. Houghton.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

Sir,—While admitting many of Mr. Allsopp's arguments re the novice to be well-founded I must take exception to the manner in which he deals with the novices as a body, and as one of the oldest fanciers in Wales, and one of the original founders of the Cardiff Society I should like to say a few words to him. Mr. Allsopp, you have recently been elected chairman of the Cardiff Society, you have a great opportunity before you to deal with the vexed question of the novice, but let me advise you as an old hand not to get up on your heels and show fight to all and sundry. Sponge cakes, etc., are luxuries too soft for some of the Welsh boys, who have had to dig coal. You may arouse Tonypandy; and, remember, Freddy Welsh was bred near Cardiff, and some of your novice members may be getting him back from America, as they are afraid Jimmy Wilde would be too light for such a Goliath as yourself. Your meetings will be lively then! Now about the grabbing novice, surely you cannot begrudge the small price he gets for his surplus. Have you never been glad to buy a decent bird from time to time from the despised novice? You had a good price for your "Welsh Queen," and in the five years you have been in Cardiff, according to your own admission, you have sold stock and winners and have got a good price. Remember, there are breeders of Plainheads in Cardiff who win and win again. Unfortunately we cannot get them to write articles; if we could, what a treat it would be. Take my advice and go easy. May you breed a few good 'uns this year is the wish of

Old Fogey.

Sir,—Yes, Mr. Allsopp, I have been stung into answering your letter. I do not admit that "I toil not, neither do I spin." There is no harder worker than the novice, and we all have to start at the bottom some time. As to your article—what is there in it to help the novice? I have nothing to say against Mr. Allsopp whatever, but I do say that his article is pure swank.

Despised Novice.

The Great Record of a Yellow Norwich.

Sir,—I was more than pleased to see my Yellow Norwich cock (now the property of Mr. Crawshaw, of Accrington) on the front page of Cage Birds last week. He had eight firsts last show season, including the specials for best Norwich at Middlesbrough, Blaydon, Cramlington, and the Scottish National Show. He was second for Mr. Crawshaw at the Crystal Palace Show. I thank you for the honour and wish Cage Birds every success.

W. McGinn.

Proposed British Bird Society for Glasgow and W. of Scotland

Sir,—In view of the general feeling in Glasgow that a British bird society or club should be formed and worked on similar lines to the N.P.C., or other specialist societies, I shall be glad if anyone interested will communicate with me. In the event of a sufficient number expressing their desire to turn up to discuss same I propose to call a meeting towards the end of the present month, when I hope to hear a unanimous decision to constitute such a society at once.

R. G. Clubbs.

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Serenaded by Nightingale from Bedroom Window-sill.

Sir,—I thought perhaps the unusual event I am about to relate might be of some interest to readers, as it seems to me to be such an unaccountable thing, and quite unique. For the last week I have had a Nightingale come and sing on my bedroom window-sill every night from 12 midnight until 1 a.m. I have never heard of a similar occurrence, of a bird to come to a window at midnight and sing, especially in a large town like Brighton, as they mostly prefer a wood. I was wondering if any of the readers of your interesting paper, Cage Birds, have heard of a similar case at any time. It is the first time in my life that I have heard or read of such a case.

A. W. Hollingshead.

Hove.

The Champion Heavy-weight of the British Wagtails.

Mealworms as a Bait.

Sir,—My observations confirm Mr. Teschemaker's statement that the Grey is the most assertive of Wagtails, and I have often wondered at the cowardice of the Pied, as he almost invariably shuns an encounter with his less bulky but more agile relative. An instance of this occurred under my notice when a pair of Greys chose a site for their second nest in close proximity to that of a pair of Pieds, and ultimately drove the latter away, although the hen Pied was sitting on eggs!

The utter failure which followed all my attempts to take Wagtails with traps baited with mealworms led me to experiment by counting and placing mealworms where scores of Wagtails and Pipits could be observed to run over them, and though the experiment was made during conditions which placed insects among the apparently desirable items, not one was touched! This I have repeated at various times, and in the presence of well-known fanciers. Yet I find that the first day in captivity suffices to create a desire for mealworms, to the exclusion of almost any form of preserved food.

J, Steel.

Sir,—I quite understand that Mr. Teschemaker meant the Grey Wagtail was the most doughty warrior of the three British Wagtails referred to, and was not thinking of the actual weight of the birds. Nor did I doubt his statement. I wanted to make my description clear and definite. My remarks, indeed, were in no way intended to throw doubt on Mr. Teschemaker's statement. I can only suggest that his experience is exceptional.

In my opinion the reasoning power of birds is just the same in kind as that of human beings, but different in degree. I am glad to see that Mr. T. Johnson agrees with me that the nest I referred to in the ploughed field was a Yellow Wagtail's, and not a Grey Wagtail's. I think the reasons given why the Hedge Sparrow's eggs are blue are purely fanciful, and Mr. Johnson's remarks on the subject are to the point.

John Craig.

Sir,—I find in Mudie's "British Birds" (1834) that the Grey Wagtail is the same size as the Pied, i.e. 7½ inches long, about 1 foot in stretch of wings, and 6 drachms in weight. In this book the Pied Wagtail is called Motacilla alba, and the Grey Wagtail M. boarula. The illustration accompanying the description is that of M. lugubris in the cast of the former bird. M. alba (Linn) is the White Wagtail, a summer migrant. In leaflet No. 50 issued by the Board of Agriculture, I find it stated that the Pied Wagtail is rather more than 7 inches in length, and that the Grey Wagtail is not quite so large as the Pied. I regret I cannot find any weight of the Pied, but Mudie's weight of the Grey is more than that of Mr. Teschemaker's bird. This might be accounted for in several ways. Personally I should think from observation that the Pied Wagtail's egg is the larger. I am, however, writing to a friend of mine, an eminent oologist who has one of the finest private collections of eggs in Great Britain, and I will report his valuable opinion upon the eggs and weights of the two Wagtails in question in another issue of your paper.

W. F. Lloyd James.

A Twite that Preferred Cage to Liberty.

Sir,—I think this goes to prove how much happier birds are in cages than when free; it is an extract from a letter I received from one of the men on the North Unst Lighthouse, Shetland.

"One of the Twites we have has been troubled with asthma all winter, so to-day being fine we thought it a good opportunity of letting it away; it took a fly round for an hour or two, but then came back to its cage, so we took it in again."

I know they have not had these birds long, so they must like their cages.

(Miss) D. E. Pithie.

Ardwick's Good Fancier.

Sir,—May I encroach on your valuable space to pen a few lines in honour of one who is worthy of recognition, viz., Mr. W. Robinson, Chairman of the Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S. This gentleman is one of those wholehearted men who keep the cage-bird Fancy ician; an ardent Norwich fancier, who is never more happy than when assisting a novice or, in fact, any more experienced fancier who may be in doubt. His lectures on the Norwich Plainhead, both at Altrincham and Middleton, were acknowledged by those lucky enough to hear them to be the best they had ever heard. The special points he dealt with at those lectures were "Inbreeding" (a practice to which he has a decided antipathy) and "Double Buffing" (of which he is an ardent devotee). If all fanciers were to study these two points as Mr. Robinson has done, we should soon see a vast difference in fanciers generally. I trust that these few lines will rouse his co-workers to that pitch of enthusiasm necessary to assist him in his endeavours to improve the Fancy. I wish Cage Birds a still more bumping circulation.

Enthusiast.

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Another Precocious Youngster.

SIR,—This is the first season I have attempted breeding Canaries. I had one nest of two eggs and hatched out one bird, which I think is even more precocious than the one mentioned by a reader in a recent CAGE BIRDS, as it was out of the nest, well feathered, when 12 days old (April 17). It was three weeks old last Sunday, and is now entirely on its own and is 4½ inches long.

(Mrs.) M. KING.

The Affiliation of Rochdale and District C.B. Societies.

SIR,—In connection with the above there will be a meeting on May 16, at 6.30 p.m., in the rooms of the R.O.C. who have kindly granted the free use of their rooms for the above purpose. It is the intention to have lectures during the season at the societies' headquarters (in rotation) by well-known people. Up to the present I have had favourable replies from six societies, so I hope the affiliation scheme will turn out a success, as we shall endeavour to push it forward.

WM. ADAMS.

19, Bedford Street, Rochdale.

Two Hens with Only One Nest.

SIR,—I should like to say that I also have two hens occupying one nest, with six eggs. One is a Green and the other a Norwich. I am going to let them do as they like, for last year I had two Norwich do the same thing, and I took No. 1 away, when the other, No. 2, left the eggs. With the next nest I took the other (No. 2) away and the other (No. 1) then left the nest, so I took both hens out of the aviary. By trying to save one nest I lost all my others. This year I am going to trust to luck and leave well alone. I started reading CAGE BIRDS last November. Up till then I had little hope of ever doing any Canary breeding. But since I have taken in CAGE BIRDS I have built a large aviary 10ft. x 4ft. x 5ft. 6in. high, and have bred up to to-day 5 youngsters 3 weeks old and I have 3 nests of eggs.

A. E. ASBURY.

Supplying Birds with Reflected Sunshine.

SIR,—As most of our well-known contributors to CAGE BIRDS are great upholders of light and heat for the benefit of our little pets, the following experiment may be tried with satisfaction by many of my fellow fanciers. Noticing that a large cage 4ft. 6ins. x 2ft. 6ins., in which I keep my special pair of Green Budgerigars was not receiving its full share of light, I wondered how I could move it from its present position to better that state of affairs. Its great bulk, however, was a problem which I failed to solve in the limited space of my bird room. At that moment there was a scream of great excitement from Mrs. Budgie. On turning round I saw my little boy, nearly four years old, holding a small round mirror, about 2ins. in diameter, in the rays of the sun. Its reflection fell upon the ceiling and that was the cause of Mrs. Budgie's fright. The thought occurred to me that a larger mirror, which would give a greater reflection, might be used to supply the sunlight! So I straightway obtained the looking-glass and focussed the sun's rays until they fell on to that portion of the cage that otherwise received none. The birds stared at the light for a while and then suddenly brightened up and began to play in its full glare. Of course, as time passes the sun moves, and one needs to be continually placing the mirror. This difficulty may be overcome by putting a few small mirrors, about 8ins. square, in a wooden slot frame (easily made by oneself) of semi-circular shape.

S. DARE.

Has a Bird a Conscience?

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. Johnson about this being a weary world, at least, for some of us, but I fail to see what there was in Mr. Teschemaker's letter to make Mr. Johnson write such an absurd "reply." What Mr. Teschemaker says about Rooks is perfectly true. I, too, have been brought up close to a Rookery and have times out of number seen birds attempt to make a new Rookery a few hundred yards away, but the nests have always been destroyed by the other Rooks. I can't say that I have actually seen any killed in the fighting that takes place during these upsets, but I have seen them knocked to the ground badly injured and I have picked one up that was blinded in both eyes. Mr. Teschemaker's letter proved to the hilt that birds have a conscience, and I have seen birds do some remarkable things. I have a three-year-old hen Canary now that won't build a nest unless I give her charpie; no charpie no nest is her motto, and she sticks to it. Any schoolboy knows about the two kinds, crooked and straight sticks, that Rooks build with. 'Tis a weary world; for the last three weeks I have had a blood-poisoned hand. I have suffered intensely, and just when my first round of young are hatching. It has made things very bad for me. But, worst of all, I have lost my deaf old father after only a three weeks' illness. In his younger days he was, no doubt, a good birdman, but as he never showed any his name will only be known to local men. His favourite breeds were Lizards and Dutch Frills; he was also a great admirer of Scotch Fancies. He was a successful keeper of Skylarks, and hand-reared hundreds. He was a keen naturalist, and I feel his loss very much.

JOHN CANNING.

How a Reader Helps His Favourite Paper.

SIR,—I received the parcel of specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS quite safely. Allow me to thank you very much for same. You see I'm often asked for the loan of my "C.B.," and I consider letting it go is worse than lending a shilling and never getting it back, because I keep all my CAGE BIRDS as a sort of general encyclopaedia; should I wish to know something (I don't know everything yet), I always stand 99 chances of finding it in my back numbers of "C.B." Therefore, you see, by being in a position to distribute a specimen copy I kill two or three birds with the same stone, namely: (1) Retain that which I most value of all my literary treasures, "C.B." (2) Claim another bird-lover to the Fancy. (3) Find a probable customer for my own bred birds, and still another reader of our dear old CAGE BIRDS.

I had a letter only the other day from a customer in Shrewsbury who said he had been a regular reader of "C.B." since I gave him a copy two years ago. He has now over 30 Budgerigars bred from the first pair I sold him when a novice at that time. I wish the best of prosperity to CAGE BIRDS.

STANLEY DARE.

Glasgow.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

Is it a Hardship to Some Members?

SIR,—The few faddists in the above club have got their point carried, which they had all cut and dried before the meeting, as I was told two months ago that they were to carry the ring farce through. But they should have the rings round their own necks, so that we would know them at all the shows. Will they answer this honestly, and explain how this meeting has been kept until so far back in the season? If the ring farce is to be in force this season the faddists have the pull by being "in the know." They have their first rounds of birds all rung, whereas to members not in the know their first rounds of birds will be of no use for competition in the above S.P.C. shows. In Musselburgh alone we have over 30 young birds between the members which will be of no use for the above competition. Why didn't they act sportsmanlike and give us all a chance by having this meeting six weeks ago? As far as Musselburgh is concerned, there will be no members for the S.P.C., and I hope other districts will follow in our wake. There is plenty of competition outside of this circle.

YELLOW GREEN.

Will Finches Rear a Young Cuckoo?

SIR,—Having been favoured with a copy of report giving results of the bird-migration inquiry undertaken by the Scottish Natural History Society, an instance recorded therein of a Cuckoo having been reared by Brown Linnets is, in view of the feeding habits of the species being so dissimilar, open to question. Surely such a departure would have been worthy of confirmation by someone capable of discriminating (as almost any schoolboy could) between a Brown Linnet and Meadow Pipit—position and construction of nest, hovering and Lark-like flight, colour, bill, and the fact that the continual repetition of a double note has given to the latter species its most common name, making identification an easy matter. I wonder if such a learned body as the S.N.H.S. has seen nothing out of the common in such a happening! Has any of your readers an authentic instance on record of either Brown Linnet or any of the Finch species rearing a Cuckoo?

I may remind those of your readers who may be tempted by the successes with Cuckoos, recorded last year, to attempt keeping them, that a hairy caterpillar, very plentiful on gooseberry bushes, is greedily devoured, and, so far as I have observed, the Cuckoo is not likely to have his rights to them challenged by any other Britisher, including the unfortunate owner of the bushes!

J. STEEL.

[I have myself found a Cuckoo's egg in a Greenfinch's nest (many instances of the egg in Finch and Bunting nests have been, of course, recorded), but whether a Cuckoo has been reared by a Hardbill I cannot say from personal knowledge.—Editor "C.B."]

TWO VETERANS DESERVEDLY HONOURED.

The Border Fancy C.C. Presentation of Testimonials to the late Secretary and President.

At a smoking concert held under the auspices of the Border Fancy C.C. occasion was taken to do honour to two of the club's oldest and most respected members—Mr. J. B. Richardson and Mr. M. Jamieson. Genuine regret was expressed on all hands when these gentlemen discontinued in office as President and Secretary respectively, and it was the feeling of the members that something should be done to mark their appreciation of these gentlemen's valuable services to the club and the Border Fancy in general.

These feelings found happy expression last Saturday in the Cathedral Hotel, Edinburgh, when Mr. George W. Brown, president of the club, presided over a good-sized company. The proceedings opened with the pledging of the loyal toast, after which the Chairman explained that Mr. Richardson had little time to spare, having to catch an early train, and after proceeding with a few opening remarks, he called upon ex-Bailie Lambie to make the presentation to Mr. Richardson. In doing so the ex-Bailie said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be present on that occasion. They were met to do honour to an old servant, and one who had been President of the Border Fancy Club since its inception. He was sure they would all agree that Mr. Richardson had been a most presevering President. (Applause.) He did not wish to take up any time, so he would simply call upon their old and respected friend, Mr. Richardson, who had done so much to promote the success of the club, to accept their gift. He knew that he should be expressing the wish of the whole club in saying that he hoped Mr. Richardson would be long spared to come amongst them and to follow his homely and harmless hobby. (Applause.) He then asked Mr. Richardson, in the name of the club, to accept a purse of sovereigns. Mr. Richardson accepted the gift amid applause and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," which testified to his great popularity.

Border Fancies for Paris.

Mr. Richardson, in replying, said he did not know what he had done to merit such kindness. The club had had a strenuous uphill fight since its inception, but every member had done his bit in furthering its interest, and now the club had spread far and wide, with the result that it was known from Lands End to John O' Groats. (Laughter and Applause.) It had even taken root in Paris, and he himself had sent five pairs over to the French capital. He regretted he had little time to spare for he could say a good deal that would interest them. However, he had just to conclude by saying he hoped that although he was getting old—74 years on the 12th August—he would always maintain his usual fancy for breeding. (Applause.) He had been at it for over forty years and he was just as enthusiastic about it now as he was the first day he took to it. He trusted that he would be able to meet them in the Grassmarket on each New Year's Day for a long time to come. Once more he thanked them heartily for their gifts. (Applause.) Mr. Richardson then left the gathering amid scenes of warm enthusiasm.

Following upon a few enjoyable musical items the other presentation was entered upon. It fell to Mr. Bennett, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Patterson, to hand the purse of sovereigns to Mr. Jamieson. Mr. Bennett said he had been called upon very unexpectedly to perform the duty, but nevertheless he undertook it with the greatest possible pleasure. In the matter of secretarial duties Mr. Jamieson had been ideal. To all with whom he (Mr. Jamieson) had come into contact he had been most courteous, and he had made things as happy for everyone as he could. He had given the greatest satisfaction to the club, and had assisted materially in bringing it up to the present healthy state. He had very much pleasure in handing over the gift on behalf of the Border Fancy Club. Mr. Bennett also gave Mr. Jamieson a handsome umbrella for his better-half.

Secretary for Twenty-One Years.

Mr. Jamieson, in reply, said he could only return thanks on behalf of Mrs. Jamieson and himself for the kind presents. Twenty-one years—he had held the office of secretary for that period—was not a short time to look back upon, but during the whole of the time he had been treated by all with the utmost kindness and civility. It was with deep regret that he gave up the secretaryship, for he might have completed twenty-five years, but when the doctor said no, he had to give way. He could only, through the medium of the Press, thank every member of the club for their kindness and for their gifts. (Loud applause.) The singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" brought this pleasant little ceremony to a close.

A lengthy programme of songs and toasts was then entered upon. In submitting the toast of the Border Fancy C.C., Mr. James Winter, president Scottish National C.B.S., said the club was now, and had been for some time, the strongest specialist club in the country, for under the able guidance of their old friend Mr. Jamieson it had gone on increasing by leaps and bounds. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to their retiring President and Secretary. He counselled them to support their present President and Secretary in the same manner, for if they did, he had no doubt that these gentlemen would spare no energy to keep up the god name of the club. He called upon them to drink the toast of the Border Fancy C.C., coupling it with the name of Mr. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) in place of Mr. Arnot (Hawick) who was to have replied.

A Study in Progression.

Replying to the toast Mr. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) read an interesting communication he had received from his namesake in Hawick. In it he expressed regret for his non-attendance owing to illness. In giving a few statistics regarding the club Mr. Arnot (Hawick) said the club was formed in 1890 in opposition to the Cumberland Club which it afterwards destroyed. A year later the membership stood at 39 and the income at £2 11s. 10d. The expenditure for the year was £1 18s. 4d., which left the club with a credit balance of 14s. 11d. The last balance-sheet showed the membership to be 350, and the income £61 16s. 11d. A sum of £47 4s. was expended which left a balance of £14 12s. 11d. The number of specials granted last year was eighty, as against none in 1891. Proceeding, the writer referred them to a recent lecture. He endorsed everything that Mr. Robson had said, and thought it deplorable that any young club taking the name of Border Fancy should attempt to adopt a model other than that which had served the club for twenty-four years. (Applause.) He trusted all present would give that their best attention. Referring to these latter remarks Mr. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) said he was of the same opinion himself. There should be only one club, and one model. It would be a hopeless mix up if each club were to have a different model. Continuing, Mr. Arnott submitted that if there was a little more respect paid to the officials of the club and a little less jealousy displayed among the members it would be better for the club itself. It seemed unkind, and served no good purpose at any time. In conclusion, he appealed to the members to support the Fancy Press and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be there to pay respect to Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Richardson.

"The Fancy Press" was proposed by Mr. J. Charlton, who said they were all indebted to the Fancy Press in one way or another for the various articles and the good advice they received through them. Mr. Watson replied to the toast. Various other toasts were pledged during the evening which proved to be thoroughly enjoyable.

The concert part of the programme was as excellent as it was varied, and that the company extracted abundant pleasure from the various items was fully manifested. The artistes included Messrs. Matthews, W. J. Harvey, Muir, A. Thomson, Stirling, Douglas, Hamilton, W. C. Reilly, J. T. Kelly, Charlton, Noble, Easton, Jamieson, Jas. Winter, Arnott, Murray, Hutchinson, Broad, and G. Broad. Mr. Peter Williamson made a capital accompanist.

In replying to the vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Brown said he had to thank them for electing him President of the Club, an honour which he felt very proud of indeed, especially so when it was in succession to the gentleman who had taken no small part in the club's formation, and who was the originator of the name Border Fancy Canary.

Ex-Bailie Lambie proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary, Mr. Walter B. Smart, while a similar compliment was also extended to the artistes. This included a most successful and enjoyable function.

In the Courts.

Bristol Bird-catchers Fined.

Arthur Skinner and James Skinner were summoned at Bristol Police Court on April 16, for having in their possession recently-taken Goldfinches and Linnets, contrary to the Wild Birds' Protection Order.

Mr. Green prosecuted, and stated that on April 2nd P.C. Coleman met defendants at Parsons-st., Bedminster. They had baskets and nets in their possession, and were evidently returning from a bird-catching foray. The officer examined one of the baskets, and saw it contained Finches and Linnets. One of the defendants suddenly threw the basket wide open, releasing 20 or 30 birds which flew away. Defendants said the birds they had were sparrows, but such was not the case.

P.C. Coleman gave evidence in support of Mr. Green's statement, and produced feathers he found in the basket, showing it had contained Linnets and Finches.

Defendants denied that they had anything other than Sparrows, which they had caught on the ash-tip at the Marsh, one said for a shooting match and the other for pie purposes. As to the feathers in the basket, they said, it was sent to them with Linnets and Finches from Weston-super-Mare some weeks ago, and that explained their presence. It was no offence to take wild birds in Somerset.

Detective-Sergt. A. Wall, said defendants were well known to him as men who lived by bird-catching, and the elder advertised song birds for sale in a fanciers' paper.

Defendants were fined each 40s. and costs, with the option of a month's imprisonment, and the Magistrates ordered the confiscation of the bird-catching paraphernalia.

Bird Catching at Chingford.

At Waltham Abbey Petty Sessions on April 21, Alfred Poulden, of Woolmer Road, Edmonton, was summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to a Chaffinch and a Linnet by bracing and pinioning them, at Chingford, on April 3rd. Defendant was summoned also for using nets for the purpose of taking wild birds at the same time and place, and a third summons alleged that when asked by the police for his name and address he gave false answers. Accused pleaded not guilty to the first summons, and guilty in the other two cases.

Two police officers stated that they saw defendant on April 3rd bird-catching with nets on Chingford Marshes. He had a number of cages containing birds, and a Chaffinch and a Linnet were braced and pinioned between the nets to act as decoy birds. When questioned, defendant gave a false name and address.

Defendant pleaded that owing to the builders' trade dispute he had been out of work for 11 weeks. He had a widowed mother to keep, and as they were practically starving he tried to catch a few birds to earn a little money. This was the first time he had been "locked up." He had kept his mother for 16 years.

In fining defendant 20s. inclusive, the chairman said he had made himself liable to a much heavier penalty. The Bench were dealing leniently with him because he said he was out of work. A fortnight was allowed the defendant in which to find the money.

Defendant asked that the nets and two birds (which were produced in cages) should be returned to him. The police opposed this request, and asked that the nets should be confiscated and the birds liberated.

The Bench made an order for the confiscation of the nets, but came to the conclusion that the birds were tame cage birds, and the chairman said they would not be confiscated.

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RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting, headquarters, May 1, Mr. Faulkner, chair, before a large attendance. Decided to have a table show first Friday in June: 2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 1 Green, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mules, for champions; 2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 1 Green, 1 A.O.V., for novices. Mr. J. Guy to judge Yorkshires and A.O.V., Mr. C. Boots the others. Mr. Jones will give special for most entries; birds staged at 7. Please do not leave them till the last minute.—E. Rone.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting Village Hall, Juniper Green, May 2nd. Vice-pres. M. Michie in the chair. Pres., Mr. Begbie, was absent through illness, and hope was expressed that he would have a quick recovery and be among us soon in good health. New members elected:—W. Messer, Slateford, and W. Hynd, Juniper Green. Decided to have ramble June 27 and to ask liberty to get through Riccarton Estate. Members present hooked their hens.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting April 25, at Mail Coach Inn, Mr. Brotherton presiding over a good attendance. It was proposed to leave the half-yearly and cup subs. over until next meeting night. Also that Mr. J. Warrender (Hoyland) judge our first N.F. show, and Mr. F. Gregory the second; 23 classes were scheduled for our show, with plenty of British classes, so it is to be hoped we get a good entry. Proposed that sec. write Mr. Toulson, of Barnsley, to see if he would give us a lecture on British birds. We should have a good meeting next month.—Taylor and Bailey, Secs.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters, Long's Memorial Hall, April 29, table show of British birds and Mules. Mr. C. Lean (of Lean and Son) judged. There was a good show of birds, although the attendance might have been better. The three specials offered were won by Mr. Walker (Hardbills), Mr. Hall (Softbills), and Mr. Hunsby (Mules). Before the judge's awards were posted, a judging competition was held, resulting in Mr. Tout and Mr. Moore ticing for first place, each making 16 points out of a possible 18. Several other members ran pretty close, thus emphasising the judge's awards. Mr. Lean then answered questions on the various birds staged, giving his reasons for placing the birds, and at the same time giving friendly hints and not a few tips as to the successful staging of British birds. A vote of thanks to Mr. Lean concluded an enjoyable and instructive evening.—G. T. Hall, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. J. Hazell.

Meeting, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., May 2, Mr. R. J. Pretty presiding. Although Mr. Hazell had not yet recovered from his illness, it did not prevent him giving us some helpful hints and opening an enthusiastic discussion on the Norwich Plainhead. A very good muster of members attended, and a most pleasant evening was passed. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, said Mr. Hazell, the Norwich Plainhead has been my particular fancy now for over 15 years. I first began breeding with both Norwich and Yorkshire, but I soon found that if you want to get to the top it is best to stick to one variety. I consider the Norwich is one of the best varieties to breed, as you can always find classes at any show. The Norwich is generally placed first in the catalogue, which goes to prove it is the most popular. In fact, I consider it the king of the Fancy. There is nothing in the Fancy that can equal a good bred specimen for shape, colour or quality. It is no wonder that there are more breeders of this variety than of any other, for they are good hardy feeders and breeders, and the youngsters that do not come up to the required standard are easily disposed of as songsters. The Norwich should have a good broad round head, with a short thick neck, body short and chubby, with wide back, well filled in, deep, broad, and full chest. The most difficult point to breed in a good specimen is the head, so it is necessary to pair together birds that are well up in head properties; select birds that are free from browing, with a nice clean skull. It is no use putting together one bird with a good head and another that fails in this point, as by so doing you make no progress, and most likely the young will come up with bad heads. Always try to improve the heads of any you may be breeding, as I consider that a good head on any birds of any variety is half the battle. Having selected your birds with good heads, the next important point is to have them with good bodies. Now a Norwich Plainhead should have a short thick body; in fact, it should be short all over, with a wide back and full neck, chest deep, full and well rounded. A bird with a body of that description would most likely have short wings and tail, so by paying attention to that particular point you would be getting another very desirable one—that is, short wings and tail. Long bodied birds generally carry long wings and tail. In the Norwich Plainhead the difficulty is to get the short wings and tail, just as in the Yorkshire it is to get them as long as possible. The Norwich should stand well over the perch; you want as much again in front as behind. I like to see a Norwich cut well away behind from the leg to the tail, not one with a long distance, as it were, from the legs to the tail, but short and well filled in, standing on a clean pair of legs, not too long and not too short. If you pay attention to the points you are well on the road to breed a good one. I like the hen to be a good medium size, not too small and not too large. Large hens are generally lazy and make bad feeders, and do not stick to their duties as well as the smaller ones; they are more typical, and if joined to a good-sized cock, with plenty of colour, you have what I consider a good pair. Colour being one of the most important points in a Norwich, it is necessary you should breed for colour. Ticked or variegated birds should be joined to clears, so as not to get them too heavy in marking. By doing so you will get more colour in the clears, and will also breed a few marked or variegated birds to again pair to clears, and in this way you will keep up your colour without getting them too heavily marked. I have found that the cocks bred from a variegated yellow hen generally have good rich colour. I like a lightly marked variegated buff as a show bird, one that is marked on one wing and a small patch on the body, and if it has plenty of colour I think it is a very taking bird much better than a heavily marked bird for a variegated class. Double buffing can be resorted to with advantage if you have two richly coloured buffs to pair together; they must be short in feather and chubby and nicely cut away behind, with a good head. I have very often bred some nice show birds from double buffs, but these buffs bred from buffs must the next year be paired to good coloured yellows. This concluded Mr. Hazell's lecture, and a hearty discussion ensued, questions pouring in from all round, which were answered by the lecturer in a most concise and brief manner to everybody's satisfaction. G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

LINTON AND WOODHORN C.B.S.

Meeting, May 2, Mr. Jos. Armstrong, chair, and a good turn-out of members. We have 20 now on our books, and any members or affiliated members of social clubs around the district wishing to join will be made welcome. Subs. only 5s. a year. Entrance fee for birds at annual show, 3d. Next meeting, May 30, headquarters, 7.30. Fanciers can become members either by giving their names to the steward of the club, or sec. of C.B.S.—James Anderson, 13, West St., North Seaton.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Rye Buck Hotel, March 27, with a good attendance; Mr. Ratcliffe, chair. Mr. Lockett, sen., elected a member. Mr. W. Bowyer, Leek, elected to judge Nor. at open show. Decided that rule 3 be rescinded on sub. cards, subs. to be 4s. the first, 2s. to be paid on or before June meeting, and remainder on or before September meeting. Classes for the N.F. show, June 13:—Nor. Yell., Nor. Buff, Yorks. yell., Yorks. buff, Mule or Hybrid (these are young birds); Goldf., Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O.V. Brit hardbill, Mule or Hybrid, Nor. A.V., Yorks. A.V. (old birds), and two open classes at 1s. per entry, Norwich A.V., Yorkshire A.V. Next meeting, May 12. We should like everyone to attend this very important meeting.—P. E. Barker.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Meeting, April 30, with a capital attendance. Syllabus for the series of members shows, lectures, rambles, etc., was drawn up and approved, and is now in the printer's hands. Members will receive same in the course of a few days, and it should prove very interesting to all fanciers. Schedule for the first Annual Open Show, Oct. 3, under Yorkshire Union rules and patronage, was decided upon, also that the patronage of the Y.C.C. and N.G.M.Y.C.C. be applied for. Usual prize money will be given, with a special in each class for most points, and there will be other specials. Members are very enthusiastic over the open show, and are hoping that success will follow their efforts, and that everything will be done to make the venture the success it deserves. During the evening several new members were made.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, All Hallows' Schoolroom, East India Dock Road, April 30. This being the first meeting of the New Year, it was gratifying to note the interest taken in the proceedings, which lasted until 10.55. New members elected: Messrs. Peeling, A. B. Seale, Frank Stagg, and Weedon. A nomination scheme was discussed, a good prize being up for competition, competitors to nominate four birds at Young Stock and Annual Shows. Most points at both shows to win. A medal is offered for the member making most points during the season (all shows). The ring question came up for discussion. Many little hints were picked up, and much was said that was interesting. Country ramble to Laindon decided for May 10, meet East Ham station 9.35. All fanciers and friends are welcome, and will be made to feel at home. The society has eight cups for competition, and starts the year with a balance in hand of £3 4s. 5d.—F. H. Marhoff.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Annual general meeting, Market Tavern, Bradford, May 2, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (president) in the chair; the attendance was only moderate. Members elected:—Messrs. J. W. Storey (Leeds), G. Large (Barrow), and A. W. Hartley (Gt. Horton). Secretary's report showed that the 1913-14 patronage shows had been very well supported by members right through the season. In the four green marked classes provided at the ten shows, 435 birds had been entered, of which 371 were by members. Bradford Nat. had 66 and Sheffield O.S. 54. The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed the club to be still progressing, the cash balance being £2 19s. 11d., with several subs. still owing for last year, which we hope to receive at an early date. Result of ballot for election of officers:—Pres., Mr. W. A. Cowgill; vice-pres., Messrs. W. H. Shackleton and H. H. Towers; committee (inside Yorkshire), Messrs. H. Hill, F. Hammond, C. Morrison, L. Dykes, R. Halliday, H. J. Chittenden, J. Bailey, J. Greaves, R. Sutcliffe, F. Armstrong, H. W. Walsh, and T. Ogden; (outside) Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle), Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), Mr. J. W. Ramsden (London), Mr. J. Currie (Barrow), and Mr. C. R. Bullen (Bromley, Kent). The undersigned was again elected secretary, and although trying several excuses, was pressed into promising to serve another year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, auditors, and scrutineers, and the donors of specials. Decided that the wording of the rule as to starring birds for G.M. competitions be made more definite, and that a member showing, say, only two birds, must both star them and mark them "G.M." Competitions and allocation of patronage was left over to the next committee meeting in mid June. Societies desiring same at shows should apply at once.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Anns-st., Burley Hill, Leeds.

The Exhibiting of British Birds and Hybrids.

Sensational and Progressive Scheme Adopted by the National British Bird and Mule Club.

THE N.B.B. and M.C. on April 30th came to an arrangement with the L.C.B.A. to fully guarantee and organise the British bird section at the show to be held on November 26th, 27th, and 28th, at the Horticultural Hall. The classification, which they are guaranteeing against loss, is one of no fewer than 38 classes for British birds, 18 for Hybrids, and 3 for Continental birds, in all 59 classes, with 26s. prize-money divided as follows: 1st prize, 10/-; 2nd, 6/-; 3rd, 3/-; 4th, 2/6; 5th, 2/-; 6th, 1/6; and 7th, 1/-. These prizes are guaranteed absolutely irrespective of the number of entries.

This remarkably extensive list of classes has never before been given at any show, and comprises the following divisions: British birds: (1) Greenfinch, (2) Greenfinch (30/- limit), (3) Hawfinch, (4) Goldfinch, (5) Goldfinch (30/- limit), (6) Siskin, (7) Mealy Redpoll, (8) Lesser Redpoll and Twite, (10) Linnet, (11) Linnet (30/- limit), (12) Bullfinch cock, (13) Bullfinch hen, (14) Chaffinch, (15) Brambling, (16) Yellow Bunting, (17) Corn, Cirl, Pied, Snow, and tap land Buntings and Crossbills, (18) Hens, Yellow, Corn, Cirl, Pied, Snow, and Lapland Buntings and Crossbills, (19) all species of Finch hens other than those provided for, (20) Song Thrush, (21) Blackbird, (22) Missel Thrush, Fieldfare, Redwing, and Ring Ouzel, (23) Robin, (24) Nightingale and Garden Warbler, (25) Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Common and Black Redstarts, (26) Blackcap Warbler, Greater and Lesser Whitethroats, (27) Dartford, Grasshopper, Chiffchaff, Willow, Wood, Reed, Marsh, and Sedge Warblers, (28) Goldcrest, Firecrest, Wren, Treecreeper, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers, (29) Pied, White, Grey, Blue-headed, and Yellow Wagtails, (29) Skylark, (31) all other species Larks and Pipits, including Woodlark, Shorelark, Tree, Meadow and Rock Pipits, (32) Longtailed, Great, Cole, Marsh, Blue and Crested Tits and Bearded Reedling and Nuthatch, (33) Dipper, Great Grey and Redbacked Shrikes, Waxwing, Golden Oriole, Wryneck, Greater Spotted, Lesser Spotted, and Green Woodpeckers, and Hoopoe, (34) Starling, (35) Chough, Jay, Magpie, and Jackdaw, (36) all species British Doves, Partridge, Quails, Cranes, Rails, and Waders, including Gold and Green Plovers, Dunlins, Sandpipers, Redshank, etc., (37) Pied, Albino, Lutino, Melanistic, or other abnormally coloured British bird, (38) all species insectivorous birds, hens.

Hybrids: (1) clear, lightly ticked, and evenly marked Canary Hybrid, (2) unevenly marked and lightly variegated ditto, (3) heavily variegated ditto, (4) dark Goldfinch and Canary, yellow, (5) ditto buff, (6) dark Greenfinch and Can., (7) dark Linnet and Can., (8) Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, (9) A.O.V. Canary Hybrid, including Canary-Bullfinch, (10) A.V. Bullfinch Hybrid, Canary-Bullf. excepted, (11) A.V. Hybrid between two British birds, (12) A.V. Canary Hybrid, hens, (13) A.V. Hybrid between two British birds, hens, (14) Limit class, Canary Hybrid, 30/-, (15) limit class, A.O.V. Hybrid, 30/-, (16) pairs for Hybrid breeding, Canary and other Finch, British, (17) pair for Hybrid breeding, two British Finches, (18) pair for Hybrid breeding, two Continental races of British Finches, or Continental race of British Finch and Canary.

Continental classes: (1) Siberian Bullfinch or Goldfinch, (2) all species not larger than and including a Sprosser, (3) all species larger than a Sprosser.

Practically every well-known bird has been catered for, and many species which heretofore have been out-classed by rarer and in some cases, more attractive birds, are on this occasion offered an opportunity of receiving the commendation they deserve, and it behoves all who are interested in this section of bird showing to support this highly progressive and very bold move. There is time and ample opportunity for all to procure and prepare their specimens for this great event, and it is hoped that all exhibitors will bear these dates in mind, and, except in those cases where they would impoverish their own shows, that they will support us far as it lies in their power (in such a worthy movement on behalf of the British Bird Fancy.

It is evident that the N.B.B. and M.C. have little to gain but fame, and it is therefore reasonable to expect that they will receive good support, not only from their own members, but from exhibitors in every part of the United Kingdom, especially as owners of birds of all kinds and grades will on this occasion stand a fair chance of receiving recompence for their entrance fees and other expenses. The N.B.B. and M.C. is not undertaking this work so much with the intent to benefit itself, as to provide once a year at least a really representative exhibition of British birds, where they may come under the notice of the general public. At a show of this magnitude it should be an honour to win.

Furthermore, in addition to the ordinary prizes, their treasurer, Mr. T. R. Trower, has most generously given to the members for competition a silver medal for the most points in each class throughout the British, Continental, and Hybrid sections (i.e., 59 medals), and, moreover, he has also given a special of five shillings for the most entries in each class, open to all (i.e., to non-members as well). With regard to the silver medals, if a non-member of the N.B.B. and M.C. should total most points in a class he would be considered the winner and receive the medal providing he joined and was accepted a member of the N.B.B. and M.C. At present the club have not allotted other help to the section, but it is believed that when they consider applications for patronage, even further recognition in the shape of medals and cups will be given.

When we consider that all this has been provided for an entrance fee of 1/6 (i.e., to members of the N.B.B. and M.C. and L.C.B.A.), it is obvious that the membership of this old and respected club (the only one that has taken a real active interest, outside patronage, in the welfare of this branch of the hobby) should considerably increase. It is the object of the N.B.B. and M.C. to hold the finest show of British birds ever seen, and they have been largely helped by the kind interest of their treasurer. Should the support fall far below expectations, those who are prepared to spend time and money to bring the matter to a successful issue will not be encouraged to repeat their offers, and it is therefore more or less in the hands of the British bird-keepers of Great Britain to make or mar the most generous offer that has ever been put before them.

The club will provide a special and competent staff to feed and attend to the receipt and despatch of exhibits, and owners of rare and delicate specimens may rest assured that no efforts will be spared to insure their safety. The following judges have been chosen:—Finches and Buntings will be divided between Mr. C. Prior and Mr. A. Silver; Hybrids and some of the insectivorous bird classes, Mr. John Robson; other insectivorous bird classes, Mr. J. Dewhurst.

The secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C., Mr. J. P. Carr (45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, London, W.), will be pleased to answer any questions with reference to the forthcoming show as far as the British and Hybrids are concerned. Those who require schedules will be able to get them from Mr. J. Bray, the sec. of the L.C.B.A., 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, on or about Nov. 1st, 1914.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec. N.B.B. and M.C.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting, April 29, Leighton's School, Heaton Road; a large number present; Mr. Hutchinson, chair. Members elected: Mr. A. Montgomery, Wallsend; Mr. Bushel, Newcastle. Classification settled for annual show: Nor. 12 classes, Cinnamons 4, Yorks. 4, Borders 12, Crests 8, Lizards 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 2. Mr. J. Milne gave his experience with the Norwich Plainhead, which proved very interesting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Vote of thanks to chair closed the meeting.—J. W. Coutts, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual meeting, Market Tavern, Bradford, April 25, Mr. C. Morrison presiding in the absence of Mr. P. Drake, the president. Balance-sheet for past year, showing £3 1s. 0½d. in hand, was passed and considered very satisfactory. Officers elected: C. Morrison (Brighouse), president; A. Brown (Yeadon), and W. Richmond (Rodley), vice-presidents; R. Halliday (Shipley), J. E. Hudson (Bradford), auditors; committee, T. Ogden, J. Bailey, R. Sutcliffe, A. Cooper, O. Atkinson, S. B. Grayshon, J. Firth, J. E. Hudson, W. A. Cowgill, L. Ogden, G. Snead, D. Thornton, A. Whitley, S. Binns, G. White, A. Midgley, L. C. Casey, W. Gledhill, H. H. Towers. Resolved to have open amateur and novices' competition same condition as last year. Applications for patronage close June 5. The committee were of opinion that entries last year were not good, and when applications were considered some means should be devised if possible to induce our members to show at patronage shows, even to the extent of part guaranteeing classes, as it was felt we might do more than we had done in this direction. Sec. read a list of donors to special prize fund, and thanked the members for the very substantial help they had given him, as only by their help could he continue to act as sec. This help was again needed mostly owing to the low membership subscription of 1s. 6d. per year. Every new member is a help, and all breeders of this variety are invited to become members. Subs. may be handed to any member of committee. The pres. also spoke on these two items, asking members to make his year of presidency a record one, and on his part promising to do all he could to further the interests of the club, especially pointing out the duty of novice members to join us, as we ran a novice competition with splendid prizes. It was possible to make next year a bigger success than the past, and he hoped those societies who had poor entries would again apply for our patronage, he pointed out the extra efforts we were prepared to put forth, and the splendid entries at some of our shows last year. By united effort he felt sure we should have a grand success all round. The thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. Morrison for presiding. Next meeting, June 6.—R. Garnett.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting, Bird Inn, High Hold, Mr. W. Gowland chair, with a fair attendance. New members nominated: Messrs. Jess Walker and W. McNay (Birtley), Mr. J. McDonald (Pelton). Mr. H. Seeley (Choppington) elected to judge Young Bird Show, July 18, and Mr. J. Hands (Ryton) the Annual Show, Jan. 16. Members are having a good breeding season so far, but there is the old complaint of bad feeders. Decided to hold a Table Show next meeting, May 29. Classes: Canary, Linnet, Greenf., Goldf., and Redpoll. Our society is going strong. New members invited.—J. H. Elliott, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, May 2. Business was got through as quickly as possible, and Mr. King, having finished his task of judging the British birds (and we did not envy him the position, as there were 22 birds of all kinds in one class), commenced to explain his reason for placing the birds. He gave us his experiences and methods of staging British birds, which kept a well-attended meeting fully interested until time was called. Table show, awards: 1, S. Ike, Pyrah; 2, J. Vlie, Middleton; c, Green. Mr. J. E. Pyrah won silver medal for most points kindly presented by Mr. E. Hattersley. The leaders for the Hattersley cruets, British section, are: Middleton, 27 points; Pyrah, 11; Chambers, 11. Mr. Menard was elected to judge Norwich, and Mr. W. A. Wilson the remainder, at June F.F. show. Messrs. R. Lundy, H. Clapham, A. Kirby, T. Falkinder, and Dr. Cummings, were elected members. E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

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THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION: SHALL WE WED?

RESULT OF THE COMPETITION.

On a recent front page our artist, Mr. Norman, depicted two Norwich Plainheads, and we invited readers to answer, on a postcard, the question "Shall We Wed?" A prize of 5s. was offered for the reply adjudged the best. Quite a large number of readers tackled the problem as to whether the birds should be allowed to mate, and we append a selection of "Ayes" and "Noes" from the postcards sent in.

The winning effort we have selected is that sent in by Mr. R. W. Smith, 6, Lincoln St., Gateshead, who falls into "poetry," as follows:

Shall we two wed? why, yes, for we
A well-matched pair are, you'll agree;
The reason is not far to find,
If you to cage birds are inclined;
For soon extinct would be our race,
Unless we had the mating grace;
Then what would you good bird folks do
Without our song, and plumage, too?

By all means let the courtship proceed, as they are an ideal pair.—D. R. Swainson (Ilford).

No, because both birds are clears, also the hen is too small and flat on head, and both birds stand too upright on perch for Norwich in my opinion. The cock appears rather flat on head and too arched in back. The hen also seems weak on legs.—W. Wren (Oxford).

Yes, because the cock has a good head, but bad wing carriage, and the hen has a poor head and a good wing carriage.—M. Forster (Cramlington).

No. The reason is, I think the cock bird has asthma.—E. Shaw, Beehive, Nantymoel, Glamorgan, South Wales.

Yes; the cock bird is seen singing violently to the hen, as though in proper condition for mating. The hen bird is seen sidled up close to the partition as though to respond to the cock when calling to her.—Miss Ena Bateman (Pembroke).

No. Neither are ready. The hen looks as if she did not understand it, and the cock is inclined to be quarrelsome, instead of pulling himself together and singing. They both require a stimulating diet—eggs and a little maw seed, and plenty of green food.—J. Bastock (Moseley).

Yes; the cock is in good fettle, and with lowered wings vigorously serenades his love, who is not unresponsive, provokingly paying more attention to the seed box, but has come as near to the slide as the artist could artistically portray her. Moreover, they are not sick old birds, and the sire is certainly "lord and master," for his bold demeanour contrasts promisingly with the hen's deferential bearing.—H. Classey (Teddington).

Certainly not, for the same reason one would not allow two human beings of weak intellect to marry. These birds are not healthy; should say results of very much inbreeding.—J. Wones (Norwich).

Yes. Both birds are of good type, which always ought to stand first in our minds when pairing birds, and though the hen is not so clean-cut behind as she ought to be, the cock excels in that particular point. Both birds have exceptionally good heads, one point in which many of the Norwich of to-day fail very much, but it is the part which generally catches the eye of the judge first, and though the neck of the hen appears to run a little bit thin, the cock has a good thick neck, and from such a pair of birds one ought to breed good typical birds, not long, feathery, long-barrelled ones, with lashing over eyes like Cresthreds, like one sometimes sees in a cage in Norwich classes with a red ticket on.—G. W. Saunders (Haslemere).

No. They are only on paper, and no father would consent, as there are not visible means of support.—R. E. Lever (Freshwater).

Yes, because Mr. Lloyd George's Act is offering 30s. for every youngster.—G. Adams (Wolverton).

No; they are both hen birds.—Miss L. Vaughan (London, W.).

Yes. The best birds are moulded out of faults.—E. Battersby (Aintree).

The two Canaries should not be paired, as they are both too plump about the breast, and have the same faults about the head. Pairing two birds like that would bring very bad results.—Mary H. Scott (St. Andrews).

Everything depends upon the situation where the birds are kept With our variable climatic conditions, I should be rather reluctant to pair up if I lived across the border, unless my bird room was heated to some extent, If, on the other hand, I lived further south I should certainly draw the slide, as everything points to success, for isn't the cock in a condition we all like to see, singing away to his future partner; while she, on her part, advances to the wires to be fed by him after he has finished?—H. Warburton (Warrington).

No. The cock has not reached that excited, vigorous condition indicated by passionate singing and demeanour, nor is the hen betraying any real interest by manner or invitation.—E. W. Allsopp (Cardiff).

Yes, as I think it an interesting and profitable hobby.—F. W. Neville (Hoxton).

Shall we wed? Well, dear,
Your voice has such a charm,
It makes my heart go pit-a-pat:
I really see no harm.

And those wee dainty morsels
That you offer through the wire,
They seem to fill me with delight
And strengthen my desire.

So sing your song again to me—
I glory in your pride,
And—oh! I say, here's Mr. Brown
Come to remove the slide!
—H. H. Vaughan (Pontypool).

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

DESERTING YOUNG (J. S.).—The Roller is in no way exceptional in this respect. Many hens are apt to neglect the young and begin nesting again when the cock is left with them, which act quite differently if the cock is removed when they begin to sit, and they are left to hatch out and rear the young by themselves. In some instances it may be accounted for by a fresh clutch of eggs developing in a prolific hen before the young are able to leave the nest, or it may be due in other cases to feeding the hen too highly whilst she is sitting. With the next brood remove the cock on the evening of the day the third egg is laid, when you are putting the hen to sit, and keep him out of her sight and, if convenient, hearing also, until she is ready to go to nest with the following brood. Leave her to sit and rear the young quite by herself, and whilst she is sitting, give a diet of plain canary seed only, and do not begin to give hemp for feeding the young until they are eight or ten days old. The only way you could have dealt with the young when the hen deserted them in earnest, was to hand-rear them, or transfer them to foster-parents, if any such were available.

DIARRHŒA (H. R. S.).—See that your hemp is quite sweet and sound in the kernel, and try making the egg food for these hens with crushed maizena wafer biscuits instead of bread crumb, and use equal parts of each up to the fourth day. After this time gradually increase the proportion of biscuit to twice the amount of egg. Sprinkle well with maw seed, and continue giving maw separately as now. After the fourth day give a teaspoonful of boiled summer rape each day, but see that this does not remain to become sour. Then if the looseness continues, dust the egg food with carbonate of bismuth each morning, but watch hen for a time after the first time of doing this to see whether she rejects it, which, however, is not likely, and add 20 drops of brandy and six of tincture of opium to the drinking water for one-half of each day for a few days.

WHEEZING AND BARE NECK (W. H. Bunney).—I cannot tell whether the wheezing and the bareness round the neck is due to removing the bird from one room to another without some data to go upon. The wheezing might be due to this cause under certain circumstances, but the latter is not so likely an effect of such removal. Keep the bird in a comfortable place free from cold draughts or severe fluctuations. In addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with flour of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a month, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. Allow bird to bathe freely, and give a little green food in variety daily. For the wheezing, add five drops each of glycerine, ipecacuanha wine, syrup of squills, and syrup of tolu to the water every second day for a fortnight, giving this on the days when you are not giving the potash.

SITS RUFFLED UP (R. R., Wigan).—Surely it would have been more to the point had you said what you had done for the hen, instead of just saying you have tried everything. In the latter event it would seem that there is nothing left but to discard the hen altogether for breeding, which, after all, would be far the best course if your suspicion that she is an old one is correct. Try the following treatment for, say, three weeks, and if this does not have the desired effect, write again and give fuller particulars about her and the treatment you have already given. For one week give a diet of plain canary seed only, supplemented with a liberal supply of green food daily, and in the water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea each day. After this add half a teaspoonful of egg food, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a small growing stool of dandelion fresh daily. In the water after the first week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tinct. of steel every second day for a fortnight.

VARIED (My Girl).—(1) No. 1 is an excellent all-round sample canary seed, than which you need not wish for better. No. 2 is a very fair passable quality of canary, but is not nearly so good as No. 1. No. 3 is a very small seasoned sample of summer rape of very fair quality. (2) Yes, the crumbs of wholemeal bread are quite suitable for mixing with egg instead of white bread crumbs, and should be just as much preferable for birds as humans. The wholemeal bread is certainly more natural to them. (3) It would depend upon the weather prevailing at the time whether the eggs would be spoilt by the hen being off the nest for an hour-and-a-half after sitting 3 days. I should not lose hope of such eggs, and advise you to allow the hen to sit her full time before discarding them. (4) I cannot say offhand whether it is a record to breed 43 young and have 40 cocks in them. If one is breeding songsters it is, anyway, a feat to be proud of, but there are other cases where hens would have been just as desirable.

AILING CREST COCK (Miss Pratt).—The cock has in all probability got a slight chill which will, with proper care, soon pass off. Separate the cock from the hen and leave her to batch out and rear the young by herself, which she will do quite well. Keep him caged by himself, and out of sight of the hen for preference, in a fairly warm place, but quite free from draughts. In addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, daily for a week or so. In the water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for two consecutive days, and afterwards give instead 20 drops of whisky, and five each of syrup of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirits of nitre for a few days. This should suffice to set matters right.

EXCRETA OFFENSIVE (A.N.E.).—I suspect the bird is troubled with diarrhœa, though you do not mention the fact. If this is so the odour will disappear when the looseness is stopped. For one day only add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water, and after this substitute six drops of gentian and four of tincture of opium daily until the looseness is stopped. Whilst giving this also give a morsel of bread and milk dusted well with carbonate of bismuth each day. After the looseness is cured, add just enough solution of permanganate of potash to the drinking water to tinge it a light pink colour daily for a week or so afterwards. If no diarrhœa is present give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days the potash as above, and dust the bread and milk with powdered charcoal. Cover the cage floor well with pine sawdust for the time being.

SITS WITH CLOSED EYES (A. Reader).—It may be due to a weak low condition of health, but you should first examine its eyes to see if they are in a normal condition. If there are whitish specks in the centres it will mean that the bird is suffering from cataract, which will sufficiently explain its behaviour. The disease is incurable, and you can do nothing for it. If this is not the case give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice in the water every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Keep the bird in a nice bright position, well aired, but free from cold draughts.

ROLLERS NOT LAYING (Crest).—You will find a reply to your former query under another heading. The only way in which I can account for the Roller hens not laying is that the ovaries have not been sufficiently active as yet to bring the ova forward. I think they only require a little patience and should not be surprised if some of them have laid by the time this reply appears. In any case it is, I believe, only a matter of a little time before the eggs put in an appearance, though, of course, the hens will not be available for feeding the young of the Crests, as desired. This may not be an insuperable difficulty. Let the Crest go on sitting, and when the young are hatched allow her to feed them as long as she will do so, or if she will do so let her rear them altogether. In the worst event she may keep them going until one of the Roller hens are ready to take them over and complete the rearing.

NOT LAYING (Lover of Birds).—There is yet plenty of time for the eggs to appear. Certainly it is too early by a long way to give up hope of the bird breeding this season. In addition to the staple diet give the pair a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day, and mix in it each time about half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. On the alternate days give a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle. Give a young growing stool of dandelion, gathered fresh every day. Continue this feeding for two or three weeks, and if eggs have not appeared in, say, three weeks hence, write again, and I will advise you further.

TO GROW FEATHERS (Constant Reader). It is doubtful whether the feathers will now be reproduced until the natural moulting season. The bird is also evidently being kept in an unsuitable place, and most likely exposed to draughts as the hoarseness seems to show. This must be remedied before you can hope to do the bird any permanent good Keep it in a place where it is free from cold draughts, or impure air, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling, but in a bright and healthy place. To stop the hoarseness give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana. In the water add 20 drops of whisky, and five each of syrup of squills and ipecacuanhana wine every second day for a week or so. Give a little dandelion daily. For the baldness you may mix together one teaspoonful of glycerine and 20 drops of glacial acetic acid, and slightly moisten the bare skin with a feather dipped in this twice a week for a month. Use very sparingly, and do not allow it to get quite near the eyes. Allow the bird to bathe freely, and add a few drops of quassia essence to the bath twice a week for a time. Keep the mites at bay now and the above treatment should be all that is required.

DEAD IN SHELL (P. D. R.).—Considering the very great proportion of young dead in the shells in the first round, and the curious coincidence of the same happening in former seasons with the first round, I am strongly inclined to think that it is due to some local cause affecting the whole stock, which in some way is responsible for the chilling of the eggs, and consequent death of the embryos. Is your room a very cold one, or exposed to extreme changes of temperature during the early months of the year, or do you mate up very early? In the latter case the remedy is obvious, but in the former event you could only hope to avoid this loss either by deferring mating until the settled spring weather is come each year, which would in the end be no loss of time at all, or by making arrangements for keeping up a regular moderate temperature of, say, not less than 50 degrees, until the first nests are safely reared. A quite moderate source of heat supply, chiefly by night, would suffice for this. Do you use a light for feeding the birds in the evenings? If so, you should be careful to avoid the possibility of extinguishing it suddenly before seeing that all the hens are safely on the nests. By neglecting this precaution it is quite possible to spoil the whole round of first nests by extinguishing the light whilst hens are off the nests feeding, when they may be some time in finding their way back again.

HOW TO BRING THEM ON (Mrs. M. King).—Are you sure the birds are cocks? Any healthy cock ought to be in song now, and with very few exceptions in good breeding condition. See that they are kept in bright and healthy surroundings, free from cold cutting draughts, and treat as follows for a few weeks, which should quickly bring them forward. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this give to each pair a small teaspoonful of egg-food, with a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Each day give a freshly gathered young stool of growing dandelion. Cut off the root just below the ground, clear off the dirt, and give the whole crown to the birds. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week.

PERCHES OR FEET (E. W. B.).—The claws often get unnaturally long in an old bird, but certainly not the toes, and as you say you have already trimmed the claws, I think it far more likely that the difficulty of getting from perch to perch is probably due to the perches being insecurely fixed, and wobbling about when the bird attempts to move. See that they are of a proper size, of a flattened oval shape, made of a nice soft pine wood, and fix them securely so that they will not wriggle about under the bird's movements. Catch the bird once and bathe the feet for a few moments in a solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid in a saucerful of warm water—then dry gently, and paint the toes all over with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam.

T'OTHER FROM WHICH (Beginner).—If, as I assume, you marked the two pure Canaries' eggs when placing them under the other hen, you will, of course, have got over the initial difficulty of being sure whether they hatch out or not. When the young are hatched you will doubtless be able to recognise them very distinctly by the Mules having perceptibly smaller beaks and feet, but the beak will be the most noticeable feature, and they will almost to a certainty be covered with a more dark-coloured down. You will be on the safe side if you ring the lightest and larger-beaked birds for Canaries.

EGGS AND YOUNG (Crest).—(1) A week is about the limit of time to keep eggs before putting them to sit in order to be on the quite safe side. If the germs are strong, and the eggs properly kept, and given a half turn daily, they might be kept a fortnight, or even longer, but in such cases the risk of them not hatching is enormously increased. You have done right to put them under the crested hen without further delay. If the Roller has laid and begun to sit, by this time you can exchange the two clutches of eggs when the Roller has been sitting a few days or a week, and thus ensure things going on the same as if she had sat them from the beginning. (2) Yes, some hens will feed a brood of chicks if given to them before their own eggs are hatched, the eggs, of course, being removed when the chicks are given, but only actual experiment can prove whether any particular hen will do so or not. (3) Most hens will sit, batch, and rear the young of any other hen without the slightest show of resentment. Occasionally, however, one may meet with a hen which will refuse to have anything to do with another hen's eggs, as yours did last year, but such cases are quite exceptional.

COLOUR FEEDING (W. G., Novice).—I take it you refer to ordinary colour-feeding. There is little or nothing to be gained by colour-feeding young in the nest, and I do not advise you to do it unless you have some definite object in doing so, which you do not say. For ordinary colour-feeding you will not require to begin giving colour food until the young are about to start moulting for the first time, which, in normal circumstances, will be about the middle of July, and by this time you will see lots of detailed information for colour-feeding if you look out for it. About the beginning of July will be soon enough to commence giving the colour in a weak form, about twice a week, until the birds show signs of beginning to cast feathers, when you gradually increase the strength, and give it about every second day until the moult seems imminent, when it is necessary to give it regularly every day until the moult is quite finished. You can buy the colour ready for mixing with the egg-food from any respectable dealer. See our advt. columns, or if you wish to blend your own, get a pound of pure tasteless pepper, two ounces Natal, six ounces soft sugar, and thoroughly blend these together and store ready for use in a glass jar, or air-tight tin. Two ounces of best salad oil may be added if desired, and the Natal may be omitted if objected to. I have had excellent results with both these omissions, and do not consider them essential. If you are in doubt upon any point which you do not see explained in our columns in due course, do not hesitate to write for the information.

ALWAYS IRRITABLE (Mat).—Using sea-sand on the cage floors would have nothing at all to do with this trouble, which is much more likely to be due to insects—either red mites or grey lice. Examine the cages well for the latter pests, and the birds themselves for grey lice, and if either are found take the necessary steps to exterminate them. If no insects are found, treat the birds the same as advised to "W. H. Bunney," in this issue, with the exception that you will not need to give the medicines for the wheezing. Also give a bath daily, in which you have dissolved a little sulphuretted potash—in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of water. If the irritation has not disappeared after, say, a fortnight of this treatment, write again, and I will advise you further.

THREE POINTS (S. C., Cheshire).—(1) If the hen shows no desire to go to nest again earlier, allow her to go on with the young until a day or two after the young have left the nest, before returning the cock. The young can then be placed in a nursery cage for a few days, and hung on the front of the breeder, and the cock returned to the hen. One or both parents will continue to do all the feeding that is essential until the young are able to do without their aid in feeding. (2) Three broods is the limit you should take from a hen in one season, and two is even better if you would be satisfied with that number. You do not say what the colour of the young Norwich cock is. But the colour of the young will depend upon the amount of green blood in the veins of this bird. Unless the hen is bred from greens, and the cock also self green, it is not very likely that all the young will be green. You will be practically certain to get a proportion of variegated young, and perhaps a stray ticked, or even clear, if there is much clear blood in the parents. (3) I take it you mean, could the progeny of the same parents be mated with one another. This implies breeding with brother and sister, which is most inadvisable, and should never be done without a very definite object in view.

YOUNG DYING (Lawrence Connell).—You omit to say whether the hens cease feeding the young, or want to go to nest again, which is rather an important detail. Also you should, if possible, remove the cock out of the sight and hearing of the hen when you take him away. But in the present circumstances I advise you to try leaving the cock with the hen when she commences to sit with the next brood. Some hens rear the young much better when the cock is with them than when he is removed, whilst others are just the reverse. You cannot tell to which class a hen belongs until you have tried her; hence it will be wise to try yours with the cock left to assist. There is nothing radically wrong with the method of feeding. But when the next young are hatched, try making the egg-food with equal parts eggs, crumb of stale bread, and sponge cake, instead of using the arrowroot biscuit. Start giving green food in small quantities fresh twice a day on the third or fourth day; a little soaked summer rape daily about the eighth day, but see that this does not become sour; and cracked hemp, about the tenth day. Offer the bath for a few minutes daily after the first week. The loss of the young is in no way caused by you being in the room constantly. You might, however, put

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some light cover, such as a small piece of brown paper on the cage front just before the nest if it is exposed much to view, and do not interfere with the nest any more than is quite unavoidable.

LUMP ON BACK (Mrs. F. Crawley).—It is impossible to be certain about the nature of the swelling without seeing it, and as the pricking only affords very temporary relief, I would advise you to discontinue it, and show the bird to a veterinary, or your medical man, and ask them to advise you. It will probably be useless doing anything until the growth has been excised—a simple operation, which either of these gentlemen may perform for you, though I would not advise you to attempt it yourself.

A BROKEN CYCLE (D. J.).—Have you examined the nest well? Because there is a possibility of the hen having laid in due course and continued carrying building material into the nest meantime, and thus covered the eggs from sight at a casual glance. These things happen now and again. If this surmise is not correct, the cause is a broken cycle of reproduction, for which you can do nothing but wait patiently for Nature to reassert herself, and resume the normal ordering of things. If the hen is still sitting, give her a clutch of common fertile eggs to hatch and rear the young, if she will do so. She may do this all right, and then recommence nesting again on her own account, and follow the normal course next time. It is too early to classify her as a barren hen yet.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNETS DYING (Baler).—It appears to me that you are feeding your Linnets rather heavily, you had better put them on a much more simple diet. The mixture I like best is the following: Canary seed two parts, teazle two parts, rape, charlock, and linseed one part each. Then see if you can procure a good wild seed mixture and if so give a spoonful twice a week, if not, make the following mixture and use in the same way, gold of pleasure, thistle, dandelion, niger, maw, and hemp in equal quantities. You say nothing in your letter about green-food. At this time of the year and all through the summer and autumn you should use it liberally. Just now you can collect chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, both leaf and seed pods, and shepherd's purse, all these are in a flowering stage and daily ripening their seeds. Place a good big bunch in each cage, fresh every morning, and let the birds make their own selection. See that they have cages sufficiently large to exercise in, and do not forget the bath. If at any time you find one mopy a dose of glauber salts would be your best remedy, but if you follow out the above directions you will, no doubt, keep them in health.

AVIARY MATTERS (King).—Of the British birds the Greenfinches would be the most likely to breed in your aviary. With a hen Canary any of the following, Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, and Greenfinch. Your aviary is quite large enough to contain all of them, together with six or eight hen Canaries. Let your perches and nesting pans and boxes be well distributed about the place, so that the hens have a good selection. The sooner you turn the birds into the aviary the better, as many hens are now nesting.

HANGING A BULLFINCH IN THE SUN (Finchley).—There is no harm whatever in hanging your bird out in the sun for a short period; in fact it will do him good. All wild birds are out in the sun the greater part of the day, but have the advantage of being able to retire into the shade when they like. What one wants to be careful about is not to hang any bird on a blank wall fully exposed to the hot sun during all hours of a long summer's day. (2) Your bird possibly broke, or put his wing out of joint when he was young, and it is extremely doubtful if he would suffer any pain from it now. When at rest many birds have a habit of dropping their wings and standing on one foot. I do not think you need worry about him. I presume you are feeding him as advised to other readers.

JACKDAW NOT TALKING (Jack Daw). — Whatever you do do not cut your Jackdaw's tongue, nor allow anyone else to do it. If your bird is inclined to mimic sounds he hears he will do so without any interference on your part. If he does not attempt to talk and you are very anxious to have one that does, let him have his liberty, and get another young one, or better still try a Magpie or Jay. A good staple food for a Jackdaw is "Melox," or biscuit meal with a spoonful of fine crissel or meat meal soaked with it. With this you could mix a little boiled potato. You can give him any scraps from the table, and occasionally a little minced meat and any insect life you can collect, also fruit.. In fact, there is very little in the way of food that a Jackdaw will not sample and the more varied his diet the better.

HYBRID MOULTING (F. J. H.).—Change of temperature would no doubt be the cause of your bird casting his feathers. When you procured him you should have enquired where he had been kept, and treated him accordingly. All you can do now is to keep him in a room free from draughts, feed him well, and wait for his new coat to grow. In addition to his usual seeds give him a little hard-boiled egg and biscuit, and a little extra hemp and maw seed.

CHAFFINCHES BREEDING (R. H. T.). — I am very doubtful if your hen Chaffinch will incubate the eggs she has laid. Of course, one never knows how any individual bird will act. All I can advise you is to interfere with them as little as possible. As regards the feeding to rear the young, if any, it is a rather difficult problem, because in a wild state these birds rear almost entirely upon live food, especially for the first few days. If your birds will eat soft food I would advise you to give them some good insectile mixture, just a little every day while they are nesting so that they are well used to it when the young are hatched. When this occurs you could add a little hard-boiled egg to the mixture, also live ants' eggs, small mealworms, green fly, etc., and a free supply of rape, radish, and lettuce seed that has commenced to germinate, a little crushed hemp and cracked sunflower would also assist. Whatever you do leave them to themselves as much as possible, simply feed them.

WHAT BIRD (R. R.).—I am unable to identify your bird by your description. I cannot call to mind any British bird with a thin red beak and yellow breast; either you are wrong in your description or your fancier friend is wrong when he calls it a Wheatear. The latter bird has a grey back, a light breast slightly tinged with reddish, and a black patch round the eye and cheek; he has a habit of moving his tail up and down when he looks at you; he has a conspicuous white patch on the rump. If your bird is like this he should be fed on a good make of insectile food with mealworms and other insects.

SEX OF GOLDFINCH (H. Commander).—You had better part your birds, and if the Goldie is a cock he should sing almost at once. In the cock bird the blaze should come well past the eye, and the head be somewhat flat, but at this time of the year you should be able to sex your bird by examining the vent, which should be protruding or what fanciers term "well sprung." It is not an unusual occurrence for two hens to feed each other. If it turns out to be a hen why not try her with a cock Linnet, you could possibly get one even now, although it is somewhat late.

GOLDFINCH OUT OF SORTS (Novice). — Your Goldfinch is simply pining for a mate, and you had better put him with the hen at once, or give him a complete change by hanging his cage out in the open air for an hour or so each day, and also administer a dose of glauber salts. Dissolve as much as will cover a sixpence in his drinking-water one day, then miss a day and give again. (2) It is no uncommon occurrence for a hen to behave as yours does. A good tonic is the best remedy or a course of chemical food. Put a small teaspoonful in her drinker, first boiling the water, or it will not mix. Give it fresh daily. Put her in a big cage and take away all nesting material, and let her bathe daily if she will; also give plenty of grit and cuttlefish.

WHAT BIRDS? (Francais). — According to your description your first bird is a Greater Tit, called in some places a Blackcap. As far as singing goes it bears no comparison with the melodious Blackcap that visits us each spring. If you keep it include hemp and sunflower seeds to its diet, also a pinch of maw seed. (2) Your other bird appears to me to be a cock Tree Pipit, a bird that requires to be fed on an insectile food of good quality, also a few mealworms and other insects. The markings on the body of the hen bird are somewhat narrower.

TROUBLE IN AVIARY (W. Robinson). — Your aviary is, in fact, only a good-sized flight cage, and I should suggest that your trouble arises from having too many birds in it. Birds are busy-bodies and must be doing something, and when they are confined in a small area it is generally mischief. I would advise you to take out the cock Chaffinch and the hen Goldie, and then if you have any more eggs broken you will have to do without the Siskin. If you have to do this you could mate the Siskin and Goldie together in a cage, taking away the eggs as they are laid. The unfortunate part about it is that if you have to take out the Siskin it will leave you with only one cock bird, in which case I would advise you to introduce a Redpoll or cock Canary. I say Redpoll because you will possibly have less trouble in procuring one now than you would any other Finch. If you have once had mice in your place you will get them again. The Canary seed is sure to attract them. Bait some "break-back" traps with it and place them outside, behind a board leaning against the aviary.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

SPROSSER (J.W.).—I have sent you per post all the addresses I know of as being a likely source. Apart from these your best course would be to advertise in our columns, birds appear in an unexpected manner at times, also watch our columns, and as soon as you see one advertised secure it by wire, as you are not the only seeker; others are advertising for one, but I think you will secure one from one of the addresses I gave you.

BIRDS FOR CAGE (D.A.).—It all depends on what purpose you have in view. If you want to breed them you had better confine yourself to two pairs, say, Zebra Finches and Bengalese, with not more than two Canaries; but if you want merely a series of bird pets, then you could put in a dozen, or say, 2 Canaries, pair Avadavats, pair Orange-cheek Waxbills, pair Gold-breasted Waxbills, pair Bib Finches, pair Silverbills, pair Grey Singing Finches. I cannot advise putting Weavers into so small a compass, as though one would probably do no harm (this would depend largely on the demeanour of the individual you got—some of the same species are quarrelsome, others amiable). As sleeping quarters I should suspend seven or eight rush nests from the top of the cage, three of them could be put in the dome, more as sleeping quarters than for nesting purposes. I cannot advise the putting in of Budgerigars or Lovebirds in so small a space.

GREY PARROT (H.G.C.).—You must tell me what you know of how it has been fed before you had it, also how you have been dieting it since, and how long you have had it. If you give me this information I will try and help you, without it I cannot even guess at cause. In the meantime put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water every other day and half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water on the intervening day. If you suspect parasites then spray it with a tepid solution of quassia twice a week, at any rate this can do no harm, but you must keep it strictly out of reach of chill winds and draught till the plumage is dry again. It is better without the cayenne.

PURPLE SUGAR-BIRDS (Tobacco).—The cock bird is purple and black when adult; the hen is green, lighter below with whitish striation, with a patch of orange-chestnut on the chin and throat. Up to the present it has not been bred in captivity, but more than one attempt has been made, and there is no reason why ultimate success should not be attained. I think it would be safer, as you have had them but two months, to wait till the end of the month before turning them out, though at the present time there is a hen Yellow-wing Sugar Bird out in my aviary, but this is a bird I have had three years, and it is always out of doors from Easter till early November, but the special season must regulate in a measure time of putting out and taking in.

FEATHER PULLER (J. Ashcroft).—I am compelled to tell you the same as another correspondent, though your information is a little fuller. Before I can frame a helpful reply I must know how you have been feeding the bird—"sops" have rather an ominous sound. Give me this information and I will try and help you. In the meantime put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water every other day, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. Also supply cuttlebone and grit, also keep a piece of a branch of a tree in the cage for it to cut up.

HOW MANY? (W.H.).—If you furnish your cage with one or two straight perches and about a dozen small rush nests you can put in the following: Pairs each of Grey (Common) Gold-breasted, Orange-cheeked and St. Helena Waxbills, 2 pairs Avadavats, 1 pair each Bib Finches and Silverbills, and a pair of Cordon Bleus or Blue-fronted Waxbills, also 1 pair Fire Finches. If you procure our two Nutshells, "Avadavats" and "Waxbills," 2½d. each post free from our manager, you will know exactly how to feed these charming and interesting mites. Just a word of warning as to stocking. Cheapest is often dearest in the long run. See your birds if possible before purchase, and pick out only alert, clear-eyed and well-feathered specimens

BUDGERIGARS (Novice).—You give me no idea of size of aviary, nor yet what nesting accommodation you have supplied. According to information given it would appear that either mice have disturbed them and the parent birds have thrown out the eggs, or the two pairs have quarrelled and thrown out each others' eggs. If you have only two husks put up another four, and arrange the openings of same to be as distant from each other as size of aviary permits. With a little management as to placing and the way the opening points, it is possible even in a small aviary to keep them pretty far apart. I should say they will settle down all right with their next nest.

INDIAN MYNAHS (F. W. Lewis).—All newly imported birds of any and every species are more or less difficult to establish or acclimatise (I presume this is what you mean by "rear"), but the Hill Mynah, the large blue-black species, with orange wattles or lobes, is not unduly so, and this is the best talking species in fact the only species that talks really well. They are almost omnivorous, but the staple diet may be summed up as Insectivu mixture (soft food), ripe fruit and live insects. You can vary this with general table scraps, rice pudding, milk sop, etc. They are largish birds, and need a roomy cage, but a fly round the room daily permits the use of a smaller cage. The cage must be kept strictly clean, or the birds, being large eaters, it soon ones unpleasant. The Pagoda is small, more a Starling; its plumage is an arrangement of black, vinous-brown, grey and whitish-grey.

BUDGERIGARS BUILDING (W.A.M.). Budgerigars do not build, they simply fashion out the interior of the coco-nut husk to their liking and then, when all is ready, deposit their eggs therein. Budgerigars as a rule breed more freely when kept in a flock, and usually a single pair in a cage take longer to settle down to nesting than when kept together in numbers; but if your hen is a robust, well-feathered, and healthy bird, there is no need to change her, as it is merely a matter of patience, and they will ultimately settle down and bring up a family; and once they have started they will not try your patience further, but follow on with brood after brood. I should put another husk in the cage at the opposite end and supply them with as much seeding and flowering grass as they will eat. Try them for another three months. Once started they usually only stop for the moult.

VALUE OF RED-RUMP PARRAKEETS (L.H.).—The average value is usually about 35s. to 40s., but there has been a scarcity of Australian Parrakeets for some time past, and 60s. and 70s. has been offered for a pair, and about this figure must be taken as their present value, unless there should be numbers come suddenly to hand, then the price would fall a little, but this appears rather improbable in the immediate future.

WHAT BIRD (P.S.D.).—It is a Ruddy-backed or Chinese Bunting, which were rather plentiful on the market awhile ago and are still in offer. Your diagram enabled me to recognise the bird at once. The colours of the hen bird are not so intense as those of the male. I think you would find it would appreciate two or three mealworms per diem.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. Livingston.—Death occurred from pneumonia. There was nothing infectious.

M. S. Runchman.—Congestion of the lungs. The bird was otherwise in splendid form.

G. P. Lunn.—Acute inflammation of the bowels, apparently the result of some irritant poison.

John Massey.—Septic pneumonia of an infectious character. I should advise you to carry out thorough disinfection of your cages, room, etc. It is a very virulent disease, the local symptoms being treated, whilst the real trouble is overlooked.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Far Fetched (W. Bell).—The story you send is as ancient as it is far-fetched. It is quite a hoary old joke.

Greyfriars.—Your description is too vague to help us much in answering you. Was the bird an old cock Linnet in breeding garb? Such a one would have a very crimson breast. Or it might be a Robin with white flight feathers.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altercliffe C.B.S. — May 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for N.F. show.—E. Johnson.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 12, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. Appointing of judges for open show; subs. due.—K. Austin.

Birmingham O.S.—May 13, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. Appoint judges young bird shows; rules, etc.—J. Sheppard.

Bingley O.S.—May 12, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important business.—H. Shaw.

Birtley, Chester-le-Street, and Pelton Fell Amal. Societies.—May 9, Station Hotel, Birtley, 7. Table show: Green., Buff., or Gold., Chaffinch or Brambled., A.V. Finch. Interesting discussion on Canary breeding.—S. Lindsay.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—May 9, Flying Dutchman, 8. Important business. Schedules for members' competition ready for distribution.—W. Bellwell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—May 9, "Shoulder of Mutton," 8. Important open show bus.—W. H. Kilburn.

Bolton Wood C.B.S.—May 9, Victoria Hotel, 8.—H. Bryant.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—May 13, Headquarters, committee, 7.30.; table show British, 8; judge, Mr. H. James. Also lecture by Mr. James, and judging competition. Subs. now due.—Will H. Gibb.

British Roller C.C.—May 12, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand.—J. W. Norris.

Bolton Roller C.S.—May 12, Joiners' Arms, 8. Judges for members' and open shows.—J. Kilshaw.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. G. E. Weston, "The Bird within the Egg" (part 2); interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Chopwell C.B.S.—May 9, Club Hall, 6.30.—W. Tomlinson.

Charlotteville F. & U.S.S.—May 21, St. Luke Institute, Addison Road. Annual show, Aug. 3.—C. H. Pope.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—May 13, Alexander Hotel, Penge, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Silver on Colour Feeding.—H. Legg.

Denton C.B.S.—May 11, Brotherhood, 8. Lecture by Mr. Schofield; also time for ramble, May 17.—W. Hopwood.

Durham Linnet Club.—May 9, Love's Hotel, Broom Park, 2. Linnet fanciers wishing to join please attend with birds; business; members sing their own birds.—Thos. Farrey.

East Ham C.B.S.—May 14, Town Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "Breeding and Moulting." Friends cordially invited.—F. Onslow.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—May 11, Headquarters, 8. General business.—J. Alderslade.

Farnworth C.B.S.—May 13, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Important business.—W. Dawson.

Fife and Kinross F. & P.C.—May 16, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Members' subs.; new members, and general business.—A. Dickson.

Great Horton O.S.—May 9, Butchers' Arms, 8. Sub-committee's report and progress of novice cup, etc.—J. Holroyd.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—May 16, Weirs Room, 7. Arrangements for N.F. show; new members invited.—Wm. Waraker.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 13, Lockhart's, 8. Question night. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

Glasgow C.B.A. May 19, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 8. Half-yearly meeting; classification; election of judges, etc. Fanciers invited; annual sub., 2s. 6d.—Wm. Hutchison.

Houghton-le Spring C.B.S.—May 9, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—R. H. Dixon.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—May 11, Headquarters, May 11, Amethyst Club, 8.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. G. Soames.—R. W. Ford, junr. (Notices must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in "Cage Birds" and "Poultry World.")

Huddersfield O.S.—May 11, White Hart Hotel, 8. Ramble, May 16, meet at 2, top of King Street; all welcome.—A. Lawford.

Keighley C.B.S.—May 12, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. General bus.; fanciers wishing to join cordially invited.—C. W. Town.

Kent County C.B.A.—May 12, 36a, Snargate St., Dover, 8. General.—H. Wood.

Lancaster C.B.S.—May 9, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Urgent business.—J. Bostock.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 13, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Mr. Dawson will give his experiences from pairing up to the show bench. Friends invited.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—May 13, Headquarters, 8. Show bus.; lecture on "Lancashires," by Mr. W. Adams, Rochdale. A good attendance requested.—J. R. Windle.

Liverpool B.B.A.—May 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on "Colour-feeding, etc."—J. Lloyd.

London C.B.A.—May 12, "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. General bus.; Hybrid breeding. J. Bray, junr.

London & Counties A.C.B.—May 16, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse St., E.C., 8.30. Lecture on Cinnamons, by Mr. R. J. Pretty.—G. G. Stubbs.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—May 15, Drill Hall, 7. Table show; annual ramble.—R. Muir.

Middleton C.B.S.—May 11, Old Boar's Head, 8. Show business; discussion on breeding season; questions invited; subs. due. Members rally round.—J. Hulton.

Morpeth C.B.S.—May 9, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. Very important.—W. Summers.

Newton-le-Willows F.F.S.—May 14, "Pied Bull" Hotel, 8. Arrangements for young stock show, and picnic.—H. A. Waddington

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—May 12, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30.—J. G. Royce.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Country ramble to Swanley, May 17th, 8.15 a.m., leaving the Fountain, Wickham Lane, Plumstead, thence to Swanley, via Bexley. Tea will be provided at Swanley. Hearty invitation to all fanciers.—F. Botell.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 9, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30 Patronages; rambles; any other business.—J. Peacock.

St. Quintin Park, Kensington, F & F.F.—May 14, 235, Portobello Road, W., 8.—A. J. Foy.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—May 12, Victoria Hotel, Sandy Lane, 8. Important.—S. Moore.

Skipton C.B.S.—May 11, Friendly Society's Hall, 8.—E. Gill.

Southend C.B.S.—May 13, Blue Boar Hotel, 8.30. To appoint judge for F.F. show.—Deer and Cundy.

South London Col. and F.A.—May 14, "Royal George," Tanners Hill, S.E., 8. General meeting and lecture by Mr. Maddison. Visitors invited.—G. Burton.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—May 14, Wharf Hotel, 8. Lecture on "Canary Breeding," by Mr. R. E. Hellwell, Halifax.—G. Mitchell.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—May 13, Reid Hall, 8. Fixing classes for F.F. and annual shows; nomination of judges and table show of Mules and Brit., as per syllabus.—T. Penman.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—May 13, "Eagle," Chobham Road, Stratford. Evening show; special for most points; certificates for best Canary, best A.O.V. Judge, W. Forse. Entries close May 11.—A. Wasey.

Tong C.B.S.—May 12, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Open show business and ramble.—W. Walker.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—May 13, Cardiff Arms Hotel, 7.30.—E. Richards.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—May 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. F.F. classification; subs. due; new members invited.—G. Greenwell.

Walton, Everton, C.B.S.—May 13, 3, Priory Grove, 8. Schedule N.F. shows, date of annual old show, and election of judges.—Robinson and Burns.

Wandsworth F.S.—May 14, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Garduer.—W. Lightfoot

West Stanley C.B.S.—May 9, Com. Hotel, 7. Judge for young bird show.—W. Elliott.

Wingate F.S.—May 9, Literary Institute; 7. Important business; fanciers invited.—J. Burdett.

York C.B.S.—May 11, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Lecture by Mr. Sayles on "The Egg and its Development into a Young Bird."—V. G. F. Zimmerman.

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FOUR Redpoll hens, 1/- each; two cocks, 1/6 each; nesting; 3 clear Sib. hens, 2/3; 2 pairs Budgerigars, 4/- pair, nesting; hand-reared Jackdaw, with Parrot cage, make good talker, 5/6: Brown and White Owl, catch rats or mice, hand tame, 3/-: T. Wileman, 13, Alma-rd., Hinckley. (1588)

WANTED.

WANTED, tame Bullfinch: 7, Victoria-ter., Walsall. (1589)

WANTED, good singing Mules at a reasonable price: Golden, 120, Tib-st., Manchester. (1579)

WANTED, Canaries, will give a good price for good birds: W. Johnson, 55, George-st., Leeds. (1588)

WANTED, cock hen Mules, also Canaries, cheap for cash: Piper, 111a, High-rd., Willesden Green. (1581)

WANTED, any quantity cock Mules, best prices given: K. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED Canaries for re sale; state breed, quantity, and price: Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (1578)

WANTED, any quantity of Yorkshire Canaries, best price given: R. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED, cock Canaries, full song, cold room, cheap for cash: Fraser, 161, Croslane, Salford, Manchester. (1578)

WANTED, all varieties Canaries cheap for cash; terms, cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1574)

WANTED, all kinds of birds, state price and particulars; will deposit cash: Bird Shop, 178, Alfreton-rd., Nottingham. (1584)

WANTED, Canaries, any kind, cocks on song, also British birds; state lowest prices: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1590)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (1505)

LARGE Yellow or Green Norwich hens for muling purposes, cheap: Chalmers, care of Eastmans, Ltd., Stevenson-st., Calton, Glasgow. (1590)

BUY, sell, exchange, birds in song, or talking; Parrots, Doves, Homing and Fancy Pigeons: Call, write, Maynard, Bethnal Green. (1579)

WANTED Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, also cock Mules for cash; state price: H. McCormack, 29, Brodrick-st., Moston, Manchester. (1586)

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3; any kind British cocks or hens: Helyar, 55, Patmos rd., North Brixton, S.W. (1595)

WANTED, cock Canaries for re-sale, cheap; or exchange specially good British or hen Canaries: Live Stock Company, Tunbridge Wells. (1589)

WANTED, any quantity Norwich, Yorkshire Canaries, cocks must be full song; also Linnet, Goldfinch, or any British bird; state lowest price: Clarke, 78, Whitlam-s., Pendleton. (1588)

WANTED, Canaries, British Birds, Dogs, Puppies, Pigeons, Rats, Mice, Guinea Pigs, Ferrets, Monkeys, Squirrels Parrots, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1592)

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WANTED, cock Goldfinch Mules. I will give 6/6 each. Yorkshire Canaries in pairs, best price given for clean healthy birds; deposit with Editor: Roberts' Buildings, the Liverpool Bird Market. (1535)

BIG stout Norwich cock, 1913; exchange Seifert Roller cock, cost 30/-, 3rd prize winner Rosendale open contest; exhibition Bullie cock, sell 4/-; ditto hen, 2/6: Brown, 22, Alma rd., Weymouth. (1587)

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/3 each; common hen Canaries, 1/3; Borders, 1/6; Norwich or Yorkshires, 1/9; Linnets wanted, cocks or hens: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (1587)

WANTED—CANARIES

Mules and British birds, Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

CANARIES

Wanted, any quantity cocks or pairs of Canaries; also Mules: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (1593)

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Clean, healthy, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, best price given, any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1513)

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SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Goldfinch, winner, for singing Norwich cock: Landers, Abbotwick, Alnwick. (1586)

HAND-REARED 1913 cock Thrush, full song, feeds from hand, 5/6: G. Perrins, 26, L moor-rd., Longton, Staffordshire. (1588)

THREE large F.M. Linnets, full song, 2/- each; charlock, two quarts, 1/- carriage paid: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1592)

WILL exchange song birds or show birds for Canaries, Mules, any sort: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1593)

AVIARY-moulted British and Foreign, 1/6 each, exchange cocks, Siskin, Goldfinch, Bullfinch: King, 90, High st., Walthamstow. (1582)

ONE Linnet, H.-M., sex unknown; 1 hen Bullfinch, H.-M., will exchange 7 pure Indian Game eggs: F. Harris, Chard Junction. (1584)

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for two splendid cock Goldfinches and four cock Greenfinches: Elliott, White Hart, Burgh, Lincs. (1557)

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EXCHANGE cock Linnet, hen Canary, cock Linnet Mule, for phonograph records, or good cock Canary: Whitlow, Padgate, Warrington. (1588)

PIED hen Blackbird, white head, yellow beak, body splashed, caged eight months; exchange: Elmes, 19, Mitre-st., Cheltenham. (1587)

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule, good size, Finch note, for Siberian Goldfinch or big Norwich cock: Hussey, Kington, Herefordshire. (1593)

FINE cock Hawfinch, moult exhibition specimen, 10/-; cock Redstart, 4/6; buff Yorks. hen, 3/-: Conie, Newtown, Rauuds, Wellingboro'. (1587)

CLEAR buff Yorkshire hen, 1912, healthy; exchange cock Goldfinch or Linnets, offers: Larcombe, 65, King Edward-st., Blaengarw. (1589)

WHITE Robin, built and laid last month; £5, or part exchange Norwich Canaries, Zebra Finches: Scott, Waterside, Copse, Lipbook. (1597)

EXCHANGE pair Linnets, pair Chaffinches, pair Greenfinches, for pair of Zebra Finches: Strickland, Combe Bank Lodge, Brasted, Kent. (1590)

OVERSTOCKED, loud singing Larks, 2/-, with cage; exchange Mules or moulted Linnets, genuine: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester. (1587)

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FIVE beautiful cock Bullfinches, from outdoor aviary, cash offers or exchange Zebra Finches or White Java Sparrows: Benson, Dalbeattie. (1589)

GOOD working hob ferret and little cash for cock Canary, also cock Goldfinch; exchange 2 hen Canaries: Clements, Jeynes Row, Tewkesbury. (1590)

EXCHANGE 1913 hand-reared Song Thrush, good plumage, for Roller or Norwich hens, or sell 6/-; offers: Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pontre, Rhondda. (1588)

GOLDFINCH cock (a beauty), and Sib. yellow hen, both guaranteed perfect health and breeding condition; exchange angling material: Todd, Plumtree, Girvan. (1588)

EXCHANGE cock Canary and Welsh Goldfinch, both on song, for singing Linnet Mule, both young birds, 12/6, or what offers?: A. Maisey, Sudbrook, Chepstow. (1583)

EXCHANGE two singing cock Greenfinches, one Chaffinch, 1/9 each; pair good Redpolls, 1/4; Norwich hen Canary, 2/3; offers: Pem, Horton Nursery, Colnbrook. (1585)

EXCHANGE grand pair aviary-moulted Goldfinches, one twice house-moulted Bullie cock for cycle tyres, 28 by 1½, or anything useful: yours first: H. Hosler, 21, Box Mill, Halstead, Essex. (1587)

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PAIR Canaries, 10/-; house-mounted Goldfinch, 6/-; exchange poultry, anything: Samuel Goodyear, Salcombe. (1592)

TWO pairs Yorkshires; exchange for Crest or Crestbred hens, sell 30/-: Gorton, 39, Rochdale-rd., Bury, Lancs. (1590)

THREE yellow Norwich and one Yorkshire hens for H.M. Goldfinches or Linnets; offers: H. Mathers, Kelfield, York. (1589)

TWO pair 1913 Norwich, healthy, cold-room, 7/6 pair, bargain; exchange clock value £1: Carter, High-st., Cinderford. (1587)

FEW good hen Canaries, strong and healthy, 1913 birds, 2/6 each; exchange stamps: Cooper, 163, Princese-st., Manchester. (1591)

EXCHANGE grand pair of Crests for four Minorcas or Leghorn pullets, genuine: William Hulme, 3, Fairhurst-st., Leigh. (1588)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Norwich for gent's cycle, good make, on approval: Harper, 33, Wellington-rd., Lancaster. (1590)

EXCHANGE cock Canary for ladies' and children's cast-off clothing: Andrews, 16 and 16½ Howick-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. (1594)

YORKSHIRE Roller, 1913 hens, two variegated one clear; singing Canary or Mule wanted: Bank House, 273, Stretford-rd., Hulme, Manchester. (1587)

YELLOW green Norwich cock and buff hen, unflighted, 10/6, bargain; exchange offers entertained: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham. (1589)

ONE pair Seifert Rollers, one pair Norwich, 20/- lot, or exchange Rollers for talking Parrot, on approval: W. Pearce, Buscot, Lechlade, Glos. (1590)

PAIR of first-class Yorkshires, both big winners and diploma winners, nesting, £2; offers considered: Hoare, 229, Cardiff-rd., Aberaman, Aberdare. (1589)

FOR sale, Goldfinch Mule, 8/6; grand songster, week's approval, or exchange for good Roller or Norwich: Hairdresser, Hill-st., Rhymney, Mon. (1588)

TWO Linnets, full song, picked birds, Cinnamon Border hen, eager to nest; exchange Norwich hens, sell 5s.: Bishop, 12, Pelham rd., South Woodford. (1584)

SEIFERT Roller cock, price 15/-, or exchange for a good Norwich yellow hen; approval both ways: Morris, Luton House, Luton-st., Treorchy, Rhondda. (1584)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire terrier dog, three Roller hens, one cock, for Amazon or African Grey Parrot, talking: Poole, 4, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley. (1590)

NINE good Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries, 3 cocks, 4 double-breeders, with all accessories, 30/-, or offers, room wanted: Allen, 87a, Huntsmoor-rd., Wandsworth, S.W. (1588)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks., Norwich, Foreigners, talking Parrots, toy dogs, cycles, for scrap brass, copper, block tin, gold jewellery: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1594)

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NOTICE: Wanted, all varieties Canaries and Foreign birds, give good exchange in Norwich, Yorkshire, or Border show cages, gent's suit length (tweed) or lady's dress length: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1574)

FINE exhibition cock Chaffinches, 4/-; cock Greenie, 4/-; Yellow Bunting, 6/-; Hybrid pairs, Greenie-Chaffie, Greenie-Goldie, 6/- pair; exchange Norwich, Yorks., Scots, or violin, quality offered, wanted; approval: Griffin, Bretforton, Honeybourne, Worc. (1586)

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Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE hen Pope cock, Crested Cardinals, for 3 hen Budgerigars, or offers: H. Morris, 12, Makinson Arcade, Wigan. (1588)

WHAT offers in Norwich cock Canaries for Redcrested Cardinal, acclimatised, good bird; approval: F. Edwards, Wareham. (1585)

EXCHANGE talking Parrot and cage for Canarice or tame monkey, sell 25/-; stamp: Cooper, 165, Princess-st., Manchester. (1591)

EXCHANGE pair of Green Budgerigars, 1913, for cock Goldfinch Mule or singing cock Canary: Broadbent, James-st., Thornaby. (1587)

WANTED, pair White Javas or other small foreigners; exchange pair Spotted Senegal Doves: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham. (1586)

SPLENDID Australian Parrot, few words plainly, strong cage, 30/-; exchange Canaries, records; yours first: Percival, 46, Burgess-st., Grimsby. (1587)

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A splendid Blue-faced Amazon Parrot, three years old, plain talker, in grand health and feather, £2 10/-; or exchange anything to value or part cash: Mr. Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1587)

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BLACK morning coat and vest, nearly new, cost 4[illegible]; 36in. chest, sell 20/-; exchange gun, cycle trailer: Fletcher, Castle-road, Bedford. (1582)
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TANDEM cycles, good tyres, excellent condition, 50/-, or exchange, accordion, 19 keys, 4 basses cost 25/-: 10/-, exchanges: Palfrey, Dronfield. (1585)
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EXCHANGE, for Canaries, wood-turning lathe, sound, tools, take 26in. rollers, sell £1: Prudhoe, 2, Medicis Yard, Cleveland-st., Middlesbrough. (1584)
LARGE English doe, also Dutch buck and pair of racing speaker pigeons; exchange hen Canaries or British birds: Perrett, Elm Mews, Richmond.
BREECH-LOADING, ball or shot, in good condition, will exchange for good air-gun; approval both ways, or will sell cheap: Smith, Woodlands, Kendal.
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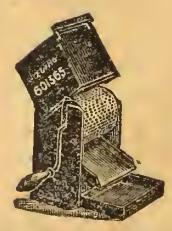

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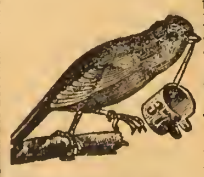

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England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.). J.W.M., W.B.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 10.—**Crewe O.S.**—(N. L. Croft, 38, Cemetery Rd.) C.H.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(J. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 16-17.—**Burnley C.B.S.**—(G. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.C.B., C.A.H.

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton,** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St., Oxford.). J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 46, Woodhead Rd., Birchenhead, Hanley.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton. S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 6, Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.) J.T., E.J.R., A.C., R.L.C., F.E., J.R., A.S., C.P., J.D., A.J.M.

Nov. 26.—**Grantham C.B.S.**—(H. Lowther, 44, Cambridge St.) W.P.B.

Nov. 27-28.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(H. Whitney, 10, Brook St.) A.H., E.B.

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Nov. 28-30.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(G. Siddown, 45, Lower Granby St.) W.V., C.H.

Dec. 2.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Dec. 2-3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.) J.R.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Dec. 12.—**Burslem C.B.S.**—(L. James, 48, Croft St.)

Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.).

Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(W. Harrison, 45, Darlington St.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L., R.W., J. McL.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).

Oct. 31.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison St.)

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton, 25, Orchard St.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.) T.M., H.W., J.R., J.V., J.A., J.S.

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Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1.—**Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Aberavon, Port Talbot C.B.S.** (A. Maggs, 18, Rice St., Port Talbot.).

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).

Nov. 25.—**Pontypridd F. & F.S.**—(A. A. G. M'Lucae, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.)

Dec. 3.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Richards, Cardiff Arms Hotel, Treorchy.)

Jan. 12.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) J.R., H.N.

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14 Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Holroyd, Bradford, has been engaged to judge the F.F. show at Wibsey in July.

Mr. R. Fox, sec., writes that all meetings of the North Shields and Dis. C.B.C. are postponed until further notice.

At the monthly meeting of Broughty Ferry C.B.S., held May 6, it was decided to alter date of annual open show to December 12, instead of 5th as formerly arranged.—J. F. Langlands, sec.

I was pleased to see my unflighted yellow Yorkshire on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. writes Mr. H. Chew. A mistake was made, however, as the inscription should have read H. Chew, of Leeds, not H. Chew, of Manningham.

With great appreciation I thank you for depicting on the front page of CAGE BIRDS my unflighted bowl winner at the Bristol F.A. show last November. Your able artist, Mr. Norman, is greatly esteemed by all bird lovers. Best wishes to CAGE BIRDS.—George Thomson (Cardiff).

Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec., writes that at the next meeting of the L. and P.O.S., the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate St., May 21, at 8, Mr. J. Hodder will give a lecture on the Norwich Canary. Friends will be welcome, and the comfortable and newly-furnished club room should be well filled on the occasion.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. country ramble takes place May 17th to Holmwood and Ranmore Common, writes Mr. A. G. Cant, hon. sec. Train leaves Peckham Rye 9.30; return rail fare 2s. 6d. to Dorking. Take own luncheon; tea at Temperance Hotel, Dorking. Hope to see a good muster.

Mr. W. Rudd, the noted dealer, of Norwich, sends us a really wonderful printed list of testimonials which have been received by him from foreign parts. It is evident that Mr. Rudd counts satisfied clients in practically every corner of the world. The originals are, every one, open to inspection.

The show of the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association will be held at Fowey on June 10 and 11. There are twenty classes for cage-birds—Nor. 4, Crests 1, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 4, Group 1, For. 2, Sell 2; prizes 8s., 5s., 3s.; fee 1s. Judge, Mr. S. Tickell; ent. close June 1 to Denis Isbell, Fowey.

Our usual fortnightly meeting for May 23 has been cancelled, writes Mr. J. Peacock, hon. sec. Sunderland C.B.A., the members present at last meeting having decided to go to Corbridge on a ramble on that date. Train leaves Sunderland at 1 p.m.; fanciers and friends are invited to meet us at the North end of station a few minutes before train time.

The classification for the four shows of the Windhill C.B.S. may be had from the sec. Mr. J. A. Taylor, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghill, Bradford. 10 classes are provided at each of the F.F. shows. Mr. J. Greaves judging on June 6, and Mr. T. Mountain on July 18. The judges for the winter shows, 28 classes in each, are Sept. 26 Mr. J. Broadley, and Dec. 19 Mr. W. Richmond.

Fanciers and friends who care to join the ramble through Epping Forest on May 16, write Messrs. Forse and Son, hon. secs. Leyton C.B.A., will be heartily welcomed. Assemble at Loughton Station, and start directly after the arrival at Loughton of the train timed for 3.25. A substantial meat tea will be provided at the "Owl" at 6, after which there will be songs given by members, and the usual jolly evening before going home. We hope to hear the Nightingales as usual on the homeward journey.

The Avicultural Magazine for May, the journal of the Avicultural Society, opens with a continuation of the very interesting article "My Birds at Brinsop Court," by Mr. H. D. Astley. "Some Hints on Parrot-keeping," by the Marquis of Tavistock, is full of advice which should prove interesting and useful to every keeper of a Parrot. Mr. G. E. Low tells of his pet Shamah, the contribution being illustrated with two charming photographs by the author. Mr. C. Barnby Smith writes on "Desirable Waders and Water Birds," and Dr. Butler continues his "Thirty two Years of Aviculture."

Mr. W. H. Butler writes that he has removed from Stanley to 33, St. Aiden's Road, S. Shields.

Will secretaries of Roller societies kindly note, writes Mr. H. Wantling, sec. Rossendale R.C.C., that we have decided to hold our annual Roller contest on Nov. 20 and 21, and avoid clashing.

The grand sketch of our Lesser Redpoll, the Palace Winner, does great credit to your artist. Every success to CAGE BIRDS.—Stuart and Dalling (Bathgate).

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Garner (Hazel Grove).

Fanciers throughout the country will regret to hear of the death, on May 4, of John Garner, of Hazel Grove, at the age of 62 years. The deceased gentleman was well known as one of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of the Giant of the Fancy, the Lancashire Canary. The Fancy has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed members. For over 40 years it has been his study and hobby to breed the very best and purest of strains, and he has won thousands of prizes on the show bench. Over many years, too, he has been acting as judge at some of the

The Late John Garner, wearing one of the L. and L.F.A. Championship Medals, won by his birds.

leading shows, and had already been selected to act in that capacity at the All England show of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. Mr. Garner has been president of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. for many years, and only recently he accepted the position for 1914. His quiet and unassuming manner endeared him to all who came in contact with him, and no man, by example and precept, could do more to further the interests of the Fancy he loved so much. A widow and grown-up family mourn the loss of a perfect gentleman and a famous fancier.

It is with heartfelt sorrow I acquaint you of another heavy loss the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. has sustained, writes Mr. J. Rukin, the hon. sec., in the death of our old and esteemed friend, John Garner. Honest John, as his intimate friends were proud to call him, was indeed the type of all that is best in a man and a fancier, and those who had the pleasure of his friendship always felt the better for the force of his example. As a breeder of high-class Lancashires, he attained to success which probably has never been equalled, and he was always a sturdy upholder of the pure type. He was interred at Norbury Church. Messrs. E. Fuller and M. Rukin (for J. Rukin) represented the L. and L.F.A., Messrs. S. Beswick, Oldham, Marsland, and J. Bell represented local fanciers, and Mr. J. Raynes, the M. and N.C.O.S. Every fancier will join me in tendering to Mrs. Garner and the family he has left behind him our sincere and loving sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. C. Winstone, Kettering.

It is with profound sorrow, writes Mr. A. Martin, sec. Kettering C.B.S., that I have to report the death of Mr. Chas. Winstone, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was a breeder of Norwich and Crests, and for many years took a keen interest in the Fancy, several times judging at our local shows. He will be missed by a large circle of friends by whom he was held in high esteem, and his loss will be greatly felt. I am sure all fanciers will extend with us their deepest sympathy to his sorrowing mother and relatives.

Mr. J. Walsh has been engaged to judge cage-birds at Gwyrfai Show, near Carnarvon, June 27.

Hornsey, Wood Green and Dis. C.B.S. has arranged a country ramble to Amersham for May 17, writes Mr. P. Brooks, hon. sec.; meet at Finsbury Park Station (Tube) 9.30 a.m.; fanciers and friends welcome.

Grantham C.B.S. have arranged an open show on Nov. 25, writes Mr. H. Lowther, the sec. Will secretaries please note, to avoid clashing; also that I have changed my address to 44, Cambridge Street, Grantham.

Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.'s outing to Effingham Common will be on Sunday, May 24; train leaves Waterloo 9.55, stopping at Clapham Junction and Wimbledon. Fanciers wishing to join should communicate with Mr. T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.

24-year-old Canary.

Mr. L. W. Burnand, of Worthing, says that his Canary is now 24½ years old, in good plumage, and sings well.

The Fancy Honoured.

We hear that the Marquis of Tavistock (son and heir of the Duke of Bedford) will judge the Parrot classes at the next Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show. His Lordship takes a great interest in the keeping and breeding of Parrots; also in the well-being of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

Goldfinch Sixteen Years in a Cage.

I have in my possession a Goldfinch which has been caged for sixteen years, and at present it is in lovely plumage and sings beautifully, although not quite so strongly as formerly.—H. G. Humphries (Olveston) in the "Daily Mail."

Rugby Fanciers Doing Well.

We have received a report from Mr. C. H. Webb, one of the Rugby C.B. Society's Committee, after his tour round among the fanciers in the town, and he says that everything is progressing very satisfactorily. Most of the fanciers are highly pleased with the luck they have had first round, and everything points towards a most successful season. Mr. Webb continues: "Most of the success I attribute to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which all good fanciers look eagerly forward to every week, and from which a great deal of benefit is being derived. Among the fanciers I have seen are Mr. J. W. Veasey, with thirty young ones nearly all on the perches and doing well. Some should be heard more of later on. Mr. H. Leng has 29 young ones, all looking the picture of health. Many more have some real fine young ones among the most successful being Messrs. Whitehouse, Salter, Clough, Nelson, White, Jones, Green, and Makepiece. We wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so rightly deserves, and all its readers a most successful season." [We shall welcome reports from other quarters. Will secretaries and readers kindly supply same?—Ed., "C.B."]

Final Appeal for Hospital Eggs.

THE POULTRY WORLD'S Hospital Egg Week closes on Tuesday next, May 19, and it is hoped that readers of CAGE BIRDS who keep poultry will send all the eggs they can spare between now and Tuesday next CARRIAGE PAID to:—

Editor THE POULTRY WORLD,
154, Fleet Street,
London, E.C.

The eggs collected during the Hospital Egg Week are distributed amongst the inmates of our Metropolitan Hospitals, and the fact that these eggs are sorely needed by the patients needs no emphasis from us. Will you help to swell this year's collection by forwarding a box of new-laid eggs to the above address—TO-DAY?

An Object Lesson.

Carrion Crows established in the high trees surrounding the Round Pond in Kensington Gardens are reported by a correspondent to have carried off several ducklings. An elderly woman (he says) was watching these proceedings with evident delight. Turning to a boy who was with her, she was heard to remark:—"Johnny, that's one of them Cuckoo birds which catches up young ducklings and brings them up as Cuckoos in her own nest."

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

The following rambles have been arranged: Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not. Woolwich C.B.S., May 17, to Swanley, via Bexley, meet 8.15 a.m., at the Fountain, Wickham Lane, Plumstead. Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S., May 17, to Amersham, meet Finsbury Park Tube Station, 9.30; Watford C.B.S., May 17, to Chipperfield Common, meet Cassiobury Park Gates, 9.30; Radcliffe C.B.S., May 24, meet Town Hall, 2; Leyton C.B.S., May 16, to Epping Forest, meet Loughton Station, 2.35; Clapham C.B.A., May 24, to Effingham Common, train from Waterloo 9.55; Halifax O.S., May 16, to Crimsworth Dean, meet top of King Cross tram terminus, 2.15; Ashton-u-Lyne O.S., May 17, through Chadkirk Valley, meet Hyde Town Hall, 2; Sunderland C.B.A., May 23, to Corbridge, train leaves Sunderland 1; Sowerby Bridge C.B.S., May 17, to Bingley, train Sowerby Bridge, 9.50; Halifax L.Y.R., 10.5; Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., May 17, to Holmwood and Ranmore Common, train from Peckham Rye to Dorking, 9.30; National British Bird and M.C., May 23, to Clandon, Merrow and E. Horsley, trains from Waterloo, 9.20 and 2.15; East Ham C.B.S., May 17, to Epping Plain, train from Stratford 10.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

CAGE BIRDS suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary, any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Softbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to the sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

which is presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

"CAGE BIRDS is a wonderful paper. I easily sold the Roller Hen advertised last week, and returned orders, thanks to your paper."—H. KIRTON BLAND (Sydenham).

"Through my small advert. in CAGE BIRDS, I have sold every Yorkshire Canary I had for sale, enquiries coming from all parts of England. I am more than satisfied with this result."—HERBERT L. HUGGINS (Bowes Park).

"With 2 adverts. in CAGE BIRDS we have sold 58 Yorkshires, which speaks well for your paper. We have now sold out all our surplus stock."—OWEN & SON (Wimbledon).

"Please thank all who answered my advert; they were too numerous to answer separately. I could have sold all 20 times over, which shows the value of advertising in the one paper for bird fanciers, CAGE BIRDS."—WM. LAIDLAW (Langholm).

Bird-Room Appliances Explained.

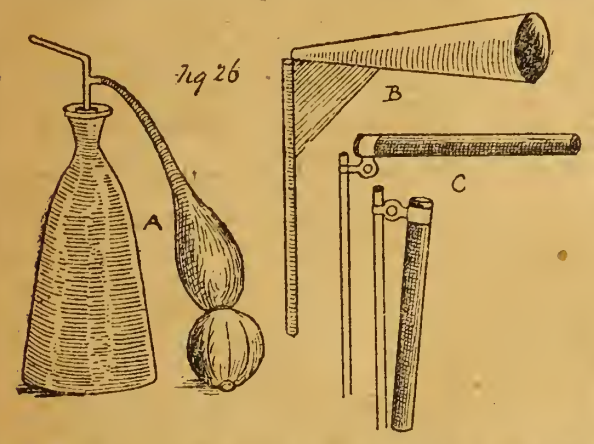
By H. NORMAN (Carshalton).

(*Concluded from page* 395.)

A SPRAY of some kind is an indispensable article in the bird-room, because among our stock we are certain at some time or other to possess a bird that refuses to bathe; further, there is just the few days before a show when the spray is more certain to thoroughly wet the plumage than a natural bath. The cheapest form of spray is the tin one depicted at "B" Fig. 26. This is all right if the fancier possesses good lungs and the necessary energy to use them. Unfortunately these sprays do not always act quite as nicely as one could wish; the junction of the tubes is sometimes faulty, consequently making it quite a labour to spray even a single specimen.

The Best Kind of Spray.

The best form of spray of this kind that I know of is the one shown at "C," Fig. 26. This is not procurable at any of the bird dealers' establishments, so far as I know, but can be purchased from dealers in artists' requirements. It is used to spray charcoal and pencil drawings with a fixing solution, and is made with a nickel tube and vulcan mouthpiece. It has the advantage of folding up, one can adjust it at any angle,

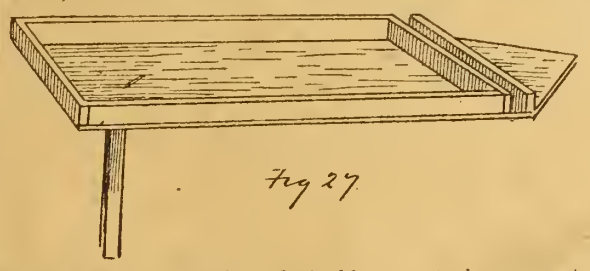


and a good diffused spray is easily obtained without much effort. These sprays are retailed at about sixpence each.

The other form of spray depicted at "A," Fig. 26, is a much more elaborate article, consisting of a rubber ball and tube, nickel fitting, and a glass bottle. It is similar to the sprays used by hairdressers. This is easily the best of the three, and can be used with ease. All that is necessary is to hold the bottle in the left hand and take the rubber ball in the right, when by squeezing it a fine spray is ejected from the top tube.

A Board to help the Young.

By most fanciers it is considered to be desirable to get young birds to feed themselves as early as possible after they leave the nest. The old birds just at that time are getting somewhat "tired" of undertaking their care, and anxious to get on with a second nest. A good feeding cock will, of course, take charge of them, but such a one is not always available, and in



that case it is certainly desirable to get the youngsters doing for themselves.

The feeding board shown at Fig. 27 is used far more freely in the North than among Southern breeders. It can be placed in a Yorkshire show cage (being utilised as a nursery cage), through the door, standing on its one leg inside; the door is then closed down into slot. A little egg food and crushed seed are placed on the board, which the young ones soon find, and when one starts feeding the others quickly follow. Be careful to keep these boards perfectly clean, and always have a fresh one ready to exchange for one that is fouled.

This feeding board can, of course, be used in the second compartment of a double breeder, where it is the practice to shut off the young in this compartment. The leg can readily be cut to any desired length. It is very useful in all cases as an aid to getting the young to pick about amongst food, and so acquire quickly the habit of feeding themselves.

The Peruvian Green Jay is a very handsome South American species, its colouring being extremely rich; specimens are occasionally seen on the show-bench.

In a properly arranged bird-room a cupboard of some kind, or medicine cabinet, is quite the correct thing, and extremely useful. The one shown at Fig. 28 is for the corner of a room, and if made large enough to contain a couple of shelves, will hold all the medicine bottles, etc., one will require. Medicine cabinets are made and sold by some dealers, but these, as a rule, are to stand about and so are not much more tidy than the loose bottles. This cupboard can be easily fixed in a corner too dark to hold cages, where it is quite out of the way. It lends an air of tidiness to the room, and has the advantage of retaining all the medicines in one place, so that the fancier can easily put his hand upon any one required.

THE FASCINATING PURSUIT OF MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

(*Continued from page* 413.)

IT is advisable to pair your birds early so that they shall be on thoroughly good terms when the breeding time arrives. You cannot expect British birds to pair up and settle down to housekeeping in two or three weeks, like the domesticated Canary, especially when, as in Hybrid breeding, we are pairing birds of different species.

My own plan is to pair up all my birds, as I intend breeding with them, in December, or early in January, allowing them to fly together during the remainder of the winter. As the breeding season approaches and the birds come into breeding condition I separate them by a sliding wire partition, if necessary, for special treatment in feeding. Previous to pairing I let all my hens fly together in a large outdoor aviary where they get plenty of exercise and thus do not become too fat and lazy, for one is not likely to do much successful breeding with hens which have been allowed to get into such a condition. During this time the cocks and hens must not be allowed to fly together or they will be striking up friendships other than those intended

Differences of Disposition.

You will find that some pairs will settle down to a peaceful and quiet life almost at once, while others will behave in a most unfriendly manner, quarrelling from morning to night, commencing with a tussle over the early morning meal and ending with a noisy dispute as to which shall have choice of roosting sites. Do not let this worry you, however, for as a general rule they dispose of their little differences in the end, when it will be found, in most cases, that the cock has asserted his authority, though I have known Bullfinch hens which have absolutely refused to acknowledge their partner as lord and master. If either becomes too aggressive it will be wise to separate them until such time as they seem more disposed to be friendly towards each other.

The Management of Canaries.

Of course, if you are thinking of putting up pairs of British birds for Hybrid breeding it will be necessary to have several pairs of Canaries going off to nest at different times, so that there shall be always one or two hens sitting and ready to take the eggs laid by the Britishers, for, as I have already stated, the British hens are not to be trusted with the work of incubation and rearing of the young Hybrids. Common Canaries are as suitable as any for this purpose, as they generally prove to be good feeders.

If you are trying for any of the smaller crosses, such as the Goldfinch-Redpoll or Goldfinch-Siskin, it would be advisable to include a couple of pairs of small Border Fancies among your feeders, as the young from these crosses are very small when first hatched.

Put up your first pair early in April, selecting the most forward hen, and the remaining four or five pairs on the five following Saturdays, always selecting the most forward birds, as by so doing you will be sure that your hens are going off to nest at different times, a matter of great importance, as you will see later. The Canaries may be paired up in an indoor room, and supplied with the usual nesting apparatus and material. In this room it will be necessary to have a record book in which strict account must be kept of dates when each hen commenced to sit, whether on her own eggs or those brought in from outdoors.

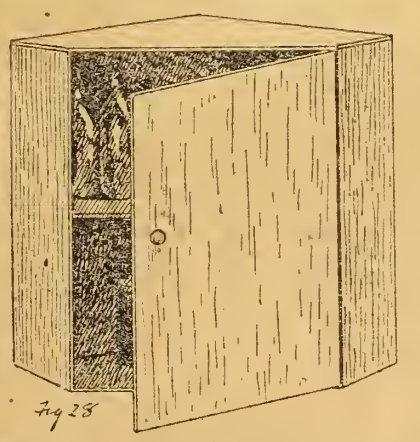
Turning out Winners.

Having secured our Finches and Canaries, carefully paired them and provided them with suitable and well-furnished homes, we quite naturally begin to build our "castles in the air." And here let me warn the young beginner not to expect too much. We must not expect to turn out first prize Palace winners at the first time of asking, for in Hybrid breeding, as in most other things, the mill-wheel grinds slowly. But by careful selection and management, a close study of the birds themselves, their habits and food, we considerably increase our chances of success.

And we should remember that the chief delight of this, as of most other hobbies, lies in the work itself, and not in any possible reward which may result from our labours. The moment we allow the winning of prizes to become the dominant factor of our hobby we shall fail to extract from it any real and lasting pleasure. I think most breeders and exhibitors of experience will agree that the greatest pleasures of our hobby are to be found in the breeding and not in the exhibition of our birds.

Feeding and Conditioning Our Birds.

The feeding of our stock is a matter of great importance, as if we are to meet with any degree of success it is essential that our birds shall be got into breeding condition as early as possible. We often hear of Hybrids being bred so late in the season that the Canaries have gone into moult with the result that unless one resorts to hand-rearing the young Hybrids are lost. Only last season a Barnstaple fancier lost four fine young Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids as a result of late



hatching, the hen Canary refusing to feed them. We tried hand-rearing as a last resort, but our efforts were doomed to failure, for the youngsters had not had a good start and all died on the third morning.

You will thus see the importance of bringing our Finches into condition early so that we may secure our clutches of eggs from them while we have the Canaries to assist us in the work of incubation and rearing. Some breeders argue that we are not likely to obtain fertile eggs from our Britishers until late in the season, but this has not been my experience. On reference to my breeding records I find that most of my Hybrids and also two Bullfinches bred in captivity were hatched before the end of June, the earliest record being May 12th, when two Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrids were hatched.

The question arises, how are we to get our birds into early breeding condition? I have often heard fanciers, about three or four weeks before the time when they should be busy with their first round of eggs, talking of getting their birds into condition as if it were a feat very easy of performance. But it is not so easily done, and especially in the case of British birds. Your birds must be in first-rate condition from the time they are first put together. Here let me say at once that I consider the moulting season the most important time for getting your birds into condition. Provided your birds come through the moult well you are not likely to get much trouble with them during the winter months.

During the moult give your Britishers a liberal supply of freshly-gathered wild seeds such as groundsel, plantain, shepherd's purse, chickweed, knapweed, charlock, thistle, etc., in addition to their ordinary diet of dried seeds. You need not be afraid of giving too much so long as it is fresh and fairly ripe and the remnant is cleared out of the cages every evening. My birds practically live on such seeds during the moult, and a glance at the seed-boxes will show what a saving is being effected in the seed bill. In addition to these seeds your Greenfinches and Bullfinches may be given an unlimited supply of haws, blackberries, privet berries and other autumn fruits as they come in season.

When giving Groundsel.

When supplying such seeds as groundsel do not gather much of the green parts of the plant, but nip off the ripe heads containing the seeds, of which fresh supplies should be given daily. Also at this season gather a store of plantain and knapweed for use during the winter months, for not only will these afford a welcome change to the ordinary diet, but will give the birds much pleasant occupation in breaking open the seed-vessels in search of the coveted seed.

As the spring advances give your Finches a plentiful supply of freshly-gathered ripe dandelion seed, which may be found in great abundance during the months of March, April and May. There is nothing to equal these seeds for getting your birds into breeding condition, and I feel confident that my success in Mule and Hybrid breeding may in a large measure be attributed to the free use of these and other wild seeds whenever obtainable.

As a staple food throughout the year I give my Finches canary, hemp, teazle, and rape. These seeds are all supplied separately and thus much waste is avoided, as if mixed the birds will scatter most of it in order to get at the seed they like best. This method also enables you to regulate your food supply, as you can keep back any particular seed for a day or two whenever you think fit.

(*To be continued.*)

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 395.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

"SWEATING" is assumed by some to be due to the various kinds of nesting material, such as hay, moss, and cowhair. Deer-hair and charpie are now on the market, the last-named being held to be a preventive, yet it leaves very much to be desired. It is held by some that "sweating" arises from the young birds; but I fail to see eye to eye with these fanciers, because it is only in a severe attack that traces of moisture can be found on their covering of down, which is so susceptible to damp. If the trouble arises from the young birds, it would naturally be expected that the first symptoms would be shown by them, whereas such is not the case The first intimation comes from the hen, and on those feathers that come in contact with the sides of the nest, rather than with the youngsters.

Another View of the Matter.

Still another view is held, and that is that the trouble is due to weakness on the part of the hen. I am in sympathy with the idea that it is due to the hen, yet am not convinced that it arises from weakness, because of the relaxing nature of the medicines that are usually given, for it may be assumed that they are the correct ones, as they will frequently relieve, and very often effect a cure.

It limits the field of investigation when we recollect that this trouble occurs only when the hen is brooding youngsters of a tender age. The trouble does not usually occur previous to the fourth day after hatching; it is then liable to appear at any time up to about the tenth or the twelfth day, after which it would be a rarity for it to occur, as the hen by that time commences to take longer intervals from the nest during the day-time. For a little while after she has ceased to brood them in the day-time, she will generally stand over them during the night, but no harm will accrue even from the hen that has previously been troubled with "sweating."

Many hens continue to feed the young all right during a mild attack, whereas the energy of others will commence to flag, consequently the youngsters are not fed so well as formerly. When a hen is feeling the effects of the trouble she gets loose in feather, excepting where signs of the "sweating" are showing. This portion of the plumage becomes awry, and appears to have been smeared with some kind of a greasy substance. In the case of a mild attack this would be noticeable just on the sides below the wings, and it may be also a little on the breast feathers, just where they come into contact with the sides of the nest. In more severe cases it will continue lower, extending to the feathers on the lower part of the breast, and also on the sides. In a severe attack of this kind the down on the youngsters will often be lying close to their bodies, and saturated with moisture, and it is hardly to be expected that they can thrive in this condition, so a medicine for the hen should be resorted to.

Internal and External Remedies.

It is usual to give a cooling medicine and a salt bath; the latter is made by adding a teaspoonful of common table salt to one breakfast cup of water. The medicine may be either a pinch of Epsom salts, a senna leaf, or a piece of sulphate of soda (from chemists) about the size of a marrowfat pea, added to, and well mixed in the drinking water daily until an improvement takes place. Of the three remedies I prefer the sulphate of soda, as its action on the bowels is smoother and less painful than the other two. All these three medicines will tend to produce a looseness of the bowels, and this is more or less of a weakening nature. The salt bath will have a bracing effect, but I have not found it to cure without the aid of an internal remedy, whereas I have frequently effected a cure with sulphate of soda, without the use of the salt bath.

While respecting the opinions of those who believe that the Canary cannot sweat, and that it is due to weaknoss, I cannot understand how this greasy moisture is generated if it is not emitted from the hen's body. Further, if it is due to weakness, I fail to understand how an internal remedy of a relaxing nature, which would have a tendency to produce weakness, will relieve, and how if the remedy is given on several successive days—thus tending to produce further weakness—it will ultimately effect a cure. The results of my own experiments are that this "sweating" or greasy moisture, or whatever name we like to give it, comes from the hen's body, and is caused through an overheated condition, brought about through eating, ad lib, the rich diet provided for her to feed to the youngsters

Items that Aggravate the Trouble.

There are several things which may aggravate her complaint; one has already been mentioned, i.e., diarrhoea in the young birds; a rich seed diet during incubation, or, again, the reverse, and the sudden change from this plain seed diet to the rich one partly composed of eggs. Wiser heads than mine have been puzzled over this subject; I have instructed the beginner how to detect and cure the complaint, and now leave it to deal with another little trouble that is likely to occur with young about a fortnight old.

It is only a minor trouble, yet it may cause any not conversant with it to get rather anxious, when the hen for no apparent reason, suddenly begins to leave the egg-food, and the other extra articles of diet that are provided, in the same way as she would do in a severe case of "sweating," yet in this case there is no sign of "sweating," she simply refuses to eat her food as eagerly as she has done previously. No name has yet been applied to the trouble, and I am of the opinion that the rich diet again is the cause. A cooling medicine, the quantity of sulphate of soda added to the drinking water for a few days, recommended in a case of "sweating," will effect a cure.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A Lady Who Lost No Time.

SIR,—On the 15th April one of my hens hatched four young. Yesterday (5th May) the four young duly left the nest, and you may imagine my surprise when taking out the nest-pan to find three eggs in it. I replaced the eggs in a clean nest and took away the young for the cock-bird to finish off. This morning I find that the hen has laid a fourth egg and has started to sit all right. I believe the eggs are fertile, as the cock was with the hen since mating. Is this not rather unusual?

F. BULLEN.

The Song of the Nightingale.

Also a Warning Against Cockroaches.

SIR,—I would like to know if any of your readers have ever had a Nightingale that sang at night in a cage. A bird-dealer told me that a 'Gale, whose cage he kept on the window-sill, used to sing at night. I would also like to know if any of your readers have ever succeeded in getting Canaries to sing the 'Gale's song, or a good deal of it, and to the exclusion of their own song. I would warn 'Gale keepers not to give their birds too many Cockroaches. Last year one of my 'Gales got fits, and I traced the cause to an unlimited supply of cockroaches. The bird recovered his health after the cockroaches were stopped. I find one heaped teaspoonful of cockroaches is a safe quantity to give. I have lately cured a Sprosser of swollen feet by excluding egg flake from his food.

C. HARRISON.

Young Canaries Reared Without Egg or Soft Food.

SIR,—My first round of young have been entirely reared without egg or soft food (other than watercress) of any description. I mated up four pairs of Norwich in March and in all 18 eggs were laid; 17 hatched, result 16 birds now full grown and on hard seed. Two of the hens are again sitting, each on five eggs. I might state that one hen refused to feed her young after ten days, so I took three away and put them with another brood of four (which made seven) hatched the same day and the remaining one of the nest with another brood of four. All 12 are fine, healthy, robust birds, in fact bigger than the remaining four which were reared by their own parents. I should think, Mr. Editor, this is a record.

My method of feeding was as follows: Each pair, from day of hatching, constant supply of watercress, ½-spoonful each maw, inga, teazel, white and Indian millet, two each of cracked hemp and Canary. Clean water three times a day and strict attention to cleanliness in every way. All seed that was not consumed was removed at 5 a.m. every morning and thrown into my large aviary of Foreign birds, so there was no waste. I have not given any soaked food whatever. During the day my wife and daughter kept up a constant supply of watercress.

I will tell you that last year I took every possible care in the feeding of my birds, but tempt them how I would I could not induce them to take egg food in any shape or form. They reared their young on hemp seed and cress only. Result, nine birds for the two rounds from four pairs. So I thought I would try them on the various seeds instead, which has proved so great a success.

CHARLES EMMETT.

How to Adjust and Repair Bird Organs.

SIR,—A year or two ago an article appeared in CAGE BIRDS on the above subject by Mr. Tom Routledge (Stockport). I should esteem it a very great favour if Mr. Routledge, or any other Roller fancier, can help me as regards my Queck bird organ. All the tours are clear and vibrating with the exception of the rising and falling tour— the one where the lid rises and falls, that is worked by a wire attached to the top of the machine. This particular tour is very faint in tone. How can this be rectified? MEMBER B.R.C.C.

Has a Bird a Conscience?

SIR,—I am conscious of poignant feelings of regret that the sentiment expressed in my former letter have aroused Mr. Canning's contempt, but I am somewhat mollified when I notice that he hasn't regarded them with supreme indifference. No one likes to be entirely ignored. He is evidently one of those fanciers who take everything literally, as written, and whose inability to discern the satirical often leads them into pitfalls. His hen Canary that will only build with charpie stamps Mr. Canning as being an indulgent fancier who will satisfy the whims of his birds (for which nothing but praise is due to him), but that fact doesn't indicate that the hen has a conscience. She may have reasoning power, intelligence, or, as I should call it, "cussedness," but conscience, no!

With regard to his experiences of Rooks, I can only say that they are the opposite of mine. I have seen a few pairs build their nests in trees 200 and 300 yards away, and in two different directions from the recognised Rookery; not once, but dozens of times. Is it possible his Rooks are resident on some noble lord's estate, where even human beings are not allowed freedom, let alone a conscience? The fighting and quarrelling of Rooks—although showing reasoning power—are the result of petty family quarrels and jealousies, and not any indication that a bird has a conscience. The most casual student of psychology knows that there is a difference between reasoning power, intelligence—call it what you will—and conscience.

T. JOHNSON.

The National British Bird and Mule Club's Annual Ramble.

SIR,—The committee have decided that the annual outing shall take place on May 23rd. The morning party will leave Waterloo by the 9.20 train (South Station) for Clandon, in Surrey, and the afternoon party by the 2.15 train (South Station) also booking to Clandon. Luncheon will be provided at the Temperance Hotel, Merrow, and tea at the Station Hotel, East Horsley, as usual. The committee extend a hearty welcome to the members of all London societies to join them in this outing, also other friends. Will those desirous of going let me know by postcard which party they would like to go with, not later than the 19th inst, so that refreshments, etc., can be provided?

J. P. CARR, HON. SEC.

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Will Finches Rear a Young Cuckoo?

SIR,—In last week's issue a letter appeared under the heading "Will Finches Rear Young Cuckoos?" in which the writer questions the ability of a Linnet to rear a young Cuckoo, giving as his reason the fact that "the feeding habits of the species are so dissimilar." I suppose he thinks that Finches rear their young on hard seed! I have always believed, and in fact I know from personal observation, that Finches feed their nestlings on green caterpillars, flies, grubs, and any other soft food they can obtain. What more could a Cuckoo want? I have seen Cuckoo's eggs in the nests of the Linnet and Chaffinch, and I have a fully authenticated instance of a Cuckoo being reared by Bullfinches, in 1911, in Essex. For the last four years I have records of the following Finches being victimised by the Cuckoo:—1900, 2 Linnets, 1 Chaffinch; 1911, 1 Bullfinch; 1912, 2 Linnets; 1913, 2 Linnets. These formed about 10 per cent. of the Cuckoos' eggs found by members of our society, the most remarkable being one in a Gold Crest's nest in 1911. Such a large percentage as 10 would, I think, go far to prove that the Finches are quite capable of rearing a young Cuckoo.

C. H. MACKLIN.

Late Hon. Sec. Zoological Section,
Felsted School Scientific Society.

[We can assure Mr. Macklin that our correspondent, Mr. Steel, is under no misapprehension as to the diet of nestling Finches.—Ed., "C.B."]

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Breeding Small Foreign Birds in Cages.

SIR,—I would like to ask any of your readers who breed Foreign birds in cages if they would kindly tell me how they breed them. I have Canaries and have obtained valuable information, reading lectures, questions and answers, etc. Now I have some Foreigners, too, and I would like to know how to breed them. My birds at present are Zebra Finches, Cut-throats and Javas. I am wishful to get more, as they are so very interesting, and also a change from Canaries. I hope someone will give the necessary information, and so perhaps induce others to take up the fascinating hobby.

H. C. B.

The Champion Heavy-weight of the British Wagtails.

SIR,—With further reference to my letter in your issue of the 9th inst., I have heard from the eminent zoologist and naturalist, A. B. Farn, who says the Grey Wagtail is the longer bird (merely a matter of tail) but the Pied, he considers, the larger and heavier bird. Length: Grey, 7in. to 7.5in., wing 3.3in.; Pied, 7.4in., wing 3.5in. Out of 64 eggs of each species the average sizes were:—Grey, 19.0 by 14.5mm.; Pied, 20.2 by 15.2mm. This backs up my own statement that the Pied Wagtail's egg was the larger. I trust this information will be of some little interest in a discussion which now seems to be digressing somewhat from the original point.

W. F. LLOYD JAMES.

Young Feeding Young.

SIR,—I have a cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen, hatched on April 1 this season, thus being 5 weeks old. On Wednesday last I had a young Norwich given me by a fancier friend. This was 3 weeks old, and had not commenced to pick up for itself. My wife was going to hand-feed it. We put it with the cinnamon-marked youngster, and on the day following my brother said he had seen the latter feeding the young Norwich. I could hardly credit this, but on Saturday morning I sat for two hours watching it myself, and on Sunday morning I had several fanciers that know the age of the bird, and they all sat and watched it. As an old fancier and reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from the first number, I have never before had, nor heard of, a similar experience. I would ask if any other fancier has ever known anything like it.

FRED S. STIRK.

A Hen that Feeds Another's Youngsters.

Sir,—I have a fine yellow Norwich cock, in a good-sized cage, who of his own accord has paired with two hens. His green wife of last year is late nesting, only now (May 6) sitting on three eggs. In the same cage is a buff hen with four of his chicks, lovely-feathered three-weeks-old birds. When fresh food is given Madam Green leaves her eggs and well feeds the four youngsters, who are, of course, delighted. Mrs. Buff is preparing her second nest, and although there is a heap of material beside her, slyly picks from Greenie's nest in her absence!

(Mrs.) E. S. Parker.

A Society for Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to say a few words about our newly-formed society known as the Winnipeg and Dist. C.B.S. This society was formed in March, 1914, and is progressing wonderfully. Meetings are held fortnightly in the Agnew Shoe Store, on Notre Dame Avenue, kindly placed at our disposal by the proprietor, Mr. James Agnew. On April 1 a members' show was held and eighty-three birds were shown, including Yorkshires, Norwich Plainheads, Crests, German Rollers, and British Finches. Mr. McQuade (late of Enniskillen, Ireland) and Mr. Woods (late of Scotland) judged. Mr. Roberts (late of Accrington C.B.S.) also assisted. The society intends holding its annual show in October.

J. Wylie, Sec.

562, Beverley Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Is the Exhibition Norwich Plainhead Satisfactory?

Sir,—I am interested in the offer that Mr. Floyd has to make me. If it is to be money, I shall have to ask him to accept my profound regrets, because, although poor, I have certain feelings of pride. If his offer is to take the form of a hen, or a couple of hens, similar in size and form to his model, then I have a few cocks which would about suit them, and I might give this conscience of mine enough of a twist to accept them without disturbing my pride. You see, sir, I have a conscience, and although it is not elastic enough to admit my signing my name here, in view of his kind offer, I will give you permission to let him have my name privately, providing he sends you a stamped envelope. By the way, I did not say that I would like to breed one like Mr. Floyd's model; I ask him to read my letter again.

Sub Rosa.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

Sir,—I see a letter in your valuable paper from "Yellow Green" asking for information re the above scheme. But "Yellow Green" may save himself trouble, for it would be one of the greatest surprises to me if he got any information from this body, as such as "Yellow Green" and myself are only considered when the half-crown time comes round, or any subscriptions are wanted. I could ask the same question. What am I to do with the four young birds I had on the sticks when I got the notice that birds had to be rung? They may be the best I will breed, and they may not; in any case they cannot compete. I consider the Committee have sadly blundered in being so long in advising their members. Perhaps the Committee's birds were late this season! I have no doubt the notice of the scheme was out early enough for them, but is that everything? "Yellow Green" need not think he will not get to know much of how this Club is worked. I have watched its doings as closely as I could, and I have not seen a single instance where it has done good to the Norwich Plainhead in Scotland. It offers a few specials to be won by the "Big Wigs." The members with only a few birds have to pay, but have a poor chance of winning anything out of it. The Committee may think they have scored a big thing with this closed ring scheme; time will tell. We had good shows of Norwich in Scotland long before we heard of this Club. So, "Yellow Green," just content yourself, as you will have to do, till another body manages the affairs of this club, which makes it a rule that all members are entitled to know the workings of their Committee, a thing they don't know at present.

Buff Green.

Sir,—I quite expected some correspondence on the above club's adoption of the closed ring, but I was scarcely prepared for such a letter as that written by "Yellow Green," which for sheer downright claptrap would be hard to beat. His grumble, he would have us believe, is that a few faddists, as he is pleased to call them, had made up their minds to carry the ring question, and had kept it secret, so that "Yellow Green" and others not in the know would have birds not rung, and therefore not eligible for competition. I cannot imagine a person of any intelligence believing such a fairy tale, but even on his own confession "Yellow Green" knew of this so-called plot, therefore it was obviously no secret. That being so, why did not "Yellow Green" ring his birds; and what about the second and third nests? But perhaps the faddists in their wisdom knew that "Yellow Green" would breed all his winners in the first round.

As for the meeting being kept back for this nefarious business, I am only an ordinary member, resident far from the club's meeting places, so I know nothing of its working. Perhaps the secretary would explain as to the date of the meeting. Is it not the case that a member some considerable time ago gave notice of the motion to adopt the rings?

The word "sportsman" does not come well from "Yellow Green." One has only to read his letter to observe that he is not deserving of the name. It may be that the Plainhead Club will lose its Musselburgh members, and I can only say that if they are all like "Yellow Green" (I hope they are not) the loss will not be hard to bear. I fear Musselburgh is more famous for the winners that have been bought than for those that have been bred there.

Had "Yellow Green" advanced any sensible arguments against the use of the rings he would at least have been entitled to respect for his views. Personally, I voted for the rings quite of my own free will, not having been consulted by the alleged faddists. It seems to me that the use of the rings will prevent dishonesty, and, not yet having reached the stage of wishing to show birds as bred by me which have not been so bred, I thought the scheme a good one. In fact, I know of no real objection to the use of the rings, provided, of course, that the fancier wishes to go "straight." If he does not, obviously the rings will not appeal to him. Perhaps, however, some of the members who voted against the rings will let us have some genuine argument against their use.

Buff Green (No. 2).

Another Good Start.

Sir,—I must congratulate Cage Birds on its excellent special numbers and the beautiful coloured plates, and thank you for the very useful and practical information always to be obtained from "C.B." I might say I have only been taking Cage Birds for three months, but by studying its columns and acting up to its advice I have now three of the finest young Canaries anyone could wish for. This is my first flutter, and they are two cocks and one hen (the cocks have started singing). I think this a very good start, which, I can only repeat, is due to the bird-lovers' guide, Cage Birds.

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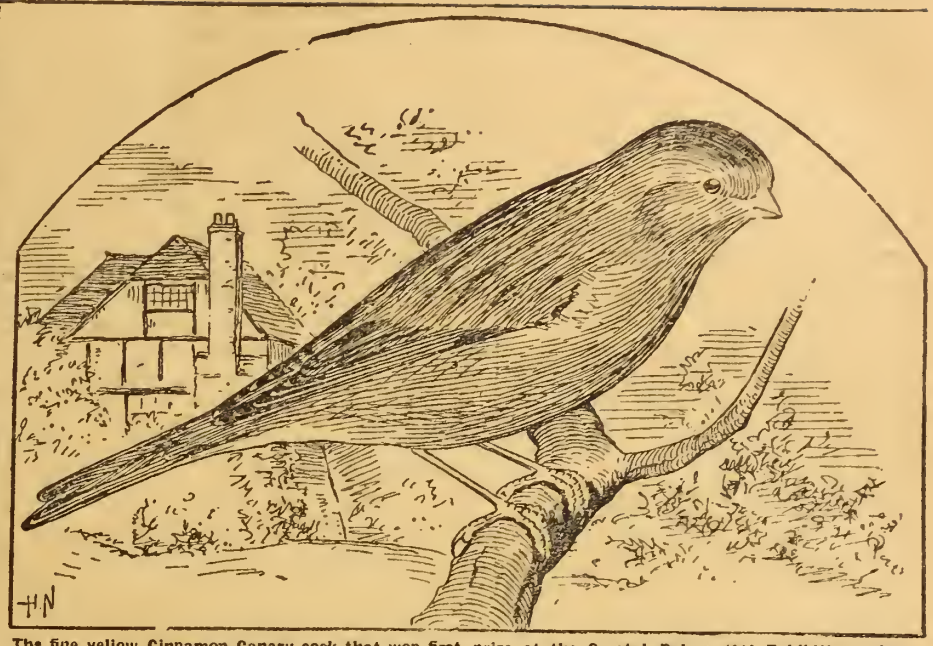

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O. Harrison.

An Experience with the Nightingale.

Sir,—Being an old fancier and lover of birds, your valuable paper, Cage Birds, is full of interest to me. I think your artist is deserving of great credit for the lovely coloured plate of migrants you recently gave us. I used to keep Nightingales many years ago. I kept one six years in a cage, and at the spring of the year he used to warble from April to June. After he had done singing I used to let him fly in an outdoor aviary till the weather got too cold. Then I used to catch him up and cage him indoors for the winter. He got too fat, I think, and died after six years' confinement.

Thomas Willsher.

The Border Fancy Canary Club's Recent Presentations.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you, on behalf of the Border Fancy Canary Club, for your share in helping to make the recent presentation the success it was. You are to be congratulated on the splendid reproduction of the photos of both Mr. J. B. Richardson and Mr. Jamieson, and I feel confident that the members will thank you for your grand report of the "smoker." The total income towards presentation was £16 14s. 6d. Expenditure: Two sovereign cases, 12s. 2d.; seven sovereigns in each, £14; umbrella, £1 1s. 6d.; postage, 12s.; envelopes, 5d.; postcards, 3d.; refreshments at presentation, 6s. 6d. Total expenditure, £16 12s. 10d., leaving a balance of 1s. 8d.; all lists were carefully gone over by Messrs. G. W. Brown and R. H. Douglas, and found correct. In conclusion, I would ask a favour of all intending members of the B.F.C.C. for 1914 to send in their annual subscriptions before the end of June, that I may have all names in the list, as it is by paid subscriptions that I will make out members' list.

Walter B. Smart, hon. sec.

13, High Street, Loanhead.

Bradford National Charity Show.

Prospects of the 1914 Exhibition.

Sir,—Arrangements for the next annual show, on behalf of the Cinderella Club Funds, to be held December 4 and 5, are progressing very favourably. The hard-working committee have put in a good deal of real spade work, under the leadership of our genial chairman Mr. H. H. Towers. The classification will again be a very extended one, and the following judges have already been engaged: Messrs. J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye, W. A. Cowgill, J. F. Dewar, T. Heath, A. Hirst, R. Halliday, W. Mundell, J. Maddison, and J. Robson. Several Specialist Clubs have already granted their patronage; others have not yet held their meetings, but we are hopeful of a favourable reply. I should like specially to draw the attention of the various specialist clubs who have patronage to give out, and fanciers generally, to the worthy object for which the show is held, viz., the benefit of the poor and destitute children, those who cannot help themselves. By our collective efforts we can bring some joy and happiness into their lives. The show this year will close on Saturday night, and all distance birds will be despatched on Sunday to reach home early on Monday morning. We think this will meet the wishes of exhibitors, in not having their birds away from home so long. The Central Baths Hall, where the show is to be held, is probably the finest hall in the United Kingdom for a cage bird show. Exhibits, as well as visitors to the show, will enjoy the highest degree of comfort that human devices can secure.

S. Midgley, Sec.

Where is the "Irish Fancy" Canary?

Sir,—Your endeavours to stimulate breeders to produce new varieties of the Canary remind me that the first contribution over the name of J. Steel, Dalkeith, dealt with that subject. Cage Birds was little more than an infant then, and the subject failed to arouse the interest hoped for. No doubt many would treat Mr. Steel's effusion as a joke, as he wrote in the brogue, and advocated the need for an Irish type, setting his plea in verse in the tune of "Father O'Flynn." I consider fanciers in Ireland should try to produce an Irish type worthy of the name. To quote from Mr. Steel:

Of Canaries no doubt there are charming varieties,
Supported by various clubs and societies.
Still may we claim, without impropriety,
Erin should yet have a type all her own.
Oi won't have a freak wid a back loik Carn Foul,
Nor a frillifoid noitmare wid fedders like wool;
But a swate little cratur
Wid grace in each fature,
And as smart and iriet as a Dub. Fusilier

Jas. Cordery.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

Sir,—I regret that "Old Fogey" has introduced the Cardiff C.B.S. into this correspondence. Mr. Allsopp's article has no connection with the society, and the members of the C.C.B.S. are broadminded enough to let Mr. A. have his own opinions, even if they disagree with them. Personally I have every respect for Mr. Allsopp, but at the same time I regret that he has gone out of his way to attack the novices of the Fancy by calling them "sickly novices," "weeds," etc., also his desire to kick these "milk and water" novices out of the Fancy. It would be bad for the Fancy if we allowed Mr. A. to set himself up as a dictator. In my humble opinion the novice is the backbone of the Fancy. I am sure your readers will agree with me that without youth no society could exist very long. To the novice I give this advice: Attend your society's meetings, take your fair share of the work, help the officers all you can, and when the show season comes around give those societies which cater for novices a bumping entry, also try a few birds in the open classes, but be careful of the prices, as some of the self-styled champions like to snap up all the good things that are priced low. Now, Mr. Allsopp, tell the novice what makes them sick, and how their sickness can be cured?

Fair Play.

Letter from Mr. Allsopp unavoidably held over.

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Club Reports.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting, April 28, Boot Inn, Mr. F. C. Parker, chair. Decided to hold old bird show, Nov. 21. Selecting of judge at next meeting.—L. Cavanagh, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, with a fair turn-out of members. After the usual routine business (which included the election of two new members, who were cordially welcomed by the chairman, Mr. G. Simpson). Sec announced that we had again secured the patronage of the N.L.C.C., which I am pleased to state is in a most flourishing condition.—G. Havver, Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Meeting, April 27, St. John's Hall. Mr. W. Phipps presided over a good attendance. Prize-money won at pair show paid out to members present. Mr. Parmiter elected assistant sec. General meeting, May 25; as important business is on hand, everyone is especially needed to be present. Lecture is postponed until June.—W. Nichols, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.C.

Result of election for committee season 1914-15:—Vice-chair, A. Hirst, 17 votes; committee, H. W. Battye 16, H. J. Chittenden 16, W. A. Cowgill 16, F. Hammond 16, H. Simonett 16, R. Halliday 15, H. Clegg 14, A. Humphries 14, A. Haigh 13, S. Heap 13, T. H. Mason 13, J. Chambers 11, A. H. Waters 11, Sam Wilcock 11, W. H. Ball 10, J. Roe 10, D. Hunter 10, D. McMillan 10, E. Hattersley 9, C. Pickup 9. Will societies desirous of club's patronage send me their applications at an early date.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec., 32, Barlow Street, Bradford.

FALMOUTH C.B.A.

Annual meeting; sec.'s report showed that the past season had been the best in the history of the Association, whilst the treasurer's report showed a balance of £6 10s. to the good. The ninth annual show is fixed for Dec. 2nd, Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester) will judge. It is hoped that all Cornish fanciers will give us their best support, as this is the oldest Cage Bird Society in Cornwall. Prize-money is always paid in full within a week after show.—W. J. Medlin, Hon. Sec.

(Please write only on one side of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

SOUTHAMPTON P.P. AND C.B.A.

Whist drive and dance, St. Michael's Hall, April 29, proved a great success, the large party assembled spending a very enjoyable evening. This result was in a very great measure due to the untiring efforts of the general sec., Mr. Fanstone, who was everywhere at once, seeing to the smooth working of everything, and yet finding time to take part in the play, though no doubt his score suffered thereby. The fanciers did not shine with the cards, all the prizes going to friends. After discussing some of the goodies provided by Mr. Vase, the prizes were kindly distributed by Mrs. White, and it would have been difficult to find a lady better suited to the task. After a little music the dancers took the floor, and again Mr. Fanstone shone, Mrs. Fanstone also lending charm to the picture. The strains of the National Anthem brought an end all to soon to a "great" evening.—G. J. Slade.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEES-SIDE C.B.S

Meeting, Crown Hotel, April 18. Mr. J. Carr presided over a good number of members, and a good deal of business was got through. First came the resignation of our sec., Mr. A. Wake, who has held the position for a number of years, and right well has he stuck to his guns; a worker all through. Mr. Wake handed all books over in good condition, also £8 11s. 2d., thus making the society about £10 in hand. On behalf of the members, we tender our best thanks to Mr. Wake, and hope after a short rest we may again see him at his old post. Judges for annual show:—Nor., Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington; Yorks, Mr. Bennett, Bradford; Brit. and For., Mr. F. Marwood, Englecliff. Date of show, Oct. 21, when we hope to have as good an entry as in the past. Mr. Carr gave a cup for the novices and has promised another for champions; we also give four medals—Canaries, British, Mules, and Novices. Arrangements made for outing to be about June, when we hope a good number will turn up. Our sec. now is Mr. J. Swinscoe, who acted as assist. sec. to Mr. Wake. He has a good idea of the work, and, like our late sec., is a worker. Assist. sec. is Mr. T. Bibby, another worker, proved at our last annual show. All meetings are arranged for first Saturday in month, and we give a hearty invitation to all fanciers. Any wishing to join can get information from sec. or any member. Entrance 1s., and 6d. per month.—C. W. Watson, vice-chairman.

MIDDLETON C.B.S.

A Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead.

Meeting, Old Boar's Head, April 27. It was decided to hold a young bird show July 11. Mr. Schofield (Failsworth) judge. On April 29 Mr. Furniss presided over a good attendance, when Mr. Robinson, of Manchester, gave a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. The lecturer described the present-day Norwich, as the bulldog stamp, having a big rise from the short beak to a nice round head, round back, good, well-filled, broad, deep chest, which improves the wing carriage, short wings, and legs, well set back. He advised not to breed with ailing or consumptive birds, with an idea of getting fat on the chest, which puts them out of proportion. In mating he must have a perfect hen of medium size, and a large cock, not breeding with two exhibition birds. The lecturer also advises double buffing, and gets a green-marked cock, as he gets quality of feather and size, also double yellow once in about three years. The lecturer went strong against inbreeding, as it fastens both good and bad points, and breeds dummies, wasters, cripples, and sometimes may cause blindness; also he does not advise introducing crest, as it takes about five years to breed out. He explained that the Norwich to-day is better than ever. Then Mr. Robinson invited questions, of which several took advantage, especially on inbreeding, upon which he explained the difference between inbreeding and linebreeding. He advised giving plenty of young dandelion for feeding, in case of sweating or poor feeding, a capital remedy was black treacle in the water. Mr. Hulton moved the best thanks to Mr. Robinson for his most interesting and instructive lecture; seconded by Mr. Evans. Mr. Robinson said he was only too pleased to assist in any way, and promised to give us a washing exhibition this back-end.—Jas. Hulton, Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting May 5. Final arrangements for outing were made. Mr. W. G. Cooper nominated for membership. Sec. reported that he had applied for the patronage of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League. At next meeting there will be a discussion on the Goldfinch, opened by Mr. C. Cooper; also a judging competition on Goldfinches; members attending are requested to bring a bird.—A. R. Coe.

REDCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting May 9, headquarters, when a very interesting lecture on Norwich Canaries was given by Mr. Boothman, Manchester. He dealt with type, quality, pairing, breeding, and exhibiting, and then followed about an hour's open discussion. He answered all questions to our satisfaction, and all who heard him will have gained something. We engaged Mr. Boothman to judge F.F. show in Conservative Club, Church Street, June 27. On Sunday, May 24th, we are having a ramble. Members and friends intending going are requested to meet at Town Hall at 2 o'clock.—G. Lord, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting May 7, Mr. M. C. Potts chair. Correspondence read from B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., and N.B.B. and M.C. Members elected: Messrs. Dobson and Son, Ryton; T. Aikman, Felton; A. Smith, Gateshead. A few more classes were added for open show. N.F. show July 4, classification as last year, with an addition of three classes for novice Borders. Decided to hold table show next meeting, June 4, classification same as specialist clubs. Mr. Crawhall will give silver spoon for best bird and silver spoon for most points. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Laidlow; Borders, Mr. Espie; Mr. Crawhall will take the remainder. Members of specialist societies invited to compete. Subs. now due.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, Prince of Wales Hotel, May 9, Mr. J. L. Parfitt chair, and a good turn-up of members. Unanimously carried to pass a vote of condolence to Mr. Hy. Phillips, of Ebbw Vale, and Mr. C. Russell (Cwmtillery), who have both been ill for some time. Business of the two F.F. shows was finally gone through. Mr. A. Moule was elected to judge Canaries, and Mr. Chas. Lewis Mules and British at our first show, June 20; and Mr. Hy. Phillips Canaries and C. Lewis Mules and British at show held July 18. Entry form will be sent to all members shortly. Decided to give 5s. special for most points in Norwich, Yorks, Borders, and Mules and British. I hope all members will do their best to put down as many young birds as possible, as the prize cards alone are worth winning. A bound volume of "Cage Birds" will be given for best bird in show. Decided to get members' photos taken with cups at our first show, as we want to get photos in Fancy papers. New members invited to next meeting; they will be in time to show at our young bird shows.—George Broome, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (W. of Scotland) O.S.

Meeting, May 2, Nelson Temp. Hote', Mr. Wm. Gunion, vice-pres., in chair, and a good attendance. Secretary read letter from Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., asking members' support towards their guarantee. It was decided to do so, and £1 1s. was subscribed. Decided unanimously that Crest bowl be awarded to Mr. E. Barron, who stood second for same at annual show. Messrs. Scott, Coatridge, and Bannerman, Govan, elected members. Mr. R. Davidson gave a lecture, "The Study of Nature in Relation to Men and Birds." Mr. Davidson touched upon the various insects, birds, plants, etc., he had met in his 12 years' sojourn in India and the West Indies, and described their various uses and customs. His collection of pressed plants gathered in Scotland, all useful towards the feeding of British birds, and his cases of insects and Butterflies collected abroad, were very much admired, and a very enjoyable evening ended all too soon. At the close of lecture a long discussion took place on the evolution and hybridising of plants, and the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Davidson consented to act as instructor at a ramble later on in the summer, and with his thorough knowledge of botany, geology, etc., a pleasant and profitable afternoon should be spent. Vote of thanks to chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F.A.

Members and their wives and friends held a most successful tea and social, May 9, at Volunteer Hotel, Oldham. Present: Mr. E. Lord, Miss M. Burrows, Newchurch; Mr. E. Fuller, Rogues' Den; Mr. and Mrs. Swalwell, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Fred Hamer, Mr. John Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. Hampshire, Messrs. E. and George Fitton, Oldham; Mr. and Mrs. Redyard, Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. Hardern, Monkey Town, Heywood; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Moorbey, Broadbottom; Messrs. Ollerenshaw, Glossop; Messrs. G. Naylor and L. Butterworth, Rochdale; Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Oldham; and Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Rukin, Rawtenstall. The tea was provided by the Oldham Co-op., and was ably served by Mr. and Mrs. Clark. The artistes were in fine form. Mr. A. Lee opened the evening with a song, and got a good reception. Mr. Rukin, who acted as chairman, presented the Lancashire trophy to Mr. E. Fitton, in the unavoidable absence of his son George. We had quite a good response from Mr. Fitton, sen. Mr. A. Hordern acted deputy for Mr. Beattie, Newbey, who came second in the Lancashire Section. Mr. Hordern said he was sure Mr. Beattie would prize the special, and he was sorry that it was not the first prize instead of the second, as he believed in them going round. Mr. Fitton had again to come forward, this time to act deputy for Mr. Barnes, of Grantham, who had been successful in winning the champion Lizard trophy. The chairman, in making this presentation, expressed his pleasure that such a fine fancier as Mr. Barnes had won the trophy after trying for it so long. Second prize was won by Mr. J. Rukin, who responded in a few words. Mr. E. Lord was presented with a timepiece as champion novice, this being the second year in succession. Mr. C. F. Bosworth was runner-up for the second year. We had songs by Mr. E. Smithson, Mr. E. Lord, Mr. A. Lee. When we left the party was going strong, and seemed likely to last out for some time. Particular notice might be made of friend Teddy Fra' Glossop, who all the time seemed to command a good audience telling cracks. In the buying of specials the general opinion was that our old friend and colleague, Mr. J. Swalwell, had excelled all his previous records. There is a fine opening for novices in the L. and L.F.A., as there was not a single competitor for the novice trophies in the Lancashire Section.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting, May 9, Red Lion, a good number of members turned up. It was decided to hold first N.F. show June 13. Judge, Mr. A. Wilson.—G. Beardall, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting on May 9, at Flying Dutchman, and a good number of members. Decided to give prize money to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th birds in all classes at our open show, Oct. 31, same to be advertised in Fancy Press in due time.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Meeting, Riego St. Hall, May 7, Mr. Ballantine presiding over a fair gathering. Sec. read replies from judges, B.F.C.C., etc. Agreed to hold matter of joint specials over till September meeting. Judges for annual club show, Oct. 31: Scots Fancy, R. Menzies (Edinburgh), A. Patterson (Edinburgh). Borders: J. Hamilton (Eskbank), J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Nor.: J. Holmes (Edinburgh).—C. Grant, Sec.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S.

Meeting in Doig's Rooms, Mr. A. R. Towns presiding; a good turn-out of members. Judges for open show, Nov. 28, approved, viz., Crests and Plainheads, C. Campbell (Glasgow); Scotch Fancy, W. Muirhead (Bonnyhridge) and J. Dalgleish (Edinburgh); Borders, G. Hyslop (Stirling); Mules, Brit., and For., J. Gentleman (Avonbridge). The society has been again fortunate in securing the Gymnasium for the open show. Nomination of a judge for club show brought the meeting to a close.—Andrew Law, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting, Star Inn, Mr. H. Callow chair, with a good turn-up. The chief item was the selection of judge for N.F. show, June 27, at Star Inn; Mr. J. Hayhurst was elected. Decided to purchase show bills at "Cage Birds." One of our oldest fanciers, Mr. J. Baker, has promised us a good special for best bird bred by a novice. Mr. T. Edwards has promised to give us another lecture at next meeting, May 20. A vote of thanks to chair concluded one of the best meetings we have had for a long time.—G. Whittaker, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Meeting May 6, Railway Hotel. We were sorry to have to accept the resignation of two members owing to removal. One new member was made. Decided to hold a washing competition at Nov. meeting, judging competition at Dec. meeting, and a pair show at Jan. meeting. I can assure the members of some specials for the above, and hope they will do their utmost to make the meetings a success. Will all members who intend being members of the L.B. and T. Combination let me have their names as soon as possible?—W. H. Symes, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Palmer Hall, May 6, before a large attendance. F.F. Show classes were fixed, and a good number of specials promised. The sec. could not say anything about the ramble, as he had not heard from Mr. Galloway, but any member wishing a nice cycle ride, then a ramble through the wood, conducted by Mr. Galloway, will they please let sec. know? Mr. Giles gave a paper on his ups and downs during his long term of service on the railway, which was much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Giles. Some members reported good luck with their birds so far. Two members elected—Messrs. Clements and Laurence.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting, Market Tavern, Bradford, May 9, Mr. R. Halliday (vice-pres.) in chair, with only a moderate attendance. Balance-sheet presented, showing a small deficit, and adopted. The question of arrears in members' subs. was discussed, and sec. was instructed to get in touch with other specialist clubs in Yorkshire with an idea of carrying out by-laws 12 and 14 in the club's handbook. Result of ballot for officers:—Pres., H. H. Towers; vice, R. Halliday; sec. and treas., J. Greaves; assist. sec., W. Crabtree; committee residing in Yorkshire, Messrs. H. Hill, F. Hammond, W. A. Cowgill, H. J. Chittenden, L. Ogden, W. H. Shackleton, L. Dykes, J. Bailey, W. Crnise, and R. Garnett; outside Yorks, Messrs. A. Hirst, J. W. Ramsden, T. C. Crawhall, G. W. Cuthbertson, and J. W. Metcalfe. The following were elected by the meeting:—Committee: Messrs. T. Ogden, E. Clegg, C. Morrison, G. Snead, G. White, H. W. Battye, A. Cooper, F. Armstrong, J. Chippendale, and P. Mason; auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and R. Garnett; scrutineers, Messrs. T. Ogden and H. Simonette. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers and donors of special prizes. Five new members were made, and ten resignations during the year accepted. Sec. reported that shows held under the club's patronage had been well supported, the members having made an aggregate entry at the ten shows of 1,992 birds. Great Horton, 182 entries; Windhill, 226; Halifax O.S., 200; Bradford East, 248; Carlisle, 80; Shelfield O.S., 196; Blaydon-on-Tyne, 79; Bradford City, 204; Bradford West, 159; Bradford National (Charity Show), 418; an average of 199 per show. The allotting of the club's patronage was deferred to May 24, and the meeting stands adjourned to that date at 6 p.m. All members please attend.—John Greaves, Sec.

YORKS. & LANCS. B.B. & M.C.

Annual general meeting, April 25, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair, and a fair number of members. Present, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, H. J. Chittenden, F. Hammond, J. Lane, R. Jowitt, P. Cawthra, and J. W. Holmes, all of Bradford; we were also pleased to see Messrs. J. Chambers and E. Middleton, of Leeds, and J. Taylor, of Haworth. The balance-sheet showing a balance of £1 5s. 2d., 1s. 7d. over last year, was passed. Then came the election of officers. Mr. Inman agreed to act for another year. Proposed and seconded that secretary have advt. in book free, also be exempt from paying subscription; as an amendment it was proposed and seconded that secretary be granted 10s. out of the club. This was carried, but Mr. Inman declined to accept it, saying he had promised to take it on for a year and would like to see the club with more funds. Dr. M. A. Wilson was unanimously re-elected president; Mr. Fairhurst, Mr. Beswick, Mr. Parlett were elected vice-presidents, in addition to those we already have. The following were elected for committee, as per Rule 3, six in Bradford and 12 outside: Messrs. A. Ross, J. Lane, R. Jowitt, R. Halliday, J. W. Holmes, P. Cawthra; (outside) S. T. Oldham, T. Holden, Hope, Middleton, Chambers, Blanchan, Daniels, Macpherson, B. H. Wilson. Auditors, same as last year, Mr. Lane, Mr. Halliday. Eight new members made: Messrs. W. Carton (Doncaster), W. Blanchon (Doncaster), R. Jones (Bramley), R. Hetherington (Shanningley), F. Bearder (Sheffield), E. Middleton (Leeds), J. Thomas (Otley), T. Cawthra (Bradford). Next was new books, also to alter price for advts. to 3s. 6d. full page, 2s. half page, in place of 2s. 6d. full page, 1s. half page. Decided that we have ten shows for patronage. Next meeting June 6th. All present were very grateful to Mr. F. Carl for his handsome prizes to the club, also to Messrs. Martin and Archer and Messrs. Cowgill, Chittenden, and Lane for their donations, and to our worthy president for the handsome silver cup. Will all societies wishing for patronage write me at once, as I want to get new books out?—T. H. Inman, hon. sec., 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford, Yorkshire.

WINDSOR C.B.A.

Meeting, headquarters, May 6. Decided to hold F.F. show, July 8, and to invite subscriptions from members and friends towards the purchase of a cup to be held by the member making the most points throughout the year. Sec. would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be good enough to help us with the same. Members elected:—Messrs. Clark (Watford) and Glenwalker (Walton-on Thames).—H. W. Simms, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, the Duke of York, May 7, Mr. F. J. Weaver presided over a fair attendance. The chief item on the agenda was how to get members to come to meetings during the summer months. Several suggestions were brought forward, but the one suggested by the chairman was decided upon—and a real good scheme, too. It is that a table show of young birds shall be held at the three next meetings, June 11, July 2, and Aug. 13; each member can bring as many birds as he chooses each member who brings four birds or less is to pay a shilling, and above four 1d. per bird extra. All the money gained at the three shows shall buy six prizes, to be given for most points throughout the three shows. Only the four highest awards count, whether they are in one class or not. Classes for June show: 4 Nor., 4 Yorks, 1 Mule, clear, ticked, unevenly marked, and heavily variegated or green. The classes were thus arranged to save trouble of telling yellows from buffs in artificial light.—J. Gibbons, Press Correspondent.

OLDHAM C.B.S.

Oldham Fanciers went amongst the birds in Cheshire on April 26. We left Werneth on our bicycles and made our way through Manchester. We were surprised here to see so many Larks hung outside the various shops, most of them singing finely. Going through Altrincham we heard several Song Thrushes, but it was after passing the Swan Inn, Bucklow Hill, that we made our first find, a Chaffinch's nest with five eggs, almost covered with dust. We ran another mile or so, then began nest-finding in earnest; the first was a Song Thrush with three eggs, and afterwards we found several, some with eggs, some only just being built. The next was a Hedge Sparrow's with four eggs. At this place Greenfinches and Brown Linnets were singing grandly. While walking down the lane we made the find of the afternoon, the nest of the Lesser Whitethroat with four eggs just on the road-side. We next found a nest made of moss with the entrance at the bottom, perhaps some fancier could identify it for us; also a bird about the size of a Tit, all yellow, which we saw on the hedge close by. (Probably the nest of the Willow Warbler.—Editor "Cage Birds.") After finding a nest in a tree trunk we made our way to Pickmere, landing home again at 7.30, tired and hungry. We intend making another visit on Sunday, May 17th, to see how the birds have fared with their young.—W. Beesley.

RUTHERGLEN O.A.

Members and friends met at Stonclaw School and divided into two parties, one headed by Mr. Brownlie, and the other by Mr. Hamilton. The parties went via. Cathkin Braes, passed the Old Cathkin Quarry where bird watching was soon in full swing. As we went along the Old Kilbride Road we found two Hedgesparrows nests, one with four young and the other three eggs, Yellowhammer's with three eggs, Woodlark's four eggs, and a Mavis's nest with three young ones. In Kittoch Side Road we saw a Partridge with five eggs, Pied Wagtail three eggs, Lesser Whitethroat four eggs. We arrived at Kittoch Quarry, and here we found a Pheasant's nest with four eggs. The parties met at the Kittoch Farm, where all did justice to the fare provided, and then we made our way in a crowd for the old mill where a sight was witnessed that I think no one present will ever forget. At the pond we saw two Starlings hovering over the water just for a second, and then one was in the water while the other hovered over it, dabbing at it, or trying to save it (our party took different views). One of our members threw a stone at the one that was dabbing and it flew away, and the other one managed to struggle to the side, where Mr. Hamilton laid on the ground and stretched down and rescued it, and took it into the house at the mill, where the woman gave it a warm at the fire. We went over the fields to Busby after this, and into Carmunnock where we found nests too numerous to mention. At Carmunnock we retired to the Boar's Head, where after satisfying the inner man we had songs and toasts galore.—Thomas M. Joel, Chairman.

FIFE C.B. LEAGUE.

Meeting, May 9, Recreation Rooms, High Street, Kirkcaldy, Mr. Thos. Wildridge (president) in chair. Sec. intimated that he had sent out printed letters and signature lists to all societies in Scotland asking them to appoint a delegate to attend a conference in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth or Galashiels. (I filled in the place which in my opinion was nearest.) The purpose of this conference is that each district will appoint two or more delegates to a supreme conference to be held in Edinburgh on June 20, and to have a discussion on the question of railway charges. The supreme conference will then make arrangements to meet the railway companies. Each society in the league was instructed to send one delegate to the Edinburgh Conference and pay his expenses; also agreed that the league sec. get his expenses paid to all meetings held under the league. Next meeting, Co-operative Hall, Dunfermline, June 6, at five. Mr. Wm. Grewar (Lochgelly) has kindly promised to give us a lecture on breeding the Norwich Plainhead, so we hope to see a good turn-out of members. Agreed to give eight rule books to each society. Subs. were received from Kelty, Coaltown of Wemyss, Buckhaven, Cowdenbeath, and Kirkcaldy. After the business the president called upon Mr. Thos. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) to go on with his paper. Mr. Arnott had for his subject the West of Fife C.B.L., from its infancy up to the present time, under the title of the Fife C.B.L. Votes of thanks to the lecturer and the president terminated a very enjoyable meeting. The July meeting is to be held in Coaltown of Wemyss. Secretaries of local societies please note that the question of whether the league or each society individually pays the hall rent will be on the agenda next meeting.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

EAST HAM F.S.

Monthly show, Earl of Wakefield, April 30, Mr. G. Eves, judge. NOR.: 1, 2, Wells. YORKS.: 1, Potter; 2, Bosher. BRIT.: 1, sp., Wells, Goldf.; 2, Wadsworth, Bullfinch; 3, Bosher, Bullfinch; vhc, Richmond; res., Wadsworth; hc, Potter.—W. Kite, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, May 2, at Lockhart's, Briggate, Mr. Peel, chair, and a record attendance. After the ordinary business, we had the pleasure of listening to some splendid birds brought by six members. For the convenience of some visitors who gave us a call, Mr. Walton was asked to explain the different tours sung by the birds, and all present heartily agreed that he had ably fulfilled his duty. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.—H. Best, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting April 25, Mr. Farrer presiding. Classes for members at Open Show decided upon: Five Norwich, 4 Crests, 3 Cinnamon, 5 Borders, 5 Yorkshire, 4 Lizard, 1 pairs, not previously mentioned, 4 British (Including Softbill), 2, Mule or Hybrid, 1 Foreign. Decided that specialist clubs be written to, and if their classification is similar to last year, Sec. to make application for patronage; also that the O.N.P.C. and N.C.C. be written for classification.—John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

ATHERTON.

Linnet singing contest at Hindsford Inn, Hindsford (open) for time, May 23, when landlord J. Eckersley will give prizes according to entries. First pair in window at 2.30 prompt.—E. Hickman. (Advt.) (1602)

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time for Linnets, three minutes' singing, May 10, Columbia Tavern, Forubam-street. Eight pairs sang for three prizes given by Mr. J. Schofield. 1, Brown, 46secs.; 2, Spottiswood, 36secs.; 3, Woodcock, 35secs.—W. Bingham, Sec.

Linnet contest for time May 3, British Oak, Carbrook-street; 19 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. A. Austin. 1, Thompson; 2, Robinson; 3, Newton. May 10 21 birds faced the timers and tappers. 1, Newton; 2, Booker; 3, Thompson.—E. Robinson, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest George and Dragon, Bridge-street, for four minutes' time, May 9; 54 birds entered for five prizes. 1, Smith, 92secs.; 2, Wainwright, 91secs.; 3, Brindley, 87secs.; 4 and 5, Williams, 83secs. and 71secs. May 10, 24 entered for three minutes' time singing for four prizes. 1 and 2, Morley, 89secs. and 76secs.; 3, Nelson, 48secs; 4, Leese, 28secs.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

At Prince Albert Linnet Club there was a large muster of birds, when 28 birds sang. 1, Banfield; 2, 3, Chippindale. Judges, Madden and Ward.—R. Eidyard, Sec.

Open contests for quality Linnet singing, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, May 8; 17 entered for three prizes. 1, 2, Binns; 3, shared by Johnson and Towers. Judges, Messrs. Lunn and Sellars. May 9, 19 entered for three prizes. 1, Chadwick; 2, Laycock; 3, Towers. Judges, Messrs, Whitaker and Robinson.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing Albion Hotel, Saville Green, May 9, 26 sang for four prizes. 1, Sissons; 2 and 3, Wood; 4, Chadwick. Judges, Clegg, Richardson, Naylor. May 10, 32 sang for four prizes. 1, Farrar; 2, Bell; 3, Wood; 4, Stead. Judges, Sissons, Naylor, Johnson.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth-street. Kirkstall-road, May 9; 18 birds sang for three prizes. 1, W. Lipman; 2, Yates; 3, shared Lipman and Bickerdyke. Judges, Messrs. A. and C. Lorriman. May 10, 20 competed for three prizes. 1, Rosendale; 2, Yates; 3, Bickerdyke. Judges, Messrs. Dobson and Mitchel.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 10; 18 birds competed: 1, 3. Binns; 2, Blackburn. Judges, Messrs. Sellars and J. Green. A meeting will be held May 17 at 8, when all members are requested to pay up.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing May 9, at headquarters, Commercial Hotel; 26 birds sang for three prizes. 1, 3, Liversidge; 2, Bath. The winner gave a very good account of himself by scoring 122secs. to the 83secs. scored by Mr. Bath's bird, and as both birds were hung together they provided the company with the best singing heard for a long while. —A. Tomlin, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest May 9, Queen's Hotel, when a record entry for this season's contests was made. 50 birds facing the judges, Messrs. F. Kennedy, Cain, Gibson for quality; timers, Partington and Newton; tappers, Disley and Ashcroft; bird-man, J. Litherland. The contest was a grand success all through, and I hope our members will rally round the contests to come at other clubs. We hope to see many old faces at the contest at Pemberton May 16. We had a little harmony after: Mr. Hickman accompanied. Winners:—Quality: 1, Navvy Ned; 2, Darbyshire; 3, Smedley; 4, Statham. Time: 1, Hickman, 179secs.; 2, Knowles, 175secs.; 3, Harrison, 174secs.; 4, Litherland, 129secs.—J. Harrison, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest Woodman Inn, May 9; 19 entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, 2, Jones, 109secs., 68secs.; 3, Beard, 66secs. Open sing May 10, 32 birds entered for three prizes. 1, Jones, 66secs.; 2, 3, Williams, 57secs.; 55secs.—S. Pugh, Sec.

DURHAM.

Club singing, held May 9, at Club House, Broom Park; about 50 birds sang. 1, 2, 3, divided, Graham, Wears (Gateshead), and Burnside (Durham). After the singing Mr. Graham gave some good advice on club singing, washing, feeding, and buying birds, etc. We had a concert after, all members singing in turn.—J. T. Farrey, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Woolton (Lancs.).—June 1, 7 classes. Goldf.; Bullf.; Greenf.; Chaff., Bramble or Bunting; Siskin, Twite or Redpoll; Linnet; A.O.V. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close, May 26, to J. Keen, Woolton, Liverpool.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John,** British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Borders, Scotch, or any other variety of Canary, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A DISAPPOINTMENT (Dick).—I very much doubt whether the hen began to feed the young at all after they were hatched, and consequently the actual cause of their death was starvation. Your dietary was not very good and might have contributed to the loss. As you are a new beginner you should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d., post free, and follow the instructions given in detail therein. When the hen is beginning to sit the next clutch of eggs, take away the cock and leave her to hatch and rear the young by herself. When the young are hatched if you wish to adhere to the egg substitute you now use, give it in a slightly moistened condition, neither dry nor yet in a sodden or sticky state, but just crumbly moist, so that the crumbs will not adhere together. Give it in small quantities at a time and freshly mixed at least twice a day. On the third day give a morsel of green food, either lettuce, chickweed, or the flowering tips of groundsel. From this time give fresh green food also twice a day, morning and afternoon, but do not put on a great quantity at once. There should never be sufficient for part of it to remain to become stale. Keep on the usual supply of canary seed all the time, and if the hen feeds tolerably well let this suffice until the young are about eight days old, then give a little soaked summer rape daily, but see that it does not become sour, and from the tenth day give also a little cracked hemp daily, and see that this is quite sweet and sound in the kernel. Should the hen stop feeding at any stage, you will find details for meeting the difficulty in the handbook referred to.

SEED AND YOUNG (P. D. R.).—(1) The sample of hemp sent is of very good all-round quality, and quite good enough for young of any class to be fed with. (2) I note further particulars re young in first nests being dead in shell. It would appear from all the facts that the most likely cause is weak germs, which may be due to the birds not being quite forward enough in condition when mated, or perhaps the hens being a trifle overfed. The position of your birdroom may be accountable for the hens not coming into condition until rather late. Next season aim at getting them in good hard condition at the back-end of winter, not burdened with an excess of fat, nor yet in a half-starved condition; feed the cocks up into good vigorous condition and full song, and do not mate any earlier than you did this year. Then you should have less of this annoyance.

REMOVING THE COCK (Inexperienced).—If you allow the cock to remain with the hen during the time she is sitting, and he does not meddle too much with her affairs, you certainly should not remove him when the young are hatched. In such a case you will leave him with her permanently during the breeding season, and after the first week or so he will probably help more or less in feeding the young.

WATER AND SAWDUST (Expert).—(1) If you filtered your water through a carbon or charcoal water filter it would; I think, keep sweet and fresh under adverse conditions quite as long, if not longer, than water that has been boiled, and it would also be more wholesome and refreshing. But if this is not feasible, there would be no harm whatever in giving water that has been boiled and allowed to stand until cold. But do not do this under the impression that you need not change the water quite so often as would otherwise be necessary in hot sultry weather. Give fresh water and wash out drinkers each time, at least once a day, and twice is better in sultry weather. If your room gets so overheated that the water becomes heated and putrid, the best remedy is to get on more ventilation and a freer circulation of air while such conditions last. (2) Yes, any ordinary sawdust that is clean and sweet will do for the cage floors, and it need only be sifted if it contains a large amount of splinters. Pine sawdust is only preferable on account of its odour, which may or may not be acceptable; but, in any case, helps to keep the cages sweet and pleasant. I do not think you can buy it at bird-shops. Sawmills are the places to go for it. You can, however, buy a sanitary sawdust, which any chemist, or such firms as Spratt's, could get for you. When using sawdust do not forget to keep a shallow vessel of grit in the cage for the birds to pick over.

BREATHES THROUGH BEAK (G. B. F.).—In the first place you must be very careful to see that the bird is not exposed to severe fluctuations of temperature by being in the window. If the temperature in that position drops very much at night it would be best to remove the cage about sunset each evening and place it back in the morning. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately twice a week a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On two other days give a morsel of banana and a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the water add five drops each of syrup of squills, ditto tolu, tincture of lobelia, and tincture of opium every second day for a fortnight, or you may stop it sooner if the cough is gone earlier. Then give 20 drops of Chemical Food daily for a week or so.

TOES AND SWELLING (J. R. C.).—(1) As the deformity has apparently existed now for several weeks I do not think it is likely to be done any material good by any kind of manipulative treatment, and I do not advise you to attempt any. See that the perches are of a proper size and comfortable shape for the bird's feet, and that they are securely fixed in the cage, so as not to wobble about when the birds move about on them. Also make them of a nice soft pine wood. This should prevent the young being similarly affected, and may also correct the deformity in the hen when she has done nesting, and is more frequently about the perches. (2) It is impossible to say exactly what the swelling is without seeing it. If you have marked it in the correct position on the sketch, i.e., the right side of neck, the apparent swelling may be simply a bulk of food in the crop which shows through the skin. Anyway, as the bird seems to thrive all right, I do not think you need worry at all about it, and certainly I see no necessity for destroying it. As long as it thrives well, leave well alone, and if it does not disappear when the youngster leaves the nest, write again and repeat particulars.

NESTING SITES IN AVIARY (Wherenost).—As the weather will now be more settled and warm there is no necessity whatever for having nesting sites in the sleeping portion of your aviary. It will be far more healthful, and in practically all cases more acceptable, to the birds to have them in a sheltered portion of the flight. It would do no harm to leave one or two in the sleeping place to humour any fickle-minded hen, but the bulk you may safely place in the flight. See that the nests are sheltered from strong winds, and that part of the roof over them should be covered, or covered nesting sites should be used, to protect the hens when sitting and the young from heavy rains.

LIZARDS AND ROLLERS (E. M. T.).—(1) Yes, it is certainly most vexing to lose a promising brood simply because it turns out that the hen will not feed whilst the cock is in with her, but the remedy is sufficiently obvious to be avoided next time, i.e., remove the cock when she begins to sit with her next brood, and leave her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. Continue giving egg food, also bread and milk if it seems necessary; green food fresh twice daily in small quantities, and a little soaked rape and hemp, may be added in the course of a few days, and in all probability the hen will now bring up the remainder of the brood. Yes, I should say the filup feeder is a useful appliance for use in an emergency of this kind, thought I have not personally had an opportunity of trying it yet. Between 95 and 100 degrees would, I should say, be the best heat for an incubator to keep the chicks going temporarily. (2) The Roller cock does not appear to be in sound health, apart from his not singing, so there is certainly room for doubt about the fertility of the eggs. Still, do not lose a hold on hope. It is the bedrock of all that makes life worth living. Let the hen sit her full time, then you will see what you will see.

DOES NOTHING BUT EAT (J. Bailey).—The bird's age is rather against him. Many birds when they get to this age are of little account as singers, and frequently take a long rest after moulting before they resume singing. If he appears healthy, and is fairly active, try what the following treatment will do for him. For one week give a diet of plain canary only, with a liberal supply of green food in variety each day, and in the water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. After this add a fourth part of the bulk of summer rape to the staple diet, and every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of crushed sponge cake with a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it. One the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Continue giving a little green food daily. In the water after the first week add ten drops each of glycerine, and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a fortnight.

CAUSE OF DEATH (K.L.).—Unless both parents roosted on the perches and left the young quite unprotected, it is not the least likely that the young died from cold in one night, and the age of the hen certainly has nothing to do with it. The probability is that the hen deserted the young altogether, or that she merely sat upon them without feeding them for the last few days. Most likely she would cease feeding them at the time she seemed to have a cold. But it is impossible to say definitely what was the actual cause of the deaths without much more data as to the condition of the young. Get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d., post free, and follow directions therein, and do not [illegible] except in very small quantities, until [illegible] are a fortnight old, and I see no reason why you should not succeed all right with the next brood.

RESULT (A.W.H.).—Thanks for your letter. Am very glad to know the bird is quite recovered after the fortnight's treatment. Most queriists forget to award us the satisfaction of knowing the result of treatment advised.

AILING HEN AND MATING CREST (I.C.J.).—(1) The hen might have got a bad chill on the journey, but there are signs of older trouble than that. Keep it in a rather warm place, and see that it is quite free from cold draughts or severe and sudden fluctuations of heat and cold. Then give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for three consecutive days, and after this give five drops each of tincture of lobelia, syrup of tolu, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirits of nitre every second day for a fortnight if necessary. (2) If the non-crested yellow Norwich cock to which you refer is a crested-bred bird, it would be quite correct to mate the crested hen with him if he is suitable in other points beside colour. But if he is of the Plainhead breed, the young would be simply cross-breds, and of no particular value unless it were as singers or feeders. They would be of practically no use at all for crossing back to either of the parent breeds. The proper mate for the hen would be a yellow crest-bred cock that excels as much as possible in any feature in which the hen is either lacking or weak, so that the pair between them may possess the points of a fairly typical bird.

TROUBLE WITH HEN (F. Parker).—You did quite right to steam the hen and keep her in a warm place for a time, but she would have been better without the oil you gave her the next day. Leave the pair together now, and add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for three consecutive days, and after this substitute instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week. In addition to staple diet give a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and on two other days a similar quantity of mixed seed. Give a little chickweed, flower buds of groundsel, or watercress daily, but do not give this pair any dandelion. Continue this treatment until the hen has gone to nest again.

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TWO HENS (G.W.).—I imagine these hens are two weaklings, and think you would be best advised to discard them altogether for breeding. Still, if you wish to try them, treat as follows for two or three weeks. But do not forget that by breeding from such birds you are assuredly making trouble for yourself in years to come. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately a small teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and mix in it each time a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure. On two other days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a little chickweed, flower-buds of groundsel, or watercress daily, but do not give these birds any dandelion at all. Add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food two days in every three for a fortnight.

GETTING HENS READY (A. Hicks).—You omit to say whether the hens are in apparently good health and active, though any hen in really good and normal condition should be in breeding condition by now. Try what the following treatment will do for them in a few weeks' time. In addition to the staple diet, give a small teaspoonful of egg food with a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it to each pair of birds every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, linseed, and teazle. Give a small stool of dandelion gathered fresh daily. Just cut off the root under the surface, clear off the dirt, and give the whole crown to the birds, one stool to each pair daily. Add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

DOMESTIC STRIFE (W.R.P.).—The hen was probably out of condition when you mated them first, and perhaps the cock also, more or less, which would account for the clear eggs. Now, however, both birds seem to be in very good condition, and all you need do is to let matters take their own course and patiently wait the result. The bickerings are not at all uncommon when birds are in vigorous condition, and must not be taken as a bad sign, and rarely cause any damage to either side. Let them alone to settle their affairs in their own way, and you will find they will soon settle down, and matters will proceed more smoothly. Give two crisp young dandelion leaves daily; that is all you need do.

A FICKLE HEN (E.M.T.).—Yes, you could certainly get another hen to hatch out and rear the young of the Lizard, but even then you would have to run the risk of the feeding hen proving a more or less bad feeder. On the whole, my advice is to give the Lizard a chance to show what she will do by herself when the cock is removed, and do not interfere more than is absolutely necessary with the young next time. Although the hen is so tractable, the constant interference is practically certain to

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reduce the chances of her feeding so well as she might if left more to herself. Some hens naturally allow longer intervals to elapse between feeding the young ones than others, and yet rear quite as strong youngsters. You may, if you like, try giving her a clutch of wild birds' eggs, but I have much more confidence in the above method. You would, in the latter event, be more likely to succeed with a clutch of Greenfinch or Linnet eggs than Sparrows'. The latter are not good subjects for the purpose, strange as it may appear to you. About a week is the length of time you can keep Canary eggs with safety before they are put to sit. If kept buried in a closed box of bran, in a cool dry place, and the box given a half turn daily, they may be kept a fortnight or even a little longer, but there is a vastly greater risk of their not hatching, or producing weakly chicks. "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free, is the book you want to help you over all these little difficulties.

YOUNG DYING AND LOOSE PLUMAGE (Amadis).—(1) Your surmise that the hen does not feed the young ones is almost certain to be the correct explanation of the young dying. She may possibly give them a scrap of food on rare occasions, or the cock, if with her, may give them a little now and again when she is off to feed, but even if this did not happen, it is quite possible for the young to survive solely by the heat of the hen for some time after hatching. If the cock was left with her last time, remove him with the next brood on the evening of the third day, when putting hen to sit, and take him out of sight, and hearing also, if convenient, of the hen, and leave her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. She may do this quite well, even though she refuses to feed at all when he is left with her. Do not meddle with her arrangements more than is absolutely necessary, but if she is noticed to be neglecting the young, try to tempt her with a little fresh green food two or three times a day, and make the egg-food with equal parts egg, crushed sponge cake, and stale bread crumbs, and sprinkle it with maw to induce her to eat it freely. (2) The loose feather is probably only a temporary feature of the breeding season, and will disappear with the moult. In any case, all you could do for it would be to allow the bird to bathe freely, and tone it up in condition if necessary. It should be mated with a close short-feathered bird.

FIRST ROUND LOST (T. T. Ellison).—Being in an attic, you probably mated the birds before they were in quite good condition, which would account for the poor results from the first round of eggs, and also to some extent for the hens' neglect of their duties. Besides this, there are several little flaws in your treatment. You should not have given hemp in the staple diet until the young were nearly ready to hatch, nor dandelion leaves afterwards. It would also have been best to try removing the cocks this time, but now things have gone so far they are best left alone. When the next young are hatched, sprinkle the egg-food with maw seed, and if the hens show signs of flagging in their duties, make it the same as advised to "Amadis," and begin to give a morsel of crisp tender green food at once—use lettuce, flower-buds of groundsel, chickweed, or watercress, for preference in the order named, but do not give any dandelion at all. Offer a little soaked summer rape daily when about eight days old, but be careful that it does not stand to become sour, and add a little cracked hemp about the twelfth day, but not earlier. Give no hemp whilst the hens are sitting. With these little changes, and the season being a little more advanced, I think you will do much better with this round. You would do well to provide yourself with a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, which will help you out of these difficulties.

A COINCIDENCE (E.A.M.).—It was nothing more than a coincidence that you should notice the cock feeding the young on each occasion before they died. He probably fed them more or less all the time, as some cocks are almost as good as the best of hens in this respect. I should say the cause of the deaths in your case was too much hemp and too little green food. This is where you went wrong. See reply to "T. T. Ellison," and first part of reply to "Amadis," and follow the advice therein when the next broods arrive, and you should meet with more success. As the weather will be getting warm you should not give enough soaked rape to last the birds all day, on account of the risk of its becoming sour. Give a teaspoonful in the morning, and if any is left in the afternoon, throw it out and give a little fresh, and again at night, throw out any that remains, and do not give any more until next morning.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FOOD FOR SOFTBILLS (Toronto).—The following mixtures are all used with success in the feeding of Blackbirds and Thrushes: Fine biscuit meal as used for rearing young chicks, 6 parts; crissel or meat meal, 1 part. Soak in hot water, or you can use crushed puppy biscuits (best quality) in place of the chicken meal. Another mixture of better quality to be used two or three times a week would be: Ground biscuits (Osborne are as good as any), 4 parts; dried flies, 1 part; ants' eggs, 1 part; meat meal, 1 part; mix together and take sufficient for the day and make crumbly moist, with boiled potato, scraped raw carrot, or a little green food, such as chopped lettuce or watercress. This latter food would be suitable for a Robin, with the addition of a little hard-boiled egg. He should also have insect life of some kind, so should the Blackbird and Thrush.

HAND-REARING JACKDAW (Highland Lad).—You should have no difficulty in hand-rearing young Jackdaws. Take them just as their eyes open, and while they will gape, although they may be left rather later if you desire it; but in that case you will have to put them in a basket or box in the dark, and when you open the lid and they see light, you must be ready to feed them at once. For the first few days feed on hard boiled egg minced up with biscuit or stale bread crumbs, and made moist with new milk; afterwards substitute smashed puppy biscuit for the bread crumbs. In addition to this give mealworms, small garden worms, and tiny slugs, and occasionally a very little scraped raw lean meat; but be very careful that it is perfectly fresh. Mix a pinch of fine grit with the food and give a drink of water three or four times a day. You can give it on the end of the feeding stick. (2) It is not easy to distinguish the sexes until the breeding season, when the cock bird has rather more gloss on the plumage; and the grey patch at the nape of the neck is more distinct; but as both sexes will talk, I would advise you to retain the largest and most lusty. Jackdaws are active birds and require plenty of cage room; they are fond of bathing.

BIRDS NOT DOING WELL (Gofidus).—You have omitted to send your name and address, which is contrary to our rules. Perhaps you will kindly send them on a postcard. I am afraid there is something very wrong with your treatment for all your birds to be doing badly. Give the Goldfinch-Canary an aperient. Dissolve as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpenny-piece in his drinking water one day, then miss a day and give again. Discontinue the hemp and dandelion seeds and only give half-a-dozen sunflowers daily. In fact, feed him less heavily. Offer greenfood, such as shepherd's purse and chickweed, or watercress. You could with advantage hang him outside for a couple of hours daily. (2) Your Linnet is afflicted with asthma and I am afraid he has gone too far to do anything with him. You had better take him to a chemist and ask him to put it out of its misery with a little chloroform. He has been fed wrongly. If you have another, send for our Nutshell booklet on the Linnet. (3) I expect the trouble with your Goldfinch is caused in the same manner. Give an aperient as advised for the Goldfinch-Canary, and feed as follows: Teazle, 4 parts; canary, 3 parts; hemp, 2 parts; and linseed, 1 part. This for his staple food. In addition, make a mixture of niger, 3 parts; and maw seed, 1 part, and give a spoonful twice a week. Try to purchase a good brand of wild seed mixture containing thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, and other wild seeds, and offer him a spoonful of it twice a week. Give also a few sunflowers daily, and soak a little teazle and summer rape, and let him have a little fresh daily until he is in better health. After the aperient, mix a small teaspoonful of Chemical Food in the drinking water daily. Boil the water first or it will not mix. I should also advise you to get the booklet on the Goldfinch; it will assist you in your management.

CHARLOCK SEED FOR LINNET (Anxious).—Yes. You can use charlock seed for your Linnet, but only in moderate quantities, and as one ingredient in your seed mixture. Canary, teazle, summer rape, and linseed should be used with it. (2) As to your second question, "How to measure a pint of seed," any pint measure would have answered; a pint is always a pint, whether it is of water, seed, or anything else that will go into a measure.

MANAGEMENT OF NIGHTINGALE (M. McGettigan).—I cannot see very much to find fault with in the management of your 'Gale, excepting that I think you are giving him quite enough mealworms, and it is probably these that cause him to look somewhat puffy. You had better diminish them gradually and substitute a few gentles, and at this time of the year you should be able to collect some live matter from the garden, such as small maggots and greenfly from the rose trees. If you can, these should be given in place of the mealworms, as they are much more digestible. If you can get him to eat a little soft fruit, it will be to his benefit. A

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Normon's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/3); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

mild aperient occasionally is the correct thing for Softbills in captivity. They eat well and take such a little exercise that they soon become dull and out-of-sorts. The fact of your recently-purchased bird not singing does not surprise me, as a 'Gale is never very noisy, and the change of home would be quite sufficient to stop him. I am sorry I am unable to give you any written directions by which you may sex your bird. We publish two little Nutshell booklets on Softbills that might be useful to you, 2½d. each, by post. You should try to get your bird to bathe. To do so I would advise you to take away his usual water-vessel and hang on a bath. Let him drink from this and he will probably soon bathe, especially if he hears or sees another bird doing so. You can prevent him spilling his food by bending a couple of wires over the vessel containing it.

FOOD FOR SONG THRUSH (H. J.).—I do not think your mixture is suitable for a Song Thrush; the ingredient I particularly object to in all soft foods is pea meal, a hard indigestible substance fit for animals only. In addition to this, your mixture includes seeds, which, of course, are quite unsuitable. In this issue you will find particulars of soft food for feeding Thrushes and Blackbirds to "Toronto." You had better make use of these, and I would advise you to get our booklet on the Thrush.

CANARY AND LINNET.—You appear to be treating your bird well, and are rather unfortunate in the behaviour of the hen. I should advise you to part them, with a wire partition in between, and give her a course of Chemical Food, putting them together again in about ten days. Mix a small teaspoonful of the Chemical Food in the drinking water, using boiled or distilled water. Let her have it fresh daily. As green food, use chickweed and dandelion leaves, gathered out in the open, and the youngest leaves you can find They are more tender than the old ones.

LINNET-CANARY MOULTING (F. J. H.).—If you follow out the advice given you in our last issue I think you will find it successful.

MATING HYBRID AND CANARY (F. Funnell).—I fear you will only be wasting your time and be disappointed if you try to breed from your hybrid and hen Canary. Why not procure a Linnet and try him with her? There is time yet, and you may be successful.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT (H.G.G.).—Continue the treatment already advised, and in addition to the dietary named in our last, you can give, if it has a liking for such things, a piece of stale crust or biscuit, moistened either in clear water, or a mixture of water and Chemical Food. If the bird is at all tame, it will help matters to give it its liberty about the room at convenient periods. Give it a piece of a branch, cotton reels to play with, and scatter a pinch of grit (not sand) over the sand on cage tray daily. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage. You had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, and offer at intervals, so as to keep the diet as varied as possible, all the items named therein as permissible. Report progress again in a month or six weeks; there is hope that your bird will leave off this annoying habit, but progress will be slow. You can help by keeping the birds as occupied as possible, by fussing about with it, talking to it, etc., without scaring it. As the bird settles and takes more interest in his surroundings, its plumage may be left alone.

MADAGASCAR LOVEBIRDS (C.H.M.).—While I think it is doubtful that they will breed in a cage of that size along with Budgerigars, yet it is worth the trial. Put in a small barrel, about 6 inches diameter, by 9 inches deep, hang it up longitudinally, with a hole about 2 inches, square or round, cut in one end near the top, this hole to face the light. Supply them with leaves, thin strips of bark, and a few straws, and leave the rest to chance. As regards the Budgies, it's a case of settling down; some take quite a time to do this, and others settle down almost at once. Give them as much seeding and flowering grass as they will eat. Probably the wildness of the Lovebirds is disturbing them, but the Lovebirds will settle down in due course. It's a case for the exercise of patience.

YELLOW-WINGED AMAZON (N. S. A.).—You give me no idea of how you feed, and this makes it difficult to give you a helpful reply. You had better send me these details, and in the meantime treat as follows:—Give it five drops of cod-liver oil two or three times a day on a piece of sponge cake, scone, or bread, and continue this for some time. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and give the bird a little of this daily or oftener. Smear a little on the end of a stick, and then tap the beak with the stick, and the bird is almost sure to bite the end of the stick, and will so

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigors and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Goulston Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

take the mixture smeared on it. Get from your chemist the following:—Tincture of rhubarb and capsicum, essence of peppermint, spirit of camphor, and laudanum—say a pennyworth of each. Have them all put into one bottle, well shake together, and put three drops into the drinking water till relief is given. As soon as the diarrhœa yields, stop the above mixture and well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. While it continues thin, give a little milk sop for, say, a fortnight. Prepare the milk sop so:—Four pieces of sponge cake about size of walnut, one teaspoonful of condensed milk, boiling water to make it rather sloppy; then stir in one teaspoonful of cornflour, and when cool supply to the bird. Note.—This is only as a medicine, and not as part of its diet, and as soon as it begins to recover tone and takes to the seed mixture again, gradually discontinue the sop.

AVIARY QUERIES (J. V. S.).—(1) Clay is a bad soil on which to keep birds, but success is attained even under these conditions. Trench the sections all round, 18in. deep, fill in with 12in. of rubble, and on top of this sandy soil. (2) Door should be in two parts, and only the upper half kept open. In the winter drive in the birds at dusk and shut them up for the night. (3) At least half the glass should be permanently covered with felt, and the other half distempered during the summer months. (4) Use half your space of the open section for grass and the other sow with oats, wheat and barley. (5) Yes, all can fly together with safety, and the only pair which it will be advantageous to pair up in cage will be the Green Budgerigars, with a view to prevent them cross-mating with the yellows.

LAVENDER FINCHES, ETC. (Nester).—I could have given you a more definite reply had you given me dimensions of open flight and shelter, but assuming both these to be moderately roomy, Lavender and Fire Finches should safely pass the winter out of doors in your southern locality. As to the Red-headed Finches, these are successfully wintered out of doors in quite northern localities. It is good practice to keep the food hoppers in the shelter, and during the really cold months to drive them in each night and release them in the morning. It is also a wise precaution to shut them in altogether during such really arctic periods as may occur. The great fault with the shelters of many aviaries is that they are not light enough and the birds do not use them; shelters ought to be as light as a living room. The cock is easily distinguished by his red head; the head of the hen is the same colour as the body. Both male and female have cream-coloured spots or blotches on the breast and upper abdomen. They should breed with you, also the Firefinches; Lavenders are shy breeders in captivity.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. G. Richards.—Inflammation of the bowels, complicated with pneumonia, both symptoms very suspicious of ptomaine poisoning, caused by the taking in with the food of poisons.

F.M.—Very suspicious of septic fever. There were no lesions in the spleen, although this organ was enlarged. The liver, showed slight evidence of this disease. You should send me another bird to confirm this, for it is evident that if it is this disease you must expect further loss.

C. E. Nash.—Impaction of the gizzard. This organ was about six times its ordinary size. It's walls were thin and very dilated. It was impacted with hard dry food, making it impossible to carry out its proper digestive action.

C.R.G. (Cheshire).—Acute broncho-pneumonia caused death. The organs other than the lungs were quite healthy, and the bird was in good condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Miss Lyle, B. Reid, J. Stewart, and Others.—Many thanks for the newspaper cuttings.

J.M.—Your intentions are good, but poetry makes our printers simply furious, and we daren't try the effect of yours upon them.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—May 20, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8. General business and lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. Atkinson.—C. Bailey.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—May 16, Mr. Hannigan's, 7.30. Important business.—W. Thompson.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—May 19, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Lecture on British birds by Mr. W. Fairhurst. Something for every member; also colour-food.—J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—May 16, Ante-Room, Linton Hall, 7.30. Special bus., subs., new rimbers. —Wm. Hall.

Ashton-un Lyne O.S.—May 17, Ramble through Chadkirk Valley. Meet at Hyde Town Hall at 2.—J. Whitehead.

Burnley O.S.—May 20, Star Inn, 7.30. Final arrangements for N.F. show, June 27. Subs. due. —G. Whittaker.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 19, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Schedule for young bird show. Discussion on colour feeding and moulting birds for exhibition.—G. Morton.

Buckhaven C.B.S.—May 16, Free Gardeners' Hall, 6.30. Business of great importance.—Wm. Foster.

Burnhope C.B.S.—May 16, Coll Inn, 7. Schedule for young bird show; other important business.—J. W. Robson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—May 21, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Elect judges for young bird show; decide about booking hall for the open show; other important business.—E. Thomas.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 20, Lamb Hotel, 8. Paper, "Hints on Staging," by Mr. W. Bennett. F.F. show business.—A. S. Treasure.

Choppington, Scotland Gate C.B.S.—May 16, Social Club, 7.30. General.—T. Rigg.

Cinnamon C.C.—May 21, Melora's Restaurant, Victoria Street, Blackburn, 6.30. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, new officers, club judges, club show, style of patronage, season's specials, etc.—J. W. Metcalfe.

Clackmannanshire C.B.S.—May 16, Townhead Tea Rooms, Alloa, 8. Appointing delegate to attend meeting in Edinburgh, May 30. Sale of rule cards. —W. F. L. Bremner.

Clydebank C.B.C.—May 21, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. —Wm. Kane.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—May 23, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, 7. F.F. show business. Fanciers cordially invited.—Smith and Lees.

Crewe O.S.—May 19, Burton Hotel, 8. Classification for open show.—N. L. Croft.

Coventry O.S.—May 20, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Young stock show, etc.—A. Green.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—May 16, Black Swan, 7. Sparrow show. Judge, Mr. A. Hargraves; any other business.—H. Cockrem.

East Ham F.S.—May 21, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Washing exhibition.—W. Kite.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—May 19, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Subs. now due. Last meeting for enrolling new members. Classification for F.F. show. Lecture by Mr. A. W. Watson.—J. C. Charlton.

Felling F. & F.S.—May 16, Bluebell Hotel, 6.30. Special meeting, to make final arrangements for show.—Geo. Garbutt.

Garston B.B.A.—May 21, Club Room, 8. Members try and turn up to this meeting. Anyone wishing to join can do so.—C. T. Mullock.

Halifax O.S.—May 16, 2.15. Ramble to Crimsworth Dean. Meet at top of King Cross, Tram Terminus for Hebden Bridge, at 2.15. Leader, Mr. F. Greenwood. Friends invited.—H. Clegg.

Halifax C.B.S.—May 21, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Open show and members' show business.—A. Sutcliffe.

Heywood O.S.—May 20, Rechabite Hall, 8. F.F. show business and short paper by Mr. J. Greenhalgh.—R. Schofield.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 16, Ancient Druids, Cotmanhay, 7. Selecting classes for F.F. show, etc. Lecture by Mr. E. Fox, of Long Eaton.—Geo. Siddown.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 16, Y.M.C.A., 7. Report from judges for annual show.—A. Thomson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—May 16, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Very important for our next show.—D. John.

Manchester & N.C.O.S.—May 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. July and October show business; very important.—W. H. Tansey.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—May 21, Kelvedon Hall, 8. Questions and answers.—H. F. Bowring.

Newsham C.B.S.—May 16, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Business important; last meeting for new members. —C. Snowdon.

North London C.B.A.—May 20, headquarters, 8. Egg-food mixture competition; eggs and basins found.—P. H. Jeffries.

Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street, Birtley Amalg.—May 23, Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, 7. Table show, Linnet or Twite, Goldf. or Bullf., Greenf. All F.M. —J. Robinson.

Redcar C.B.S.—May 20, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Ramble and general.—C. L. Mallory.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—May 19, Mr. Hartley's, 14, Mary Street, Hurstead, 8. Committee meeting.—J. F. Cheetham.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Ramble to Bingley on Sunday, May 17. Meet Sowerby Bridge Station 9.50, Halifax L.Y.R. 10.5. Friends cordially invited.—G. Mitchell.

Watford C.B.S.—May 17. Meet at Cassiobury Park Gates, 9.30. Annual ramble to Chipperfield Common. Fanciers will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Rackley.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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EXCHANGE solid mahogany dining table, antique, and oil painting, signed, for songsters; genuine: Hall, "Touchwood," Stanley-rd., Cambridge. (1603)

EXCHANGE Edison Gem phonograph, good condition; useful offers or hand sewing machine: Foulkes, 28, Stamford-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1604)

BRASS scales, 10/6; accumulator, 25/-; Palace aviary, 40/-; carpenter's tools, 60/-; blow lamp, 18/6; exchange Canaries; offers anything: Cypher, Bedwas. (1602)

ARMY bell tent, wants slight repairs, complete with poles, pegs, malet, and carrying bag, 10/6; exchange small field glasses: Ross, Bulletloan, Forres, N.B. (1606)

WANTED guaranteed breeding Goldfinch for two good Yorkshire hens, untried; also what offers for a prize-winning Dutch buck?: French, Baker, Holsworthy. (1600)

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, also razor strop, for one cock or three hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield. (1608)

SALE, or exchange lady's solid gold watch, cost £5, take 35/-, part Canaries or foreign birds, approval, deposit, offers: George Eyton, Swan-lane, Owestry. (1599)

DOUBLE barrelled 12-bore, by Udal, Sons and Symonds; exchange hornless gramophone, chicken, offers; also single 12-bore, 15/6; offers: Criddeford, Honiton. (1600)

BRASS founders' turning lathe and tools, complete, bargain, £3 10/- worth double; approval; photo, particulars: 91, Mary-st., Balsallheath, Birmingham. (1595)

WANTED Canaries or anything useful in exchange for hand sewing machine, in perfect working order; particulars: Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (1601)

ENGLISH Concertina, 48 keys (Lachanal), sell 30/-, or exchange and give cash for Bull pup or other breed: Herbert, 83, Woodside-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield. (1601)

FREE, two full-size tins of our insecticide washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1422)

BARGAIN, good strong gent's cycle, all sound, good tubes and tyres, good free-wheel, back rim brake, 16/-: Samuel Dodd near Northern Station, Sutton-in-Ashfield. (1602)

SEED, dressing machine, cleans waste and wild seed, 6/-; exchange Mule, singing, pure Linnet song: Charles Lee, 79, North-st., Stanground, near Peterborough. (1588)

MR. MALPASS will give gent's new gold cased hunter lever watch for cock, 2 hens, Yorkshires, or cock, 2 hens, Norwich: 1, Faranden-rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield. (1601)

EXCHANGE, Palace aviary, worth, 12/6, for good pair Border Fancies; hanging lamp, for three Norwich hens; approval both ways: Payne, Ray Corner, Lingfield, Surrey. (1605)

WANTED good Norwich, Yorkshire hens, give pair field glasses, 10/6; book on dogs, 10/6; also dozen second-hand disc records; approval: Woodruff, 19, Donald-st., Cardiff. (1602)

GRAMOPHONE, in good condition, cost £4, new, eleven 10in. records, fourteen 7in., two albums, exchange lot for two pairs Canaries; offers; sell 30/-: 13, Essex-st., Oxford. (1602)

SALE, or exchange, Texas incubator, and Lord Roberts pistol, lot 8/6, or three hen Canaries, ready to nest: Harley, Brickmakers' Arms, Woodside, near Dudley, Worcestershire. (1597)

LARGE aviary, four cock Canaries, two cock Goldfinches, suitable drawing-room, £2 5s.; or exchange for talking Parrot; letters to: Bert, 46, New-st., Kennington Park-rd., S.E. (1608)

5 x 4 KODAK camera, plates or films, leather case, all adjustments, tripod, etc., cost over £6, bargain, £2 10/-; part exchange Roller Canaries: Collins, 57, Woodgreen, Wednesbury. (1606)

WANTED birds or old brass or copper in exchange for gold-filled hunter lever watch, ten years, cases by John Forrest, London; or sell 5/-: Cottam, 37, Bowling Old-lane, Bradford. (1604)

FOR sale, 12/6, or exchange, chickens, two double, one single breeder, all accessories; four Yorkshire show cages, carrying case, new: Rhodes, 67, High-st., Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury. (1603)

HAND-REARED Blackbird in full song, with cage, 7/6; two high-class Roller cocks, Randall's strain, one B.R.C.C. rung, 20/- pair: Jas. Duncan, 4 Duncan's-pl., High-st., Aberdeen. (1604)

PAIR of Song Thrushes, hen laid in aviary, 7/6; half-plate stand camera, 25/-; Ensignette pocket camera, 15/6; or exchange Budgerigars or Canaries: Evenson, Lansdown, Bournemouth. (1605)

ONE pair of Yorkshires, Roller hen, cock Goldfinch, cock Chaffinch, paired to hen Bullfe; three double breeders, six small cages, £2 lot; exchange poultry: T. Aston, Broad-st. Common, Nash, Mon. (1595)

LADY'S silver watch, 7/6, good timekeeper; also silver-mounted calabash pipe, as new, 7/6, cost 22/6, exchange yellow Norwich cock Canaries or what offers: Brooks, 88, Balls Pond-rd., Dalston, N. (1604)

FIVE cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, sell or exchange, for Sticky-repeating Back or photographic accessories; also several double and single breeding cages: Mrs. Ebsworth, Mount-st., Mullingar, Ireland. (1601)

WANTED, cock Canaries, in exchange for every variety household goods, boots, suits, mackintoshes, costumes, carpets, curtains, wall-paper, cutlery, electro-plate goods, etc.: Exchange Co., 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (1591)

CAPITAL fretsaw outfit and patterns, 2/6; worth double; stamp album and about 400 stamps, 2/6; few boxes Sealfast, for preventing punctures, half-price, 9d. box; all free; exchange: Rowson, Swerford, Oxford. (1605)

H.M. Welsh Goldfinch, winner, showcage and case, 20/-; case with three show cages, 6/-; case, ditto two, 4/-; liver and white dog and bitch Spaniels, ten weeks, 17/6 each: Tom Roberts, Tap Room, Llanrwst, Denbighshire. (1605)

GAMAGE'S six-chambered revolver, almost new, cost 25/-; offers wanted cash, or exchanges; Edison home phonograph, no attachment, perfect order and condition, 30in brass horn, sell cheap, or exchange to value of 30/-: Wilbee, Marnhull. (1603)

HANDSOME black Pomeranian bitch, 14 months, little white one foot, not noticed, just finished litter; three made £4: clean house habits, fond children; guaranteed; £1: useful exchange or first money order: Cooke, Grocer, York-st., Cambridge.

WANTED birds, any description, in exchange for loose fronts, any size made, or breeding cages, double or single, fitted loose fronts, etc.; also young Yorkshire and Norwich as bred; state offers and wants: Leigh, 51, Netherfield-rd. S., Liverpool. (1605)

HIGH-CLASS Canaries, all varieties, muling cock Linnets, Parrots, Poultry, pedigree Collie puppies (golden-sable and white), foreign birds, and all live stock sold for cash or easy terms: write for particulars and get satisfaction: Moore, 22, Lambeth-rd., London. (1605)

GOOD Toy Yorkshire Terrier bitch, nine months, good colour, 25/-; Edison Gem phonograph, runs two and four minute records, also 30 records, 25/- lot; black and white cock Blackbird, full song, 6/-; exchange anything; wanted, African Grey Parrot; 115, Bradford-st., Keighley. (1604)

VARIOUS photographic requisites slides, masks, print frames, daylight, gaslight printing cards, dishes, lamps, everything for novice, also Japanese fiddle, wants slight repairs, and flute, will sell, or exchange all for two pairs of Yorkshires: G. Ingledew, Thomas-st., Wheldon-rd., Castleford. (1599)

ONE dozen pure-bred English rabbits, 10 weeks, 9d. each, or 8/6 lot; six self cavies, two in young, 2s. each, 1/9 each others; grand Angora buck, winner, 4/-; exchange gent's cycle, glass, garden implements, or anything useful; approval willingly; yours first: Dawson, The Green, Washington, Durham. (1602)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

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Aquarium.

AQUARIUM, large size, metal frame, slate bottom, with cover, 12/6; photo sent: Barrett, 79, Courtney-rd., Merton, Surrey. (1601)

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GOLDFISH, Rarefish, Snakes, Lizards, Frogs, Toads, of many species. Plants, Weeds, Globes, Aquariums, Rocks, etc., etc.; before purchasing send for list, free. Catalogue of Aquaria and Vivaria, 1d.: L. Cura and Sons, Vine-st., Clerkenwell-rd., London, E.C. Fisheries: Carmiaro, Piacenza, Italy.

BUSINESSES.

LIVE stock business for sale, convenient house, nice garden.—Moore, Aviary and Aquarium Stores, South Farm-rd., Worthing. (1584)

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JUST Out! Nutshell No. 27, "The Care of the Cat." A highly interesting and instructive little booklet, dealing fully with the Housing, Breeding, Mating, Rearing, Feeding, Exhibiting, Management, Diseases, Varieties, etc., etc. Price 2d., from our Nutshell agents, or 2½d., post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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CAVY-Keepers Note! Nutshell 28, "Profitable Pet Cavies (or Guinea Pigs)," is now ready. Deals fully with the Housing, Breeding, Mating, Rearing, Feeding, Exhibiting, Management, Diseases, Varieties, etc., etc. Price 2d., from any of our Nutshell agents, or 2½d., post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Cycles.

LADY'S Rudge, standard, two-speed, back-peddalling and front brakes, 23in. frame, £3 10/-: 16, Byng-st., Millwall. (1600)

GENT.'S nearly new cycle, free-wheel, rim brakes, 25/-, worth double: Jones, No. 23, Lord-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1603)

GENT.'S high-grade cycle, built to order, first-class condition, sacrifice £2, worth double, cash wanted: particulars: 91, Mary-st., Balsall Heath, Birmingham. (1604)

CYCLE agents and repairers, send for wholesale catalogue of cycles, cycle and motor tyres and accessories: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham (601)

CYCLES.—Lady's and gentleman's Model de Luxe, purchased September last, latest improvements, including three-speed B.S.A. gear, accessories, gear cases, perfect; reason explained; £4 10/- each; approval willingly: 3, Aubert Park, Highbury, London, N. (1604)

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UNDERWOOD'S champion box calf boots and shoes, newly soled and heeled, ladies 2/9; gents 3/6; girls 2/6; boys 2/9; youths 3/-; all sizes; carriage paid: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

Ferrets.

SPLENDID ferrets, 4/6; bitches, in young, 5/6; 10 days' approval; cash or reposit: Thos. Wannop, Short Street, Carlisle (1602)

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Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

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DOG and bitch puppies, four months, healthy, high class, from 30/-: 47, Park-rd., Merton, S.W. (1607)

REGISTERED Greyhound bitches, 15/-; and their registered pups, 10/-: 63, Blackbraes, Falkirk. (1578)

WANTED, pedigree dog, show specimen, or one already won prizes; also puppies; cheap: Dutton, Dunstable. (1573)

GOOD all-round Lurcher dog, sell; exchange Bull or Airedale pup; bargain.—James, Steens Bridge, Leominster. (1602)

GOOD liver and white Spaniel dog, sell £2; exchange Canaries; anything useful: Rogers, 9, North-st., Bridgwater. (1600)

BULL Terrier, pedigree dog, six months, trained to house; will sell cheap; exchange: Crook, 19, Raikes, Preston. (1604)

BLOODHOUND male pup, two months, from best trackers living, ch. breed, 27/6: Morton, Waterloo Kennels, Elland. (1607)

WANTED, large size Airedale dog, also dog puppies, 3 to 6 months, must be large size: Cloke, 28, Elm Grove, Peckham. (1607)

EVENMARKED black and sable Pom. dog puppy, eight weeks, 15/-; no approval, too cheap: Ernest Watson, Kirbymoorside. (1608)

EXCHANGE good talking Amazon Parrot for Pomeranian dog; no rubbish; or sell £4: Percival, 29, Pimlico Walk, Hoxton. (1605)

PRETTY Fox Terrier bitch pup, well bred, 5/6; or exchange Canary, on song; approval, deposit: Fern, Stone-row, Coalville, Leices. (1604)

MISS COLES has several Bulldog puppies and adults, cheap, to make room for coming litters: Apply Glebelands, Mitcham. (1524)

POMERANIANS, pure white dog and bitch, 10/- each, exchange cock Canaries, stamp reply: Foxall, 20, Bracton-rd., S. Bermondsey. (1595)

POMERANIAN toy puppies, black and brown, by Star of the North, small and good coats, from 30/-: Randall, Clonette, Thames Ditton. (1569)

A BARGAIN; Blue Toy Pomeranian male pup, four months, splendid coat, bred from winners, 25/-: F. Halsey, 6, New Town-st., Luton, Beds. (1608)

PEDIGREE beautiful Dachshund puppies, practically given away to kind homes; send particulars home: Fewings, 16, George-st., Swansea. (1594)

STRONG little Bull-Airedale puppies, seven weeks; dogs, 7/6; bitches, 5/6; make demon guards: Jackson, Confectioner, Green-st., Bethnal Green. (1607)

BLACK and Landseer Newfoundlands, ten months male puppies, ch. breed from Crystal Palace winners, 42/- each: Morton, Waterloo Kennels, Elland.

GREYHOUND bitch, light brindle white; exchange for Rollers, double breeders, and racks; exchange entertained: E. Goodwin, 1, Lower Hillside, Dover.

FOR sale cheap, black, curly-coated Retriever dog, two years old, grand pedigree, retrieve fur or feather, 30/-; quiet with children: Steele, Field-foot, Grasmere. (1602)

COCKER Spaniel, nine months, splendid worker with gun; also Fox Terrier, wire-haired, sell both 30/-, or exchange Canaries: Bond, Lamphey, Pembrokeshire. (1600)

LIVER Spaniel bitch, three months, from high-class parents, grand head and ears, straight and healthy, 12s. 6d.; full approval: Radcliffe, Mill Bank Triangle, Halifax. (1602)

GRAND pedigree wolf-shaded Sable Pom. Bitch, bargain, guaranteed breeder, and mother, £2 2s.; approval, deposit: Clipsham, Belgrave-terr., Ruskington, nr. Sleaford. (1601)

SABLE Pomeranian bitch, 19 months, 30/-; 2 miniature bitch puppies, 8 weeks, sweet pets, cheap; good homes: Mrs. Chilcot, Chebbard, Puddletown, Dorchester. (1608)

HANDSOME sable Pomeranian bitch puppy, splendid pedigree; short and cobby; good coat; sell 25/-, or exchange value 30/-: Apply, Broxton, Field House, French, Wellington, Salop. (1605)

DOG collar, best brown leather, brass studs, name, address on, 1/4; name plates only, 7d.; chains, 1/-; worm powders, 9d. box; mange cure, 7d.; all post free: Young, Crewkerne, Somerset. (1317)

LOVELY little snow-white pedigree Pomeranian female puppy, three months, heavy stand-off coat, perfect tail carriage, clean, healthy, only 8/6: Miss Pavier, 51, Hempshill-lane, Bulwell. (1602)

TWO grand Irish-Airedale puppies, from pedigree parents, six weeks; dog, 7/6; bitch, 5/-; smooth Fox Terrier bitch, six weeks, even marked, pedigree, 7/6: Goodwin, Glebe, Awsworth, Notts. (1603)

HANDSOME Foxhound and Airedale terrier dog puppy, 12 weeks old, blue mottled coat, with white markings, smartly docked, accept 6/-, bargain: Stoppard, Grocer, South Normanton, Derbyshire.

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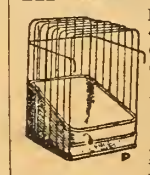

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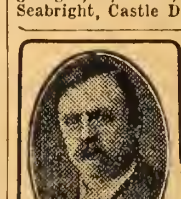

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Mainly Canaries.

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Club Reports.

WADEBRIDGE F.A.

Annual meeting, May 6. Balance-sheet was read and adopted. The treasurer and secretary were re-elected, with Mr. E. Hill assistant sec. Decided to hold a county show October 29.—I should be pleased to hear from any fancier willing to give a special or guarantee a class.—Ed. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

ROSSENDALE C.B.S.

Meeting, May 5. Decid d to have a ramble to Holmes Chapel and to Burnley, via Townley Park, on Whit Friday. Fanciers and friends are heartily welcome. Meet on Bull's Head Bridge, Bacup, at 10, weather permitting. Will all fanciers attend meeting on June 2, to fix and complete feather show?—H. Wantling, Hon. Sec.

HENLEY F.S.

Meeting, Oxford Temperance Hotel, May 4th. Mr. L. Murray presided over a fair attendance. Two new members were elected, and Mr. A. Lovegrove gave a very interesting demonstration of bird-washing. The evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lovegrove, and to Mr. Murray for presiding. Next meeting Tuesday, June 2, at 8.—G. Machin, jun., Hon. Sec.

CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting at Mr. R. Lawson's, Blackhouse, Mr. C. Davison, chair. We had a fair turn-out of members, and got our show dates fixed. Nest Feather, Aug. 1; annual, Jan. 30. Schedule was drawn up for N.F., 20 classes. Judges nominated, N.F., J. Stanger, W. Reed, Riseborough, J. Calvert; annual, J. Stanger, W. Reed, Riseborough, J. Hands.—A. Dawson, Sec.

BIRTLEY, CHESTER-LE-STREET AND PELTON FELL (Amalg).

Meeting held at Station Hotel, Birtley, on May 9, and a very successful table show. GREENF.: 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Wilford. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF.: 1, Lindsay; 2, Davison; 3, Wilford. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 3, Wilford; 2, Lindsay. A.O. FINCH: 1, 2, Davison. Next meeting May 23 at Pelton Fell. A table show will be held of F.M. Linnet or Twite, Redpoll or Siskin, Goldie or Bullie and Greenfinch. Mr. W. Collins (Sacriston) was nominated a member.—S. Lindsay.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, May 5, Mr. Frank Cole chair. Mr. Hodder gave a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. There was a good attendance, and he received a warm reception. After his lecture Mr. Hodder invited a discussion, which proved a success, many members giving him a good supply of questions. Messrs. Tomsett, Clarke, Fairman, Grindell, being very interested in Mr. Hodde.'s ideas as to feeding, breeding, etc. Mr. Fairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hodder, and remarked that what we had heard had come from the fountain-head. This was seconded by Mr. Tomsett. Mr. Hodder replied, and said that it gave him great pleasure to be amongst them, and wished all success. With a voto of thanks to Mr. Cole, a pleasant evening closed.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting, May 4. Mr. Ffoulks, Stoke, elected a member. Further arrangements for the young bird show were made. Mr. Pitchford promised a tea service for competition at the N.F. and annual members' shows, four highest birds to count at each show. Mr. Davis will give a gold centre silver medal for second most points. Mr. E. Ousman also promised a pair of razors to be competed for in the same manner, by members whose annual subs. are fully paid up previous to the young bird show as per rule. Sec. was instructed to apply for the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C., and the N.B.B. and M.C. The question of purchasing some staging was further considered, and it was decided to raise a special fund for this purpose. With this object in view, it was decided that the entry fee at the young bird show should be 7d., with 1d. deducted towards the staging fund. Since the meeting Mr. Butters has promised a cash special, which will be allotted at next meeting.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting, May 6, Pillar's Cafe, Mr. W. P. Smith chair. Decided that the classes for patronage shows be same as last year. Mr. G. F. Bates, and Mr. J. Chambers were elected members. Resolved that Newcastle Nest Feather show be granted our patronage, the points to count for table shows, and that the patronage for open shows be granted to Newcastle, Morpeth, Blaydon, and Sunderland. Haltwhistle's application was left over to another meeting. Decided that table show be held in June, four classes each section, yellow, buff, green, cinnamon. Judges, Mr. W. Espie, novice; Mr. C. Potts, champion. Mr. Espie offered to give Border hen, value 10s., to the novice member having scored most points over the table shows, and Mr. Johnstone two show cages for third most points. Mr. Robson then gave his lecture on Canary Breeding, which was listened to very attentively, and made a very enjoyable evening. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson brought a splendid meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

General meeting, May 4, at headquarters, Mr. E. Holiday chair. Mr. Foyle was elected on the committee in place of Mr. Boyce, who has resigned the society through leaving the town. The chairman called upon Mr. Gamble to give his promised lecture on the "Breeding, Colour-feeding, and Exhibiting of Canaries." Mr. Gamble said he had great pleasure in giving a lecture, and he hoped he would be of some small use to the beginners in the hobby. He dealt with every detail from beginning to end, and impressed on the novices three very important "Dont's": Dont interfere unduly with the nest, don't invite your friends to see the young birds until they have left the nest, don't forget the bath. The bath and fresh air he considered were most important factors in a bird's life. Mr. Gamble then invited questions, which were answered very satisfactorily, and produced a good deal of discussion. In one case egg-binding was the topic, and Mr. Gamble said he had read that it was a common complaint, but he he said he had not found it so, as in his twenty years of bird-breeding he had had only two cases, and he had treated both successfully. Mr. Gamble was loudly applauded for his very interesting and instructive lecture, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him by all present. Next meeting, June 2, owing to the holiday falling on Monday.—W. L. Page, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Meeting May 2, W. Thompson chair. Resolved that we hold young bird show July 25th. A shoal of cash specials were given by members present, and four new members made. The membership of this old society is steadily increasing.—W. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, May 5, President Gillies chair. Four new members admitted. President announced judges for annual show. Mr. A. W. Donaldson gave a lecture on breeding, which proved very interesting and useful. After questions answered and a very friendly discussion, a very interesting evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr. Donaldson.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting, May 6, Fountain Bar, Mr. J. Sneddon presiding. For our annual ramble it was agreed to go by train to the Crook of Devon, kindly granted by Mr. Mowbray. Members are very slow in handing in their names for same. Members who want their colour feed through the society, kindly hand in their order to the secretary by next meeting, May 23, Raith Arms Inn. Agreed to have an award board at next open show for the benefit of exhibitors.—A. Robertson, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON P.P. AND C.B.A.

Meeting May 1, Bedford Hotel, Mr. Stables chair. Mr. Fanstone, general sec., reported that arrangements as to hall not being completed, the selection of judges must be postponed. Re whist drive and dance held April 29, as some nancy has yet to come in for tickets, etc., he could not give exact balance, but there would be a nice little sum to add to funds. Decided that a letter be sent to Mr. Vass, expressing entire satisfaction with his catering. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded the sec. for his hard work in making the drive a success. In reply he wished to thank the committee for the splendid manner they had assisted him. Decided to hold an "egg-week" for benefit of local hospitals, local Press to be written to on the subject. Decided to hold summer outing as usual, sec. to make preliminary arrangements and report on same.—G. J. Slade.

BRIDLINGTON & DRIFFIELD C.B.S

Meeting May 5, Dr. Williams chair, and a good attendance. Arrangements were made for F.F. show, June 19, in Driffield. Full particulars will be given at next meeting, June 2. A valuable special (a very handsome timepiece, marble stand, and glass shade) will be given by Mr. E. C. Dixon for most points gained throughout the year, but no points to count if less than six entries. Special will be on view at next meeting; it is worth a good fight. 2s. 6d. cash is promised for most points gained by birds wearing closed rings, members only. Will members or intending members who are breeders of any variety of Canaries, other than Yorks. and Norwich, please let me know, so that a class can be made if convenient; we wish everyone to be able to compete for specials. We hope to see our membership increased at next meeting. Rule cards ready, 1d. each.—J. Chadwick.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

An interesting evening was spent on May 6, when Mr. Geo. Stevens read one of his celebrated papers before the members. Mr. Stevens always goes into his subject thoroughly, and this time chose "Seeds: Their Use and Abuse." He said he did not think sufficient attention was paid to this matter by the average fancier, and recommended a frequent change of diet, provided the right kind was given. Emphasising the importance of giving the best quality food procurable. He went on to speak of the chemical properties of the various seeds in general use, and mentioned canary, hemp, rape, linseed, maw, millet, niger, teazle, thistle, gold of pleasure, various grasses, sunflower, and dandelion. An animated discussion took place at the end of the lecture. A vote of thanks to Mr. Stevens for the excellent paper was proposed from the chair.—A. S. Treasure.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, May 7, Mr. F. Jones chair. There was a good muster in anticipation of the lecture on Norwich by Mr. Waters, but unfortunately owing to the death of his brother he felt unable to attend to give his lecture. After the usual business preliminaries, including Nest Feather show, arrangements, and those for the ramble on June 6th, a most interesting discussion on line breeding led by Mr. Bevan, so engrossed the attention of the members that it was unanimously decided that he bring his charts at the July meeting, and the discussion be then continued. Decided that all specials for our N.F. show, June 27, be allocated before the June meeting, so as to stimulate entries for the show. The tinge of sadness introduced by the cause of the absence of Mr. Waters was accentuated by the news of a very serious accident whilst at work to our respected member, Mr. Chadwick, and a report of the serious indisposition of our valued assistant secretary, Mr. Woolhouse. Votes of condolence and sympathy with these members were passed by the meeting, and the kindly and feeling expressions of regard and esteem in which these members are held served to indicate that somewhat overlooked result of our hobby—the making and cementing—of brotherhood and comradeship. We all wish them a speedy return to more genial conditions of existence.—A. Hobson, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting, May 11, Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. F. Knight chair; Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., and 34 members present. Letter read from the Hon. Sec. of the N.B.B. and M.C., stating that they had arranged a ramble round Clandon and Horsley on Saturday, May 23rd, and inviting our members to join them. The offer was gladly accepted. Mr. Glanville was nominated for membership. Miss Elcock and Messrs. F. Smith and F. Willey were elected members. The Chairman presented medals to Messrs. W. Sanders and Salter for egg food competition. Schedule for young bird show was discussed, and it was agreed to follow on the same lines as last year. The feature of the evening was the second part of Mr. G. E. Weston's lecture, entitled, "The Bird Within the Egg." For the benefit of those not present at the previous meeting, Mr. Weston briefly touched on some of the points of the first portion of his lecture, and then explained the various stages of the young bird from commencement of life until it hatched. His scientific knowledge of the subject greatly interested members, and at its conclusion he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Hon. Sec. announced that during the summer meetings will be held monthly, and at next meeting, June 8, Mr. A. C. Burn will speak on "The Lack of Organisation in the Fancy." Vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—Fred Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

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J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British. Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

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AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

Whit Monday, June 1st.

First time of including Cage Birds. Class 116, Brit Goldfinch; 117, Bullfinch; 118, Greenfinch; 119, Chaffinch, Bramble, or Bunting; 120, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll; 121, Linnet; 122, A.V. not mentioned. Judge, C. Houlton, Esq. (St. Helens). Fee 1/- each entry. Prizes, 1st 8/-, 2nd 4/-, 3rd 2/-. Schedules ready. Mention which section. Entries close 10 a.m. May 26. Federation rules.—J. Keen, Sec., Woolton, Liverpool.

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Twitterings.

Beaumaris Show is fixed for August 3, judge, Mr. Roberts, Penygroes.

Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, writes that he has been engaged to judge at Lincoln July 4, Oakham August 3, Grantham November 26.

We hear that Mr. Peck, one of the oldest members of Cage Birds League, is opening a shop at 27, West Hill, Dartford, for the sale of birds of all kinds, cages of the best makes, and bird foods and seeds.

Will secretaries and others please note, writes Mr. T. Monday, "Glenville," Canterbury Road, Sittingbourne, that owing to Mr. Churchill, sec. Sittingbourne Cage Bird Society, moving from our district I have taken over the duties pro tem.

The Openshaw Gorton and District C.B.S., writes Mr. A. W. Newton, hon. sec., are having a ramble, May 31, through Marple, Rose Hill, Compstall and District, meet Gorton Station 2.20 train or Guide Bridge 2.30. Fanciers and friends will be heartily welcomed.

The First Feather Show of the Hastings and St. Leonards United C.B.S., writes Miss Kirk Bullock, hon. sec., will be held next Wednesday, May 27, at the Royal Oak Hotel, at 7.30. I hope to see a large attendance. At the end of the season point prizes will be given.

The North Liverpool and District C.B.S. has arranged a ramble to Kirkby and Simonswood on May 31st, writes Mr. E. S. Broadbent, hon. sec. Meet at Walton Church, County Road, 10.30 a.m. We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the Wallasey C.B.S. and all Liverpool societies.

Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, writes that he has been engaged to judge the following shows:—June 20, South Moor; July 4, Burnhope; 11, West Stanley; 18, Birtley; Oct. 24, Newsham; Nov. 7, Ashington and Hirst; 28, Alnwick; Dec. 4, Old Shildon; 5, Stanley Victoria; Jan. 2, 1915, Pelton Fell.

I think that Cage Birds 1914 Calendar was superb and excels all others. I should esteem it a favour of you if you would forward me a supply, and I will distribute them in suitable places. I think they would adorn a mansion quite as well as a fancier's birdroom.—A. Hooton, sec. Worksop and Dist. F.A.

I beg to thank you for your kindness in publishing in your valuable paper the photo of my Border Canary; indeed to me it was a surprise to see it there, and hope it will not be the last that I shall own worthy of a place in the paper from which I derive many hours of pleasure when reading. Wishing Cage Birds success.—Wm. J. Saunders.

Mr. G. Broome, hon. sec., writes that Mr. A. E. Moule will judge Canaries and Mr. C. Lewis Mules and British at the N.F. show of the Abertillery C.B.S., at Cwm Assembly Rooms, June 20; at the second N.F. show, July 18, Mr. Hy. Phillips, Ebbw Vale, will take Canaries and Chas. Lewis Mules and British.

The St. James-the-Less F.A., Bethnal Green, executive, writes Mr. Thos. G. Bransford, hon. sec., 22, Meynell Crescent, Victoria Park, N.E., have decided at the request of many fanciers to extend the area for membership to a three-mile radius, thereby providing for fanciers in the City of London, Hoxton, Shoreditch, and Stepney.

Have You Lost a Cockatoo?

A large White Cockatoo has been found in Bushey Park, and is now in the possession of one of the park keepers, who is anxious to restore it to the owner.

A Bullfinch Returns Home.

An astonishing instance of a Bullfinch preferring captivity to freedom has come under our notice, says the "Worcestershire County Express." Nearly three years ago a Bullfinch caught at Kinver was given to Mr. John Hatton, of Washing Pool, Stourbridge, who placed it in his aviary. Five weeks ago he presented the bird to Mr. J. Pearson, of the Plough Hotel, Wollaston. Owing to an accident to its plumage three weeks ago, Mr. Pearson opened the cage and let the bird free. On Thursday Mr. Hatton was surprised to find that the Finch had returned to his aviary.

The Manchester and N.C.O.S. have engaged Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) to judge their nest feather show, at St. Paul's Schoolroom, Bennett Street, July 4, writes Mr. F. Hayward, hon. sec.

Mr. Edwin North, late of 477, Manchester Road, Bradford, writes that he has removed to larger and more convenient premises at No. 443, where his bird rooms will be open for the inspection of anybody who cares to give him a call.

In last week's Cage Birds you published the portrait of my winning yellow Cinnamon cock, 1st at the Palace Show, 1914. The same bird was 1st at the Palace Show of 1913, in the unflighted class, therefore has won first two years in succession at the Palace. I thank you for your kindness.—Thos. Proctor (Blackburn).

OBITUARY.

It is with very deep regret, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, that fanciers throughout the country will learn of the sad bereavement that has befallen Mr. Dan Hamilton, of Hamilton, in the loss, on May 8, of his beloved daughter, aged fourteen years. The sympathy of all fanciers will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton in their sad bereavement.

It is with regret that we have to record the death, at the age of sixty-three, of Mrs. A. Howard, the beloved wife of Mr. James Howard, of Pitt Street, Norwich. The deceased had been in failing health for some time, but the end came somewhat suddenly. We feel sure that all who have come into touch with Mr. Howard will join in sympathising with him in his bereavement. Mrs. Howard, who was much respected, was a daughter of the late Frank Willis, a Norwich fancier of some repute in the last century, being at that time a large breeder and exhibitor.

Mr. A. Barnley, Denton.

We are sorry to announce, writes Mr. W. Hopwood, sec. Denton C.B.S., the death, at the age of thirty-five, of one of our noted fanciers, Mr. A. Darnley, who passed away on May 14, after a very short, but painful illness. He leaves a widow and child to mourn his loss, and our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Darnley in this her sad bereavement.

Mr. A. Yannock, Mauchline.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. A. Wyper, Auchinleek, that I have to announce the death of our respected vice-president, Mr. Arthur Yannock, who died at his home in Mauchline on May 14, and was interred in the Mauchline Cemetery on May 16. I offer in the name of his brother fanciers of the Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S., our sincere sympathy to his sorrowing wife and relatives. He was a keen fancier and loved a good specimen of any variety, and at all times wrought hard in the best interests of the society.

An Important Matter.

The hon. secs. of several specialist clubs request us to ask societies desirous of patronage to apply as quickly as possible, as in many cases the patronage will be allotted at next meeting; see Twittering in another place.

Gardener "Defeats" Missel Thrush.

On May 8, while one of the South Shields Park gardeners was engaged in removing the partly-built nest of a Fieldfare in the Marine Park, in order to prevent damage by the boys, the bird attacked him in a ferocious manner, and he had some difficulty in defending himself. The bird was eventually beaten off with a hoe! [We expect the bird would be a Missel Thrush.—Ed., "C.B."]

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

To encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, Cage Birds is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

Cage Birds suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

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The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Softbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to each sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in Cage Birds, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of Cage Birds will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

A group of members and friends of the Altrincham Open C.B.S. at their first ramble in the country.

A Pied Sparrow.

On May 4, near to Birmingham, I saw a House Sparrow with one pure white wing and the other partly white, writes Mr. Chas. MacDonald, of Coventry.

Hen Kills Thieving Jackdaw.

At Sutterton, a hen was in a garden with her newly-hatched brood, when a Jackdaw pounced upon a chick. The hen gave battle at once, and a sharp encounter ended in the Jackdaw being killed.

An Ancient Goldfinch.

Mr. J. Cooper, naturalist, of Birmingham, informs us that he recently stuffed for Mr. E. Hingley (Brierley Hill) a Goldfinch which had died at the age of 18 years. This is a record age in Mr. Cooper's experience.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Ramble Postponed.

Members and friends please note, writes Mr. A. K. Chalmers, sec., that the ramble of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Bird Club, arranged for May 23, is postponed; notice will be given in due course.

A Scottish Scandal.

A Glaswegian reader sends us a startling charge against a British bird exhibitor of some notoriety. He alleges that a certain bird has been faked by him, and shown at five different shows under three different names. The bird has been disqualified twice for trimming, though the judges took no notice, but waited till protests had been lodged by other exhibitors. Hot stuff—eh? if true.

To-day's Combined Ramble.

We hear that the L. and P.O.S., also the City and Suburban A.C.B. will join the National British Bird and Mule Club for their annual ramble this Saturday (23rd inst.), to visit Clandon, in Surrey. The ramblers have permission to go over Lord Onslow's estate. Morning party leave Waterloo (South Station) 9.20 o'clock, afternoon party (South Station) 2.15 o'clock. Book to Clandon. Luncheon at Temperance Hotel, Merrow, and tea at Station Hotel, East Horsley.

Congratulations from New Zealand.

I have just received the Birthday Number of Cage Birds, and feel I must write to congratulate you upon such a splendid issue—the Coloured Plates are extra fine, and the supplement is splendid. I have been a reader of your paper for the last six years, and must say it has been a great help to me, and I always look forward to receiving it each mail (it is sent out to me by my people at home). I wish Cage Birds many more years of success.—E. V. Clay (Auckland, N.Z.).

Bird Music by Telephone.

Two naturalists in Hertfordshire, says the "Daily Mail," have succeeded in transferring the song of the Nightingale from one village to another by means of the telephone. The distance between the feathered songster and the listener was about three miles, and while the high notes were not transferred, the "deep throb" carried well. It is pointed out that the telephone receiver was quite a hundred yards from where the bird was singing, and had it been possible to place the receiver within fifty yards of the bird a very fair rendering of the song, it is believed, would have been conveyed across a much greater distance than three miles. [Words fail us!—Editor, "C.B."]

COUNTRY RAMBLES

The following rambles have been arranged. Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not. Radcliffe C.B.S., May 24, meet Town Hall, 2; Clapham C.B.A., May 24, to Effingham Common, train from Waterloo 9.55; Sunderland C.B.A., May 23, to Corbridge, train leaves Sunderland 1; National British Bird and M.C., City and Suburban A.C.B., and London and Provincial O.S., May 23, to Clandon, Merrow and E. Horsley, trains from Waterloo, 9.20 and 2.15; Great Horton Good Intent O.S., June 6, to Bingley, meet under clock outside Midland for 2.30 car; Openshaw Gorton C.B.S., to Marple, etc., May 31, meet Gorton Station for 2.30 train, or Guide Bridge 2.30; N. Liverpool C.B.S., May 31, to Kirkby and Simonswood, meet Walton Church, County-rd., 10.30; Glasgow and W. Counties Norwich Club, May 30, to Bridge of Weir, train from Central Station 3.5; Halifax C.B.S., May 25, to Blackburn Valley, meet at G.P.O. 2.0 for West Vale car; S.W. London C.B.S., May 24, to Bookham Woods, train from Clapham Junction L. and S.W.R. 10.0, meet at Arding and Hobbs' corner 9.30.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Barnsley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Northern Norwich P.H.C., F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., T. H. Inman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Y.C.C., R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Green Canary Association, F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavetree, Liverpool; Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C., R. Garnett, 32, Carr Lane, Windhill, Shipley; closing date, June 5; National Green-marked Y.C.C., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; closing date, August 1. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, W. Priest, 6, Orchird Street, Partick.

MODERN CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS FOR THE NOVICE.

By THOMAS LANE (Barnstaple).

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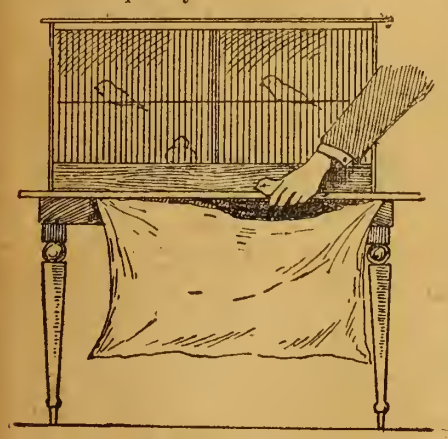
WHEN about seven weeks old I put them into a flight by themselves, giving milk sop and less egg food. If I have a large enough number I separate the young cocks from the hens, as I find the latter are not so strong as their brothers, who generally "boss" the food drawers, and in other ways annoy the ladies. This is liable to retard their growth. They remain apart until they moult.

For the moult I put them up in twos. But if I can find sufficient room I put the Crests by themselves, and also the best Crestbreds, or they may get their head feathers pulled out when quarrelling over the egg food. During this trying time I keep the birds as warm as possible, avoiding all draughts, and feeding them more liberally. In addition to the egg food and milk sop I give them plenty of mixed seed, and more hemp, adding a good supply of linseed toward the end of the month. This will give them a good gloss.

I give the birds daily use of the bath, as this helps them to get rid of their old feathers and produce a longer growth of new. I do not darken my cages, but draw down the window blind when the sun's rays are shining into the room. Breeders with bird-rooms facing south have an advantage over those whose rooms face north, inasmuch as the warmth from the sun helps the birds to get the moult over more quickly.



Mr. Lane's Pillow-case Drying Device.

We now come to the most interesting time in the novice's experiences—namely, show time. He should, if possible, attend one or two near home. He will there pick up a deal of valuable information if his variety is on view, regarding the good and bad points of the breed. If he has bred or even bought a good one he should trot it out, not hide his light under a bushel. Try the bird in the novice class—it may win. If it does don't get excited, or offer to stand drinks all round—you will want the prize-money before long to enable you to enter your "crack" at another show. But, of course, you may *not* win—but over that I will draw a curtain. The cash from your first win will come in useful if you have decided to show your bird. See to it that he is in the pink of condition, so that he may be sure to catch the judge's eye.

If necessary, the bird must be tubbed. This should be done four or five days before the show, and to be successful the bird or birds should be washed in the following manner. First get three bowls of hot water. To each bowl add a little powdered borax. This will soften the water admirably. Next place a piece of the best curd soap on the right-hand side of the first bowl, and also a badger hair shaving brush. During this time you should have a clear, bright fire. Get some clean warm drying cloths ready, and also a pillow-case to lay the bird in after washing. This is hung up on the drying cage before the fire. (see drawing.) Everything ready, catch your bird, hold him gently but firmly in your left hand, placing his head between your thumb and fore-finger. Do not be nervous, it is likely that you will drop him into the water. Never mind if you do. Whip him out and try again. You will have learned something, and the tyro will not gain experience except by occasional mistakes.

Now begin by dipping the shaving brush into No. 1 bowl, rubbing it well on the soap to get a good lather. Start by washing the under parts of the bird—that is of the wings and tail, using plenty of soap to get the dirt out and plying the shaving brush in the same direction as the feathers lie. Now turn the bird over and wash the back, finishing the head and neck last.

This done to your satisfaction, rinse the bird well in No. 2 bowl, getting all the soap out of the feathers, and finish off in No. 3 bowl.

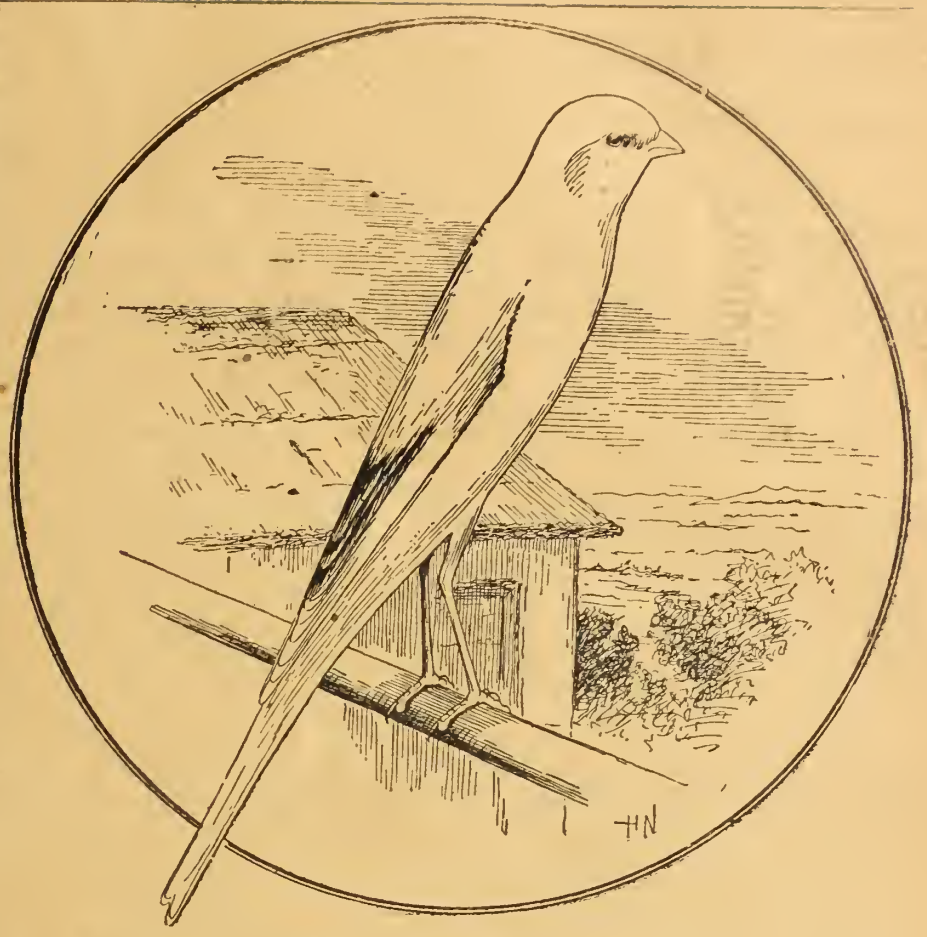
The Use of the Pillow-case.

Now take a warm drying cloth and take off as much of the moisture as possible, dabbing gently in the direction of the feathers. Then put the bird in the pillow-case before the fire, taking care the latter is not too hot, or else the feathers will dry too quickly, which will cause them to curl and become harsh and hard.

When the head is nearly dry (and it always dries first) take the bird out of the case, and if a Crest, gently groom the head feathers from the centre, using a No. 3 badger softener and brushing the feathers in the right direction. If a Crestbred, brush the feathers well over the eyes to give them the browing or lashing so essential to a winner. Finally, put them into the drying cage to finish off. The latter should have a piece of flannel on the bottom. This keeps the birds warm until they are dry and hop on the perches.

Next morning the bird should be lightly sprayed with water that has been boiled overnight, or in clean rain-water. The best time to wash your birds is in the evening, letting them stay overnight in the drying cage, returning them to the bird-room in the morning. Don't let your drinkers overflow with water just before sending to the show. The birds, after a hand-wash, will do all they can to spoil their toilet, and undo all your efforts to win the coveted First and Special.

In conclusion, I may say that there is plenty of room for the beginner in this grand hobby of breeding the Crested Canary if he will only stand to his guns. In a season or so he will find that both pleasure and profit can be derived from keeping and breeding this variety.



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OUR MOST POPULAR SONG BIRD: THE SKYLARK.

By W. A. LOTT.

One of the oldest and most successful keepers of this species gives his methods of management.

THE keeping of Skylarks has always appealed to me, and although I still keep a good variety of Britishers, the keeping, steadying, feeding, and showing of Skylarks come first, in preference to all others. I may be writing what is already known to the old 'uns, but the old Lark fanciers keep a lot of tit-bits of knowledge to themselves. Young fanciers should be encouraged to go in for Skylark singing, keeping, and showing them. Fanciers may think that there is nothing in showing a Skylark, so let me at once disabuse their minds upon the subject.

When Larks are fresh-caught in the autumn it is practically certain that they are English bred; that is, they have been with us practically all the year round, and to cater for them is fairly easy, as there is always at the time plenty of food; that is, plenty of wild soft seeds, of which they are very fond, and they will live a long time upon that fare alone. It does not fatten them up over much, and seems to be better than supplying them with fattening food and no exercise to speak of, instead of Nature's food with much exercise.

In the winter time a more generous food should be given, but it should be given with discretion according to circumstances. A bird hung outdoors all the winter will naturally want more heating food in order to stand against the rigours and changes of our climate, and, in that case, any of the standard foods as advertised in CAGE BIRDS may be given as a basis, with plenty of scraped carrot, boiled potatoes, or finely chopped green stuff; mustard and cress, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and many other kinds of vegetables, seem to suit them admirably. I have been close to Larks in summer, autumn, and winter, and, with the aid of a field glass, have watched them marching up and down the furrows or rows of vegetables grown by the market gardeners near London, continuously pecking at the plants.

In addition to the above, a lively mealworm, spider, and even a very small slug, centipede, or ground insects will be extremely beneficial, and once a week a pot of well-soaked mixed seed, say, soaked for at least 12 hours. I must take the opportunity, as a good many other writers and fanciers have done, and continue to do, to advise the boycotting of the so-called German paste. I have come across Lark keepers, and they are still to be found, unfortunately, that keep their birds upon this stuff. Old customs die hard, but I hope that, as Pickwick said, there is no situation in life so bad but it cannot be retrieved. Some fanciers advise hard-boiled liver, scraped mutton, or beef. Of course, opinions differ, and will differ for all time, but I fail to see the equivalent of these foods in a state of nature; what can be found in England's broad acres to resemble the above articles I should be pleased to know.

Guard Against Over-Fatness.

I have found, to my cost, that Larks, like many other British birds having little to do, notwithstanding a good 24-inch runner, are apt to keep going to the food tin as they pass along to pick up a tit-bit, and so keep on week in, week out, until they get over-fat, and then, of course, comes the sequel—fits, etc. I was watching one of my Larks, a gem by the way, having a sand bath (slightly warm silver sand, or rather sea sand), and he died whilst spraying the sand about himself. On examination, the excess of fat over the whole of his body was remarkable, and would have gladdened the eye of a Lark pie enthusiast; a dealer in poultry would have been delighted if he could have had three or four rows of such festooned in front of his shop.

My own experience, where food possessing good sustenance is wanted, is that grated cheese (cream preferred) once or twice a week, and one mealworm every morning, will provide all that is necessary, but should the Lark keeper insist on giving his favourite meat, the common meat meal is the best form in which to give it. Catchers who catch Larks by the thousand for the market, poulterers, etc., and who keep them till they have a number that will pay to send to London or elsewhere, feed them simply on damp wheat and barley, so I always throw in, say, a dozen or two grains every week.

Most fanciers believe in turves for the cages; I give one occasionally, just for a change, but I find the birds really do not take much notice of it, they only tread it down. Larks in the open are generally in the ploughed fields; admittedly, they nest in the cornfields, but before and after the nesting season they are in the open fields, and not on the lawns of gentlemen's estates. They are caught in the winter in the open clayey fields, sleeping in the furrows and niches of the fresh ploughed land.

Keep Them Well in the Shade

Larks are very hardy birds when wild, as most fanciers know, but in captivity my experience is that it is necessary to be very careful of two items. The first is over-fatness, and the other extreme heat or direct sunrays; in nature they find the delicious coolness of the recesses in which our fields abound, or far up in the cooler regions of the atmosphere. So keep your Larks well in the shade during the height of summer.

A peculiarity with Skylarks, and, I may say, most birds that pass much time on the wing, is that they seem more amenable to cage life than many other species. If Skylarks, or any other kind of Larks, can have a decent long runner, they seem to settle down in quite a matter of fact way; a fresh-caught Lark I can get on with much better than, say, with the incessant fidgeting of the Redpoll, Siskin, Chaffinch, or other perchers.

I find the best Skylarks for size, carriage, and markings, are the so-called Snow Larks, but in reality these are Continental birds: that is, they come from Norway, Sweden, and various countries of Western Europe, and through stress of weather and want of food, migrate in thousands to England, to wait till more genial weather sets in. It is then that the poulterers and Lark catchers have their harvest, it is then also that the fancier, intent on finding a good show bird, should take advantage of the opportunity and select one or two good birds for the following show season. I generally send for two or three separate half-dozens at different times, select the best of each lot, and let the others go.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE FASCINATING PURSUIT OF MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

(Continued from page 429.

FOR Bullfinches sunflower seed is substituted for the hemp, and this may also be supplied to your Greenfinches. Linseed should be used freely during the moult, but only occasionally at other seasons. During the winter, when freshly-gathered seed is not obtainable, give your birds as an occasional tit-bit a mixture consisting of maw, charlock, thistle, dandelion, and gold of pleasure seeds, allowing about a teaspoonful to each pair. This may be given twice a week, as may also a piece of sweet apple, as it is not safe to give green food after the frosts have set in.

Those who are trying for Mules must see that the Canaries, too, are kept in good condition through the winter. They should get a supply of egg food, say a teaspoonful to each bird, once or twice a week during the winter, in addition to their ordinary diet.

Wild Seeds for the Canaries.

It will be advisable, also, to get your Canaries used to the wild seeds, such as groundsel, dandelion, plantain, and shepherd's purse, for you will find these very useful when the young Hybrid arrives. Some Canaries, too, are very fond of ants' eggs when these are mixed with the egg food; in fact I have known some Canaries devour them greedily. Such birds should prove invaluable, for I believe we should stand a much better chance of rearing our Hybrids if they were supplied with a certain amount of insectivorous food.

Clean water should be supplied daily in thoroughly clean vessels, and all birds shoud be allowed free use of the bath. Cage bottoms, perches, etc., should be kept scrupulously clean. With such treatment of your birds there will be little trouble when the breeding season arrives.

The Canaries, too, must be brought successfully through the moult and then kept in good condition through the winter months. A litle egg food should be given once or twice a week, also a piece of sweet apple between the wires of the cages, substituting young dandelion leaves for the apple after the frosts have gone. Give your Canaries, at all times, their usual diet of canary, German rape, etc., seeds, and in addition to these get them used to the various wild seeds supplied to your Britishers, for you will find them very useful when the young Hybrid arrives.

Some Canaries, too, will not object to ants' eggs, and mealworms cut into small pieces, when these are mixed with the egg food; I have known many Canaries devour them greedily. Such birds should prove invaluable to the Hybrid Breeder, as I believe we should stand a much better chance of rearing our Hybrids if they were supplied with a certain amount of insectivorous food.

With such treatment of our birds as I have described in this and previous chapters we should encounter little trouble in inducing our birds to start breeding operations when the proper time arrives, and by the time these notes appear in print the more forward pairs among our stock will have commenced nesting operations, and, indeed, some will have made considerable advance. Many breeders are no doubt now anxiously awaiting the results from the first clutches of eggs under the tender care of the hens.

And here the real troubles of the Mule and Hybrid breeder begin. He must thus early prepare himself for the difficulties, and perhaps disappointments, which are almost certain to follow. It is of no use entering this hobby in a half-hearted manner. There must be a dogged determination to go forward notwithstanding all the difficulties we may encounter, till we have reached the goal of the breeder's ambition, and the living Hybrid stands before us as the pleasing result of our careful study and untiring patience.

Where the Difficulty Lies.

In attempting to produce Hybrids of any kind we are working contrary to the natural order of things, and herein lie its difficulties, especially when hybridising with two British birds, for not only are we pairing birds of different species, but these birds present us with another considerable difficulty in that they have been brought from the natural surroundings of their wild life and introduced into a more or less artificial life.

At this point I should like to warn breeders to use only those birds which have taken kindly to cage life. It is absolutely useless attempting to breed with a bird, such as we occasionally meet with, which is continually endeavouring to get out of its cage. Nothing is more annoying and disappointing to the breeder than to have in either his aviary or bird-room a bird which refuses to settle down. Such specimens should be given their liberty without delay, for they will be of little use either in the breeding-room or on the show-bench. I have liberated more than one for this very reason, among them being one of the biggest and handsomest cock Chaffinches I have ever seen—one indeed which I hoped would have brought many honours to my bird-room.

We will now presume that our birds, by proper care and treatment during the autumn and winter months, are in full breeding condition, and showing unmistakable signs that they are about to commence nesting operations. Even the young beginner cannot fail to observe these signs. It will be noticed that the hens are flying restlessly from perch to perch, uttering a peculiar "call" the while, in answer to the calls of her mate. A little later, perhaps, she will be very fussy with a few feathers which she has pulled from her own breast or back, paying repeated visits to the nest-pan, where she will make much pretence at nest-building.

Nor are the signs less evident in the case of the cocks. If the birds are separated by a wire partition the cock will spend the greater part of his time in close proximity to the wires, calling vigorously to the hen, and at times feeding her. Or if they are not separated he will, from a perch above the hen, pour forth his love song, at the end of which he will drive her about the cage in most ungentlemanly fashion, as if to warn her that it was time she was attending to her household duties.

A Mis'ake to Avoid.

As soon as these signs are observed the wire partition should be removed, and the hen be given a little nesting material in order to prevent her plucking herself or her mate. It will be a great mistake to keep your birds apart any longer when they are in this forward condition, as harmful, in fact, as to mate them before they are ready. Your hens will be laying before the cocks have been with them, and therefore the chances of an early success will have gone.

Nor does the trouble end here, for I generally find that when hens begin in this irregular fashion the irregularity continues through the season. When your birds, therefore, show by the symptoms I have described that they are ready for breeding lose no time in mating them, and supplying suitable building material.

Your Finches should be supplied with the disused nests of wild birds such as Linnets, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, and Bullfinches gathered the previous autumn. These nests should be pulled to pieces and the materials placed between the wires and on the cage-bottoms. Dried grass is also a favourite nesting material, and your Bullfinches may be supplied with cocoa-nut fibre, which may be obtained from old door-mats. For my Canaries I use only cow-hair which I get from a tan-yard near by, and which I can thoroughly recommend as an excellent nesting material. The material from the ordinary penny nesting bag, however, will be found quite suitable.

Having supplied your hens with the necessary nesting material your Canary hens will probably be sitting on their first nests of eggs within a fortnight, while at about the same time you will require to keep a strict watch for eggs from your British pairs.

One of the first difficulties when the breeding time arrives is that of saving the eggs. At no other period, perhaps, is the breeder confronted with so many troubles as in the early stages of his work, when he is securing the eggs and placing them under his hen Canaries to be tested. With six or seven pairs of Britishers up for breeding one's ingenuity is taxed to the uttermost, and one needs to be of an inventive turn of mind when dealing with this business of egg-collecting, or hopes will soon be shattered.

Most hens have the unhappy knack of dropping their eggs from the perches and even if eggs are laid in the nest it will be necessary to remove them as soon as possible as most Finches seem to take great delight in putting their beaks through the shell at the first opportunity.

Saving the Eggs from Breakage.

Numerous egg-saving devices have been tried and perhaps one of the best, where the hen lays her eggs in the nest, is the double nest-box, by which arrangement the egg passes through a small hole in the bottom of the nest into the box beneath, in which has been placed a layer of moss or cotton-wool to prevent the egg from being broken.

But the majority of hens do not deposit their eggs in the nest and here this device is clearly of no use. In such cases shut off your cock Finch when you are expecting the hen to lay and in the compartment where the hen is put a loose layer of moss on the floor; in this the egg will generally be lost to view and will thus be safe until such time as it can be removed. Care should be taken that the perches are so arranged that the eggs can drop only on the thick layer of sawdust or moss.

After many years of breeding experience I have come to the conclusion that the best and only safe plan is to keep a strict watch for eggs and to remove them as soon as possible. The eggs are generally laid between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m., a time when many cannot be with their birds, and in such cases the above devices will be found useful.

With your muling pairs it will be necessary to shut off your Finch each evening during the time you are taking the clutch from the hen; on the third evening place all the eggs under the hen and shut off the cock altogether until the young are reared.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A Pleasing Pet Ring Dove.

SIR,—I have a Ring Dove, flying loose, which bows and co-os to the cat and to itself in the looking-glass. It will fly to the elm trees some distance down the road, and we go and call it, when it will fly down on our heads. Strangers it will take no notice of. It "fights" at us, and has other amusing little tricks.

G. EATON.

When Canary Breeding Pays.

SIR, Seeing in CAGE BIRDS that you would like to hear of more breeding records, I have 36 young from my first round (eight pairs), and 31 of them are on the perches. I have six hens sitting now, five hens on five eggs, and one on four. This is my second year of Canary breeding; last year I had 63 young from six pairs. I gained most of my knowledge from CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken now for nearly two years, and I wish "C.B." every success.

W. COOPER.

More Ladies Who Lost No Time.

SIR,—On the 19th April one of my Canary hens hatched three young; she only laid the three eggs. The three left the nest on the 10th, and she now has four eggs, and is due to hatch out on the 21st. I have kept the three babies in the cage, and both parents with them. The hen comes off her nest and feeds them. I think this is better than Mr. Bullen's experience.

MRS. A. BONNICK.

SIR,—I, too, have had a similar experience with my Roller Canaries to that of Mr. F. Bullen. My hen hatched two young out of three on the 17th and 18th of April, and greatly to my surprise on the 5th of May the youngsters were bundled out of the nest. On looking to see the reason I found one egg. So I put a clean felt and a bundle of nesting material close by, which was immediately used. I found a second egg the next morning. As this is my first attempt at breeding I took the advice of a friend and substituted dummies, but my hen would not go near the nest, and after four days I returned the proper eggs, since when there are two more eggs, and my hen is sitting quite tightly on them. I, too, should think the eggs are fertile, as my cock bird has been with the hen all the time. My two "babies" are doing well, and picking up for themselves.

M. A. CALLEN.

Abertillery Fanciers Set a Splendid Example.

SIR,—I have to-day received my prize-money won at the last show held by the Abertillery and Six Bells F.F. and H.S. I think every credit is due to the members in paying the prize-money out, seeing that their last show, through the bad weather, placed them about £20 in debt. If what I have heard is correct, that the members have had to dip their hands down and pay 14s. or 15s. each to clear the debt, I must say that these are true fanciers, as many men would not do this, and go without prize-money won by themselves into the bargain. Now I appeal to all cage-bird fanciers to support them at their next show, and thus make a success of it. They are all working men, and cannot afford to keep paying a sum of money out of their own pockets to keep the Fancy in the district. Every success to their efforts, is the wish of GEORGE BROOME.

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Robin Builds Nest in a Canary Cage.

SIR,—A Robin has built her nest and reared her young in a Canary cage at Grimsby. The porter of the Grimsby and District Hospital has, at his residence in Yarborough Street, an old disused Canary cage in his wash-house. A week or two ago he noticed a Robin paying frequent visits to the wash-house with materials for nest building. Undisturbed by the attentions of the residents of the house, the Robin made her home and laid four eggs. She soon became so tame that she accepted offerings of food from the members of the household. Two young birds were hatched in the cage. Mr. Robin now visits his family daily with food, which he pushes through the bars. The occupants of the house have become quite attached to their uninvited but welcome guests.

E. B. BEVERLEY.

A Disaster with Closed Rings.

SIR,—I commenced Canary breeding last year for the first time. I put up one pair of Yorkshires, and reared eleven young out of twelve eggs. This year I have put up six hens, running three cocks with them. The first round came off about April 19—twenty-two fine youngsters. When at the last Palace show, I purchased three dozen closed rings, with instructions how to ring birds. I followed out same, ringing them at eight days. There was no difficulty about that. I rung eighteen. Two hours after I found rings all over the cages, every one stripped off. I rung them a second and a third time. That did it. All the hens refused to feed, or cover the youngsters. Well, the result is I have lost my youngsters, only saving two, one, the "hero," rung, the other not, but with the back claw sprained and pulled well forward, so I have tied it back to the leg.

I had five youngsters hatched yesterday (May 14), and I might add they will not see any closed rings. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS now for two years, and look forward to it every Friday morning.

Upper Norwood. B. HUMPHRIES.

Dandelion Heads as a Conditioner.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the efficiency of dandelion heads as a conditioner, as I have got back the supposed hen mentioned by Mr. Steel, the writer of the article "Out of Condition, and the Way In," and it is in vigorous condition and full song, which is a surprise to me, as it was always supposed to be a hen.

J. CURRIE.

The Nightingale and Its Song.

SIR,—We are generally told when the Nightingales first arrive and begin to sing, but very seldom when they leave off! A correspondent at Sheringham last season advised some questioner to get there before the "end of July," otherwise it would be too late! Bechstein says they leave off in June, "generally about the time of the solstice." Another writer (Rev. J. C. Atkinson) says, "After the eggs are laid the bird only sings occasionally; after they are hatched, never" These varying statements seem hard to understand, but surely many of your readers who live in favoured quarters could say when the song ceases for the season.

I notice that one of your correspondents, a reverend gentleman in Suffolk, is especially favoured, as they breed by choice in his garden! How I envy him! Probably if he was asked to abstract a promising youngster from a brood and send it to where it would be valued, cared for, and made a pet of, the very idea would be considered outrageous! A prowling cat in the garden would not, of course, discriminate so nicely.

There are many suitable spots in Lancashire or Yorkshire for Nightingales to breed in, and where their music would be appreciated; the pity of it is they do not come!

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Important Notice to Glasgow Bird-keepers.

Sir,—With reference to the attempt being made by the Fife Cage Bird League to obtain some concessions from the railway companies with regard to livo stock carriage, I havo been asked to makc arrangements for the meeting of delegates from the various Glasgow and district clubs.

I have fixed on Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, for Saturday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m., and as the matter is of great importance to all cage hird exhibitors, I trust to see a large attendance of delegates present.

R. B. Gibb.

Ardwick's Good Fancier.

Sir,—In your issue of May 9th, under the ahove title there appears a letter signed "Enthusiast," which for "puff and praise" I think would bc hard to beat, and if my memory serves me aright, this same gentleman, Mr. Robinson, was introduced to the Fancy with the sound of a trumpet only a very short time ago. Might I ask "Enthusiast" what this gentleman has done to have this special honour conferred upon him, and if he is the only good fancier in the Ardwick Socicty worthy of recognition? I don't know what the members think about it generally, but it is, in my opinion, an insult to those who have done quito as much and have the interests of the socicty quite as much at heart. With regard to his lectures on the Norwich Plainhead at the places named, I am very sorry indeed that I was not lucky enough to hear him and join his hearers in voting them as the best ever heard, as I like to hear a good lecture, if founded on practical experience. Who is this lecturer, however, and what is the result of his theory when put into practice? Can he be the samo Mr. Robinson who showed at the Manchester and N.C.O.S. show at Belle Vue, in the members' amateur Norwich section, seven entries and no firsts; also did he show at the Ardwick members' show early this year, where his birds again stood low down? I trust these few lines will cause "Enthusiast" to think before he rushes into print that there are other strong enthusiasts in Ardwick, who will not be carried away with the wind.

Ardwickite.

Can Finches Rear a Young Cuckoo?

Sir,—I feel I owe an apology to Mr. Steel for certain phrases in my letter in last week's issue. Having read Cage Birds 1914 Annual with great interest, I ought to have recognised his name as that of an expert on British hirds, a fact which I quite overlooked.

Might I ask Mr. Steel what forms the staple diet of an adult wild Cuckoo? I might suggest that it differed according to what birds act as foster parents; as it is helieved that a Cuckoo which is rearcd by, say, a Pied Wagtail, will almost invariably deposit its eggs next season in a Pied Wagtail's nest, so that the direct descendants of one pair of Cuckoos would have been reared hy the same species of bird. It is the same with other kinds commonly victimised, e.g., the Sedge Warhler or Hedge Sparrow.

Since Hardbills are uncommon victims compared with the above species and others allied to them; it may he that a Cuckoo falls back on one only when it can find no more nests of its own particular favourite in the neighbourhood, or at the right stage; it seldom places its egg among a clutch already partly incuhated. However, it is certainly a fact that Hardbills have been known to rear young Cuckoos.

C. H. Macklin.

Sir.—With all due deference to Mr. Macklin as a zoologist, I would like to point out the dissimilarity in the feeding habits of the Finch species as compared with the insectivorous species, which includes the Cuckoo, and the effects which follow any attempts to transfer one species to the other, a matter to which I have devoted much time and study. Firstly, the Finch family, without exception, by a process of regurgitation, supply all nourishment to their young in a more-or-less predigested state, and it varies from a creamy consistency at birth to a more complete and porridge-like mass when fledged, whereas the insectivorous species supply the food direct, minus any preparatory process. Secondly, without a single exception every attempt to get Finches to rear insectivorous species has resulted in failurc. Yet Mr. Macklin says that the food of nestling Finches comprises flies, green caterpillars, grubs, and any other soft food ohtainable, and asks, what more could an insectivorous species require?

Now, while awaro that insects are supplied to nestlings hy the parent Finches in a quantity which varies in the different species, of which the Chaffinch and Linnet may be taken as the extremes of maximum and minimum (I hase this calculation on microscopical examination of the crops of nestlings) yet if Mr. Macklin cares to experiment he will find that every attempt to foster such species as Flycatchers, Chats, Tits, Hedge Sparrows, or Wagtails by Finches, will result in failure, and this despite the three last-named being partly granivorous. The dissimilarity is illustrated by the fact that thousands of Finches are rearcd annually in confinement by hand and Canary foster-parents, minus any form of insect food, whereas it were almost impossible to rear an insectivorous species without insects. This, added to the fact that out of eight Cuckoo's eggs found in and transferred to Finches' nests, not one of the resultant young survived, was, and is still my reason for doubting the ability of Linnets in particular to perform the task.

The finding of Cuckoo eggs in Finches' nests is not a good ground for the assumption that the young Cuckoo can adapt itself to a regurgitative method of feeding, or that the parent will depart from its usual method of administration and nature of diet for its especial benefit. It is worthy of note also that though the various Finch species greatly outnumher the insectivorous, that the Cuckoo will, taking Mr. Macklin's computation, choose the latter as her victim ninety times out of a hundred. Can it be possible that she, like me, recognises the dissimilarity, and except in a few instances, shuns the unsuitable?

An Appeal for the Middleton and District C.B S.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to mako an appeal on behalf of the Middleton and District Cage Bird Society. This is very old established, but of late years has declined.

We have formulated a scheme this year which we should he pleased if all in Middleton or the district who are the least interested in ornithology would take advantage of. For the small subscription of 1s. per year, anyone may attend the meetings, shows, and lectures, but will not be entitled to exhibit. We are aware that there are a large numher of peoplo in the vicinity of Middleton who keep birds for a hobby, who would find this a great help to them. All assistance and encouragement will be offered to them. Our secretary, Mr. J. Hulton, 11, Grey Street, Middleton, is a very hard-working enthusiast, and would be pleased to call on any person who will drop him a post-card.

We should also bc pleased to welcome any fancier who would care to become a full member. We have a valuable silver cup, which may be won outright three times, not necessarily in succession. We have also opened a subscription list for a good trophy for competition at nest feather shows. I trust this appeal will bring us a few more new members, without which no society can exist for very long.

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Young Feeding Young.

Sir,—Mr. Fred S. Stirk wants to know if any other fancier has had a similar experience to his own. Last year I had four young Yorkshires from one nest that I had to separate early from the hen, as she plucked them so. One of them was very small, so when it called for food the largest of the four would feed it, just like its mother. You kindly printed this experience for me in your good old Cage Birds last season.

Chas. Hy. Hill.

The Champion Heavyweight of the British Wagtails.

Sir,—The following observations may he of use to some of your readers, as I notice a discussion on the subject. Pied Wagtails, length 7½in., tail measures half. Eggs, 4 to 6, greyish-white, spotted all over with ash-colour heneath warmer hrown speckles; size, .8 x .6. Grey Wagtail, length 7½in. Eggs, 5 or 6; greyish-white, softly mottled all over, with dull yellowish-hrown, sometimes having a few hlack hair lines at larger end; size, .75 x .55. Yellow Wagtail, length 6½ in. Eggs, 4 to 6, resemhling those of the Sedge Warhler, greyish-white, softly mottled all over with ash and yellowish-brown, often having a few hlack hair lines at larger end; size, .78 x .56. White Wagtail, length 7½in. Eggs, 5 to 7, usually not to he distinguished from those of the closely-allied Pied Wagtail, either in size, colour, or markings. I think Mr. Craig is right when he states that the nest found by Dr. Butler was a Yellow Wagtail's, as the Grey Wagtail's nest is always near water and is usually found in a cleft of a rock bordering a stream of running water.

Geo. Paul.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

Sir,—The letter of "Old Fogey," inasmuch as it is mainly concerned with my physical and future welfare, naturally earns my appreciation and thanks. 'Tis good to receive an admission from one of the "Old Brigade" that many of my arguments in respect to the novices are well-founded. As Chairman of the Cardiff Society I agree I have a rare chance of tackling the vexed question of the novice, but if "Old Fogey" or others are anticipating my possibly endeavouring to reduce some of the novices to my way of thinking hy the gradual elimination of bits of skin and hair, etc., then I fear there is disappointment in store for them. Evidently "Old Fogey," like another of my critics, has accepted literally all I have written with regard to the novice. If so, then it is most unfortunate that I dealt wih the matter with so much realism as to effectively mask the satire and sarcasm doled out; or else their inability to read between the lines is such as would delight the quack who offers ointment guaranteed to shift anything, from little Lucy's ringworm to Aunt Martha's grand piano!

I do not begrudge the novice the small price he gets for his surplus. As a matter of fact, I have already dealt at some length with this particular point, which no doubt will appear in print in due course. My reference to the novice who exists in the Fancy merely to grab what he can easily, has nothing to do with the sale of surplus stock, hut merely refers to his behaviour as a member of a cage bird society, and as an exhibitor. 'Tis he who, when the annual show is up for discussion, wants to know where he is supposed to come in if there does not happen to be a leg of mutton, tin of corned beef, or a pair of blankets for the missus, allotted for the vhc, hc and c birds respectively in the class he intends competing in. And if the judge happens to leave his birds out of it altogether, he just "plays Hamlet" with the judge (who is a rotter), and the Committee, of course, have all done their level best to deprive him, his missus and kiddies, of the Sunday joint for which they were in training! Here is the type of novice "who toil not, neither do they spin," and merely exist in the Fancy for what they can grab easily.

Yes; I have purchased from novices useful stock birds from time to time; and have long since recognised that the very bird required is often to be found in the novice's room. Therefore I have no compunction in becoming a buyer when in need, and am pleased with the present opportunity of sharing my success with some of the novices. I agree I had a good price for "Welsh Queen," and also that I have sold winners and stock at good prices. Just how I accomplish this happy state of affairs you will learn in good time. I do not deny, and never have done, that there are breeders of Plainheads in Cardiff who "win again and again," and I heartily agree with "Old Fogey" that if we could only persuade them to write articles, what a treat it would be—infinitely hetter than for myself to devote some time and thought in a real desire to help towards progress, and to receive in payment a brick or two wrapped in silk handkerchiefs. "Old Fogey," will you kindly inform readers and myself in what way your contribution has helped towards progress, or even healthy argument? Why sidetrack any of the issues, or tread dangerously near personal and private affairs when I have opened up a fair field for you, and welcome honest criticism?

E. W. Allsopp.

"Sweating" Hens and the Cause.

Sir,—In his article on "The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe," Mr. Tomlinson says "it is held by some that 'sweating' arises from the young hirds; hut I fail to see eye to eye with these fanciers." Now, sir, I have had a few years experience and have hred a good few birds in that time, and I say, without douht, it is caused by the young birds having diarrhœa, and that the so-called "sweating" is nothing more nor less than the excreta that is deposited round the sides of the nest. When the young hirds are in good health, the excreta so deposited is in a very thin skin which the hen can pick up and swallow, and so keep the nest clean; but when they have diarrhœa the skin is broken, and it is impossible for the hen to pick it up. I will give you a remedy which I have found very good. Mix say half-a-teaspoonful of arrowroot with an ordinary pot of egg and bread; also then pour half a teaspoonful of lime water in the drinker, and fill up with pure water. Do this for two days, and it very seldom fails to cure. I also give the hen a bath of pure water.

Harry F. Marsh.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

Sir,—I wrote asking for an explanation of why the above club's annual meeting was kept so far back in the season. I said it was done for a purpose (which I gave) and which I will now prove was arranged amongst the faddists of the above club. Mr. Editor, I have enclosed a postcard which a member got from the secretary when he wrote for an explanation and asked if birds had to he rung this year, as the meeting was held too late to give members a chance with their first rounds of hirds. Now, although a motion was tabled last year, the above scheme could not come into force until after the general meeting, so why was this meeting not held earlier, to give all a chance who were paying their 2s. 6d., just the same as the faddists? The only consideration we get is to stump up 2s. 6d. for the benefit of the "Big Wigs." Although I knew myself two months back that the scheme was to he carried at all hazards, plenty in the club knew nothing about it and they haven't been given a chance; if the committee are fanciers they should know when the breeding season commences.

Mr. "Buff Green No. 2" can take notice that I never had any intention of taking advantage of the information I had received, for I had no intention of ringing my birds, nor ever will have, for I can prove that there are far more eggs broken in the nest by hens with rings on, and as to heing a safeguard of honesty in huying and selling stock I always take whom I buy from to be honest like myself, and so far I don't think I have gone far astray, which my showing can prove for the last seven years. I don't object to buying a good winner when I get a chance; and where is the fancier that would refuse a winner if she got it cheap? Mr. "Buff Green No. 2" I think you are "singing" for a scheme that you know nothing of. As to who huy winners in Musselburgh, this has nothing to do with the matter. I think Musselburgh can easily hold a lead for breeding winners and showing same; yes, and selling winners to some of the faddists to show as their own breeding, which some of them have done for some years back. If they didn't come personally they bought the birds through others. "Buff Green No. 2" is very smart if he can pick his winners in the first round. I never pick mine until well through the moult, if that is any information to him. The faddists have heen booming the ring farce for a time hack and some have been husy all along, but it doesn't become compulsory in the club until after the general meeting. The point is, why was this kept back so long? I am finished with the club, for it has heen a farce all along, and only benefits the first three shows of the season.

Yellow Green.

The postcard enclosed by "Yellow Green" reads:
Glasgow, May 3, 1914.
A motion was tabled last year to take a vote on the compulsory use of closed rings. This was submitted to the members some time ago on the voting paper. At the annual general meeting when the vote was announced, a majority was in favour of closed rings being compulsory, and the club therefore are bound this year to the result of that vote. Young birds competing for club prizes must therefore be rung. No doubt some embarrassment may be caused, but as the motion was noticed in the Press last year members who are following these notices of the doings of the club and those attending the meetings should not have had much difficulty in preparing for the use of rings. Kind regards. Hope you may have some good ones rung.—Your faithfully, E. Barron.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

CLUB REPORTS.

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FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellow's Hall, April 25. Mr. James Muir, president, judged a table show of British birds, and his awards gave every satisfaction: 1, 4, Hunter, Bullfinch and Linnet; 2, Penman, Linnet; 3, Leishman, Bullfinch. We have been fortunate in securing the following well-known gentlemen to judge at our show, Dec. 12:—Plainheads, D. Buchan, Falkirk; Borders and Crests, G. W. Brown, Leith; Brit. and For., J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh. Mr. David Buchan has kindly consented to place the awards at our F.F. show, July 25. Next meeting, May 30; intending members come forward.—Walter Clarkson, 130, Victoria Place, Falkirk, Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Meeting, May 9, Mr. Blanchon presiding over a good attendance. Decided to hold two F.F. shows; one on June 13 at Druids' Arms, Bentley. Birds staged 2 o'clock. Mr. Barker judge. Classes: Yell. Yorks, Buff, Yell. Nor., Buff, A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb. (old birds), Mule or Hyb. (F.F.), Goldf. or Bulf. Linnet, Greenf., Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O. Hardbill, Softbill. Decided to have a trip to the Crystal Palace show. Mr. H. Tonkinson sec. Anyone wishing to go, please communicate with him at 70, Childer Street, Doncaster. Hope all members will make a good entry at F.F. show. There is a 10s. cash special given by Mr. Raynes for most points gained at 1st and 2nd F.F. shows and annual open. Also don't forget the Mr. and Mrs. Seel's challenge cup; each member is allowed to star three birds at each of the 3 shows as above.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-U-LYME B.R.C.C.

Members sat down to a very fine tea at the Newcastle Cafe, after which a very creditable programme of singing, reciting, and speeches was gone through. Chairman and President (Mr. W. M. Hickman) took the chair; accompanist, Mr. Bryan. Mr. Simpson recited in a most dramatic manner "The Signal Box," "The Pop Shop," "The Waxwork Show," etc. Mr. Colclough sang "The Diamond King," "Logic," and "The Veteran Soldier." Mr. W. M. Hickman rendered "The Desert Star," "The Sailor's Grave," and the old favourite, "Bonny Mary of Argyle." Mr. J. Tomlinson (Sec.) addressed the members and expressed his gratefulness to Mr. Haddrell, who was the pioneer of the society, and suggested its promotion, etc. Mr. Haddrell suitably responded. The very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close after passing the usual vote of thanks to all the artistes and officers of the club. —W. M. Hickman.

LONDON C.B.A.

General meeting "El Vino," Piccadilly Place, May 12, Mr. R. L. Crisp chair. Several important matters in connection with the annual show were completed. There is every prospect of it being the most stupendous show ever held. The N.B.B. and M.C. are holding their club show in connection with the above, and are guaranteeing 26s. prize money in 59 classes, irrespective of the number of entries; also several other money prizes, all as referred to in last week's issue by the secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C. The Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League are also holding their club show at the above, and the secretary, Mr. A. Silver, anticipates to surpass the wonderful show of last year. There are 37 classes with 30s. prize money guaranteed by the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, irrespective of the number of entries. The Canary section was under discussion, and exhibitors should prepare themselves to receive a startling announcement in the course of a few weeks. Mr. John Robson opened a discussion on "Hybrid Breeding," and Messrs. Crisp, Dewhurst, Johnston, Casterling, and Goymer ably assisted in the discussion which followed.—F. Knight, Press. Corresp.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, Co-operative Hall, May 2, in conjunction with a table show of Finches and Buntings. Mr. Alex. Robertson, Cowdenbeath, judged the table show, and to his personality is due the grand entry which was put down. H.M. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, 2, Grewar; 3, Campbell. F.M.: 1, Malcolm; 2, Rice; 3, Campbell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Rankine; 2, Campbell; 2, Rice; sp. best Finch, W. Grewar, Hawfinch; best 2nd, B. Rice, Goldfinch; best 3rd, R. T. Campbell, Bramblefinch. Mr. F. McLaren presided at the business meeting; five new members elected. Classification for the sixth annual show was gone over and approved. We have again included a wild-seeds collection, and we hope members will make an early start to secure their specimens, and make this interesting class worthy of its inclusion. The president and sec. were appointed to make full arrangements for the fourth annual ramble to Pitreavie, June 25. Reports of the Fife League meeting were submitted. Our meeting booked for May 30 has been dropped in favour of the second conference of the Fife League, due in Dunfermline in June. Mr. Grewar will lecture before that body in place of our own meeting. Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close. Robert T. Campbell.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES NORWICH, ETC., CLUB

Meeting and show of British Finches May 2, Good Templars Hall, Ingram Street; Mr. P. Pettigrew presided over a good all-endance. Arranged to have a ramble to Bridge of Weir May 30, Mr. John Lidd il guide. Sports will be held for which valuable prize will be given; train from Central Station 3.5. Mr. James Cross, Glasgow, was elected a member. Specials for show were given by Messrs. P. Pettigrew, A. Macfarland, Wm. Cassels, Jas. Dick, Geo. Bannerman, Wm. Jamieson, and G. Arnott, Kirkcaldy. S. Macfarlane won Mr. Arnott's special for best F.M. Linnet, but many liked the third, this particular bird will be heard of later. Messrs. W. Jamieson, G. Bannerman, and J. Findlay judged.

GOLDF.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Telfer; 3, McGowan; 4, Dick; 5, Cassels; 6, Macfarlane; 7, Munro. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Telfer; 3, McGowan; 4, Dick; 5, Macfarlane; 6, Munro; 7, Hulbert. GREENF.: 1, 6, Macfarlane; 2, 4, Dick; 3, McGowan; 5, Telfer; 7, Pettigrew. SISKIN: 1, Telfer; 2, Dick; 3, 4, Pettigrew. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Macfarlane; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Halbert; 4, McGowan; 5, Dick; 6, Cassels, 7, Telfer. GOLDF., FOR.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Telfer; 3, Dick; 4, McGowan; 5, Halbert; 6, Cassels; 7, Macfarlane.

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KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting, 36a, Snargate-st., May 13. Mr. Raynor presided over a good number of members, and a good deal of business was got through. Will societies desirous of club's patronage send me their applications at an early date.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec., 36a, Snargate-st., Dover.

BLANTYRE O.S.

Meeting April 25, Mr. A. Gibb chair. Decided to hold N.F. show in Mr. Blackley's Hall, July 5, at 4. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Easton, Burnbank; Borders, Mr. Baxter, Hamilton. Next meeting May 30, at 7, in Mr. Struther's Hall. This being the closing meeting for the year, will be pleased to hear from fanciers in the district wishing to join. Subs. now due.—D. Berry, Sec.—(Please forward address.—Editor.)

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Fourth evening show at "Eagle," Chobham-road, Stratford, May 13, Mr. B. S. Forse judging. Mr. G. A. Parker had a "field day," securing points special, certificate for best Canary, and ditto for best A.O.V. cage bird. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Parker; res, Bayliss. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, certificate, Parker; 3, Turner. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Bayliss; res, vhc, Angell. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 3, Bayliss; 2, hc, c, Parker; res, Bayliss; vhc, Reed. MULE: 1, Parker; 2, Reed. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Reed; res Bayliss.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBACOMBE.

Show held May 13. Classes were excellent considering it is the height of the breeding season. Special for best bird fell to Mr. J. Sanders' head and neck mkd. yell. Yorks. The winning Goldfinch was rich in tan with a grand blaze, while the only exhibit in large British was a Starling in the best of feather and condition. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged, and gave satisfaction. YORKS.: 1, Sanders; 2, 3, Clay. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, sp, Sanders; 2, 3, Clay. YORKS., BRED 1914: 1, 2, 3, Sanders. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Elson; 2, Wills. BULLF.: 1, Wills; 2, Elson. LINNET: 1, Wills; 2, Bearne. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Wills. SMALL: 1, 3, Wills; 2, Elson.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting and table show of British, Blythswood Halls, April 30. Mr. R. B. Gibb presiding over a good attendance. A cup was presented to the club by Messrs. J. Phillips and W. Loan, this was enthusiastically received. Mr. R. Watson judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAFF.: 1, J. G. Adams; 2, W. Loan; 3, Gibb; 4, 5, J. D. Brown. BRAMBLE.: 1, 2, Loan; 3, Gibb; 4, A. Brown. BUNTING: 1, A. Brown; 2, Loan. SOFTBILL, Small: 1, sp, 2, G. Manson. LARGE: 1, 3, sp, Adams; 2, sp, A. Brown. Specials were kindly given by Messrs. Gibb, Thom, Adams. Next meeting May 28, Blythswood Halls, 8, F.F. show business, election of judges for annual show. A good turn-out is requested.—W. Loan, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, May 13, at Headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel; chair, Mr. Hughes, before a splendid gathering. Two new members elected, and one nominated. Reliable names on books now total 50. All members were sorry to find that Mr. Murray was leaving Birmingham for Liverpool; he was one of the oldest members of the society, and was always helping forward the well-being of the S.B.O.S.; the best wishes of all members go with him. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Baker be invited to judge the first young bird show in June, and Mr. Rog the July show. The vexed question of stopping money from entrance was again keenly debated upon, and it was resolved to charge 6d. per cage, with 2d. deducted towards expenses, six and over in a class, prize-money on sliding scale. Unanimously agreed to have a judging competition at the first show, entrance fee 2d.; member placing nearest to judge to take the whole of the money. Stewards elected for first show:—Messrs. Harding, Swindon, Baylis, Rees, and Constable. The appeal for specials was not in vain, and a fine number were promised in the room. The chairman hopes that members who were absent will remember this, as the specials will be allotted at June meeting. The superb silver cups of the society are for competition at these shows, so good entries should be assured. —J. Sheppard, Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters, May 7, and a good number of members and visitors present, Mr. H. C. Humphries chair. The schedule of the June Y.S. show caused a deal of discussion owing to a proposal to cut out the classes for British birds. Eventually the proposition was carried, so the show will be entirely for birds bred this season, and we hope that the Canary fanciers will send extra entries to make up for the loss of the British birds. Other business through, the chairman introduced Mr. H. Norman, who had come to give us a lecture on "Canary management throughout the year." Mr. Norman said he had not come to dictate to us what we should or should not do; he was just going to explain his methods, which have always given good results, and perhaps anyone present who was not doing so well as he might be doing would see where he was going wrong, and be helped out of his difficulty. Mr. Norman then described his bird room, which is out of doors, and said he believed in giving all the fresh air possible, as it made the birds hardy and better able to withstand the strain of the breeding season. He also believed in giving plenty of green food, and thought it a great help in getting fertile eggs. Every phase of Canary management was touched upon and explained, and Mr. Norman afterwards invited questions, which many of those present took advantage of, and a very enjoyable debate followed. Replying to a vote of thanks, Mr. Norman said he was always pleased to come to New Cross. He had always found the members a keen set of fanciers, and wished us all a successful season.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting May 16, Colt Inn, Burnhope, Mr. Rushton chair. Decided to give 25 classes at N.F. show, also that members must be half paid up or will not be allowed to show, which means old members must have 2s. paid, new members 2s. 6d. We have secured the rifle range for both shows. Mr. A. Burns elected a member. J. W. Robson.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

A committee meeting will be held in Edinburgh, May 30, at 5, at usual rendezvous. Members having names to submit for membership might forward these to the sec. Societies desiring the patronage of the club should forward applications as early as possible. Members of committee will be postcarded for this meeting, and a good turn-out is requested.—E. Barron, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS P.C.

Meeting May 16, Mr. Wildridge presiding. A medal was granted by chairman for competition. The following were elected members, A. W. Duncan, R. Thompson, D. Thompson, W. Peters, A. Patterson, J. Couper, and Thos. Reilly, all from Buckhaven. Next meeting in August. Applications for patronage close August 1. New members now being enrolled. — A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting, New Gild Hall, Wandsworth-rd., May 14. A country ramble was arranged for May 24 in the Bookham Woods. Meet at Arding and Hobbs' corner 9.30 sharp. Train leaves Clapham Junction, L. and S.W.R., 10 o'clock. Members who were not at meeting please try and come, to make this ramble a success. Already we have over a dozen who are coming and we can do with plenty more. Anybody interested will be most welcome.—H. Freeman, Hon. Sec.

YORKS. C. & C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Council meeting, May 4, Mr. J. Dowling, chair. Present: Messrs. Williams, Magee, O'Toole, McEvoy, McDonnell, Farrell, Sholedice, Mulcahy, Fleming, Whitty, and Lattimore. Correspondence read from Messrs. Lynch, Wheatley, Morgan, and Keating. Decided that no bird be allowed to compete with two rings, as that would be a distinctive mark, and that all birds competing for junior and ring cups must carry the society's closed ring as per rules. New members elected: Mrs. O'Keefe, and Messrs. Lynch, Byrne, and Stedman.—C. Lattimore, Hon. Sec.

DUMBARTON C.B.C.

Meeting and table show of British and foreign, Parish Church Halls, April 30, with a good turnout of Britishers. Mr. J. Adams (Glasgow) judged. Mr. A. McLean has consented to give a lecture on Canary breeding at next meeting. Principal prizewinners:—BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, 2, sp, Storrey; 3, Trotter; 4, McIntyre. GREENF.: 1, sp, McEwan; 2, Trotter; 3, McIntyre; 4, Dow. LINNET: 1, sp, McLean; 2, 3, Rafferty; 4, Trotter. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, sp, McEwan; 2, 3, Kerr; 4, Trotter. SISKIN: 1, sp, McEwan; 2, Trotter; 3, McIntyre. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 4, McLean; 2, 3, Kerr. HEN: 1, sp, Dow; 2, McEwan; 3, McIntyre. MULE OR HYB.: 1, McLean; 2, Trotter. FOR.: 1, McLean.

PORTMADOC.

Thirtieth annual show, Park, Portmadoc. Quality was excellent throughout. President, A. P. Percival, Esq.; vice-president, Alderman J. Jones Morris; chairman, W. Morris Jones, Esq.; treasurer, Wm. Jones, Esq. Mr. D. R. Evans carried out the secretarial duties once more in a very capable manner. Spectators came from far and near, and the show seemed to be a financial success. The stewards attended well to their duties, and did all in their power for the benefit of the society. Mr. Silvester judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, W. H. Williams, cl. yell., good type, col., and feather, short wings and tail, in grand fettle. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 3, W. H. Williams, four-pointed leading, ideal type, rare quality and subs., lovely feather, 3rd cl. buff, good body, grand head and eye, well deserved his place; 2, E. Muscott, mkd. buff, good size and qual., rich col., nice feather, fit; vhc, W. Wilson. NOR. (Local): 1, 3, W. H. Williams, yell. leading, already noted, 3rd four-pointed, should have won, the best Norwich we have seen in North Wales, 2nd Palace; 2, O. Jones, nat. col. yell., we made 3rd, in good cond. YORKS.: 1, 2, J. O. Williams, leader cl., rare length and qual., well-known, in grand form; 2, wing mkd., nice length and style, straight and leggy, nat. col.; 3, Rowlands, gr., slim and leggy, nice head, neat feather, bit too short in length; vhc, E. Lloyd. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Hughes Bros., winner buff Goldie-Can., good size and col., nice blaze, shade light, 2nd Can.-Bullie, grand size and qual., showing parentage well, our choice; 3, light Goldie-Can., full of qual., often noted; vhc, E. Muscott. GOLDF.: 1, W. H. Williams, typical Greypate, good flush face, rich tan and markings, very fit; 2, 3, 4, E. Jones, a good trio of quality Finches, grand cond., rich blaze, good tan and markings; vhc, John Richards. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, W. H. Williams, good sized Hawfinch, magnificent col., good cond.; 2, Hill and Payne, Bullie, nice size and col.; 3, R. Green, capital Bullie, nice size, good cap, blocky type, excellent col., might have gone up one. FOR.: 1, J. Eames, good-sized Amazon, in nice plumage; 2, Mrs E. Owen, same variety, in nice form; 3, P. Muscott, Gouldian Finch, grand qual. and col. GOLDF., NOV. LOCAL: 1, M. E. Jones, good bluze, sound col.; 2, D. R. Jones, nice type, good tan and markings, fair blaze. CAN., LOCAL: 1, Jackie Jones; 2, J. E. Jones; 3, O. E. Jones; vhc, D. R. Jones; c, Evan, Lloyd.

REPEATING ADVERTISEMENTS.

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous Issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, May 14, Mr. Haveuhand presiding. Classification was decided upon for N.F. show, June 27. Members' Yorks., members' Nor., novice Yorks., and novice Nor., 3 each; A.O.V. Can., 1; Mule or Hyb., 2; Brit., 10; For., 1. Messrs. G. Browning (Rotherham) and P. Walsh (Sheffield) were elected judges. We are adding new members at every meeting, and hope to continue doing so until we make it as it should be, one of the strongest societies in the district.—E. Johnson, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Stanhope (Co. Durham).—June 1. Judge, G. Barkess. 8 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Brit. 2, A.O.V. 1, S.H. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close May 25, to J. Walton, Cherry Tree House, Stanhope, S.O., Co Durham.

Scunthorpe (Lincs.).—June 17. Judge, T. B. Mason. 8 classes (£3 Hault): Brit. 2, Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Mule 1, S.H. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close June 10 to G. W. Johnson, 40, High St.

In the Courts.

Fined for Cruelty to Chaffinch.

A carman, named Geo. Kurley, who went catching birds for Sunday afternoon diversion paid dearly for his pleasure at the Guildford County Police Court, on April 24. He was summoned for having carried ten Chaffinches "in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering." He was carrying a travelling basket in Shere on Sunday, April 12, when P.C. Streek, having his suspicions aroused by his manner, asked him in a friendly manner whether he had just got back. "I've been camping here for a few days and have a few things in the basket," he replied. But the constable heard the birds struggling in the basket, and told defendant to open it. Inside he found two long cages, in one of which there were ten Chaffinches, two of which were dead. Lime was adhering to the birds' plumage, and it being impossible for sufficient air to penetrate the basket, the birds were quite exhausted.—Albert White, R.A.C. guide, who helped the constable to release the birds, gave evidence, and defndant was fined £1 and 9s. 6d. costs.—"Surrey Times."

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for as advertisement rates, three words a penny.

BLACKBURN.

A Linnet singing contest open to all England will be held May 30, at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, for quality only. Several good prizes will be given. —T. Hayhurst, Sec. (Advt.)

DURHAM.

A good company assembled at "The Good Intent," West Cornforth, May 9; 45 birds faced the judge, Mr. Fairless. Timekeeper, M. Hutchinson. 1, 2, Allcroft; 3, Fothergill.—H. Spencer, Sec. (Please send address and name of society.—ED.)

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, May 16, for four minutes' time singing; 52 entered for 5 prizes: 1, 5, J. Liversedge, 98 and 59; 2, J. Williams, 87; 3, A. Sweeting, 67; 4, B. Nelson, 63. May 17, 15 entered for 3 minutes' time singing: 1, E. Smith; 2, S. Morley; 3, J. Wainwright.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Owing to some dispute re open championship match, Mr. Kendall has again consented to give a match (quality Linnet singing), Whit Tuesday, at 2, Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, North Street, Leeds. Prizes worth carrying a bird for. (Advt.)

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, May 16. 24 birds sang for 4 prizes: 1, Wood; 2, Bamfield; 3, Wood; 4, J. Chadwick. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Richardson. May 17, 19 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Wood; 2, Hollingworth; 3, Crane. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Jennings.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road, May 16. 20 birds sang for 3 prizes: 1, 3, W. Lipman; 2, Yates. Judges, Messrs. Wigfield, Lorriman, and Sellers. May 17, 18 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Towers; 2, 3, B. Smith. Judges, Messrs. Yates and Wigfield. —W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club will hold a special general meeting, May 24, at 1. Business important; members not attending this who are over 4 weeks in arrear will be considered as not members and forfeit all claims.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEADGATE.

Linnet sing will be held at "Golden Lion," Leadgate, May 23; £1 will be added, 1s. per lot. Meet Golden Lion 2 o'clock prompt. (Advt.) (1615)

WEST AUCKLAND.

Linnet sing, May 16, at "Robin Hood," when 30 birds faced the judge and some good singing was heard. 1, R. Taylor; 2, Jenkinson; 3, J. Million. Judge, J. Mews; timekeeper, C. Hope. Linnet sing, May 30. Three good prizes. J. R. Taylor will match five birds against any other five birds in the County of Durham for a side stake. Meet at "Robin Hood," West Auckland, any Saturday. (Advertisements of future contests must be paid for; see note at head.—ED.)

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, British Oak, Carbrook Street, May 17. 20 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Watson and Thompson divided. —E. Robinson, Sec.

PEMBERTON.

Open Linnet sing for time and quality, George Inn, May 16. 42 entered. Time: 1, Forshaw, 147; 2, J. Harrison, 94; 3, Hilton, 57; 4, Moremen, 51. Quality: 1, Smedley; 2, T. Statham; 3, R. Holcroft; 4, Ashcroft. Timers, R. Ashcroft and A. Newton; minute man, J. McAlaster; tappers, J. Forshaw and J. Harrison. Judges for quality, J. W. Jones; W. Barnes; referee, Gibbons. Special general meeting at above headquarters, May 2nd, when all members and intending members are requested to attend.—W. Ashcroft, Sec.

Country Rambles

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

The first ramble to Ropsley Rise, by permission of Mr. Fisher, took place May 17. Members present:—Messrs. Barnes, Starkey, Jackson, Lowther, Geeson, Brewin, Healy, Tebbutt, Ratcliff and Jackson, junr. Winding our way through the hills and hollows, conversation naturally turned on breeding results. None of our members except Mr. Barnes, who has 40 birds out, are going very strong; many clear eggs and dead in shell. Arriving at Ropsley Rise it was decided to walk through the woods about ten yards apart, and each report on any bird-life that was seen. Mr. Healy was the first to find a nest; this was a Jay's with three eggs, not above ten feet from the ground. Other finds included Blackbirds and Thrushes, one Blackbird's nest being quite out of the ordinary, so very nicely arranged, while in the thick of the woods Mr. Barnes called our attention to the Nightingale singing, afterwards pointing the bird out to those that were near. All had a very enjoyable time, and it was proposed that another ramble be held in June. Mr. Brewin photographed members present, also took a very good one of a Wood Pigeon's nest with eggs. Mr. Lowther also took a photo of Thrush's nest.—W. Ratcliff.

LIVERPOOL.

The first of a series of jaunts into the country was held on May 3. At the invitation of the Wallasey C.B.S., the members from the Liverpool Societies joined in a ramble to Thurstaton. A goodly number turned up, despite the wet outlook, and by the time we had reached Bidston Hill the sun came out and made us wish we had left our "macks" at home. A quiet stroll through Bidston Woods was greatly appreciated by the fanciers, who had not visited here before; the harmony of song made us loathe to leave, but friend Barker was soon on the move. Nearing Greasby we were met by Mr. Battersby and friend from the Aintree Society. This made up a party representing every society in Liverpool district, and a right royal time we had. A stop was made at Greasby, where the "filup feeder" was requisitioned. Crops full up, away we went over the common, where friend Caine took a series of photos, but the light being bad, same did not come out to expectation. The light-weight, Geoff Benson, astride the "Tetrarch," should have made a good plate. Near the common we found plenty of nests, especially those of the Yellow Bunting, which are plentiful in these parts. The majority had young ones; and we envied their good looks; didn't we wish our hens would feed like them. We wended our weary legs along through Sanghall Massie, and across the Marshes to Moreton, where we had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the Cuckoo; those that had any money left turned it over in their pockets for luck. The Liverpool fanciers entrained at Moreton for home. Thus ended an eleven hours' round of exercise and company with our feathered wild friends.—J. W. Metcalfe.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

The above society had a ramble on May 16, which was enjoyed by all who went. The number was rather disappointing, only 13 turning up. We met at the top of King Street, and took tram to Almondbury, when we met Mr. Atkinson, the leader, who took us through the Mollicar Woods, where the scenery was lovely. One would have thought we were a party of botanists instead of bird fanciers at this period. The first bird we saw was a Pied Wagtail; he was a beauty, too; we did not see many birds, as we were taken up by the beautiful tints of the bluebells with the sun shining in patches through the trees. A Warbler or two, a few Chaffinches, Linnets, Blackbirds, and Thrushes, were scattered about. After leaving the Mollicars we came to the "Cock," at Farnley, where we called to slack the dust we had got while tram-riding. Here one member was quite concerned about the pigs. Leaving the "Cock," we made our way through Woodsome Lea; here we came across a Waterhen and there was quite excitement for about five minutes. Then our general secretary had the pleasure of finding an occupied nest, it was of the Linnet, and contained four eggs well on the way to hatching. We eventually reached the "Woodman," Shunderbridge, where we rested and had tea. Mr. H. Cawthim performed prodigious feats on the piano. We here had a splendid tea. Mr. Atkinson was quite all right at the head of the table, but he is a poor hand at handing round fried eggs. Afterwards we wended our way through beautiful country to Stocksmoor, on to Shelley and Throngsbridge, round by Storths Hall, back to Farnley (the "Cock"). Then we returned a different way to Almondbury, and took tram for home. We had a glorious time, beautiful weather, splendid scenery, and right royal company—the outstanding humorist, Mr. Cotton.—B. H. Clegg, Assist Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A most enjoyable day was spent in the country on May 17. The weather was lovely, but the muster was not so large as one would have expected. As the breeding season is now in full swing, no doubt many found it impossible to leave their pets, for Sunday is the only day on which a good many have an opportunity of having a good look round their stock. Arriving at Boxhill about 10.40, Ranmore Common was our first search, and proved very successful; our colleagues soon found something to interest them. Nests were plentiful, Linnets, Chaffiuches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, being mostly found. Mr. Taylor, Chaffinch 5 eggs, Blackbird 5 eggs, 2 Thrushes', Linnet 4 eggs; Mr. Richardson, Thrush 4 eggs, Linnet 3 eggs, Blackbird 4 eggs, Linnet 4 young; Mr. Cant, Blackbird 2 eggs, Linnet 4 young; Master Cole saw Linnet 4 young, Chaffinch 4 young, and some Thrushes'; Mr. Hodson, Chaffinch 5 eggs, (this was built in a lovely bramble just over head, and was much admired); Mr. Page, Linnet 3 eggs, Thrush 4 young, Linnet 4 young; Mr. Gnilbert, Thrush 4 young. Linnet 4 young, Blackbird with young; Mr. Hazell, Linnet 5 eggs. Thrush with young, Blackbird with young; Mr. Cole, Chaffinch with young, Thrush with young, Linnet 4 eggs, Blackbird with young; Mr. Tomsett, Thrush 4 eggs, Greenfinch 4 eggs, Blackbird 4 eggs. Leaving Ranmore Common we had a most beautiful view overlooking Westcott—a great distance below. Away we walked through Dorking to Holmwood, which was reached about 3 o'clock. Here we had our snapshot taken by Mr. Richardson, junr., after which we made a tour of Holmwood Common. Nests were not so plentiful, but we found a good many. Leaving Holmwood we adjourned to the Temperance Hotel, where a very nice tea had been arranged. Mr. Cant was elected as mother, and, my word, the Norwich men were a dry lot, the teapots (2) were filled again, and a very happy party left feeling very fit, and all arrived home safe and well. Thus our ramble finished, every one brown from the sun of Surrey.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

For Rules, etc., See Page 433 Last Week.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BARE AND SORE HEADS (A. N.).—I am inclined to think that it is no disease at all, but that the birds are being plucked by one or more of the others, probably hen Canaries, stealing nesting material, and the hen that was sitting was doubtless more exposed to these attacks. If this is so, the only way to prevent other birds being attacked now these are removed is to discover the culprit, or culprits, by close observation, and remove it or them to cages by themselves. You did right to remove the attacked birds, but it would have been best to cage each separately until the new plumage was grown, in case either of these birds should be helping to cause the trouble. Allow them to bathe freely, and anoint the sore places on the hen's head three times a week with Lanocyllin, until the skin is healed. The new plumage will probably soon reappear now the birds are caged alone, but if there should be no signs of the feathers re-appearing in, say, three weeks hence, write again, and I will advise you further. Repeat particulars when writing again.

CAPTURING ESCAPED ROLLER (Mrs. L. B.).—Your best plan now the bird has been at large some time is to place an empty cage with the floor well strewn with a mixture of canary and hemp, a full water-bottle, and the door set wide open, in an open space in the garden near where you think the bird frequents, and place beside this another cage containing a Canary, to help to attract the stray bird. Sooner or later the bird will enter the empty cage for food and water, and with a little patient watching may easily be shut in again. Or you might place a "sct" trap-cage beside the decoy bird and thus save constant watching. Should this plan fail, and you see the bird about at times, you might do best to ask someone expert at bird-catching to take it with a limed twig. If there is any source of food supply accessible to the bird there is no reason why it should not live and thrive at least all the summer and autumn, if it is fortunate enough to escape cats, etc.

BALD ROLLER (M. W. Beasley).—Keeping the bird in the window is doubtless largely responsible indirectly for the trouble, by undermining the general health of the bird. Keep it further in the room, but in a nice bright and well-ventilated place, though you must be careful to avoid exposure to cutting draughts, excessive fluctuations, and fumes from burning lights. In addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk and lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and finally sprinkled with maw seed, every third day for a month. On the day following each time add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice. On each third day give only the staple diet and pure water. Give a little green food daily, and in variety, and allow bird to bathe as freely as it desires. You may slightly moisten the bare skin once each week with sulphur ointment. See that the cage is kept quite free from insect pests.

AS UNFLIGHTED OR NOT (Novice).—(1) Yes, a class for unflighted birds is intended for birds of the year, which still possess the first flight and tail feathers with which they left the nest. A young bird that has had its tail and flights removed for colour feeding is no longer an "unflighted" bird, and is consequently not eligible to compete in unflighted classes. Indeed, unflighted classes were made especially to do away with the necessity for tailling and flighting at the first moult. A young bird which has been tallied and flighted may compete with adults. (2) In the present state of opinion I should say it would be most inadvisable to exhibit a bird wearing a coloured celluloid ring, and advise you to remove same before despatching birds to show, and replace on return. (3) The most suitable covering for the bottom of a show cage is that which is generally recognised as the correct thing—viz., a handful or so of plain canary seed. If you tried to break up fresh ground by using something dissimilar to the general body of exhibitors, however innocent your intentions may be, your action would probably be looked upon with suspicion.

THREE POINTS (S. A. M.).—(1) It is not very unusual for young birds from an early brood to feed younger broods, and there is also an even chance of them feeding each other, when only a few weeks old themselves. This is probably all your young ones will do this season. I do not think there is any probability of them attempting to mate up as you suggest. Let them have as much room as you can for exercise, and when other broods come to be introduced to their flight they will find too much of other interests to concern themselves about nesting on their own account. When you have a number of birds in the flights you should as far as possible keep the sexes in separate groups. (2) You do not say how long the cock had been returned to the hen before she laid her second clutch of eggs, so I cannot say whether this was likely to be the cause of the eggs being clear. There are so many possible causes of such an occurrence that it is useless to speculate about it without full particulars of all the circumstances. Certainly it was not returning the nest too soon for the second brood, as the hen appears to have been in readiness for it. (3) As the hen is now sitting on her third clutch of eggs, and has already reared part of two broods of young, I do not advise you to return the cock at all after this clutch is hatched. This hen will have done enough this season, and you will do no lasting good to your own interests by trying to get a fourth brood out of her.

A LARGE BROOD (A. Hopkins).—It is just a trifle uncommon for a hen to lay a clutch of seven eggs, but not very much so. Numbers of similar cases occur each year. Less frequently they are all hatched, but when this does occur, and the cock will not assist in the feeding, as in your case, it is a good plan to transfer two or three of the chicks to other hens having small broods the same or nearly the same age, if any such hens are available for the purpose. If you have no other hens to assist in this way you might help a little if the hen appears to become unable to cope with the task, by giving the brood one or two feeds round in the morning and at evening, for which purpose you might find a filup feeder a handy article. Glad to hear you are having great success at the start of your career as a fancier by following the advice in our columns.

MOISTURE IN BEAK (Jacky).—The bird is probably troubled with a little catarrh, but you give me no particulars whatever to help me to form any definite opinion. Is the bird kept in a window, or exposed to direct draughts? If so, these things must be altered and the bird kept in more healthful circumstances, as indicated in reply to "M. W. Beasley" in this issue. Having done this, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of whisky, six of ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the water, and shake well together. Feed as frequently advised in this column, and do not hang the cage high up near the ceiling, as the air is less pure in that position as a rule. If the bird is not quite well at end of fortnight, write again, and give full particulars as to how you have been treating it hitherto.

YORKSHIRE HEN AILING (Garge). — Give a good-sized spray of green food—either watercress or the flowering tips of groundsel for preference—each day, and cut all hemp out of the dietary for the time being. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixperee, every second day for a week. After this give 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water for three or four days, which should suffice to set matters right.

TWO HENS (Lucy).—(1) Personally, I do not think an egg-eating hen is worth troubling with as a breeder unless she happened to be of very exceptionally typical qualities. Reforming them is the exception rather than the rule, though some are said to be cured of the habit by keeping one or two dummy eggs about the cage or in the nest for them to work off their vicious energy in trying to break them, or by filling a blown shell with a nauseous compound of mustard and cayenne mixed to a cream with a drop or two of vinegar, then stopping the blow-hole with a speck of beeswax or plaster, and placing the preparation in the nest for the hen to investigate. A specially-constructed nest-box, in which the egg rolls out of sight as soon as it is laid, is described in "Our Canaries." The only way out of these difficulties is to get one of these boxes, or to watch hen closely each morning she is due to lay, in order to secure the egg first, and having saved them so far, give them to another hen to hatch and rear the young. (2) I do not think anything is wrong with this hen beyond being late in coming into condition, and all you want is patience with her. Let her run with the Linnet regularly. She will probably settle down to business soon. You may give a liberal supply of half ripe seed heads of dandelion daily, and about every second day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed.

ANOTHER BALD PATE (F. H. Sales).—See that the bird is kept under healthful conditions, and that it is not troubled with grey lice, which you would discover upon examining the bird itself, nor red mites, for which you must closely examine the cage. If either of these pests are in evidence, you must take the necessary steps to exterminate them as a preliminary to any other treatment. Having done this, treat the bird the same as you will see advised to "M. W. Beesley," in this issue. If this treatment does not have the desired effect, at once, continue repeating it for a fortnight at a time with an interval of a month between each course, until the moulting season, when the bird should recover its full plumage during its usual moult.

SITTING IN NEST (Richmond).—It is due to an abnormal cycle of reproduction, and all you can do is to exercise patience, which, unfortunately, sometimes requires to be of unlimited extent. It will often happen that a hen which acts in this way, if given a clutch of fertile eggs to hatch out and rear the young will carry out this business quite satisfactorily, and then follow it up by going to nest on her own account, and completing a normal cycle of reproduction. In other cases the trouble is much more obstinate, and lasts a full season or more, in spite of all efforts to correct it, I would advise you to adopt this course and when she has reared the young if any are forthcoming, or when the eggs have sat their full time in the other event, mate her with a vigorous young cock in stout song, and let her try again. You may add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water for three days, but beyond this treatment is of very little use.

DIFFICULTY IN PERCHING (Novice).—I should imagine the bird's toes are deformed, or the claws much overgrown, but you give no particulars on which I can found any definite opinion. Examine the feet to see if this is so, and at the same time bathe them clean in a solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water. If the claws are overgrown, trim them back to a reasonable length. If the feet seem all right, add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water daily for a week, and meantime write again and give more particulars about the bird, and the length of time it has been in this way. Should you find the toes deformed, see reply to "S. A. M. James," in this issue, for treatment.

HANGING FIRE (J. Douning).—Are you sure about the sex of the birds? Possibly the supposed cock may be a hen. If they are a true pair they are very backward in coming into condition, and your feeding will not help them along much. Try giving, in addition to the staple diet, a small teaspoonful of egg food with a third of this quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a young growing stool of dandelion, or a liberal supply of the half-ripe seedheads each day. You may add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water for two days. Continue above feeding for two or three weeks if necessary, but you may reduce the extra items at once if the hen begins nesting in less than that time.

PROTRACTED MOULTING (H. J. H.).—As the bird is kept in a wire cage you must be careful to see that it is not exposed to direct draughts or extreme fluctuations, as well as avoiding hanging it in a window. Then your method of feeding is not at all suitable, and is calculated to increase this tendency to constant moulting. Keep bird in a fairly equable place, and do not hang over or near burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and [illegible] seeds, and also a morsel of banana. Give two leaves of dandelion daily, and let the bird bathe as freely as it desires. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping.

LAYING BEFORE MATING (N. E. C.). It is rather unfortunate that you delayed getting the fresh cock too long. If the cock arrived before the hen had completed her clutch, and he was in good, robust condition, your proper course was to put him with the hen at once, when you might possibly have had one or two of the eggs fertilised. If you did not do this, and the hen has not been previously mated this season, let her sit a week, then remove the nest and eggs, add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea to the water for two days, and then mate her in the usual way with the fresh cock. If, however, she was mated with another cock in fair condition a few weeks ago, it might be worth while allowing the eggs to sit their full period and see what happens.

MAKES SUCKING NOISE (Young Starter).—(1) The hen has probably been exposed to cold draughts or extreme and rapid fluctuations. In addition to the staple diet, give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of tincture of lobelia, syrup of tolu, ipecacuanha wine, and syrup of squills. This should suffice to set matters right if the trouble is not of long standing. (2) Goldfinch query should have been written on a separate sheet, as it goes to a different expert. See Mr. Norman's replies next week.

NO PROGRESS (E. C. J.)—(1) You omit to say whether you have put the birds together, or in what way things have come to a deadlock. Have the hens built nests and begun to sit on them without laying, or how do matters stand with them? Possibly they are backward in condition. See second part of reply to "Lucy" in this issue and treat your birds the same, giving a staple diet of plain canary seed, and on the alternate days, between giving the niger, etc., give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and millet. Also give two leaves of dandelion daily in addition to the half ripe seed heads. (2) Bathe the foot in a luke-warm solution of extract of Wych Hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—for a few minutes, then carefully prick the blister with a clean needle, gently press out the contents, wash clean again in the solution, dry gently, and anoint with Lanocyllin. Repeat the anointing daily for a few days, but not the bathing. See that the perches are made of soft pine wood, and that they are of a proper size and shape, and securely fixed.

DIFFICULTY IN VOIDING (A. C. H. P.).—The symptoms you describe are due to constipation. Possibly you do not give quite enough green food to counteract the constipating tendency of the egg and biscuit you use. Give a rather more liberal supply for a time, and give preference to watercress, flowering tips of groundsel, or crisp young lettuce. Also see that your hemp is sound and sweet in the kernel. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, for three consecutive days, and after this give 20 drops of Chemical Food for a day or two. No other treatment should be necessary.

DIFFICULT BREATHING (B. W. Sayer).—It is most inadvisable to attempt breeding with a bird in this condition. Cage it separately, and keep it in a fairly warm and cosy place quite free from draughts, and sudden or extreme fluctuations. You need not overheat it. Just keep it on the cosy side, and do not expose it to fumes from burning lights, or impure air. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week. In the water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and after this give instead five drops each of tincture of lobelia, syrup of tolu, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre, two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards for two or three weeks, as may seem necessary. If bird is not quite well at the end of, say, a month, write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further.

ATTACKS OF WHEEZING (F. H.).—The cock is thoroughly out of condition for breeding, which is accountable for the clear eggs. It is quite useless expecting any results from him this season, so if you wish to avoid a blank season your best course is to replace him at once with a strong healthy young cock in good song. Cage this one separately, and treat it for a month as advised to "B. W. Sayer" in this issue. If the bird is not quite well, and the moulting stopped by the end of the month's treatment, write again, and I will advise you further.

HIND TOE TURNS FORWARD (S. A. M. James).—It is a defect that not infrequently occurs when there is only one youngster in a nest. As the bird is so young it should not be a difficult matter to quite cure the defect. First of all get a small piece of rubber tubing, the same as used on babies' feeding bottles, cut off a piece rather less than an eighth of an inch wide, which will form a tiny rubber ring. Now get someone to hold the bird whilst you pass this ring over the three front toes

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held all together, and then, holding the hind toe back against the leg, pass on the ring up the leg until it is nearly as far as the end of the hind toe reaches, and leave it there. When the bird is released it will have the hind toe held rather far back by the ring. Let it wear this regularly for two or three weeks, then remove it, and at the same time put in its cage perches only slightly thicker than an ordinary lead pencil, nearly round in shape, and made of a nice soft pine wood. Leave these perches in the cage for several weeks, until the toes have acquired some strength of grip, and you will doubtless find that the bird's feet are quite sound and normal before the moulting season arrives.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HYBRID BREEDING (N.C.H.P.).—It appears to me that your pairs are doing splendidly, and all you require is a little patience. It is early days yet for Hybrid pairs to nest; there are more Hybrids bred in the month of July than any other. Your feeding appears to be good, but I would advise you to try and procure more seeding wild food. Dandelion pods are now plentiful, so is groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and many of the grasses are in seed; these should be collected and given daily, or as frequently as possible, as they assist greatly in procuring fertile eggs. (2) Give your Linnet his share of these good things, and as an extra, a little crushed hemp three times a week, and you will also find a little soaked rape, teazle, and Finch mixture bring him along wonderfully.

GOLDFINCH AND CANARY (S. A. M.).—You should give your birds a nest pan and nesting materials when you see the hen running about with something in her beak, and bright and lively. Tie a piece of string on to the front of the cage, she will soon fray this out if she is inclined to nest. If you can keep her back until the beak of the Goldfinch is nearly or quite clear, you will be more certain of obtaining fertile eggs

GOLDFINCH IN MOULT (Dahlia Openshaw).—I am afraid you are not quite so careful where you hang your Finch as you should be, a draught will frequently bring about a moult, so will putting him in a hot room. All you can do is to keep him in one temperature, feed liberally, adding a little egg-food to his diet two or three times a week, and give him a course of Chemical Food. Put a small teaspoonful in his drinker, first boiling the water or it will not mix. If you place a piece of cuttle-fish bone between the bars of his cage he will probably wear his beak down himself; if not, you must continue to pare it down when required. Birds that over-grow their beak and claws are not generally of a very robust nature.

AVIARY MATTERS (A. Rookie).—I am glad to hear you are having no more losses in your aviary. It is large enough to hold a couple of dozen birds quite comfortably. I would advise you not to turn in the cock Canary, or I fear your prospects of breeding Hybrids will be considerably curtailed. (2) The cause of the pair fighting is that the hen is not yet fit. You had better part them for a time. Feed bed well, and give the bath frequently.

CAGES OR AVIARY (Richmond).—Generally speaking, a breeder is more successful with his pairs in cages than he is with them flying loose in an aviary, although I have known some cases quite the contrary. If your birds are doing well you had better leave them where they are; if you take any out now I would advise you to remove one of the cock Linnets and one hen Canary. With a cock Canary in with the hens, it is very doubtful if you will breed any Hybrids, but perhaps you are not very particular upon this point; any way, if you remove the birds, I suggest you will have the opportunity of breeding some then; your Goldfinch may prove troublesome; if so, he will have to come out. You could also pair him with a hen Canary in a cage.

SKYLARK NOT SINGING (Tobacco).—Are you quite certain that your bird is a cock? Because the action is very much like a hen bird that wants to be nesting. Cock birds that are in good condition and healthy as you say yours is should be singing at their best just now, in fact they should be bursting with song and always on the move. I would advise you to feed less highly, and try change of scene, that is hang the cage in quite a different position, and if you have another cage of quite a different pattern move the bird into that, and then in a few days change again.

GOLDFINCH IN NEW HOME (Gold Feather).—Your recent purchase has been kept so long in the little cage that the hop from one perch to the other has become a confirmed habit, and when you have placed him in a big cage he is practically "lost in it." He will no doubt "take" the perches properly in time, but I would suggest that you alter them to accord somewhat to the conditions of the old cage. To put the bird into a large cage for the first time in his life with strange perches has put him out of his stride. You can gradually alter them when he is used to the change. (2) No, it is not too late to put up a Goldfinch and Canary, there is plenty of time for a couple of nests.

HAWFINCH WITH OTHER BIRDS (H. S.). Hawfinches are generally kept by themselves, but I have never found them to be particularly quarrelsome, although there are some much more tractable than others. I once had one that was mortally afraid of a Reed Bunting who used to bully him accordingly. What you should do is to turn him into your flight with the commonest bird first and see how he behaves, but even if he is a bit "nasty" they can easily get away from him if the flight is of good size. (2) Waxwings are greedy birds, and not particularly clean, they require constant attention, and for that reason are best kept by themselves. If you are particularly anxious to give him a companion in a flight or aviary I should feel inclined to put in one of the larger softbills, say a Song Thrush. If I knew your accommodation and the birds you have in stock I might be able to assist you, or suggest something else.

WHAT ARE THEY? (Devonian).—You were unfortunate in removing the Linnet just as the Canary was about to lay. It is possible that he had already fertilized one or more of the eggs. You do not say if the Canary cock you introduced was a clear or not, or what the young look like. If any have dark skins and he is a "clear" the chances are such young ones would be Hybrids, but on the other hand if they are all clear it is more than probable that they are Canaries. If you are still in doubt and will send particulars of both young and old birds I shall be pleased to assist you.

BULLFINCH ILL (Doris Violet). — There is evidently something just a little bit wrong in your treatment of the Bullfinch. I would advise you to discontinue the hemp seed and give a little sunflower every day, and about twice a week soak a spoonful of rape seed and teazle. This latter seed should be added to the stock mixture, let it take the place of the hemp. He should also have more wild food. Collect a bunch of seeding grass chickweed, shepheard's purse, etc., and give him daily, also soft fruit as it comes in season. With this treatment you should be able to keep him in health, providing he has cage room, and be allowed to bathe.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PRETTY SEED-EATERS FOR CAGE (Gofidus).—(1) Cordon Bleus, Firefinches, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Lavender Finches (all 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. pair); Orange-cheek Waxbills (3s. 6d. pair), Avadavats (3s. pair), Green Avadavats (6s. to 10s. pair). The above would be sufficient for your cage—that is, for the birds to have ample room for exercise, etc., without encroaching on each other. Canary, white millet, millet sprays, green food, water and grit will about meet their simple requirements. You would find Nutshells "Avadavats" and "Waxbills," 2½d. each, post free from our manager, a great help. (2) I never care to use the word impossible in such matters, but the breeding of Red-crested Cardinals in a cage indoors is improbable, though they are frequently bred in roomy garden aviaries. About 15s. pair.

AVIARY QUERIES (A Novice).—I should only get one pair of Cockateels to begin with. You can have two or three pairs of Budgerigars and one pair of Black-cheek Lovebirds. This would give you a nice variety, and all should be prolific once they have settled down. Zebra Finches are often reared on seed and green food alone; they do not require artificial heat. However, I do not consider it safe to keep Finches and Parrakeets, as above, in the same aviary.

GREY PARROT AILING (Gun).—It would appear as if the bird had been somewhat scared of late (during your absence), and you must be very gentle and quiet while attending to its needs. It is more than probable that the spraying, with cold winds prevailing, caused a chill, which your treatment helped it to throw off quickly. Use a "Mist" sprayer, and only lightly damp the plumage at present, deferring a thorough spraying till really warm weather sets in—at present use tepid water. Diet.—Seed mixture: Two parts each canary, white millet, and white oats; one part each paddy rice, hemp, white maize and shelled nuts (various); half-part sunflower seed and a few chilies. Supply ripe fruit daily, and at intervals such as plain biscuit, stale crusts, sponge and plain cake, and green food. Keep grit and cuttlebone in the cage, also a piece of a branch for beak exercise. Continue the use of the byno-phosphates, and give the Dinneford's Magnesia once a week. You can repeat the stimulant if similar symptoms occur. Give daily six to ten drops of cod liver oil on either bread, plain cake, or biscuit, according to the bird's taste—traces of neglect or improper feeding linger long. In the case of the development of any further unfavourable symptoms, repeat query with full details at once.

MOCKING BIRD (T. C. H.).—I assume that in addition to the soft food mixture you are giving some live insects, and I should also offer it a little ripe banana daily; later, as they come in season, give a ripe cherry, plum, etc. Stir five drops of castor oil into the soft food mixture for one or more days, i.e., till the bowels have been fully relieved. As soon as this occurs, stop the castor oil and put in the soft food similarly eight drops of cod liver oil daily for a month or longer. If you have any garden, capture spiders, small beetles, live ants' eggs, and smooth caterpillars for it, and if it is tame enough to be let out of its cage for a fly round, such will greatly benefit it. Of course, if you can't get the insect life named above, you must give it a couple of mealworms twice or thrice daily. The addition of a little grated raw carrot to the soft food dish will also be of benefit. Three drops of either brandy or whisky to the ounce of drinking water may be given for three or four days; then every other day for a week, when it should no longer be necessary.

ZEBRA FINCH (Molesey).—The hard substance is evidently the result of some injury; there may be a thorn or something in the substance, but if you can't find anything of this kind, then continue to bathe it with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort) to soften skin and thoroughly cleanse; dry with a soft cloth, and then paint with tincture of iodine. Do this daily so long as skin remains sound. I expect the bird will lose at least one toe. If it appears to be developing into a growth containing pus at any period, then stop the tincture, but continue to bathe and anoint with a little spermaceti ointment, and as soon as possible exude the pus by gentle pressure. Well cleanse, and anoint with a little zinc ointment. Keep the bird's bowels moving quite freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful) in the drinking water, and in between put syrup of phosphates in the water.

CANARY HYBRID (C. S. G.).—The Grey Singing Finch-Canary cross usually produces sweet songsters, and these have a value; the latter depends largely upon their talent as songsters. It should, however, be worth 7s. 6d. to 10s., as they are mostly very handsome, though clad in grey and white, with a few stained with yellow.

BUDGERIGAR DYING (W. H. B.).—Your dietary is quite satisfactory. It is a pity you did not send the body of the bird for post-mortem examination. The only cause I can conceive is that during the period you name, we have had a very variable temperature, and your birds have been subjected to rapidly changing extremes, which, of course, is bad, even for such hardy species as Budgerigars. It would improve your aviary materially if you covered half the roof glass over with netting, also if you could extend the flight along one end so as to bring the flight into direct contact with the front window, which should be made to open. It is the extreme day heat which is making your birds soft (producing moult), and consequent chills at night. You must have every available window open on hot sunny days, so as to keep it as cool as possible, and then, if you close up most of them about 4 p.m., it will keep the day and night temperature nearer each other. However, if it be possible, the best solution of the problem is an outdoor flight, from which the birds could pass to the inner one at will. Budgerigars never need artificial heat; at the same time avoid extremes for them—your flight has, I take it, a glass roof for its entire width and length.

YELLOW-WINGED AMAZON (N. S. A.).—Continue to treat as per our previous reply, with this exception, that in lieu of the rhubarb, etc., mixture, give the following:—Get from chemist a pennyworth each of tincture of gentian and opium, mix together, then add six times the bulk of whiskey, and keep this as the stock mixture. Well shake the mixture before use. Add twenty drops of this mixture to the drinking water daily, and report progress in, say, fourteen days. The Chemical Food may be given soaked into a piece of biscuit, cake, scone, or bread. Continue the cod liver oil so long as the bird is at all thin or weak.

WHAT IS IT? (Grey and Pink Parrot).—It is the Australian Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo. Give him a seed mixture of white maize, oats, paddy rice, canary, white millet, shelled pea nuts, and sunflower seeds, about equal quantity of each; well mix them together, and keep constant supply in cage. If he will eat it, give him a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily. Boil till soft, but grains should be whole, drain off all water, let twenty drops of cod liver oil soak into it, and when cool, supply to the bird. Give this till the bird is in good condition again and reasonably fleshy. I should put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day and on the other days just colour the water with Parrish's Chemical Food. He can also have dry crusts, plain biscuit, plain cake and various nuts. He should have continuous access to grit and cuttlebone. Report progress a month hence. He ought to do well with so much liberty.

IS IT DANGEROUS? (L. Smith).—I have not had actual experience with laurel with Budgerigars, but I should not anticipate any harmful results therefrom. For one thing, birds seldom touch laurel, and I doubt if Budgerigars would. It is a feature of many outdoor aviaries, and I know of one instance in which Madagascar Lovebirds cut up the leaves into strips, lined their nest log with them, and successfully reared young. While they did not actually eat the leaves, in the act of cutting up the leaves they must have absorbed the sap, therefore I opine the laurel will not harm the Budgerigars. I should not hesitate myself to put Budgies into an aviary containing growing laurel.

YOUNG GREY PARROT (T. Gould).—The seed mixture will meet the case, and the stopping of the boiled maize is quite in order providing the bird does not lose flesh. If this should occur, give a little for another six months, but not if it keeps fairly fleshy. You will also offer ripe fruit, and such as dry crusts, plain cake, biscuits, and various shelled nuts to vary the diet. Grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage. You are treating the water rightly. Now the warm weather is here, give it a light spraying with tepid water containing a little quassia essence, but watch it does not get a chill while the plumage is damp. About four years. About six to eight months. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

GREY PARROT (Parade).—If you repeat query and tell me how you have been feeding and treating the bird generally, I will give you a fuller reply in next issue. In the meantime, put half a teaspoonful of Syrup of Phosphates in the drinking water daily, and give ten drops of cod liver oil on a crust of bread, piece of biscuit, piece of cake, or anything of that character the bird will eat, once or twice daily.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. J. W. S.—Acute inflammation of the bowels was the cause of death, due evidently to some irritant material ingested with the food. Your diet seems too varied, and I certainly think you are giving too much green food. The German rape should be given very sparingly, linseed the same, and the egg food should be freshly prepared at each meal, particularly during the warm weather. Curative treatment when once the disease becomes manifest is almost impossible, for it is generally well advanced before symptoms are shown. A less liberal and varied diet I think should prevent a recurrence of your trouble.

"Box."—Inflammation of the bowels resulting from liver disease. The liver was very much enlarged, hæmorrhagic, and partly converted into fat. This had evidently been in existence some time. When the livor is disorganised its secretions become altered or lessened. These secretions, which are ordinarily antiseptic in the intestines, aid in the destroyal of harmful bacteria, and in the absence of these secretions inflammation of the bowels inevitably results.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. Lynch:—You do not give us any idea of the size of the bird, or how it came into your possession, or whether it is British or Foreign. Your description reads like that of a hen Yellowhammer, or possibly a hen Greenfinch.

New Starter:—All the species named are Hardbills, except the Redstart. Love-birds (Budgerigars) are not safe companions for smaller birds, such as Waxbills. The seed mixture is good, but the small foreign Finches eat little other than white millet and Canary seeds. You should use white millet in place of the red, or in addition to it. There are quite a number of fanciers in Darlington, and two societies, which hold shows; Darlington C.B.S., secretaries, Messrs. Todd and Walker, 15, Chelmsford Street; and Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., secretary Mr. A. Walker, 47, Montrose Street.

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Alnwick C.B.S.—May 25, Temperance Hotel (instead of Thursday), at 8.—W. A. Broadley.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—May 23, Flying Dutchman, 8. Important bus.—W. Helliwell.

Bramley O.S.—May 23, Carnival Rooms, 7.30. Prize list and lecture by Mr. A. Chew.—F. Page.

Bristol C.B.S.—June 3, City Hotel, 8. First members' young bird show and British birds.—B. L. Pool.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—May 27, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. To discuss the advisability of putting F.F. show back a week or two; would like to have the opinion of all members.—R. Elliott.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 23, annual outing in connection with the N.B.B. and M.C., to Clandon, Surrey; from Waterloo; morning party 9.20, afternoon party 2.15.—V. Wynn

Cumberland and Westmorland Y.C.C.—May 27, 48, Wood Street, 7. Important business.—J. Huntington.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 27, George Hotel, 7.30. Open show bus.—H. Todd.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—May 23, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Important.—R. T. Campbell.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—May 25, Headquarters, 8. General bus. and arrangements for F.F. show.—J. Alderslade.

Felling F. and F.S.—Members please note that entries for June show close June 6, at 9 p.m.—(Notice not signed.—Ed.)

Fife C.B.L.—Meeting of delegates from the Border District, in connection with the Fife C.B.L. scheme will be held in the Ladies' Room, Good Templars Hall, Galashiels, May 30, at 6.—John Brown, Sec. Galashiels O.S., 153, Croft Street, Galashiels.

Glasgow and W. Scotland.—May 26, Masonic Halls, West Regent Street, 8. Fixing classes for F.F. and annual members' shows, and nomination of judges.—A. K. Chalmers.

Green Canary Association.—May 28, Oldham Hall. To arrange classes, specials, etc. Re novices, we wish all members to attend. Applications for patronage, please forward soon as possible, to be in time for our July meeting.—F. Handley.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—May 27, Marie Stuart Halls, 8.—R. Heggie.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Ramble, June 6, will all who have not already given in their names please do so as early as possible, as we are arranging for tea at Bingley. Meet under clock, outside Midland Station, Foster Square. To go by 2.30 Bingley car.—A. Firth.

Halifax C.B.S.—May 23, ramble to Blackburn Valleys, meet at General Post Office 2 p.m. (West Vale car). Leader, Mr. H. Firth, Greetland.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hanley C.B.S.—May 27, 23 Mayor Street. Business, nest feather show, also enrolling new members; all interested in the fancy please attend.—C. Beckett.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—May 23, White Lion, 7.30. We should like to see an intending members present. Subs. due.—R. H. Dixon.

Hendon Bridge C.B.F.A.—May 26, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Schedules for F.F. show.—A. Roberts.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—May 25, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Preceded by special committee meeting, 7.30. A study in antecedents by Mr. Geo. Gardner; hearty welcome extended to visitors.—J. Hyde.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 25, White Hart Hotel, 8. Discussion on colour feeding, opened by Mr. R. Rhodes.—A. Lawford.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—May 26, No. 2, Goth, 6. Appoint delegate for Edinburgh; general bus.—A. Dickson.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 27, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture from Mr. Dawson. Friends invited.—R. Charleson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 26, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.30. Show business.

National British Bird and M.C.—May 28, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Show business.—J. P. Carr.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—May 27, Leighton's School, Heaton Road, 7.30. New members; general bus. Subs. due.—J. W. Coutts.

Oldham C.B.S.—May 26, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, nr. Mumps, 8. Arrangements for ramble to Broadbottom's on Sunday, May 31, when all fanciers and friends welcome.—Jas. Cope.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—May 27, Alhambra Club Rooms, Alhambra Bldgs., 8.30. Business important. Ramble, Marple and Dis., May 31.—A. W. Newton.

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.—May 27, headquarters, 8. Young bird show schedule and judge.—G. T. Hall.

Poplar C.B.S.—May 28, All Hallows, East India Dock Road, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. G. Hunt, on "Colour Feeding." Friends invited.—F. H. Mashoff.

Rochdale O.C.—May 25, Club Rooms, Clarke's Place, F.F. show, July 4.—J. Butterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 27, Temperance Club, 8. Committee.—W. Adams.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—May 25, Headquarters, 7.45. Arrange ramble; schedule for N.F. show, and other very important bus.—T. Monday.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—May 23, National School, 8. Arrangements for ramble, etc.—Sampson & Moore.

Southern Border F.C.—May 25, Guildhall, Wandsworth, 7.45. Manuals and other important bus.—F. W. Burtun.

South Moor C.B.S.—May 23, South Moor Hotel, 7. Schedule for N.F. show; other important bus.—C. Davison.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—May 27, Eagle. General meeting; elect judges for young stock and annual. Lecture at 9, by Mr. J. S. Clarke, on "Bird Life." Non-members cordially invited.—A. Wasey.

Swinden F. and F.A.—May 27, The Baths, 8.—W. J. Moran.

Tredegar and Dis. C.B.S.—May 23, Silver Grill, 7.30. Election of judge, open show. Paper on "General management of Canaries," by Mr. E. J. Bevan.—W. B. Watkins.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—May 30, Cardiff Arms Hotel, 7.30.—E. Richards.

Ushaw Moor C.B.S.—May 23, 7 p.m. Special business. Subs.—A. Teasdale.

Wakefield O.S.—May 23, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8 p.m. Ordinary bus.—J. Isherwood.

Walkden Roller C.S.—May 26, The Stocks Hotel, 7. Half-yearly general meeting; balance sheet.—Hy. Howard.

Wandsworth F.S.—May 28, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Consideration and settlement of points re annual open show (important).—W. Lightfoot.

Warrington C.B.S.—May 28, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—May 25, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Show, all sections. Mr. T. Billingsley to judge cage birds.—H. S. Lofthouse.

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EXCHANGE Auto knitting machine, new, cost £8, receipt, last July, everything complete, with instruction book, for 12 bore hammerless breechloader gun, no rubbish wanted, none given: Jewellers, Mitford-terr., Old Ford, Bow, E. (1616)

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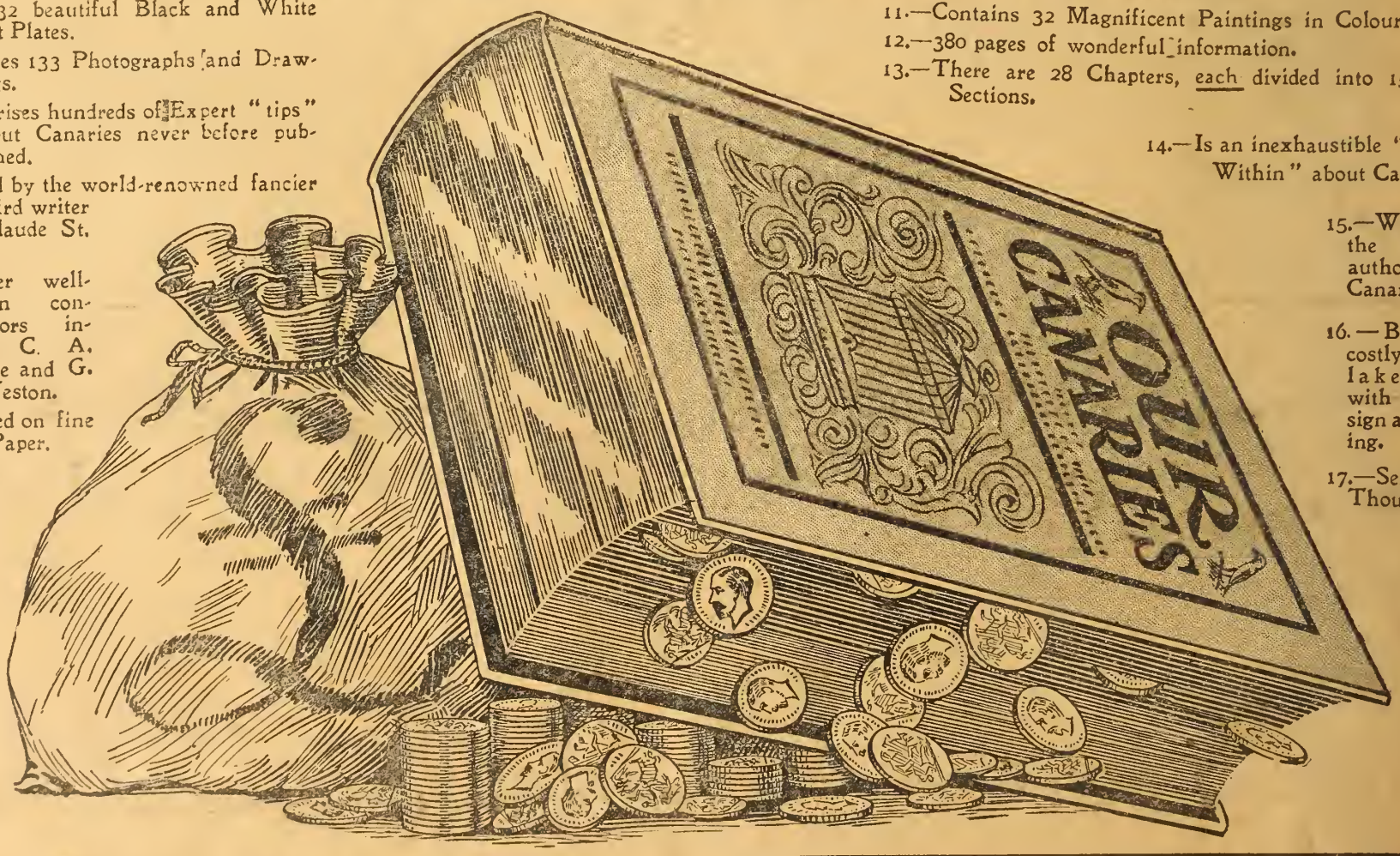

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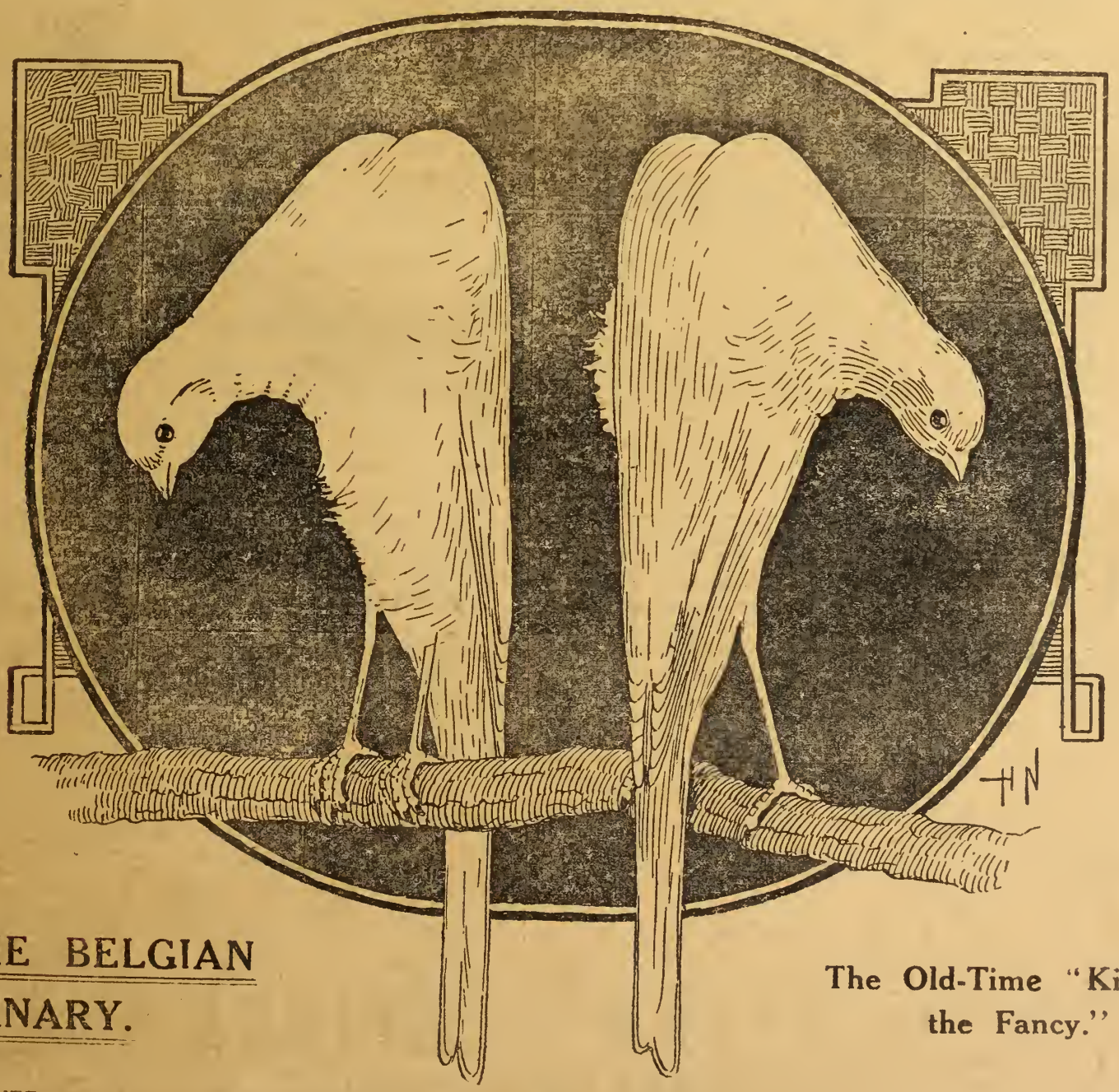

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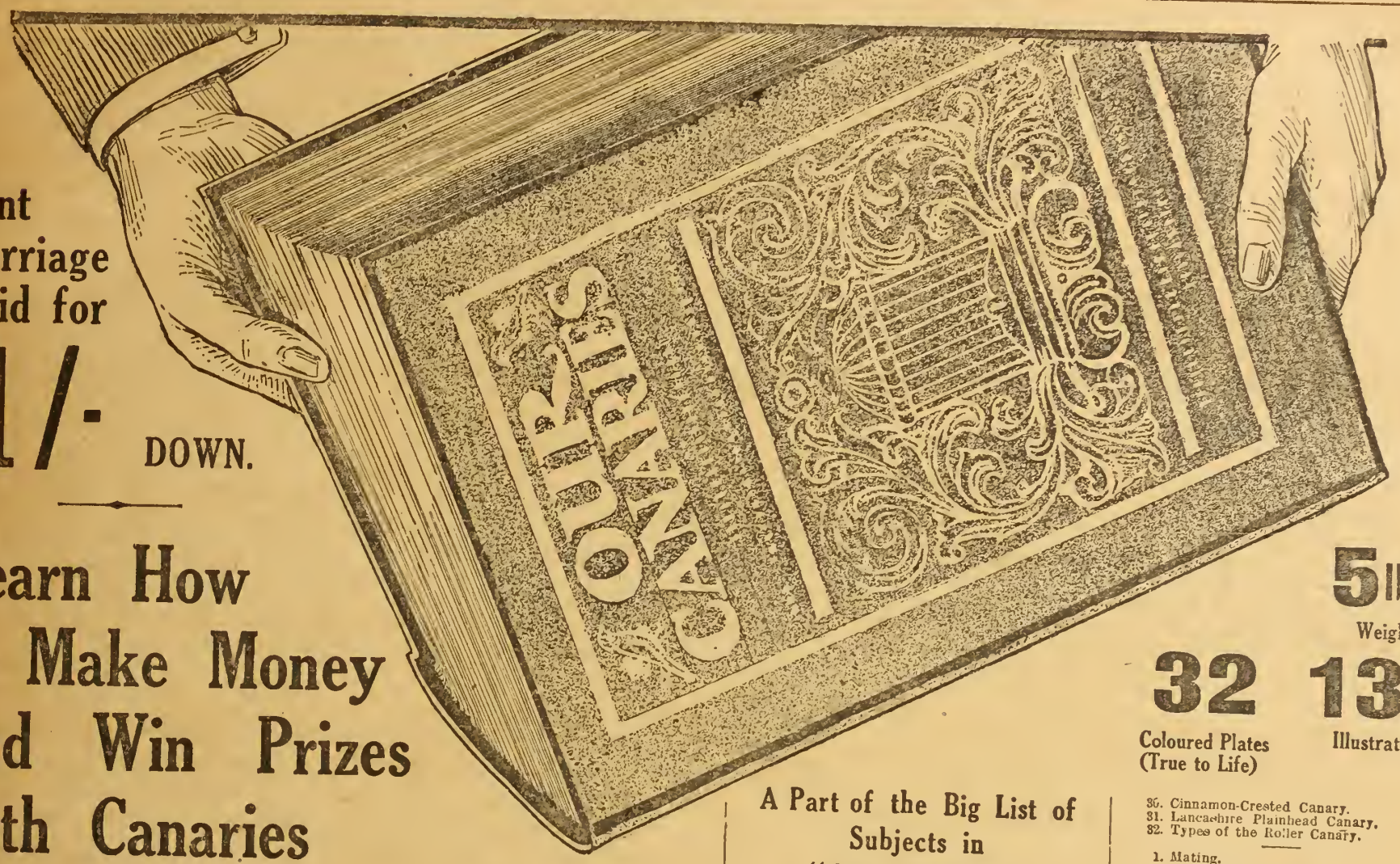

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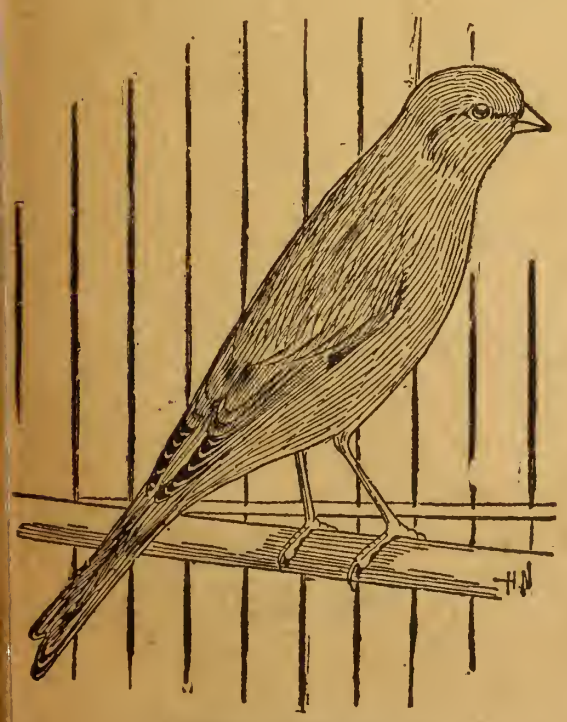

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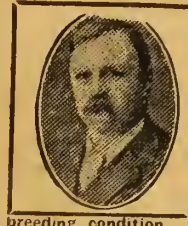

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Annual ramble, May 17th, to Swanley. The day was an ideal one, although rather hot. There was a very good muster of 22, including visitors. The start was made from Wickham Lane, Plumstead, thence by Bexley to Swanley, where the party had a short rest at Mr. Shiers' house, and partook of slight refreshments. Afterwards the party started out under the leadership of Mr. Shiers, who took us through some of the most beautiful scenery in Kent. Although small bird-life was rather scarce, we found a number of Thrush and Blackbirds' nests in various stages of progress, from one egg to young ready to leave the nest. During our ramble we touched on Eynsford and Farningham, and back to Swanley, where Mr. Hollands, of the Red Lion, had prepared a good spread, which was done ample justice to. Taking the whole day, it was quite equal to our last visit to Tonbridge, and several members have suggested another ramble, which is a good sign that every one was satisfied. We must tender our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Shiers for a very pleasant time.—F. Botell, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Ramble to Effingham Common May 24 was not so fruitful in out of the ordinary finds as the same occasion last season. Starting from the station, and working round the lower part of the common, it was some time before any nests were seen. Then several Linnet and Chaffinch nests were found, some with eggs almost due to hatch, others with young. The most interesting find so far was a Robin's nest in the Hedgerow, close to which, and quite as low down, was another containing two beautiful young Blackbirds. Just a little further on a Pied Wagtail was seen close to the pond, and old Thrush and Blackbird nests were very numerous. Chaffinch's kept up a constant melody with their "kiss me dear," "kiss Joey," and the call of the Cuckoo, the warbling of the Robins, and the toot-toot of the motor horns on the lanes in the distance made up a variety. Presently we came to one of the prettiest parts of our ramble—a wall covered with moss and ivy, with wild strawberry plants growing amongst it, and along this lane we discovered several Wrens' nests. At the Railway Hotel, E. Horsley, a hot lunch had been provided, and to this we all did ample justice. Our afternoon ramble might well be described as an orchid hunt, as the meadows near Horsley Station are famed for the small violet-coloured orchid, and several of our party were busy collecting these and dog daisies. We found a Moor hen's nest on a pond, and on to the common we found nests of Thrushes, Blackbirds, Linnets, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches in various stages of occupation, and so a pleasant day was spent, until it was time to return to the hotel for tea and then train home.—T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual ramble, Sunday, May 17, weather being ideal. Arriving by train at Shipley, we started on our ramble, taking the old coach road along the river bank. Numerous Larks were noticed on the wing. Arriving at the Glen, here bird life abounds; one of our party soon discovered a Blackbird's nest, empty; Hedge Sparrows, Greenfinches, Linnets, Robins and other birds were seen in great numbers. Continuing through the Glen we passed on to the moorland, which extends for some miles, and followed a small stream. Here we found a nest of the Pied Wagtail, 3 eggs; two Hedge Sparrows', 4 young and 3 eggs; Yellow Hammer's, 2 eggs; also a Thrush's, empty. Shortly afterwards one of our party discovered and cautiously stalked what he thought to be a large hare, but this proved to be a friendly "moke," which was tethered to a stake on a small grass plot. We all had a hearty laugh, and he got nicely chaffed about it. After a glorious dinner at "Old Dick's," we made our way towards Bingley, passing through fields and along hedges; here we saw Redstart, Whitethroat, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, and we heard a Corn Crake, but could not discover it; continuing through Bingley Park and Bingley, we journeyed towards Harden. While going through Bingley Wood we remarked on the greenness of the foliage, which was at its best; wild rabbits were very plentiful. Tea was partaken of at the "Dusty Miller," Harden Beck, and afterwards we made our way along the beck side to the wood; the keeper here explained that the wood was private, but when we told him who we were he was good enough to show us numerous nests and young. Among the gorse bushes we discovered Linnets with both eggs and young. Thanking the keeper for his kindness in showing us round, we made for Oxenworth, where we took train for home, everybody well satisfied with the day's outing, and hoping we should have another ramble before long. —T. Magson, Press Corresp.

KINGS LYNN C.C.

At the kind invitation of their president, Capt. R. L. Bagge, D.S.O., of Gaywood Hall, this club had a very nice ramble round his estate on May 10. The day was ideal until about 4 p.m., when a misty rain set in, but it could not damp the spirit of the merry party. Members met at the Woolpack Inn corner, Tenison Avenue, at 9.45, twenty of them turning out, and walked to Gaywood, arriving there about 10 a.m., being met in the park approaching the hall by Capt. Bagge. Our president soon had us all cornered by showing an egg a little larger than a Blackbird's, the shell being mud colour with a tinge of blue, and asking what bird laid it. This none of us could decide, so he informed us it was taken from a Pheasant's nest, and presumed it was a freak egg of a Pheasant. We then went up to the hall, where we were invited to refreshments, our host remarking it would be some hours before we could get any more. After thirsts were quenched, the captain led the way to the fields; skirting a corn field, we were soon on the scent for bird life. Several nests were seen in various stages of construction. Crossing a grass field, we entered a drift way where primroses were still in flower. Leaving this we came to some furze, round which the party dispersed, and several nests of Linnets' and Chaffinches' eggs were found, also a few young ones looking the picture of health. We crossed the road at Mentlyn to Dunn's farm, passing through the farm and across the railway bridge over the M. and G.N. Jt. lines, a halt being made for about half a dozen of the members, who were still searching the furze. These coming up, we wended our way along the edge of a plantation; here a pair of Yellow Hammers were seen, and the calls of various birds were heard. Entering the plantation one member found a Tit's nest that was most exquisitely constructed, and much admired; a little further on a Wren's nest was found lodged against the trunk of a tree and held in position by the branches of an adjoining one; in outside construction it consisted of fern leaves. Another Tit's nest was discovered, and a young Blackbird was seen sitting on a branch of a tree close to the trunk; one fancier caught it, and after an examination, set it free. Passing along from the Middleton line, we left the wood and crossed the green at Mentlyn to a reserved plot of land, where young fir, ash, etc., had been planted. Our host pointed out the ravages done by rabbits, and leaving this, we again crossed the Jt. railway line into another wood. A squirrel and its nest were seen; one member climbed the tree to investigate the nest, but nothing was in it. Continuing our way, we saw bird-life of all descriptions some busy at making their nest, some sitting, and others rearing young. Close to the sand-pits we struck the Gayton Road, and entered the wood opposite, to see some more saplings; then, as several were thirsty, we made a quick walk for the "Sand Boy," at the suggestion and generosity of Capt. Bagge. Afterwards we entered the Gaywood Wood, and wandered round the hedges of fields, arriving at the hall at 3 p.m. Here all refreshed themselves with a wash and brush up, visited the dairy, and then sat down to a good dinner, to which justice was done. The chairman thanked our host for the good ramble he had taken us, remarking that they had seen bird-life in all its varying stages, and also for the very nice dinner given us, and wishing Capt and Mrs. Bagge very good health. President said it had been a great pleasure to Mrs. Bagge and himself to have us there; he had enjoyed the walk, and if he could do anything for the betterment of the society we were only to let him know and he would see what could be done. After dinner the Captain escorted us round the gardens, and through the glasshouses, where he gave us permission to pluck some strawberries, and fanciers secured some fine chickweed. We then went to the conservatory, which was in fine order, and after again thanking Mrs. Bagge, the merry party took leave of our president and journeyed to Lynn in the rain and heavy mist, getting a bit damp, but in the best of spirits after a most enjoyable day. — A. R. Kent.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

On May 9, the Altrincham C.B.S. travelled by train to Ashley, accompanied by a number of friends and fanciers, from three Manchester C.B. Societies and the Sale C.B.S., the total number being 39. Arriving at Ashley the party immediately began an eager search for nests of our country songsters, and soon the homes of the Thrush, Blackbird, and Hedge Sparrow were being inspected. Proceeding by Ardern Pool and over the River Birkin, through the Lodge Gates to the main road, the party were rewarded in their search by finding nests of the Chaffinch, and further on, nearing Rostherne, a Wren's nest was seen to contain nestlings, which must be considered very forward. Through Rostherne Village, by Cicely Mills and Bucklow Hill, to the Northwich Road, and Mere Park, the party having been favoured with permission from Mr. Ollerenshaw, inspected the park, lake, and woods, and found many items of interest, nests of the Brown Linnet and Greenfinch being noticeable, and various water fowl were observed, and also the Kingfisher. On leaving the woods the party arranged themselves and were photographed, afterwards passing on, leaving the park by the front entrance. At the junction of the main road and Warrington Road a party of boy scouts and girl guides were seen engaged in a tug of war and one of the scouts immediately offered to match his party of 14 (8 boys and 6 girls) against any 6 of the ramblers, who accepted. After a stiff struggle, the ramblers were defeated, and retired rather crestfallen. At last the Kilton Hotel was reached, where a good tea awaited the ramblers. At the close of tea, Mr. T. Harrison, chairman, Altrincham C.B.S., thanked the Manchester visitors for their attendance, remarking that it would assist the Altrincham members to further their efforts to make the new society a success. In reply, Mr. Oldham, president Manchester N.C.O.S., thanked the Altrincham members for their invitation, and wished them success. Mr. Fulshaw, vice-chairman Manchester N.C.O.S., in supporting, said that he was sorry that Manchester had not sent more members, but those present were the "pick," as the two gentlemen just named were noted for "beauty and size." (Laughter.) Mr. Robinson, chairman North Manchester C.B.S., also supported these remarks. A hearty vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Ollerenshaw for his kindness in allowing the party to view Mere Park, and the sec. was requested to convey this to him. Once more the party were searching the banks and hedges, nests of the Yellow Hammer, Robin, and Titlark being found, and the voice of the Corn Crake was heard. Passing through Millington and Bollington to the meadows, the party observed a section of the Territorials engaged in a sham fight, and considerable merriment was caused by the humorist of the party, "Dan," (not Dan Leno), by his joking remarks. On through Dunham parks to Altrincham, where the party broke up after spending a very enjoyable and interesting time.—Chas. Bailey, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hayle (Cornwall).—June 18.—Judge, W. J. Medlin, 19 classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, Local 1. Ent. close June 11.—A. T. Coombe, Fore Street.

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England.

Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. L. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.). J.W.M., W.B.

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.

Oct. 10.—**Crewe O.S.**—(N. L. Croft, 58, Cemetery Rd.) C.H.

Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.)**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)

Oct. 16-17.—**Burnley C.B.S.**—(G. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.C.B., C.A.H.

Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)

Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.

Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.

Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St., Oxford.). J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 46, Woodhead Rd., Birchcshead, Hanley.)

Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.) W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.

Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218 Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton S.W.)

Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.

Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.

Nov. 3-4.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(G. Grilliths, The Yews, Merton Park, (Surrey). J.R., H.N. H.P.

Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14 Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freeston. 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. Or Job, Wincobank) J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.

Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)

Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd. J.R., H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31 Thornhill Rd.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466 Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L.

Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V. H.S.C.

Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1 Theresa St.).

Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 6, Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings.)

Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Dee and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).

Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.

Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218 London Rd.)

Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).

Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre. South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.

Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.

Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tasmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.

Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.) J.T., E.J.R., A.C., R.L.C., F.E., J.R., A.S., C.P., J.D., A.J.M.

Nov. 26.—**Grantham C.B.S.**—(H. Lowther, 44, Cambridge St.) W.P.B.

Nov. 27-28.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(H. Whitney, 10, Brook St.) A.H., E.B.

Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)

Nov. 28-30.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(G. Siddown, 45, Lower Granby St.). W.V., C.H.

Dec. 2.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.

Dec. 2-3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.) J.R.

Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.

Dec. 4-5.—**Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).

Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).

Dec. 12.—**Burslem C.B.S.**—(L. James, 48, Croft St.)

Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.).

Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(W. Harrison, 45, Darlington St.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L., R.W., J. McL.

Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)

Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)

Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)

Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).

Oct. 31.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison St.)

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabh, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton, 25, Orchard St.)

Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.) T.M., H.W., J.R., J.V., J.A., J.S.

Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(G. M'Ardle, 38, Sydney St.)

Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56 Arthur Place) G.C.T.H., D.H., C.M., J.L., A.F., J.H., J.M.

Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)

Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).

Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1.—**Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Cradock St.).

Nov. 25.—**Pontypridd F. & F.S.**—(A. A. G. M'Lucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.)

Dec. 3.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Richards, Cardiff Arms Hotel, Treorchy.)

Jan. 12.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) J.R., H.N.

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)

Dec. 4-5.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street.)

Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest at George and Dragon, Bridge-street, for four minutes' time singing, May 23; 54 birds entered for five prizes. 1, Liversedge; 2 and 3, Kirk; 4, Wainwright; 5, Williams. May 24, 27 entered for three minutes' time singing. 1, Morley; 2, Smith; 3, Wainwright. Open to all England sing Whit-Tuesday. First pair in window at 1.—J. Brindley, Sec.

WEST AUCKLAND.

A good company assembled at the "Robin Hood," when Mr. Grevey gave three prizes; 34 birds faced the judge and some good singing was heard: 1, R. Taylor; 2, J. Jenkinson; 3, J. Million. Judge, J. Mews; timekeeper, C. Hope. Linnet singing, May 30th, three good prizes.

[Please note that reports must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender. This came without either.—Editor.]

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, May 15; 25 birds entered for three prizes, four minutes' time sing: 1, Jones, 2, Bluckshirc; 3, Beard. Open sing, May 16, 37 entered for three prizes, three minutes' time sing: 1, Williams; 2, Jones; 3, W. Nelson. Club sing, May 23, 44 entered for four prizes, and some good singing was done; four minutes' time sing: 1, Beard; 2, 4, B. Nelson; 3, Jones. Open sing, May 24; 46 entered for four prizes, three minutes' time sing: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Beard; 3, Jones; 4, Williams.—S. Pugh, Sec.

ATHERTON.

Linnet contest Hindsford Inn, Hindsford, May 23, for time; 30 birds entered, and some very good singing was heard by a large company. 1 and 4, Knowles, 170 and 111 secs.; 2, Dixon, 150 secs.; 3, Harrison, 119 secs.; 5, Fairhurst, 104 secs.; 6, Hickman, 82 secs. Timekeepers, R. Disley and A. Donnelly; tappers, H. Barnish and R. Halliwell; minutes, J. Harrison; birdman, J. Fairhurst. After contest we held our usual concert, a large number of fanciers taking part in the singing.—E. Hickman.

LONDON, N.

The Robin Hood, Southampton Street, Pentonville, has changed hands and they are having handicaps every week-end and on Wednesday nights, writes Pony Moore, Time-keeper, F. Hughes.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing at headquarters, Commercial Hotel; 20 birds sang for three prizes. 1st, Moulding; 2nd, Cooper; 3rd, Plows. Only three seconds divided the first three birds, although the singing was of a low standard.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open Linnet singing championship, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, Leeds, Whit-Tuesday, commence 2 o'clock. (Real prizes.)—(Advt.)

Open contest for quality Linnet siuging Albion Hotel, Saville Green, May 23; 21 sang for four prizes. 1, J. Johnson; 2, Sissons; 3 and 4, Buttery. Judges, W. Naylor and J. Naylor. May 24, 42 sang for four prizes. 1, T. Johnson; 2, Farrar; 3, P. Johnson; 4, Buttery. Judges, Naylor, Lacy, Jennings.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing Fox Inn, Woodhouse Carr, May 23; 29 birds entered for four prizes given by Mr. Bowyer. 1, Binns; 2, Chipindale; 3, Ward; 4, Lunn. Judges, Messrs. Seliars, Wood, and Clayton. May 24, 19 entered for three prizes. 1, Lunn; 2, Laycock; 3rd shared by Bowyer and Hart. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Whitaker.

On Whit-Tuesday afternoon, great open Linnet contest for quality, Fox Inn, Woodhouse. Entrance 1s. per bird.—(Advt.)—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing Prince of Wales Hotel, Wadsworth-street, Kirkstall-road, May 23; 20 sang for three prizes. 1, W. Lipman; 2, Bickerdyke; 3, Shaw. Judges, Messrs. M. Lipman and Dobson. Also a special contest with two of the best birds in Kirkstall. Mr. Yates met Mr. B. Smith for a grand prize, our worthy host adding £1. Mr B. Smith won. Judge, A. Lorriman. May 24, 18 competed for three prizes. 1, Brown; 2, Yates; 3, Deepledge. Judges, Wigneld and Johnson.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Linnet contest will be held at Butchers' Arms, bottom of Castle-street, May 30, for time; landlord, Mr. Clare, will give prizes according to entries. First pair in window at 2.30.—E. Hickman.—(Advt.)

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest British Oak, Carbrook-street, May 24; Mr. Austin gave three prizes. 1, Newton; 2, 3, Robinson. Open to all England sing May 31, when we shall be pleased to see old and new Linnet fanciers.—E. Robinson, Sec.

Open Linnet contest for time, 3 minutes singing, May 17th, Columbia Tavern, Fornham St., Sheffield; 22 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Schofield: 1, Brown, 50sec.; 2, Driver, 46sec.; 3, Spottswood, 37sec. Open contest for time, 3 minutes' singing, May 24th, Columbia Tavern, Fornham St., Sheffield; 22 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Schofield: 1, Orton, 64sec.; 2, Thompson, 36sec.; 3, Poole, 30 sec.—W. Bingham, Sec.

PENDLEBURY & SWINTON C.B.S.

Very successful Linnet singing contest, May 16, at Mr. Judson's Rooms, open to members and Pendlebury district. We had a good few novices trying their luck. If members would come to meetings we could have something going in way of shows or contests. The society gave as first prize a copper kettle, 2nd lady's silver watch, 3rd a small table clock. 1, Dixon, 144 secs.; 2, Donnelly, 100 secs.; 3, Jackson, 77secs The contest was for time singing, half-minute, face to face, 4½ behind the slide. Tappers, Mr. J. Smally and Mr. Yates; minute man, Mr. Judson; timers, J. Jackson and Abe Donnelly. —Alex. Donnelly.

Club Reports.

N.W. LONDON F.A.

Meeting, May 7, 30 present. Election of judges for the forthcoming shows took place; 7 new members made. A visit to Harpenden will take place on Whit Monday. Meet St. Pancras Station at 9.30. Next meeting, June 4, 8.30, at Stag's Head Hotel, Hawley Road, Chalk Farm Road, when the final election of judges will take place; non-members cordially invited.—W. Sutton, Assist. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting held at headquarters, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Mr. W. Gilbert presided; another splendid attendance was recorded, and a most interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. R. J. Pretty on "Cinnamons." The lecturer dealt with practically every point of this variety, which took up the whole evening, and we were sorry when the lecture came to a close. A hearty discussion ensued, and questions were answered with greatest satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Pretty for his lecture.—G. G. Stubbs.

DARVEL C.B.C.

General meeting May 21, Mr. D. Hopkins (vice-president) in the chair. Mr. Jas. Fairful was unanimously appointed secretary in room of Mr. J. Robertson, who resigned on account of his going abroad. It was decided that F.F. show be put back from July 7 till August 4. Members present signed form in support of conference to be held in Glasgow, under the auspices of Fife Cage Bird League, for the purpose of considering the excessive charges made by railway companies for live stock.—(Report unsigned; please forward address of new sec.—Editor.)

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, headquarters, Library Hall, Church St., Stoke Newington, May 20, Mr. G. Mortlock chair. An egg food mixture competition was held, Miss W. J. Salter, H. R. Mortlock, H. Neighbour, F. J. Castell and F. Housden competing before a good attendance. Eggs and hasins were provided by the Association, competitors bringing their own working utensils. A full explanation was given during the mixing, and the varied methods adopted brought plenty of questions and open discussion. Mr. W. J. Salter was declared the winner by the members, with Mr. H. R. Mortlock close up. The reports from the members of breeding results look well for a good young stock show.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Table show, May 13, British only. Mr. H. James judged and afterwards gave a lecture on British birds, pointing out the faults of those on the bench. A judging competition was won by Mr. Pazel, 57 points, followed by Messrs. W. H. Gibb, 53; Dean, 48; Wall, 46; Bignell, 43; Morrish, 38; Absolon, 35; Roast, 29; Daudridge, 27; Luckley, 20. F.-M. GOLDF.: 1, H. T. Gibb; 2, Wall; 3, Dean. LINNET or SISKIN H.-M.: 1, 2, H. T. Gibb. F.-M GREENF. or LINNET: 1, Miss Mantell; 2, Morrish; 3, vhc, H. T. Gibb; hc, Pazel. F.-M., A.O.V.: 1, Pazel; 2, Morrish; 3, hc, Dean; vhc, H. T. Gibb. H-M.: 1, 2, H. T. Gibb; 3, vhc, Miss Mantell; best-conditioned bird, Mrs. Mantell.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Tynecastle Hall, Gorgie Road, May 19, a good turn-out of members being present; President Mr. A. W. Watson, chair. Through the kindness of Mr. Napier, Juniper Green O.S., sec., a ramble has been arranged for June 27, through Riccarton Estate, in conjunction with the Juniper Green fanciers. It is hoped a good turn-out of members will avail themselves of this opportunity. Train arrangements will be in fancy press before then (with Editor's permission). Letter from Fife C.B.L. Mr. A. W. Watson was appointed as delegate to attend meeting to be held in Edinburgh. New members elected:—Messrs. Preston, G. Brydon, J. McCrum, P. McNiven, and C. Grant. Sec. was instructed to apply for the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C.C., and S.B.B. and M.C., also Hyde's special. Classification for F.F. settled:—Nor. 4, Crest and C.B., 1; Bord., 4; Scotch Fancy, 2; A.O.V., 1; Hyb. or Light Mule, 1; Variegs., 1; Goldie and Linnet Mule (dark), 1; and Greenie, Siskin, etc., dark. 1. Fee, 2d. Admission 2d. (exhibitors free); Aug. 1, at 3. Mr. J. F. Dewar has kindly consented to judge. As the time was getting on, it was decided to ask the president, Mr. A. W. Watson, to delay his lecture until the September meeting, which he kindly consented to do.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

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Twitterings.

Kindly notify that I have removed from 3, Ellenborough Place, to 37, John Street, Maryport, writes Mr. J. Nicholson, late of Nanaimo B.C., Canada.

Mr. E. H. Fulcher writes on behalf of himself and other members of the Manchester and N.C.O.S., thanking the members of the Altrincham C.B.S. for providing so enjoyable an afternoon at their recent ramble; the arrangements, he states, were perfect.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. A. Bailey, sec. Rotherham C.B.S., that Mr. T. Clarke, of Mexboro', has been confined to his bed for some weeks. I am sure that all members and friends join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

In answer to my advt. of last week, writes Mr. H. Oliver, 2, Bridport Place, Hoxton, N., I had sent here four Chaffinches from Scotland, without the address, or the name of the sender. I want to send cash for them, but cannot do so till I hear from him.

The syllabus of the Halifax C.B.S. is to hand. F.F. shows are arranged for July 20 and July 4; "wintor" shows are Sept. 26, Nov. 5, and Nov. 26; annual open Oct. 3, and annual members' Jan. 16. Meetings, with lectures, etc., are held monthly at the Trafalgar Inn.

The Whitsun Holidays.

The offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Saturday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers, and Correspondents generally, kindly note that all matter intended for NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, June 2 (or Wednesday first post at latest). Queries for answer in next week's issue must reach us not later than the afternoon of Friday May 29.

I was pleased to see CAGE BIRDS make special note last week of the marked bird which belonged to Mr. Crisp, as when exhibited at the Bradford National, writes Mr. J. Holroyd (Great Horton), it was acknowledged by all the experts to be the best Yorkshire in the show.

A committee meeting of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. will be held June 6 at 6.30, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford; the principal business will be to allot patronage. I should like all societies to let me have their application as early as possible, writes Mr. R. Garnett, sec. The committee will also fix the value of the prizes in our various competitions.

We have received the annual report and rule book of the National British Bird and Mule Club. The report records an increase of 16 in the club's membership and gives a list of the winners of cups and medals during last show season. Besides the rules, the book contains notes for secretaries desiring the club's patronage, list of desirable British cage birds, a show classification providing for any number of British classes from 9 to 30, list of possible Hybrids, and what is intended to be a classification for Hybrids, covering from 6 to 14 classes; this, however, seems to have been reprinted from old lists without a revision made necessary by other alterations, and is no longer intelligible. Names and addresses of members and a list of officers and committee are also given.

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Our ramble fixed for June 3rd has been postponed, owing to the counter attraction of the opening of our Undercliffe Drive, writes Mr. L. Hill, hon. sec., Bournemouth C.B.A.

Mr. S. Shannon, 43, Central Avenue, Bangor, co. Down, writes that he has been appointed sec. of the Bangor C.B.S., and communications on the business of the society should be addressed accordingly.

Oldham C.B.A. annual ramble will take place on May 31 to Mottram and Broadbottoms, when we shall be pleased to have the company of any friend, writes Mr. Cope, sec. Train leaves Clegg Street Station at 9.20.

To Northern Yorks. C.C. Members.

I have now received samples of colour-food, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the President of the N.Y.C.C., and will book orders for those members who desire it at same prices as last year. I shall esteem it a favour if members will order their season's requirements in one lot and so save carriage.

Parrot Lays and Sits!

A writer hailing from Old Penshaw states in the "North Mail": I have a Parrot about eight years of age who three years ago laid three eggs, last year two eggs, and since Good Friday this year she has laid five eggs. Her cage door is nearly always open, and she knows the outside of her cage equally as well as the inside. My bird is at present sitting splendidly on the five eggs, without any prospect of hatching any.

The Duchess and Pet Birds.

Her Grace The Duchess of Somerset, presiding recently at a Mansion House meeting, said that among her pets was a twelve-year-old Bullfinch, which had become so weak latterly that it could no longer hop about, but yet it sang its little song and loved to be placed in the window and call in all the other little birds. They could not destroy a life like that, for the bird was happy and sang bravely. She wished there was more kindness shown towards dumb creatures. What distressed her in this mechanical age was to find that the toys given to children usually were model motor-cars and cycles, and these could not give them the taste that would be aroused by a pet bird, a dog or even a mouse.

Public Aviary for Hastings.

The formal opening took place on May 13 of the aviary that has been formed in Alexandra Park, Hastings, and which has been stocked by bird fanciers in the town. The Mayor, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, said for a long time it had been his great desire to have an aviary in their park, and thanks to the courtesy of the Parks and Gardens Committee, he was pleased to say it was an accomplished fact. A number of boys and girls, many of them actually the donors, or the children or relations of donors, then released the birds into the large aviary. The children and friends were entertained to tea by the Mayoress.

Robin Builds in a Boot.

A Robin has chosen a strange nesting place in the Craiglockhart Clubhouse, near Edinburgh. One of the members was greatly surprised to find the other day one of his boots lying on its side, and in its interior a cosy nest, with six beautiful Robin's eggs. The Robin continues to flit about at will to and from the boxroom where its home is situated.

Pigeons Poisoned by Strychnine.

A number of Wood Pigeons have been discovered in the Scarborough district poisoned by strychnine. Cases have been traced six miles north and five miles west of the town. An analysis of the organs of one bird disclosed enough strychnine to kill several people, but fortunately none of the birds seem to have been eaten.

Cheap and Noiseless Partitions.

For movable partitions, cheap and noiseless, get disused stout cardboard boxes, brown preferred, and cut with a sharp knife the required size. You will find that the sun does not draw or split them, as it does the ordinary boards. I have used them myself two years, and find they answer well. — T. Southam (Honeybourne S.O., Worcestershire).

A Daring Thrush.

A Song Thrush has built its nest, laid three eggs, and in the natural course of events will, if undisturbed, rear its young on a scaffold pole at the secondary school for girls, which is being erected in St. George's Avenue, Northampton. There are between fifty and sixty men working on the building, but the bird takes not the slightest notice of them. The men have taken a great interest in the bird, and will not have it disturbed.

A New Blue Tit Story.

I have just heard a new Blue Tit story—the story of, perhaps, the boldest Tit on record, says a writer in the "Daily Express." She built her nest in a children's rocking-horse, which stood out of doors, in the neat hole where the horse's tail had been before the children pulled it out. She finished her nest and sat on her eggs and reared her brood, though the rocking-horse was constantly being ridden all through her nesting time by the children, who knew nothing of the nest until the little Tits were about to fly!

The Blackbird's Crime!

The police and railway authorities at the station of Basle have been searching for the last two months for the criminal who has been giving the regulation whistle for the departure of trains from the station at irregular hours, and thereby endangering the traffic. Several trains were sent off before their time by these whistles, and had to be called back, while in some cases, says the "Express" Geneva correspondent, collisions were narrowly avoided. The culprit was found the other day in a Blackbird, which had built a nest inside the station and learned to imitate the guard's whistle. Gendarmes have received orders to shoot it.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

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A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

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(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

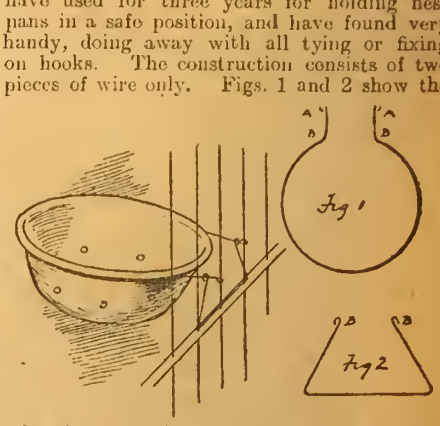
(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 639.
A Handy Nest-pan Holder.
Sent by A. M'Laren, Pleasant, Keity.

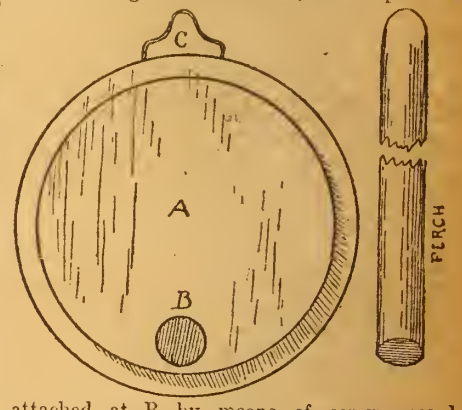
I send you a sketch of a wire which I have used for three years for holding nest pans in a safe position, and have found very handy, doing away with all tying or fixing on hooks. The construction consists of two pieces of wire only. Figs. 1 and 2 show the



only pieces required. A.A., Fig. 1, are for slipping on wires of cage and the base of Fig. 2 rests on the punched bar and keeps the nest pan steady. Points B.B., Fig. 2, should be firmly clasped round B.B., Fig. 1, with pliers, and then set to the required angle so that the nest pan will be level and soldered.

No. 640.
A Novel Perch for a Thrush Cage.
Sent by E. W. Humphrey, Westgate, Thirsk.

The sketch shows a perch for Thrush cage which I have found far better than any I have hitherto seen. A is simply a circular piece of wood about four inches across, bevelled at edge as illustration, and a perch is



attached at B by means of screw passed through back. C is a loop by means of which perch is hung to a small screw inside cage. It will be seen that by perch being attached at B it cannot be knocked out of position, and nothing can be easier to remove for cleaning purposes.

COUNTRY RAMBLES

The following rambles have been arranged: Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles whether in doors or not. Great Horton Good Intent O.S., June 6, to Bingley, meet under clock outside Midland for 2.30 car; Openshaw Gorton C.B.S., to Marple, etc., May 31, meet Gorton Station for 2.30 train, or Guide Bridge 2.30; N. Liverpool C.B.S., and Walton and Everton C.B.S., May 31, to Kirkby and Simonswood, meet Walton Church, Country-rd., 10.30; Glasgow and W Counties Norwich Club, May 29, to Bridge of Weir, train from Central Station 3.5; N.W. London F.A., June 1, to Harpenden, meet St. Pancras 9.30; Edinburgh C.B.S. and Juniper Green F.A., June 27, to Riccarton Estate; Hull C.B.S., June 13, to Houghton Woods, (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.); Oldham C.B.A., May 31, to Mottram and Broadbottoms, train leaves Clegg Street Station, 9.20; Queensbury C.B.S., May 31, to Luddesden Dean, meet Granby Hotel 12.45.

FORTHCOMING FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The following First Feather Shows have been arranged; we shall be glad to be notified of any omissions: June 6, Windhill C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Leeds C.B.S.; June 11, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; June 13, Doncaster C.B.S., Alfreton C.B.S., Langton C.B.S.; June 19, Bridlington and Driffield C.B.S.; June 20, Abertillery C.B.S., Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A., Oldham C.B.A., S. Birmingham O.S., Halifax C.B.S., Walkley C.B.S.; June 22, Torbay O.S.; June 27, Sheffield C.B.S., Radcliffe C.B.S., Burnley O.S., Annfield Plain C.B.S., Wigan C.B.S., Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Sheffield C.B.S., N. Liverpool C.B.S.; July 1, Redruth F.S.; July 4, Burnhope C.B.S., Chester-le-Street C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Wallasey C.B.S., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Halifax C.B.S., City and Suburban A.C.B., Leeds C.B.S., Sheffield O.S., Newcastle C.B.S.; July 5, Blantyre O.S.; July 8, Windsor C.B.A.; July 11, Shuttleston C.B.S., North London C.B.A.; July 18, Abertillery C.B.S., Windhill C.B.S., Beamish C.B.S., Birtley C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S.; July 25, South Shields C.B.S., Falkirk Good Intent; July 30 Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; Aug. 1, Pelton Fell C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Edinburgh C.B.S.; Aug. 4, Darvel C.B.S.; Aug. 29, Dunfermline C.B.S.

OUR MOST POPULAR SONG BIRD: THE SKYLARK.

By W. A. LOTT.

One of the oldest and most successful keepers of this species gives his methods of management.

Concluded from page 415.

The fine Skylark, the picture of which appeared on our front page last week, won first prize at the last Palace Show for its owner, Mr. W. A. Lott, the author of the article, and from whose sketch the illustration was made. The bird was generally conceded by experts to have been one of the finest Skylarks that ever graced the show bench, and Mr. Lott is justifiably proud of being the possessor of such a grand specimen.

NEVER keep a squeaker, or those that dash about a good deal; perhaps one or two of your birds will begin to break their tails; let them go, but don't let any go till you have had them two or three days. Feed well, and the chances are that you will notice one or two of them bigger, bolder, and better marked than the others, also quite steady compared with the others; they will walk up and down the runner, and when turning will lift their tails up so that they do not touch the bottom of the cage. Mark time on these; go through the same process with each lot of birds, and let all the others go. It will be hard luck if you do not find a real tip-top bird. Get the birds when the snow or frost is rather severe, and deal with a good catcher; he will select you some to go on with, and he is generally a good judge. Gradually wean the birds off from the soft wild seed to your own staple food.

As regards the moulting of the Lark, I have never had any trouble, but I have often been very anxious to see them make a start. I have watched day after day, and, seeing no signs, have often thought they would never be ready for the early shows, but Nature asserts herself very quickly. At moulting time give plenty of dry sand, and they will be continually resorting to it.

Half-way through the moult I gently but firmly pull out the two longest wing feathers; these are very long, hard, thick feathers, and I consider I am assisting the bird a good deal by removing them. I have never had a Skylark stick in its moult yet, although Shore Larks often do with me.

I have tried colour-feeding Larks, but I find it makes them too dark, and destroys that golden-brown tint on the breast which is so much to be desired, so I have discontinued the use of it for years now; why it should spoil the colour of a Skylark and improve the colour of a Pipit I do not know, but there is the fact.

Towards the end of the moult, for about a week only, give plenty of fatty, rich food, cream cheese, chopped suet, and other titbits which will give a nice sheen to the feathers, and then with a little hardening off at your discretion, your Skylark will be your own special pride, you will have seen it through all the stages of the twelve months round.

As to show cages there is no standard show cage, as many exhibitors of Larks have varied the shapes and have adopted their own designs, but I rather lean to the bow-fronted ones, but, of course, without the side wing or board that is put on the cheap shop-made ones.

Some exhibitors adopt the long "runner" style with a slight bow all along the front, but the style is quite a matter of fancy, as also is the colour of cage, and the brass embellishments that we sometimes see on some Lark show cages.

Even the cheap Lark cages have some pretence of a brass band running round the bottom of the bow of the cage, and on the better class show cages these brass bands are used, but in a much better fit and get up. The Lark is not a gay-plumaged bird, and the brass fitting, in my opinion, helps to show up a good Skylark in tip-top form. I have had many enquiries as to where to get Lark show cages made, but, unfortunately, I have not been able to tell my enquirers; I make my own show cages and stock cages right through. I have asked London cage-makers to make same for me to my pattern, but they have absolutely refused to do so, my wiring being somewhat out of the usual way.

I sow every year in the garden a patch of fine grass seed, in properly prepared soil, sowing the seed rather crowded, so that it is nice and dense, and when the show season comes round I can always cut a nice turf to put in the show cage. With care, under a rough glass frame, you can keep a nice patch of grass to cut from all through the winter.

I have tried moss for the cages, but it soon gets dry and shifts about. Always clean and re-enamel your show cages every show season to whatever colour you think best.

OPENING OF A PUBLIC AVIARY AT HASTINGS.

An excellent aviary was recently opened by the Mayor, Councillor E. A. Hocking, in the Alexandra Park, Hastings. Our photograph shows the Mayor watching the liberating of the birds therein, many of the latter being given by residents, and their children. The Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S. presented a collection of foreign birds, which were liberated by the hon. sec., Miss Kirk Bullock (note inset picture), and the members were publicly thanked for their contribution.

THE MIND OF A BIRD.

A Chat with Members and Friends of the L. & P.O.S.

By ALLEN SILVER.

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IT is evident that the complex mental sensations of realising unhappiness and suffering, as viewed from a human standpoint, cannot be a source of great discomfort unless a creature can analyse its own feelings, and it is hardly probable that a bird can. A bird cannot very well realise its feelings without self-consciousness, and apparently a bird cannot think about itself. Practically all actions that one perceives in a bird (which are not instinctive) upon analysis prove to be based upon purely natural, as apart from reflective, conditions, and such things as, say, a dog's devotion to its master, a bird's care for its young, care of aphides by ants, etc., etc., are not based on a sense of moral rectitude, utility, or power of reason. By the way they are carried out under varying conditions they prove the absence of conscious thought.

In the following I will illustrate why I think that birds cannot experience rational ideas, and I hope I shall be able to get you to see that it is hardly possible for mental development in a creature which, to judge by its actions, is only capable of a given range to possess qualities outside that range, and which are almost impossible of discovery.

It is, of course, quite unnecessary for me to allude to the many occurrences that take place in the everyday life of birds, because you have all more or less observed them. You have seen their exhibitions of rage, of bullying, of love and dislike.

As animals you possess in a degree the same instinctive behaviour as they do, though in the case of the more highly-civilised races of man these instinctive actions are often latent or atrophied, but over and above that you possess a mental development of a much more complex order and you are able to think about your actions, to draw inferences and to deliberate upon them. As you know, such a power puts you on a very different footing to many other creatures from which you may not differ very much anatomically, yet the difference in the mental development is enormous. So wide is it that to them the power to readily profit by experience or co-operate is practically non-existent. When the co-operation of individuals does occur it is generally instinctive rather than an acquired habit or custom. You can learn, copy or imitate from others of your kind and can utilise things round about you. Wild creatures, except from accidental acquisition of what one may call unnatural habits, carry out a law of behaviour without tuition, and at the command of their condition of being, rather than from a power of deliberation.

A bird cannot say to itself, "Ah, there is a helpless orphan; let me feed it." If it is in a condition to feed young, the stimulus set up by the call of a nestling induces it to gather or regurgitate food and relieve itself of the symptom experienced. If a bird was not in a condition to feed, it would be physically impossible for it to feed its own or any other bird's offspring.

The way in which birds can be imposed upon is sufficient evidence of their inability to consider a point of view. If you were a bird would you see your rightful offspring shovelled over the side of your nest with indifference, and would you afterwards feed and rear an ungainly giant which boded fair to be able to swallow your head during the process? Would you submit to the exchange of eggs, or devote to stones or chalk eggs the same care as if they were your own? Would you repeatedly attempt to construct a nest in an impossible spot, or continue to build in a spot from which your domicile had been dislodged every few days by a broom? I think not. You would hardly be likely to show not the slightest signs of fear a few seconds after danger had passed, as is the case with many birds and animals. With us our mental state would be disturbed for hours, days, or even weeks.

Then, again, the indifference with which one bird of a pair will almost immediately find a new mate and at once start housekeeping without the slightest regard for the rotting corpse of husband or wife which had been shot or killed in its sight shows little power of reflection. All these things tend to show that birds cannot be very sensitive as judged from a human standpoint.

Then, again, take the behaviour of caged birds, which only differs in a degree from wild ones. You will find many of their "behaviours" anything but reasonable. Two birds will amorously nestle together for ten minutes and perhaps a few seconds after will for some unknown reason try their best to injure each other. They may take the greatest dislike to a man and allow themselves to be petted by a woman, or *vice versa*. In fact, outside their purely useful and instinctive behaviour, their actions are not those of reasonable beings, and in consequence no one can sanely suppose that they have a highly developed power of reason, and that being the case, how can they keenly appreciate their lot?

All this leads us to one point of view, and that is, although a bird possesses all those animal mental qualities necessary for its welfare as an animal, it does not possess a highly developed power of self-consciousness. That being the case, its power to discriminate between the sweets of captivity or liberty, or *vice versa*, cannot be very great. The fact that such creatures readily accustom themselves to such a change of life, and require some time to undo habits acquired under this changed state, in itself shows that they cannot readily grasp the situation at all. Therefore you may rest assured that when you confine a wild bird under decent and reasonable conditions you are not necessarily committing it to a state of imprisonment that has the same effect upon it mentally as it would upon a civilised being.

At the conclusion of the lecture, many interesting questions were asked, which Mr. Silver very cleverly answered, and explained away a number of puzzling points. It was, in fact, a delightful evening, and we were pleased to see a well-filled room.

HERBERT L. HUGGINS, Hon. Assist.-Sec.

Producing the Ideal Plainhead.

A lecture on the Norwich Canary, given by Mr. J. W. Cleminson, Preston, to the members of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. Cleminson commenced by saying that all the reading in the world was not like practical experience, although reading a little gave the novices an idea how to go about things for a start. He would try his best to tell how to breed a good bird, and what constituted one. The lecturer here handed two illustrations of the ideal Norwich; one was the N.P.C. ideal, the one that was his favourite, as coming near to the "John Bull" type. He had seen many good birds, coming very near to the standard, but he had yet to see an ideal Norwich on the show bench. The most difficult to get was perfection in the head, but this counted 25 points; 10 above everything else, so it is essential to go in for a good head. He liked to see a good round head well risen, not like some of the winners that are seen sometimes on the show bench, with flat heads showing as much eyebrow as would have suited a Crestbred of 20 years ago. He liked to see the eyes low set, because if you get them that way the birds have a bolder look, and don't seem to be scowling at you like the flat-headed birds do. He liked the neck to look as if the head had been driven into the shoulders with a mallet; the chest should be deep and full, and not to look like a straight line from under the bird's beak to its tail; The back must be slightly rounded, without any hollow running down; the wings must be short. He did not like to see birds with long wings, but if any were inclined to that fault it should be checked by introducing an extra short winged hen. The legs must be well set back so as to make the bird look like all front. The carriage, he said, didn't exactly mean the wings only, it alluded to all the bird being carried in a proper manner; to jump from one perch to the other without leaving its tail to drag after it. Avoid a bird with a dropped tail, as it gave them a slovenly appearance. He liked to see the tail slightly carried upwards. Get your bird as short in feather as possible, especially if you colour feed, as you cannot get the long feathered birds to as good a colour as the short feathered ones. I have examined both long and short feathers, he said, and I find that the blood vein doesn't run any further down in the long feathers than in the short ones, as the long feathers are nothing but fluff. Now as regards pairing up. I would adviso the novices to place themselves in a reliable breeder's hands, one one whom they know is breeding some winners. Of course, don't buy the first bird you see, go a time or two and get well acquainted with what you want. I have had my best results with pairing yellow cocks and buff hens; you will find that you get the type from the hens, and the largest percentage of hens are buffs, hence my reason for using buff hens. Pay your best attention to your hens; never mind what your cocks look like if they are bred right. To get the colour into your stock you want a green hen. When I say a green hen I don't mean one of those bronzy greens, I mean a green that looks almost black, and if you get the right one to start with you will have enough colour to last you a long time, providing you will take care how you pair up the offspring. Cinnamon blood in Norwich, he thought, was useless; of course, you might derive a little benefit in your young birds, but it is when you come to the second and third generation that you see where your mistake is; you will find that you cannot get that red-hot colour on them that is so essential to the variety on the show bench. In-breeding, he went on, was a thing I couldn't fancy at first, but on being told that it was the only road to success I started with it, and am very glad to say that it proved successful. You will have to in-breed if you want to succeed; all that you have to mind is not to pair too near relatives; a little extra care in this direction will prevent the loss of stamina in your stock. I generally pair mother to son, father to daughter, grandfather to grand-daughter and uncle to niece. Mr. Cleminson said he could talk all night and then not have told all that can be gained by practical experience, but if he had said anything that might be beneficial to the novices present he would be amply repaid for his trouble.

CANARY BREEDING AT A PROFIT

An instructive lecture given before the members and friends of the Tong and District C.B.S., by Mr. L Hodgson, the president.

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OF course, on the state of my cages depends the method I adopt. If they have been recently done outside I use paraffin only. I am "dead-nuts" on red mite, as I am fully convinced that one-half the young are lost, when newly hatched, through these little pests. Perhaps it will be policy to represent the case as being much worse than it is, and then the beginner will be agreeably surprised if he finds it not so bad as was expected. The Canary is liable under certain circumstances to become infested with parasites, much in the same way as other animals are plagued; but with reasonable care and exercise this is preventable. Don't put your cages flat on top of each other; arrange them so that fresh air can get round.

Having our cages finished and supplied with a good covering of sand, or "bird grit," and a little old lime, and our seed and water vessels filled, we are ready for the reception of the birds. Wash your water glasses out daily, in the morning if possible. The next question that suggests itself is the selection of breeding stock. I do not mean as regards variety for a beginner to start with. One kind is no more difficult to manage than another, and good ones cat no more than bad ones. It is only too easy, even when at the top of the ladder, to make a false step and slide down to the bottom, but next to impossible to begin at the bottom and reach the top if the bars are rotten. The moral is, therefore, for a beginner to buy the very best his means will permit. If you want good birds and have not confidence in yourself, ask the advice of your older fellow members, and I am certain any member will be only too pleased and honoured to assist a new fancier. Remember we all started off the same mark. We have had to seek counsel of others, and are now willing to extend a helping hand to you.

In pairing birds, we usually mate a yellow cock to a buff hen, or vice versa, and this system should only be departed from on special occasions or under extraordinary circumstances. If your birds are losing colour, or getting coarse in feather, then you may pair two yellows; or if, on the other hand, your birds are getting scanty in feather or deficient in size, a cross with two buffs will bring about an alteration. Size is to be obtained from the buffs, likewise profusion of feather. From the yellows come the colour and fineness of feather.

To get my birds ready for breeding, I adopt the following. The breeding hens I generally keep in a flight-cage for exercise. About the middle of February I select them and place in the next compartment to their companion, so that they get acquainted with each other. The probability is, if you put them together straight off they will quarrel. I generally put the birds together about the middle of March. Ninety-nine per cent. of Canaries pair as naturally as possible. The Canary belongs to a class of birds which feed from the crop, and the first indication of the birds having come to an understanding is the cock feeding the hen. I ought to have mentioned that when I have decided on the matched pairs, I commence with egg-food, green-food, and mixed seed. For the egg-food I boil an egg fifteen minutes, take the shell off, and press the egg through a perforated zinc sieve. Taking a slice of loaf bread (bread two or three days old is preferable, as this crumbles much nicer), I crumble this along with four ordinary sweet tea biscuits, and mix all together. To go along with this I scald two tablespoonfuls of Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Food, and when cool mix together. This is nice and moist, and I find my birds do fairly well on it. Don't leave any stale food about, as this will bring about diarrhœa.

For green food I give preference to nice young dandelion. In the middle of the breeding season I give a good supply of dandelion flowers, and have found hens to feed on these when nothing else would tempt them. Always keep the birds supplied with cuttlefish bone, and when they begin to nest, a piece of mutton suet is very good as a preventative for egg-binding. A good thing in the breeding season is an occasional dose of Epsom salts. I scald a tablespoonful of this and add it to one quart of water. I generally give this about once a week. As a disinfectant, and to keep the room sweet, I have a few carbon balls placed about the cages. Or you can get a pennyworth of camphor and dissolve it in a pint of water; put it in a bottle and cork up. Cut a small hole in the cork so that you may sprinkle the floor gently. Don't be afraid of fresh air, but mind all draughts.

I generally run one cock with one hen where possible. At the beginning it requires you to keep a sharp look-out to see if the cock interferes with her during incubation. If he does not molest the hen, I let him remain. At all times go into the room with care and gentleness. Don't clash the door, as this is liable to make the hens jump off the nest when sitting. When the young are hatched, if the hen begins to lay or sit too closely on them, give a dose of Epsom salts, or drop a piece of Glauber salts, size of a threepenny-piece, into her drinking water. I have found this do good on several occasions. Remember, all birds are early risers; see that they have ample food. Mine are fed three times a day. When the young are 21 days old the hen will be thinking of her second clutch, so the young should be removed. If you have a cock bird a good feeder you will generally find him invaluable for putting with the young when newly taken away. Continue the egg-food and give an occasional milk sop until you find them able to crack seed. If you have any of the young looking "dumpy" after being taken away from their parents, give a fresh milk sop.

Many questions were asked and answered. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—W. Walker, Sec.

Correspondence.

Six Hens in One Nest this Time!

SIR,—I beg to say that I had a singular experience many years ago. Two brothers and myself had made an aviary about three yards long, two yards high, and one yard wide. It was well made, in every respect, inside an old building which had been used at one time for a warehouse. I put in the aviary seven hens and two cocks—Yorkshires. I gave them sufficient time to pair up before commencing breeding; and I put inside the aviary fourteen nests, so that they would have a good choice, but strange to say six out of the seven hens all selected the same nest. I tried my best to induce them to have one each by placing other nests around the one selected, but to no avail. So I let them take their luck. When the hens had done laying their eggs, there were 28. The nest was full and almost brimming over! All the hens sat one on the top of the other. The sight was good enough for a circus. I have never had such an experience, neither before nor since.

Skelmanthorpe. W. R.

[A good yarn, taken with the proverbial grain of salt.—EDITOR.]

Has a Bird a Conscience?

SIR,—Perhaps the following will help to bear out Mr Teschemaker's statement. I say birds have considerable reasoning power; at least my experience with Rooks has taught me so. On the Estate where I live (Balnagown), there is a large Rookery, which hundreds of Rooks have occupied for about twenty years. Three years ago, in the middle of their breeding season, the gamekeepers started to destroy their nests and young with the gun. A good number of the old birds were killed, besides all the young. Next breeding season not a Rook bred in that wood. The curious thing about it (hence my statement) is that all through the autumn and winter they roost in the Rookery, but as soon as the breeding season commences they adjourn to a neighbouring estate (Tarbat) in which they are unmolested, and rear their young. Does not this prove that they have reasoning power and a great memory. D. M. ROBERTSON.

SIR,—It is pleasing to notice that Mr. Teschemaker is grateful for a spice of humour. I have often appreciated his own articles, and those with a touch of humour have appealed to me most. Why should we take our hobby too seriously? Why should a fancier go through life with his hands clasped in front of him looking as meek as an acolyte and as earnest as a friar? For my part, I think articles written in the racy style of the Rev. Farrar help to brighten the cobwebby portions of our hobby and act as a sedative to our overwrought nerves and patience consequent upon disappointments in the breeding room. But to degenerate into seriousness. Mr. Teschemaker says that it is inconsistent of me not to believe in the Raven's Parliament while I know all about the Spring Assemblies of Rooks. I see no inconsistency in it. The Rook is a gregarious bird, while the Raven is a solitary one. The assemblies of Rooks are just as natural as the solitariness of the Raven; and because I have witnessed the assemblies of Rooks is no earnest of my acceptance of the fact that they meet for the purpose of allocating nesting sites. The Rooks assemble in winter, but it is no indication that they assemble to allocate sleeping perches. They assemble in the fields in autumn in search of food, but it doesn't signify that they are allocating feeding pitches. Rooks will fight for nesting sites much as they fight for partners and for food, and the weakest will always go to the wall, which accounts for the fact of one with a broken wing or leg being put to death.

Has Mr. Teschemaker never seen a poor outcast Sparrow being persecuted? I have. The mere fact of a maimed or ailing bird being put to death or otherwise persecuted negatives the suggestion that a bird has a conscience. If a bird had a conscience, wouldn't one naturally suppose that an ailing bird would inspire manifestations of sympathy in the healthy bird? Has a hen Canary a conscience that will deliberately and with malice aforethought let her nest of youngsters die, although they are old enough to cry for food? I know that many a time when I have had a valuable nest die for want of feeding, I have wished that hen had a conscience.

My own observations have led me to believe that some species are more intelligent than others. For instance, I have seen Thrushes and Blackbirds stroll through an open door into a large conservatory, and although this door was left open for them they have never had the intelligence to find their way out, but have flown pell-mell against the glass, sometimes knocking themselves unconscious. On the other hand the Robins and the Wrens always know the exact spot they came in at and will find their way out without difficulty. The same with Fly-catchers.

Among insects, perhaps one of the most intelligent is the bee, but let one get in a greenhouse and it will beat its wings against the glass for hours, while the way out lies within a few inches all the time. Yet, were we to liberate one a few miles from the hive it would be home again almost directly. It is a very complex problem. I am prepared to admit that there are different degrees of intelligence in different individuals—the case of Mr. Teschemaker's own Redpolls for instance, which bring their intelligence into play to get their own food—but when the assertion is made that a bird has a conscience my credulity calls a halt; at least, until something in the way of real evidence is forthcoming. T. JOHNSON.

Ardwick's Good Fancier.

SIR,—As one of the oldest members of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., I was extremely sorry to read the ill-timed letter of "Enthusiast"; and I was even more sorry to read that of "Ardwickite." Whoever "Ardwickite" may be, he strikes at our esteemed chairman, Mr. Robinson, through another man's folly—the right way to hatch dissension and strife in a society that in a few short years has grown enormously, and become a flourishing organisation through the untiring efforts of our chairman and a few other of our members. I can remember the Ardwick show two or three years ago where our chairman pretty well swept the deck clean with his first feather birds, and the judge (a noted man) wanted to buy some of them. If our chairman had worked less for the society and more in his bird-room he probably would have been far higher on the bench to-day. I hold no brief for Mr. R., but I do say that he is, with others amongst our members, a fancier first and an exhibitor second..

W. DOWNING.

SIR,—In reply to "Ardwickite," I must say that I am very much disappointed to find that there are contemptible people in the Fancy who take objection to such a whole-hearted letter as the one I first wrote, which was intended to do good, and not to excite petty jealousies. It seems to be a case of "dog in the manger." I trust the other members of the society will look at the facts in their true light, and not as this overgrown child has done. ENTHUSIAST.

[This correspondence is now closed.—EDITOR.]

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

SIR,—I was very glad to see "Yellow Green's" answer to "Buff Green No. 2." I think he has given him all he wants. The S.P. Club clique has been requiring a "blowing up" for some time. The above club is in the hands of "Big Wigs" who have plenty of tongue and want all for themselves. Now, the Fife Fanciers are doing their best to form a committee to meet the railway companies to try and get better terms and cheaper rates for fanciers sending birds to and from shows. If the Committee of the S.P.C. are working for the benefit of fanciers they should have taken up a scheme like that. I hear on good authority that the Fife members are down on the ring scheme and I hope they will not belong to this club until they drop the ring scheme. I am not a member myself, but had spoken to a member to propose me. "Yellow Green's" letter has made me think, and now I won't join. TRUE TO TYPE.

Letters from "Buff Green" and "Buff Green No. 2" held over until next week.—Editor.

The Song of the Nightingale.

SIR,—"Philomel," and no doubt others among your readers, will be interested to hear that in this neighbourhood (Maldon) where Nightingales abound, they cease to sing about the middle of June. Among my notes concerning this species are the two following: One bird singing at Hazeleigh on June 18, 1909, and two in a lane at Danbury at 8 p.m. June 21, 1910. These I have recorded in my diary under the heading of "Late date for song." (REV.) G. H. RAYNOR.

SIR,—Surely your correspondent "Philomel" has not been a reader of CAGE BIRDS long or he or she would have seen more definite information regarding the singing of the 'Gale, especially in the grand article that experienced and talented aviculturist, Mr. Teschemaker, treated us to last summer. I think anyone who reads this gentleman's articles and experiences must soon know a little at all events. Now, I live in a locality where 'Gales are, to say the least, abundant, and during the last three or four seasons I have carefully noted the very points "Philomel" is in doubt of. I have heard within a four miles radius of my house 15 on song this year and know of three others, and last year nine could be heard in one wood seven miles from here, a record as far as my experience goes, the previous greatest number being four, all singing within 300 yards. The earliest singing I have recorded was this year on April 26th, when I heard two on full song, but being confined in the workshop all the week I daresay one or two may have heard them earlier, as Saturday and Sunday are my observation days. After frequenting their haunts and carefully noting the singing for a period of three years I can safely say that it is extremely unlikely that anyone has heard a 'Gale singing after June 12th. I am referring to this district (Kettering), of course, as no doubt they may vary (according to situation) a little. Only on one occasion have I heard one after this date; that was on June 23rd, 1912, and I concluded it had been molested in breeding. I have heard approximately 45 during observation and have come to the conclusion that five weeks is a good average of the duration of their singing, an expansion of a few days (or vice versa) depending on the weather to a certain extent. With regard to the state of their nesting operations and singing I believe they sing frequently during the first half of incubation, but the latter half only occasionally, and after hatching never. I expect to be well criticised regarding the foregoing, but have stated the truth from personal observation on as many occasions as time would permit, paying no regard whatever to what I have read on the subject. By the latter portion of "Philomel's" letter I conclude he either intends or would like to keep a 'Gale, no doubt hoping to be charmed with its song, and as I have kept them and waited in vain (I am still hoping) for one to sing, a few words will not be out of place here on the subject. Firstly, I believe the number of 'Gales (caught or hand-reared) that sing in a cage or aviary would not reach five per hundred. Secondly, beware of the 7s. 6d. and 10s. Nightingales advertised at this time of the year on full song. They may be at the time of advertising, but possibly have to be caught before the buyer gets them. One fancier near here has kept them a number of years and he informs me that he has had them warble from late November until June, but has never had one on full song. I think anyone who has a 'Gale singing well and frequently in captivity would have little trouble in making three times the amount asked in some advertisements we see.

ARTHUR G. LEWIS.

Is this a Record?

Sir,—I have three hens and one cock Canary. I changed the cock three times each day, as the hens were all laying at the same time. They laid 15 eggs between them, and hatched 14 young and reared 12. The latter are all in one cage. One hen reared six and has started laying again. Is this a record for one cock? C. Pearce.

Young Bred from a Linnet Mule.

Sir,—I am writing to let readers know that I am the lucky one who has bred with a brown Linnet Mule and a Yorkshire yellow hen, and has got two young ones. The same brown Linnet Mule has also another Yorkshire yellow-green hen down on four eggs. This is my first attempt at hybrid breeding, and being successful in getting two out of the first four eggs, and having another hen on four eggs, it looks good. I have done better than I did with Canaries when I first started. My two young "Hybrids" are eight days old. I only bought the Linnet Mule last August, when out catching, for £1.

W. J. Mullin.

Liverpool.

Northern Crest Club Members' Testimonial to Mr. Hutchinson

Sir,—I have closed this fund, which the members of the Northern Crest Club have subscribed to, to make to our late Secretary, Mr. Hutchinson, a presentation at a meeting to be held early. I thank all members who have subscribed. The fund has reached £5 2s. 6d., after deducting all expenses. We all know that Mr. Hutchinson is well worthy of same having done a lot of good for the Crested variety when he was secretary, and by the way he brought the Northern Crest Club shows success, his name will stand long in the history of the Club. The date of the meeting is to be announced in the Fancy press, and I hope there will be a large turn out of members.

Geo. Dobson, Sec.

Can Finches Rear the Cuckoo?

Sir,—I can assure correspondents that the above is quite possible, as I have come across many instances of same with Finches and Buntings, and on one occasion found an egg in a Magpie's nest. Only to-day, being out on the moors for a ramble with a few friends, we came across a Twite's nest with the young Cuckoo about five days old, as near as we could tell, along with another egg of the Cuckoo, partly incubated. The young Twites were all dead, lying at the foot of the nest. Your correspondent will know that the Twite is a seed-eating bird, so I think he will agree with me that it is quite possible for seed-eating birds to rear Cuckoos. Other nests I have found both eggs and young in are the Yellowhammer, Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, and Skylark. I know a man here who has reared one of these birds very easily on the same food that he rears his Larks on. I might also mention that I have seen the male bird with three females, and watched them very closely, the male calling his note in the trees, while the females were feeding on the ground. The female's call is "coo-coo-coo," calling more sharply than the male, in a descending scale; and I am of the firm opinion that the Cuckoo is polygamous, the male bird running two or three females.

Percy Jowett.

P.S.—Being out with a friend with the gun after a Sparrowhawk, down at the bottom of a wooded hillside, we saw a bird come over the top of the trees, and my friend shot at the bird, thinking it was the Hawk. I ran and picked the bird up and found it was a Cuckoo in nestling plumage. I may as well state here that I know the bird when I see it, having stuffed both the Cuckoo, Kestrel, Merlin, and Sparrowhawk, etc. This bird was shot in September.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Macklin, I have had few opportunities of studying the feeding habits of the adult Cuckoo, but some 20 years ago, while I was slinging ink and bitter invectives against certain game owners for abetting the setting of pole-traps (now happily illegal), I, during the space of 12 days, removed nine Cuckoos from those instruments of torture and before sending the corpses to those responsible for their slaughter made an examination of the crop contents and found same to consist of various caterpillars and coleoptera, flies, spiders, etc., mixed with a proportion of earthy matter, the latter probably partaken of adhering to the food proper; no earthworms, snails, grain, or vegetable matter being discernible. No doubt this menu would be influenced by the nature of the locality (wild moorland), as also would the choice of foster parents, such species as Sedge Warblers, Hedge Sparrows, etc., being are rare as Pipits were plentiful. Coming to a more recent date and cultivated district, of two I examined one was crammed with the larvæ of the Magpie Moth and the other contained a small quantity of matter too far advanced in the digestive process for analysis. I have watched Cuckoos devour the hairy caterpillar from wild gooseberry bushes. With regard to the suggestion that certain Cuckoos favoured certain species as fosters, I have seen this theory advanced in a discussion on the colouration of Cuckoo eggs and while granting that there may be something in it from the latter point of view, I don't think the transferring of Cuckoo eggs from, say, a Pipit to a Hedge Sparrow or Sedge Warbler to a Redstart would have any ill-effect, a plentiful supply of insects being, I think, all that a young Cuckoo requires. But that a certain form of insect life is necessary is apparent from the fact that the Cuckoo invariably shuns certain species as fosters. That the line is drawn in a manner which is somewhat mystifying to us is demonstrated by the fact that though the Meadow Pipit may be considered as allied equally to the Lark and Wagtail yet though the first and last-named are common victims, the Lark never, notwithstanding the proximity and similarity of the nests, especially in moorlands and commons. I trust Mr. Macklin will pardon my scepticism, but over thirty years of close observation have not sufficed to reveal to me a single instance of a Cuckoo being reared by a Finch, and I, while open to conviction, want further proof before admitting that a Linnet in particular can perform the feat.

J. Steel.

The Recent Portmadoc Show.

Sir,—The reporter of Portmadoc Show has made a few mistakes, as it was a clear buff that beat Mr. W. H. Williams's Palace winner, owned by my little boy, seven years of age. He is a keen young fancier, and has won several prizes. He has now got a nest of five youngsters from the above bird, and a yellow cinnamon hen. Also the class in which he won was open. In the local class I think there were some really good birds staged. The winner was a clinking var. yellow Yorkshire which would have made good in the open, as he won in a better and stronger class. The second was a cl. yell. Norwich, splendid type, and well-known.

J. E. Jones.

Young Feeding Young.

Sir,—We had a nest of young Canaries hatch out three weeks ago; there were six. To-day I distinctly saw one of the bigger ones feeding one of the same nest, apparently disgorging the food just like its parents. I had just removed the hen, as she had begun plucking the young ones, and I suppose he was trying to help his father! I do not know if this is often the case, but I have never heard of another like it.

(Miss) F. Tate.

[It is not very unusual; similar cases were recorded in our last two issues, and are also well-known in wild-bird life.—Editor.]

Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. S. Stirk I have had several young birds about five weeks old that would feed what I call screaming youngsters (or those not able to pick for themselves) and in each case I found out that each feeder turned out to be a hen. It is all right allowing them to feed the others, as in all probability they would save a young one better than themselves, but in my opinion allowing them to feed stops their growth, as mine have all been small hens. I should advise anyone having such to separate them and procure a Filup feeder, they are advertised, and are cheap at the price. I have just had a pleasant experience. I had a hen which was bringing up two young birds, one being a cripple. The hen when they were seven days old died, and having no other bird ready to take them I had to hand feed, which is a task for anyone with birds at seven days old, as they have to be kept warm also. I sent off for a Filup feeder which came post haste. I had to keep them warm by bringing them into the house and placing them in the oven, with the door left open, or on the fire shelf if the oven felt too warm, covering over with a handkerchief. I mixed up some egg flake or egg and bread with warm water to a smooth paste, not too thin, adding a little grit passed through a very fine sieve. I put the cripple out of its misery, and have brought up the other, which is now three weeks old and is on the point of picking for itself. I can safely say that it is not a waster for size. Apologising for going away from first subject, but thinking it would help another fancier bent on saving a young bird as I have been.

A. Sutcliffe.

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Longsight's Good Fancier.

Sir,—I should like to pay a tribute, through your valuable paper, to one of the most whole-hearted fanciers we have in the Manchester district. I refer to Mr. W. Fairhurst (Longsight), for a more modest and generous fancier we could not have; one who is always ready with advice, and who will go a long way out of his road to help a novice. The only remuneration he expects is that you will treat your birds with kindness. I am sure I am voicing the opinion of all the members in the Manchester district, for his good work is well known amongst us. I think it only fair to compliment him now, and not wait until it appears in the Obituary column, which I hope will not be until many a long day hence.

A Grateful Bird Lover.

A Fancier's Little Daughter Comes to the Rescue.

Sir,—A faithful little bird fancier of mine (Miss L. C. Lynch) reared three young Canaries, from death to life I might say, after being only four hours hatched by the mother. The hen refused to feed them, leaving me three in a dying condition. I had no hen to put them under, as some were on eggs and the others had their young too large. I saw no chance to rear them, but to my

The little daughter of Mr. Lynch, who saved his baby Canaries.

surprise my little bird fancier took them in their nest, covered the little mites over with wadding and placed them in the hot oven in the kitchen range, with the door opened. Soon they began to get strong and she started feeding them with a little egg-food on the end of a match, which she pared flat. They began to get stronger and stronger. She kept them nicely covered with the wool in the oven for four days and four nights. I am very glad they are doing so well so far, as they were bred from my best birds. I am enclosing a photograph of my little girl who has so faithfully cared for them.

H. Lynch.

Queenstown.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

Sir,—"Fair Play" makes the same mistake as other critics, inasmuch as he accepts my remarks concerning the novice as applying to all. Not for one moment does he appear to have paused and dissected the raw material of the Fancy. Because I have declared that sandwiched with the real article we have to contend with the "weed," the "parasite," and he of the "milk and water" temperament, etc., and because I have suggested these particular types to be allowed to work out their own salvation, I am forsooth a "Goliath," a "Dictator," a "Napoleon," one given to "Limehousing," and my articles are pure "swank." When any critic reasonably proves such exist only in my imagination, then I will amend, withdraw, or tender an abject apology, as he may desire.

Do not confuse what I have written as applying to the fancier (who need not be a novice) who is content and happy in the management of a few cage-birds, and who has no aspirations towards the show bench, nor pretends to have, even though a useful member of the local society. He obviously has the same prerogative as I, to please himself, and has therefore never entered into my deliberation. Just add this type to the one who really strives to get on, and what I have written concerns all that is left of them.

I expect in sheer weight of numbers the novice is, after all, the real backbone of the Fancy. His financial support in contributions, etc., keeps the pot boiling. As societies we encourage all. With alacrity we accept the annual mite from him, alas, who endeavours to seek some pleasure in maintaining a few cage-birds in circumstances which hopelessly beat him ere he commences, though the best he can afford. In him we raise and encourage false hopes that lead him to believe he may one day shine with the champions. Heaven forbid that I should take a hand in doling out such hypocrisy. By all means encourage such in our midst, if so doing allows only a ray of sunshine into their lives; but why paint the picture, and why accept the hard-earned mite? What a backbone! What types of sickness! Who can suggest a better remedy than I have put forth? Who is there can prove I have made much ado about nothing? No, "Fair Play," I want a novice backbone with more marrow within it than the one you have in mind, before I admit it is "the backbone of the Fancy."

E. W. Allsopp.

Sir,—By this time, I should say that if Mr. Allsopp is still of the opinion that the novice is a candidate for that position where, according to himself, they toil not neither do they spin, he will have come to the reluctant conclusion that some of them know how to look after themselves. I have read his article, and I can assure him that it was quite good enough as an article on Norwich Plainheads, without introducing that portion where he moralised upon the novice's vicissitudes with a philosophy worthy of Demosthenes. I was astonished at his unrestrained candour, and I don't see that he ought to complain about the bricks that are wrapped in silk handkerchiefs, when the bricks he used were not even wrapped in sackcloth, but were thrown in a naked and unashamed condition. The novice is a philosophic chap, as a rule, and when he gets a knock, he generally—or apparently—turns the other cheek, else I should have imagined that that portion of Mr. Allsopp's article would have presaged a storm strong enough to have blown little Lucy's hair off, ringworm and all. It is difficult to get the novice to enthuse enough. Older fanciers keep on either dying off or retiring from the Fancy, and if we must replace them with interest, the tendency towards the novice must be to humour him, cajole him, if you like, but never scold him. No matter what Mr. Allsopp or any other champion exhibitor says, he is the backbone of the Fancy. Without him the Fancy couldn't live long.

T. Johnson.

The Future of the Cinnamon Canary Club.

Sir,—Having taken over the duty of secretary (pro tem.) I should esteem it a favour if secretaries would apply for patronage, also for our club show. I might say the members have promised to support strongly all shows where our patronage is given. The society has a few pounds in hand, and is willing to distribute same in specials in an altogether different manner this season. I may also say I would be very pleased if any of the Cinnamon breeders throughout the country would just give it their serious consideration and become members. I have noticed a good many exhibiting this variety. The subscription is only 2s. 6d., which is very low. I should like to see the Cinnamon Canary make a little headway. We had our annual general meeting on May 21, but had to adjourn until June 4. I shall be pleased to forward a report of same at a later date, for the benefit of distant members. Should any member who cannot attend meeting have suggestions to make, will he please forward them not later than June 3, addressed to me at 88, Abraham Street, Blackburn. I hope I may have a good response to all I ask.

W. E. Seed, Sec. (pro tem.).

An Excellent Method of Mending Broken Legs.

Sir,—On returning from a journey last autumn, my wife told me that an old cock Yorkshire was very lame, and had been so for several days. I went at once to examine our old favourite, and saw that he had a badly fractured leg. I visited a friend's hen pen, secured several flight feathers, and chose a suitable one, cutting a piece from the quill a little shorter than the Canary's leg joint. I split it down one side and removed the pith. Then I straightened the bird's leg, and slipped the now empty quill over it. The quill closed up and formed a very fine sheath (or splint) over the fracture. The bird was very soon on the perch after I returned him to the cage, though, of course, he had no use in his claws. We bathed his foot daily for about three weeks, then removed the quill sheath and found that the bird had made a good recovery in spite of him being in the grandfather stage. Have you, Mr. Editor, known of anyone using this method before? Previously to me coming home he had, the wife says, been on the cage bottom for days.

W. Downing.

[Yes; we have known of this method for many years, and have used it successfully—not, however, for fractures of long standing.—Editor.]

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SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Meeting May 23, Mr. G. Bates chair, and a good turnout. Schedule formed for the N.F. show, with 26 classes. It was carried that entries close June 17, but if any likely specimens turn out, entries can be taken until June 25. Stewards picked were Mr. W. Laxson, J. Robson, J. Mason, R. Callaway, A. Dawson, and J. W. Robson. Mr. R. Callaway was made a member.—C. Davison, Sec.

PELTON, BIRTLEY, AND CHESTER-LE-STREET (Amalg.).

Meeting at Pelton Fell Colliery Inn, May 23; Mr J. Stanger, chair, with a table show for British birds, all F.M., Mr. T. Elliott judged. LINNET OR TWITE: 1, 3, vhc, Wilford; 2, c, Davison; hc, Robinson. REDPOLL OR SISKIN: 1, 2, 3, c, Wilford; vhc, hc, Lindsay. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, Wilford. Next meeting Chester-le-Street, June 6, at Dun Cow Inn, at 7, when a table show will be held for Canaries, 4 classes: Nor. buff, Yorks. yell., Crest, and A.O.V. All birds to wear closed rings.—John Robinson, Sec.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Johnston's Hall, May 13, Mr. S. F. Wood presiding over a large turnout. Letter read from Fife C.B.L. Mr. Wood was appointed delegate to attend meeting; two new members were enrolled: Messrs. R. Jackson, W. A. Howieson; and four proposed for next meeting, June 10. Business arrangements for the F.F. show, July 11. A lecture was given by Mr. Craig, in which he gave some very helpful hints on the feeding and keeping of Hardbill British birds. After the lecture a hearty discussion ensued, questions came pouring from all round, which were ably answered by the lecturer to everybody's satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Craig, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—A. Berry, Sec.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting, 3, Priory Grove, May 13, Mr. M. E. Wilson chair. Four new members elected. Schedule for night nest feather shows was drawn up. Same classification for novices as for champions. This gives novices better chance for challenge cups. Mr. Tom Evans has kindly promised the staging. Season specials count at nest feather and old show only. Champions.—Cup, 1st; gold medal, given by Mr. Roberts, 2nd; biscuit barrel, 3rd; set of carvers, 4th. Novices.—Cup, 1st; gold medal, given by Mr. Tom Evans, 2nd; biscuit barrel, 3rd; set of carvers, 4th. Points count upwards. Ramble to Simonswood with North Liverpool C.B.S., on Sunday, May 31st. Meet 10.30 a.m. Walton Church.—Robinson and Burns, Hon. Secs.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Meeting, May 14, with good muster of members to hear Mr. J. Robson, who gave advice in feeding young birds. His system was to give plenty of soaked rape after the young had left their parents, instead of crushed hemp, and his mortality worked out about at 1 per cent. He described his method of moulting birds and advised mixing up crushed linseed with the egg food. Various questions were asked and answered. On May 17 the members had their annual ramble to Epping. A good number of members and friends turned up and an extremely enjoyable day was spent. The weather was very favourable and nests were found in galore. Heaps of nests found contained young of all ages. Then we had a jolly good dinner at the Blacksmith's Arms, and after a wash and brush up we continued our ramble homewards.—F. Onslow, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, May 14, headquarters, Mr. T. Rldal. For nest feather show the following was decided: Prize money, 3s., 2s., 1s., 6d. entry. Full prize money seven and over. Mr. J. C. Barnes judge. Open 4, close 8; bird staged 2 o'clock sharp. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Wilson agreed to act as stewards. Doorkeepers were also arranged. Specials were promised and allotted in all sections. After business a question by ballot took place which proved extremely interesting. Mr. Marshall had a theory of sweating hens. It had been proved by science that birds did not sweat, his theory being that it was nesting diarrhœa. Mr. Matthews had on view a Canary egg no bigger than a dried pea. The cause of dead in shell came in for a lot of discussion, the Sec.'s theory being that it was caused mostly by young cocks, the embryo chick not being sufficiently strong to break the shell. Don't forget nest feather show also June meeting table show, 10 classes.—C. Tomlinson.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Meeting and lecture in St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick; Mr Boothman, chair. Mr. Long, in opening his lecture, read to us a very old book on birds, which was very interesting and amusing, yet it must have been very instructive in the days of long ago, when the wild Canary was in full swing, and served to show the rapid strides that have been made in the fancy and the almost perfect pitch to which we have got our hobby. Next he turned to hints on bird breeding. He related how we had risen from the wild Canary to the present varieties, and how we had got the present plumage. Next he dwelt on Borders. A few years since this variety was little known in the south, but at present it had spread there, and also to the North of Scotland, and bids fair to become as popular as the Norwich and York-shire. Much of its popularity is doubtless due to the fact that it is not colour-fed, and judged for type, carriage, and quality of feather only. For lightness and silkiness of feather it may be perhaps muffled, but certainly not beaten; it is the pigmy of the Canary family, only measuring 5 or 5¼ inches. In shape it is a sort of a go between a Norwich and Yorkshire, being slimmer than the former and not so straight as the latter. Cinnamons, he said, differed from all others in colour of plumage, which is rich and of a deep tone; there was little doubt that the Cinnamon is a sport from a Green; further, it should be noted that the Cinnamon frequently occurs in every variety that possesses green representatives, and seldom in those that do not, such as Lancashires, Lizards, and London Fancies. The beautiful eye and wing markings of the evenly-marked birds, and light plumage of the variegated Mules, had all been attributed to its influence, so that, in short, we reckon it one of the most powerful factors in the development of the fancy varieties. The Cinnamon is very peculiar in its behaviour when crossed with other varieties, and many interesting deductions may be gathered from it; thus, if you wish to produce Cinnamon coloured birds of any variety beside self coloured, say, crested or marked birds, it will be found necessary to use Cinnamon bred cock, and unless Cinnamon blood is present in the hens as well, all the Cinnamon feathered youngsters will be hens. Regarding Norwich, the lecturer told us what a typical Norwich should be, and also touched on breeding for colour, as he thought colour-feeding was detrimental to the birds. Yorkshires, he stated, did not possess the same colour as Norwich, but probably excelled that breed for even markings. After giving us a very interesting paper, Mr. Long stated he would be pleased to answer questions, to which several responded, and Mr. Long answered in an able manner. A vote of thanks was carried, and so ended a very instructive and interesting lecture.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

At our last meeting we arranged to hold a night show of British, June 3, at headquarters. Birds staged 7.30. Mr. J. Lloyd kindly consented to judge. Members may make entries on night of show; points scored go towards season's specials. We arranged to hold N.F. show June 27. Final arrangements will be made at next meeting June 3, when we hope to have a good muster. Messrs. Pye, Simons, Hilton, Lowe and Butler were elected members. Don't forget the ramble May 31.—E. S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Official election for 1914:—Committee, G. F. Adamson 30 votes, John McLay 30, John Noble 28, A. Chalmers 27, C. Campbell 26, Wm. Paul 24, D. McLaren 21, Cram 20, R. Whitton 20, J. F. Dewar 17, J. McNaughton 17, G. Smart 17, R. Lambie 16, G. Shillingham 16, A. J. Howie 13, E. Barron 13; judges, John McLay 28, J. Young 25, A. Chalmers 22, G. F. Adamson 20, John Noble 19, C. Campbell 17; auditors, G. Smart 11, F. Taylor 8; sec. and treas., John Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen, 30. On the question of the adoption of closed rings, for 14, against 18, optional 1; 33 papers returned, 1 spoiled.—G. Smart and F. Taylor, Scrutineers.

COALTOWN OF WEMYSS C.B.S.

Meeting, Victoria Hall, May 21, Mr. James Coventry presiding. A report of the Fife League meeting, held in Kirkcaldy, was submitted, and a good deal of business was got through. We have been fortunate in securing the following well-known gentlemen to judge at our open show, Dec. 5: Nor., G. Arnott, Sinclairtown; Borders and Yorks, R. T. Campbell, Dunfermline; Brit. and For., G. McArdle, Arbroath. Will members try and turn out full at next meeting, June 11, as we intend having a ramble and want to fix a date for same? Mr. A. Storrar has kindly consented to give a lecture at League meeting held in Coaltown, July 4.—Hugh Clelland, Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters, May 20. After the ordinary business members settled down to listen to a most interesting lecture by Mr. Stevens on "The Norwich Plainhead," and its rearing and management, which opened a big discussion, everybody joining in, and only the call of time closed it. A most hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Stevens. On May 22 the first annual supper and smoking concert was held at headquarters for the presentation of prizes won during the last season, 32 members and friends being present. In the unfortunate absence through illness of Mr. Hawthorne, our president, the chair was taken by Mr. Leavesley. An excellent supper was enjoyed by all, and afterwards a grand musical programme was entered upon and greatly appreciated. Amongst so many artistes it is difficult to pick and choose, but perhaps the following were the outstanding features of the evening: Songs by Messrs. Warren, Miller, Rice and Suffolk; the Roe Bros., as comedians; W. Leavesley, a recitation. Mr. Everett, at the piano, rendered yeoman service. During the interval the chairman presented the prizes with a few suitable words. Canary section, W. Day, cup; W. Davies, medal. British, W. Brooks, cup; W. Hawthorne, medal. Mule or Hybrid, Mr. Heighton, cup. The evening concluded with "Auld Lang Syne."—J. Hardbattle.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Meeting, May 20, Station Cafe. Mr. T. Harrison presided over a good attendance. After business, Mr. Atkinson, Old Trafford, lectured on the Yorkshire Canary. He referred to the pleasure it gave him to know that Altrincham had again a C.B. Society, and with such an experienced fancier as the chairman, Mr. Harrison, and a sound committee and officers, it only remained for the rest of the members to make the new society as successful as it should be. In the production of the Yorkshire Canary it is essential that we should have fixed in our minds what we are aiming at. The fancier must take some lines of his own, but without experience he cannot arrive at what is required as "ideal." The Yorkshire must be first a bird of position, erect, fearless carriage, head, neck, back and tail in a straight line, and he attached great importance to this point; see that you have position in your stock birds, and don't fail to introduce new blood when losing in position. Head should be small and round, with narrow skull, neck thin, moderately long and straight, shoulders round, narrow and well filled, and the butts must be buried, back long and straight, breast round and smooth, body must be long, gradually tapering to the waist, legs long without being stilty, tail long and closely folded, short, close, tight quality feather, close, tight wing carriage with length, size 6¾ in., with symmetrical proportions. In double hulling for size there is a tendency to widen the skull; if it was that colour must be improved, he would prefer introducing green blood, although at present the Yorkshire was not so much a bird of colour as some other varieties of Canary. The lecturer then invited questions, and many points were raised, and all questions satisfactorily answered. Mr Broadbent, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Atkinson, referred to the able manner in which he answered all questions and to his very instructive lecture. Mr. Hickson seconded. The chairman thanked Mr. Atkinson for his kind wishes in his opening remarks. Mr. Atkinson thanked the members for the way in which they had received him. Next meeting June 3, Station Cafe, F.F. show, discussion and ailments of young birds.—C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting, May 16, Mr. W. Cresswell chair. Decided that schedule stands same as last year for Y.B. show. New members enrolled: T. Wilkinson and J. G. Wearis. Don't forget next meeting will be the last before the Y.B. show. Mr. W. H. Butler, South Shields, will judge.—W. Thompson, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, May 20, with a very moderate attendance. A discussion took place on the novice members' show, June 3, at 8, and the following arrangements made. One class each for Norwich, Mr. Hayling judge. Borders, Mr. Short; A.O.V., Mr. Hands; Mules, Mr. Pounsett. No entrance fee. Special for most points at the three shows given by Mr. Madagan; 2s. for 2nd most points by Messrs. Stubbs Bros., and special for most points gained by rung birds, given by Mr. Treasure. Mr. Toplin (Lewisham) who we were very pleased to see, kindly gave 2s. 6d. for the winning bird in the class with most entries. Mr. Pounsett opened an interesting discussion on "Staging," and threw out some very useful hints. This was well followed up by all present, and a lot of useful information was gained.—A. S. Treasure.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Adjourned general meeting, Market Tavern, Bradford, May 23, Mr. R. Halliday chair. Patronage was allotted to the following shows: Halifax and Dis., judge, W. Stables; Bradford East, W. A. Cowgill; Skelmanthorpe, F. Allen; Newcastle-on-Tyne, J. Stewart; Crystal Palace (Ramsden's), W. Mundell; Sheffield O.S., W. Mundell; Blaydon-on-Tyne, W. A. Cowgill; Manningham and Bradford (West), joint show, P. Mason and H. Sutcliffe; Bradford (National), T. Heath and J. C. Barnes; and Windhill, H. J. Chittenden. Decided to offer for competition in the novice section at all Yorkshire Union shows, £2 5s. in value, as follows: 1st most points, £1; 2nd, value 15s.; 3rd, value 10s. Intending members are desired to forward name and address for inclusion in the Club's handbook to—John Greaves, Sec., 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

ROCHDALE. &c., (Affiliated) C.B.S.

Meeting, May 16, at the rooms of the R.O.C. Seven societies were represented for the purpose of arranging lectures, etc., and choosing officials. Mr. R. Blincoe was elected chairman, Mr. W. Adams sec. and treas., and after a long discussion as to the best means of creating greater interest in the Bird Fancy, which around here wants stirring up a little, we decided to try a little variation in the lectures, etc. On a ballot being taken as to the societies having a lecture each, Littleborough and Small Bridge C.B.S. take 1st place, Rochdale O.C. and Rochdale Good Intent 2nd, Bury 3rd, Heywood 4th, North Manchester 5th. Decided if possible to get Mr. Harrison, of Sale, to give the lecture at Littleborough on Seeds and Their Uses, which should be a good one for this district, as they are so close to the moors and open country, where there is a good supply of different seeds and plants, etc. At Rochdale, Mr. Blincoe has promised to give a lecture on Judging by Points. At Bury, Mr. Perry, Heywood, late of Congleton, will lecture on British, which he has made a study of, and this is another lecture which should be a good one. For the Heywood Society, it was decided to get Mr. R. Schofield to give a demonstration on Washing and Preparing for Exhibition. For North Manchester Society, it was arranged to give a kind of mixed lecture on Lancs., Lizards, Crests, etc., as there have been so many lectures on Yorks. and Norwich in this district. We have a 15-mile radius, and we hold amalgamated shows, lectures, discussions, washing exhibitions, etc.; in fact, anything that will be beneficial to all. Times and dates of these lectures I will notify as soon as I have made arrangements with the lecturers. I sincerely hope that our efforts will be rewarded by good attendances. Decided to have a meeting after the Littleborough lecture to settle the other dates, etc. I shall be pleased to give any society in this radius any information, as our object is to try to do good all round.—Wm. Adams, Sec., 19, Bedford St., Rochdale.

SPRINGBURN, POSSILPARK C.B.C.

Meeting and table show, Reid Hall, May 13, Mr. Sloan presiding. Letter read from Fife C.B.L. asking to appoint a delegate to attend conference for reduction in railway rates, and Penman was appointed. Application from Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A. was read, asking to support guarantee fund for open show, which was supported. The judges for the F.F. and annual shows were nominated, also classification for same: 16 classes for F.F., and 76 for annual. Mr. R. Watson judged the table show, and Mr. Waugh acted as steward. LIGHT MULE: 1, J. Dunlop. DARK: 1, Webster; 2, Brown; 3, Stewart; 4, J. Dunlop; 5, Fraser. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF.: 1, Anderson; 2, Webster; 3, Swan; 4, W. Dunlop. BUNTING: 1, W. Dunlop; 2, J. Dunlop; 3, McCorreskon; 4, Crawford; 5, Fraser. FOR: 1, Webster. Mr. Sloan's special for best bird was won by D. F. Webster's dark Mule; Mr. Crawford's special second best, W. Dunlop's Bunting. A special vote of thanks to Mr. Watson for judging terminated the meeting.—T. Penman, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting Maskell's Hotel, May 21. Mr. E. A. Allsopp presided; the attendance was a little below previous meetings. Mr. Jepson reported he had been able, through the courtesy of the commanding officers of the 2nd Welsh Field Ambulance R.A.M.C., to arrange for the use of their drill hall, Newport-road for our open show in November. The best thanks of the society are due to Mr. Jepson for the interest he is taking in the society. Resolved that Mr. E. J. Banks judge Yorkshires, and Mr. E. J. Davies all others at the Y.B. show June 17. Decided to increase the Border Fancy and novice classes. Mr. E. J. Banks is giving 10s. 6d. for best bird in the show; Mr. E. A. Allsopp, 2s. 6d. in each of the Norwich, Yorkshire and Border sections, for best bird shown by a novice in open classes; Mr. Ball, special value 2s. 6d. for most entries; Mr. J. P. Gunn was enrolled a member. I appeal to all members to attend meetings in the slack months; also let me have their breeding results at next meeting so as to send same on to the Press.—E. Thomas, Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Meeting May 6 Oddfellow's Hall, Question and Answer night; the attendance was fairly good. There were some interesting discussions which ought to benefit all present. Decided to elect Mr. W. Cowgill, Bradford, to judge members' annual show, Dec. 12. The annual ramble was arranged for June 13 to Houghton Woods, when all fanciers will be welcome. Fanciers do not report a very favourable breeding season up to now, but hope for the best in the near future.—J. L. Heseltine, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting, 81, Kilbowie Road, May 21st, Mr. Morton presiding. Agreed to hold F.F. show, July 4; classification: Nor. 4, Borders 3, Yorks. 2, Crests 1, C.B. 1, A.O.V. 1, Light Mules or Var. 1, Dark 1, Hyb. 1. A communication was read from the sec. of Fife C.B.L. regarding a conference of societies in reference to approaching the railway companies in respect of the charges for sending birds by rail. Agreed to send a delegate, and Mr. McGown was appointed. Mr. Sheridan gave notice of motion for next meeting: "That we instruct our sec. to communicate with the secretaries of other societies in Dumbartoushire regarding the advisability of promoting an open show in Dumbartonshire." One new member was admitted.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John,** British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Borders, Scotch, or any other variety of Canary, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, he pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WILL NOT LAY (Cardiff).—Really, the best thing you can do with a hen that did not lay an egg last season, has not laid one this season, and cannot even be got to mate, is to discard her altogether as a breeder, notwithstanding the fact that she bred well in 1912. All hens do not retain their reproductive powers for the same length of time, and the probability is that this hen has come to the end of her career of usefulness as a stock bird, and to go on relying upon her to come into condition at this season is only to court further disappointment. You may, if you wish to try her another season, turn her into a good-sized flight, where she can get plenty of exercise; feed her on a fairly plain diet, and give an unlimited supply of half-ripe dandelion seed heads gathered fresh daily. Then, if she shows any desire to mate in the next month or so, give her another trial, which, were the case mine, would be the last she would have if she failed again. For the present, fill her place in the breeding cage with a last year's hen, in good vigorous health, that is ready to go to nest; whether with a first or second brood does not matter at all.

REMEDY FOR BLINDNESS (Richardson).—If, as I suspect, the cause of tho blindness is cataract, which you can easily tell by looking closely into the bird's eyes in a good light, when you will see that the centre of each eye affected is clouded with a milky-white spot, there is no remedy at all for it, so it is only misplaced kindness to worry the bird with treatment which is foredoomed to failure. If kept caged alone, the bird will live happily enough for the full natural term, and as you already find, will sing quite well, which is not altogether suggestive of misery or unhappiness, as birds, like humans, do not, as a rule, express sorrowful feelings by singing.

SLIPPED HIND TOE (Salopian).—Keep the bird in a moderate-sized cage alone for a few weeks, and for tho first week put in full-sized perches, which will afford it a comfortable grip, and see that they are made of a nice soft wood, and of the usual flattened oval shape. During this time put on and let the bird wear one of the rubber bands as described in reply to "S. A. M. James," in last issue. After wearing this baud for a week, remove it and substitute thin and almost round perches, only a little thicker than an ordinary lead pencil for the full-sized ones, and leave these and nature to complete the cure, which will occur in duo course. When you notice that the bird has acquired a good grip with the claw, not beforc, gradually increase the size of the perches by giving ono nearly full size perch, and later on a full-sized one in place of the thin ones

SEEMS AS IF LOST (F. G. S., Deptford).—I am afraid the hen is a very highly strung nervous woakling, and the curious attacks you describe are merely attacks of excessive nervousness. You would be best advised to make no further attempts to breed from her, as she is uot likely to do you much credit as a stock bird, and would doubtless produce, if anything at all, no end of tromble and disappointment for you in the future. Keep her caged alone, and see that the cage is free from insect pests, that the perches are of a proper size and shape, a slightly flattened oval, to afford her a comfortable grip, and that they are made of a snitable soft wood and not planed too smooth. You might also see if the claws are overgrown, and if they are, trim them back to a proper length, as badly overgrown claws will often cause a good deal of clumsiness and difficulty in perching. In addition to the seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a young growing stool of dandelion, or a liberal supply of half ripe dandelion seed heads, and add to the drinkwater 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for three weeks. Allow the bird to bathe as freely as it desires to do. Am glad to know the treatment previously advised was so successful.

A BACKWARD COCK (An Anxious Beginner).—The cock is not in a very forward condition, and probably the slight huskiness is responsible for this. See that you are not keeping them in a cold draughty position, nor where they are exposed to extreme and sudden changes of temperature. Beyond paying careful attention to these points, you can do little but exercise patience, when things will doubtless come round all right in a short time. Leave the birds together, and add to the staple seed diet a teaspoonful of egg food with about a third of the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it, every second day, and on the alteruate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, millet, and teazle. Also give two or three dandelion leaves daily. Add 20 drops of whisky, and five each of oxyuol of squills and Ipecacuanha wine daily for three or four days to remove the huskiness.

SITS CONSTANTLY IN NEST (H. Hedley).—It is due to a broken cycle of reproduction, and in an obstinate case, as yours appears to be, there is practically no remedy for it. You can only exercise unlimited patience and trust that things will run into a more natural groove in their own time, which may occur in some weeks hence, or again may not occur at all, in which event, of course, the hen's career as a stock bird is at an end. Try the effect of giving her a clutch of fertile common eggs to hatch out and rear the young if she will do so. This method sometimes results in bringing about a normal cycle after the young are reared, and may have this salutary effect in your case. If this fails, either discard the hen altogether or turn her into a good-sized flight, give a fairly plain dietary, with a liberal supply of green food and wild seed heads in variety, and keep her thus until next spring, when you may try her again in the breeding cage.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS (N. E. C.).—Thanks for your letter. It is gratifying to learn that you have found the advice in our columns of such benefit that your previous failures seem like being turned into success. As a beginner you should equip your self with a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager before the young brood is hatched, as this will help you out of practically every difficulty you may meet with in the rearing of the young.

PANTING AND WHEEZING (Jim).—A hen that pants heavily when breathing is certainly not a suitable bird for mating to produce good, sound and robust progeny. That is, of course, if the panting is not the result of over-fatness, in which case it is merely a question of reducing the surplus tissue. Try the following treatment for two or three weeks, and if birds are not well and approaching breeding condition in that time, write again, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, not the black rape, and in addition give a small teaspoonful of soft food with a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure, mixed in it every second day. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and every day give a liberal supply of half ripe dandelion seed heads or a freshly-gathered stool of young dandelion. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days. Then omit this, and substitute four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid daily for a week. See that the birds are kept free from direct cold draughts or rapid and extreme fluctuations.

LOOKS LIKE FAILURE (Giving Up, G. D.).—You say you do not think the feeding is wrong, but you do not say what that feeding is, so I cannot confirm your opinion on the matter, or otherwise. You should also have said whether the cock was left with the hen whilst she was sitting or not. I can only suspect from the informatiou in your letter that she ceased feeding because she was coming forward for laying again. As she has already had three clutches of eggs I would advise you to mate her now with the Linnet and give one of the other hens a better chance with the cock Canary. Leave the Linnet with her altogether until she has gone to nest, and disturb them as little as possible by avoiding all possible interference. If the cock Canary has been with her each time whilst she was sitting on the former occasions, remove the Linnet and take him out of her sight as soon as she begins to sit the next time, leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. Feed on a plain diet whilst she is sitting, and do not begin to give hemp when the young are hatched until they are eight or ten days old. On the other hand, if the cock Canary was removed when she was sitting on the other occasions, and the Linnet is a steady, reliable bird, try leaving him with her on the next occasion. As regards the other two hens, give them a small teaspoonful of egg-food every second day and mix in it a third of the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure each time. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and millet. Give a liberal supply of half ripe dandelion seed heads, or a fresh young growing stool of dandelion daily. Mate the cock with the one that seems most ready to nest at once, and when she has gone to nest, if this does happen, remove him and mate him with the other hen, and thus increase your chances of getting at least one of the hens to nest this season.

A VICIOUS COCK (J. G.).—Assuming the cock is energetic and in good song, his behaviour is doubtless due to his being in exceptionally high condition, and there are at least two ways in which you might utilise such a cock for breeding with the average amount of success. First, by mating him with a very strong and robust hen of a rather dominant persuasion which will be able and willing to return his Roland with an Oliver, and leaving them to settle down to business in their own way. In this case it would be advisable to remove him when the clutch of eggs are laid, and leave her to hatch and rear the young by herself. Second, by keeping one in each side of a double breeding cage with the wire slide between. Give the hen nesting material, and let things proceed in this way until the hen has begun nesting in earnest, and then allow the cock to run with her for a couple of hours each morning until the third egg is laid. Then take him away altogether out of the sight of the hen, and leave her to do the hatching and rearing by herself as in the first method.

CANARY QUERISTS

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH NOT READY (Young Starter).—Your Goldfinch cannot be long now before he is ready for mating. Perhaps he had a late moult, and you did not feed him particularly well during the winter months. You do not say anything about the feeding in your letter, so presume you are giving the seeds as frequently advised to other readers. Soak a spoonful of mixed seeds, and give him three times a week, also offer him a liberal allowance of dandelion seed pods; these can be collected easily just now upon any waste ground or along the country roadside. This treatment with a bath on fine days should soon bring him into breeding condition. Place his cage near the hen, so that he is able to see and sing to her.

WHAT ARE THEY (Devonian).—Thanks for your letter respecting the young hatched under your Canary. I quite agree with you that tho "clears" would be Canaries, and that the other dark skinned one is probably a Hyhrid, the colour of the quill feathers that are just showing are what one would expect from the Linnet cross. When they are old enough to be certain of the parentage, I shall be glad to have a postcard from you.

A BUSY GOLDFINCH (Learning).—There is nothing the matter with your Finch; knocking the beak on the perch or wires of tho cage is simply a habit which the birds contract for the want of something to do. Put him in a big flight cage occasionally, and let him stretch his wings, and give him a big bundle of wild food to amuse himself with.

WILL EGGS BE FERTILE? (Inquisitive).—If the birds have paired, which they may have done without your knowing it, there is no reason why the eggs should not be fertile. You say the birds have been together a week and a day, which is ample; in fact, fertile eggs have been obtained in half the time. You had better remove the eggs as soon as laid, and when you allow the hen to set, remove the cock to another cage, or compartment, or he will possibly destroy the eggs some day when the hen comes off to feed. If there are any young ones, she will rear them herself, after which you can run the cock with her for another nest.

BULLFINCH OUT OF CONDITION (Sutherland).—I am sorry your pet is not doing well, as you appear to be taking great care of him. You say you have examined him for insects, but the loss of feathers as you describe is indicative of grey lice. Catch the bird and hold him in the hand for a few minutes, and turn up the feathers on the body, if he has any of these you will see them running among the feathers and on the hand. He should then be dusted with insect powder, and rolled in a piece of cloth and allowed to remain in it for about ten minutes. Afterwards mix a little quassia solution with his bathing water, only a few drops at first, or he will possibly refuse to use it. Your diet of seeds, etc., appears to be fairly good, but to these should be added sunflower seeds, in fact, at present he should have about a dozen seeds every day. Make a mixture of hemp, niger and maw seed, and give him a spoonful three times a week. If he will eat soft food, let him have a little egg and biscuit or a cube of bread soaked in hot milk, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. Give him this three days a week, and in other days a small spoonful of Chemical Food in his drinker, first boiling the water or it will not mix.

REARING CHAFFINCH (H. W. Daw).—I am glad to hear you have been successful in rearing a young Chaffinch under your Canaries. As he appears to be doing so well you had better continue the same treatment. As soon as he begins to feed himself give him a little live food, such as greenfly, small caterpillars, and pieces of mealworms, gradually get him on to seed in the same way as you do your Canaries. If you can manage to drop a few live ants eggs or greenfly into his beak while still in the nest it will assist him immensely. When he is doing for himself do not discontinue the soft food entirely but give him occasionally a little insectile food as used for Warblers, or even a little egg and biscuit.

NOT DOING WELL (A. H. S.).—The great difficulty one has to contend with when keeping a mixed collection of birds in a large aviary is to give a suitable food that will be acceptable to all, and keep them healthy. What you had better do is to cage separately all the birds affected and feed each one for a time at least on the foods that have been found most suitable for them while in captivity. Bathe the eye of each bird that is affected with warm water, first mixing with a cupful half-a-teaspoonful of boracic acid This should be done daily, and all perches washed and changed frequently. You should also change all the perches in your aviary. Treat the Bullfinch that is weak on the same lines as advised to "Sutherland" in this issue, and I would advise you to procure a copy of our Nutshell booklet dealing with the Bullfinch and Goldfinch, these will enable you to secure for them the proper treatment. Add a fairly liberal allowance of sunflower seed to your seed diet for the birds in the aviary, also soak some mixed seeds and give them two or three times each week. You should also try to procure a good brand of wild seed mixture and give them a little twice a week. I notice you are not using any teazle seed; this is a mistake; for a mixed collection of birds it could be used in the proportiou of one part to three parts of Canary. Collect groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and dandelion and give daily. Make into good size bundles and hang up in the aviary, all the different varieties of seeding grasses you can find, change these for fresh ones two or three times a week. If you carry out these instructions you should soon see an improvement in your stock.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

IS IT HARMFUL (E. S.).—Most outdoor aviaries contain laurel, and I have never known harm to result therefrom; in fact, it is used largely, as it is one of few plants which Hardbills do not mutilate or severely prune, but even with Parrakeets I have never heard of any harmful results, though I know of one instance in which Madagascar Lovebirds cut the leaves up into strips and used them to line their nest receptacle with. They took no harm therefrom, and successfully reared a brood of young.

DOING GRAND (C. Hainsworth).—Thanks for appreciative letter; we are indeed pleased to hear of so happy a result in an almost hopeless case. Continue the treatment till the bird is in perfect feather again, and then keep dietary carefully regulated on the lines given.

GREY PARROT (F. S.).—Give a little boiled maize daily if the bird will eat it; boil till soft, drain off all water, and then stir in or dust over it half a teaspoonful of flour of sulphur. Give daily ten drops of cod liver oil on a piece of plain cake, biscuit, scone or anything similar the bird will eat. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water—of course, having the water continually in the cage. Give a little ripe fruit daily, any kind it will eat, also nuts (walnut or barcelona are best). There is less waste with shelled nuts. Cuttlebone and grit must be continually in the cage. The other items

HAND-REARING CHIFF-CHAFFS (A. W.).—I gather from your letter that you have had no experience in the keeping and handrearing of British birds before this season, and I fear you have chosen anything but easy Softbills to commence with; in fact, I would advise you not to attempt the rearing of these, but try your hand first with some of the more easily reared birds, such as Song Thrush and Blackbird, or more robust Warblers. To successfully hand-rear Chiff-Chaffs, you would require a supply of live ants' eggs for the first few days, then with these could be mixed a little hard-boiled egg and dried ants' eggs made moist by being soaked in warm milk. To this mixture should be added gradually a pinch of best quality insectile food, and as they grow, the live eggs could be left off, and pieces of mealworms, green fly, or small caterpillars given. The young birds would require to be fed frequently from early morning until sunset, just giving them a little at a time, so that they are ready for the next feed when you attend to them. All the food at first should be made rather moist with fresh new milk. So they require to be led along on easy stages until they can feed themselves on the best insectile food, and other delicacies usually given to small Warblers. I have given you the above to show you that the rearing of such birds is not an easy matter, and would advise you not to attempt it, unless you are fully prepared to do your very best to bring them up. If you succeed with your young Chaffinches, it will be good experience for you, and be of use to you when you attempt something more delicate.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.—Continued.

of dietary you mention can still be given. If the bird will permit you to handle it, rigidly anoint the bare parts with sulphur ointment. Spray or bath it twice weekly, using tepid water and a little quassia essence. Progress will necessarily be slow, but you must persevere with the treatment. Report progress in five or six weeks' time. Keep it in the coolest and lightest part of your kitchen when indoors, but, of course, out of draught.

AN OPEN WOUND (Bristo).—It is difficult to control a Cockatoo's use of its beak. I should say the wound was self-made, some skin irritation causing it to peck itself. There are only two courses open to you—viz., to put a bandage round, covering up the wound, but this I expect the bird would promptly tear to pieces; the other is to get a zinc collar made that would fit round the lower neck like a huge washer, projecting out far enough to prevent it reaching the wound, and not removing it till the wound is quite healed. The part (edge) of the collar which comes against the neck must be projected either by the metal being turned over, or protected with some material which will not fray the skin. Of course, it will have a seam, which must be fastened together with binding wire after passing the collar round the bird's neck. I should put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the other days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water. Do not give table scraps, any kind of sops, or animal food.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL, ETC. (C. H. M.).—(1) A seed mixture of canary, white millet, with a little paddy rice, crushed oats, and sunflower seed; but the canary and millet should form three-parts of the bulk of the mixture; such ripe fruit as they care for, green food, and a few live insects daily. The size and type of suggested cage would answer well either for a single bird or a pair, but I very much doubt successful breeding in a cage with this species. (2) Yes, Cardinals can be kept with Budgerigars and Lovebirds in an outdoor aviary. (3) I have never found Pekin Robins troublesome in a garden aviary, other than they are apt to take the eggs of other birds which will let them, but the Zebra Finch usually keeps them successfully at bay. Any of the insectivora, either British or foreign, might be kept with, excluding the Robin tribe. Also all the Cardinals would do with them, and any of the Bulbuls obtainable, the latter take considerable seed. Also Buntings and the Saffron Finch, Sparrows, and the Weaver and Whydah groups generally. Cowbirds, Marsh-birds, Malabar Mynah, Glossy Starlings, Quail, and some species of small Dove. Many of those named above are to be very cheaply obtained by watching the market, per our advertisement columns.

PLANTS FOR AVIARY (J. C.).—I give below a list of plants, all of which have been and are largely used in outdoor aviaries for all types of birds other than the Parrot tribe:—

Evergreens.—Common broad-leaved Laurel, Portugal Laurel, Euonymous, Spruce, Box, Berberis, Privet, Golden Privet, Rhododendron.

Deciduous.—Privet, Elder, Willow, Raspberry, Currant, Gooseberry, Roses, and any kind of fruit trees.

Creepers.—Rambler Roses, Honeysuckle, Wild Clematis, Ivy, Virginian Creeper, Nasturtium, Convolvulus, Hops, Wistaria.

Plants.—Cornflower, Marigold, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Michaelmas Daisies, Sunflower, Coreopsis, Dwarf and Major Ribbon Grass—also for the wild portion, Docks, Mallow, Cow Parsley, and all meadow grasses.

ARE THEY THE SAME (D. A.).—Yes, the Madagascar Lovebird has been offered and sold as Grey-headed, Whit-headed, and Lavender-headed at one time and another. The cocks have a grey head; the hen is an all green bird. To give any chance of a successful breeding result, the cage would have to be roomy, larger than the convenience of a living room permits as a rule, but in a cage not less than that of an ordinary Canary double-breeder, with partitions removed, a pair should do well. Give them occasionally the small branch of a fruit tree, with the leaves on, for them to cut up. A small barrel or large coconut husk might also be supplied. It would, at any rate, form a snug sleeping place for them, even if no attempt be made to reproduce their kind.

GLOSSY STARLING (Saywell).—A mixture of one part each dried flies, ants' eggs, sponge cake, and biscuit meal; well mix together and make crumbly moist with boiling water. While the bird remains thin, add about one-third of a teaspoonful of cod liver oil to the daily supply of soft food before it is moistened: the additional of the boiling water will thoroughly mix it with the food. A four-pronged dinner fork makes an excellent stirring instrument. Also give several mealworms per diem, and any spider, beetle, etc., you can capture. It will appreciate cherries and other English stone fruits as they become ripe. It can have any kind it will eat, also banana, etc. The cage must be large enough, so that when the bird is resting on any of the perches, the bird's tail will be clear, not only of the bottom of the cage, but also of the sides and back.

MEALY ROSELLA (W. Meager).—Probably the bird's condition is owing to improper treatment, and how can I suggest a remedy without being told how you have been treating it? Give me more information, and I will try to help you. In the meantime give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. A seed mixture of canary and white millet, with a few oats and sunflower seeds, should suffice with green food and fruit; with the latter consult its taste, and supply what it favours. Cuttlebone and grit must be regularly supplied.

WHAT IS IT? (Birdie Boy).—The names you mention are quite new to me, and there is no dictionary of vernacular names, and a direct search would mean probably hours of research. But I will keep your query before me, and if I come across the vernacular names will insert same in this column. It is evidently either one of the Falconidæ or an Strigidæ.

AMERICAN BLUE BIRD AND CANARY (B. F. B., Ohio).—If by American Blue Bird is meant the Blue Robin (Sialia sialis) then I should say the attempt at the cross would be a mere waste of time. On the other hand if the bird referred to is the Indigo Bunting (Cyanospiza cyanea), then there is a prospect of success, for the cross is said to have been reared somewhere on the Continent of Europe—Germany, I think. It would be better for the Canary to be the female.

SICK PARROT (A. W.).—As the case was urgent, I have sent you a postcard, and you must give the remedies named thereon till relief is given. The

Nests of Birds, Poultry etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

milksop is not to form a regular part of the dietary, but given as a medicine, and as soon as the bowels become normal it must be gradually discontinued. In addition, the bird must get the usual seed, fruit, etc., but be careful only to supply fruit, which, while being fully ripe, is yet sound. A little weak brandy and water is a good stimulant to give when such is necessary. Do not give any more castor oil at present. It looks as if it had got something with its food which has seriously disagreed with it. Shall be pleased to hear how it progresses.

WATER FOR PARROTS (Constant Reader).—It is cruelty not to supply Parrots with water, and I cannot understand a reader of CAGE BIRDS labouring under such a delusion. As the Parrot has been deprived of it for a time, you must only let it have a few sips at a time, two or three times a day, till it has become accustomed to it. If allowed, it would overdrink, to its own hurt. The quantity and frequency with which the water is offered can be gradually increased, and after two or three weeks it should be quite safe to leave it in the cage continuously.

COCKATOO (K. K.).—It is a Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. The spraying is quite in order, and should be continued, but not during dull cold weather. Keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose; a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water occasionally will keep them regulated, and on other days half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water, giving clear water once or twice a week. Keep cuttlebone, grit, and wood within its reach continually.

WILL IT BREED AND WHAT IS IT? (E. S. H.).—It is the Bauer's or Port Lincoln Parrakeet, and should breed in a properly furnished aviary. However, I expect in the end the Canaries and Finches would suffer very severely from the beaks of the Parrakeets, even if nothing happened immediately.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Aiming Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Goulдian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

As regards diet, supply a mixture of four parts (by measure) each of canary and white millet and one part each of oats and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep up a continuous supply. Also supply fruit, green food, grit, cuttleboue, and water regularly.

A YOUNG GREY PARROT (Field).—The "squawking" you refer to is largely natural—it sees food about, and, like most young birds, calls out for it. But do not by this be deluded into giving it table scraps. Keep a little of its regular food at hand, especially that which it favours most, and at meal times, whenever it begins to call for food, give it a little. If this does not check the evil, then cover it up at meal times till it has learned better ways. You have apparently established your bird successfully; it should do well and prove a tractable scholar, and become quite accomplished, as it has commenced so early.

INCUBATION PERIOD (H. A. Poland).—Thirteen to fifteen days, the former being the most usual. The Waxbills vary considerably in this respect. If your birds are in a garden aviary, unless they are being disturbed by other inmates, they will do better a little later. With all species of birds there are some pairs which make indifferent parents.

GREEN AMAZON (Mrs. A. B.).—If it was a talker when you bought it, it should have become accustomed to you and said, at any rate, a word or two by this. The young birds you procured at the docks are Senegal Parrots, very beautiful, but not talented talkers as a rule, though they usually learn to speak a few words. Many individuals become very tame and make charming pets.

INDIAN GREEN PARROT (Mrs. Hainsworth).—For the time being you have upset its digestion by giving a bit of everything. Stop giving at once egg and meats of all kinds, and if it will eat it, as plain a seed mixture as possible would be the best for it, try the following: One pint each oats, canary and white millet seed; half-a-pint each hemp, sunflower, and shelled peanuts. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. While you must not give tea or milk sops, a crust of bread or piece of biscuit is quite permissible when moistened with chilled water and dusted with flowers of sulphur. I should also give the bird twice daily five or six drops of cod-liver oil on any absorptive food (plain cake, for instance) the bird fancies. Keeping its bowels moving quite freely (not watery loose) by occasional doses (one teaspoonful) of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, every fourth day, usually meets the case, and when not giving the magnesia, half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water will be beneficial. Improvement will be slow and you must persevere with the treatment. You must not let the bird want for food by cutting off its indulgences too suddenly, but seed mixture, nuts, ripe fruit, green food, pieces of crust, biscuit and plain cake allow of an amply varied diet, and with grit, cuttlebone, and wood to cut up, fully meet the need of this species of Parrakeet. Report progress later.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. J. Gibson.—Death occurred from congestion of the lungs, not an uncommon occurrence whilst sitting, and is often associated with weak action of the heart.

Handy.—Inflammation of the bowels resulting from fatty degeneration of the liver. Give less rape seed, plenty of fresh green food, and an occasional dose of magnesia or sulphate of soda in the drinking water.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Acerington C.B.S.—June 4, Crown Hotel, 8. Classes for young show, rules for new cup to be competed for at this show.—D. Harwood.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—June 3, Station Cafe, 8. F.F. show discussion; and ailments of young birds.—C. Bailey.

Arbroath C.B.S.—June 4, Shepherd's Rooms, Mill gate, 8. Judges for F.F. show; members' subs., etc.—G. McArdle.

Ashton U.S.—June 2, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion St., 8. Arrangement for F.F. show; business important.—J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—June 9, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. E. Thorpe, "Our Society: Its Aim and Objects." No meeting Whit-Monday.—J. Spencer.

Barrington and Choppington.—May 30, Social Club. 7.30. Last meeting for new members.—H. Seely.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 30, Bird Inn, High Hold, Table show; Canary, Linnet, Greenf., Goldf., Red poll; new members invited.—J. H. Elliot.

Birmingham (City of) C.B.S.—June 3, Crown Hotel Hill Street, 8.30. Schedule for N.F. Show.—J. H Jones.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 3, King's Head 8.15. General business.—J. C. Bell.

Blaydon C.B.S.—June 6, Coop Library, 7.30. Consider annual schedule and other important business, local fanciers invited.—G. Havver.

Bolton C.B.S.—June 2, Joiners Arms, 8.—J. Gerrard

Bridlington, Driffield C.B.S.—June 2, 20, Prospect Street, 8.15. F.F. Show arrangements, etc.—J. Chadwick.

Bristol C.B.S.—June 3, City Hotel, 8. Table Show of young birds and British, Mr. E. A. Lovell judge.—B. L. Pool.

Bromley (Kent) F.A.—June 2, Co-operative Hall East Street, 8.—A. T. Bellinger.

Bulwell and Dist. F.A.—June 6 (room engaged May 30), 8. Table Show, all sections, young or old.—J Lord.

Bursiem C.B.S.—June 4, Barnfields Inn, 8. Important; members are requested to let me know the amount of colour-food they require.—L. James.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—June 2, Staffordshire Knot 8. Schedule for summer show.—A. Wood.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 3, Lamb Hotel, 8.—Novice Show young birds.—A. S. Treasure.

Chorley C.B.S.—June 3, White Lion Inn, 7.30 Important business; subs. due.—J. H. Welch.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 2, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, 8.30. Discussion and judging competition on the Goldfinch, opened by Mr. C. Cooper; members kindly bring a Goldfinch.—T. J. Hose.

Derby C.B.S.—May 30, Normanton Hotel, 7.45. Nomination of young birds.—F. W. Jordan.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 2, Headquarters. Evening F.F. Show, judges Messrs. Hodson and Cant champions; Messrs. Cole and Clarke novices.—A. G. Cant.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—May 30, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 7. Intending members kindly attend; subs. due.—G. T. Lynn.

Dundee (City of) C.B.S.—June 3, Doig's Rooms, 8. Judge for club show.—A. Law.

East Ham F.A.—June 4, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Members' 3rd monthly show, all varieties, hard or soft bills, English or Foreign.—W. Kite.

East Ham C.B.S.—June 4, Town Hall, at 8 General meeting; F.F. show schedule. All invited —F. Onslow.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—May 30, Black Swan, 7.30 To arrange for members' show; intending members invited.—H. Cockrem.

Fife Cage Bird League.—Meeting of delegates of Edinburgh and surrounding district C.B. Societies in connection with Fife C.B.L. scheme (railway concessions), will be held in Rooms, 142, High Street Edinburgh, May 30, at 7. Large attendance of delegates is requested.—J. R. Meikle, Sec. Scottish National C.B.

Fife C.B.L.—June 6, Co-operative Hall, Dunfermline, 5. Report from Conference; is it the League or each Society pays hall rent? Lecture by Mr. Wm. Grewar, Lochgelly, Norwich Plainhead.—J. Cordery.

Grangemouth C.B.S.—June 3, Reebabite Hall, 8.—J. Woodhouse.

Great Horton O.S.—June 6, Butcher's Arms, 8. Members' F.F. Show, judge Mr. J. Bailey; birds staged 3; fanciers invited.—J. Holroyd.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—June 3, St. George's Hall, 8. General business.—Pyman and Thornton.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—June 2, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. J. Hodder.—P. Brooks.

Halifax C.B.S.—June 4, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, 8. General meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hull C.B.S.—June 3, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. First N.F. show. On account of Bank Holiday the date is altered from June 1st.—J. L. Heseltine.

Hyson Green C.B.S. — June 4, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show; note alteration of date.—A. E. Moult.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 30, Borough Arms, Bath St., 7. F.F. Show business; very important.—G. Sidd wn.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—June 3, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting to fix date of annual show.—W. Ayers.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Schedules ready and other important business.—W. A. Symes.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 30, Y.M. Halls, 7.—A. Thomson.

Linton and Woodhorn C.B.S.—May 30, Hirst Social Club, 7.30. To consider alteration of show date; new members enrolled; subs. due.—J. Anderson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Meeting postponed till June 9.—A. Freestone.

London and Counties A.C.B. — June 6, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8.30. Meeting; questions answered.—G. G. Stubbs.

London Federation of C.B.S.—May 29, The El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Ordinary busin ss and a discussion on a National Federation of Cage Bird Societies; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—June 6, Sawley Road Council Schools, 7 and 7.30. F.F. Show and usual business.—G. Baines.

Middlesex O.S.—June 4, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Table show; members bring exhibits and enter at show.—J. Jefferis.

Mansfield C.B.S.—June 4, Daybrook Street School, 7.45. F.F. Show business.—H. Hall.

Nelson, Colne.—June 2, Mr. Fulton's, 7.30. Young Show, etc.—D. Watts.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—June 4, 65, Grainger St., 7.30. N.F. Table Show, classes same as specialist societies, under specialist society's patronage; members' classes for open show; schedules for N.F. Show July 4; other very important business; subs. due.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—June 4, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E. Young stock show opens 8.30. Judge, Mr. R. Brownlee. Fanciers welcome. Admission free.—Burton Bros.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—June 3. Pillars Cafe, 7.30. Table Show, four classes each section: yellow, buff, green, and cinn., judges Coppie and Potts.—M. Potts.

Northern Norwich P.H.C.—June 4, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table Show (four classes), two champion, two novice; specials by Mr. T. C. Crawhall.—F. W. Laidlow.

North'n Yorks. C.C.—June 4, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table Show N.F., two classes each section; allotpatronage; other important business.—R. Tindale.

Oxford C.B.S.—June 3, Welsh Pony, George Street, 8. Committee meeting; F.F. Show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Perth (City and County of) O.A.—May 30. Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 6. Meeting of delegates from around Perth in connection with the Fife C.B.L. scheme; also a meeting of members at 7.30, F.F. Show. J. L. Smith.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—June 12, Fleece Hotel, 8. Postponed meeting, owing to Whitsuntide holidays.—H. Raistrick.

Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S.—May 30, Tramway Centre, 6. Signing of agreement forms; half-early contributions due; other matters of great importance.—J. G. Shephard.

Portsmouth F.S.—June 2, Star Hotel, Lake Road, 8. Class guarantees; suggestions for schedule.—J. J. Kirton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 30, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Annual Show, place, etc.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Ramble to Luddenden Dean, via Ogden, May 31. Leader, Mr. E. Lumb. Meet at Granby Hotel, Queensbury, 12.45. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—W. Jagger.

Queensbury C.B.S.—June 4. Granby Hotel, 8.—W. Jagger.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—June 3, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Business for F.F. Show.—G. Lord.

Redhill C.B.S.—June 3, Watkins Hotel, 8. Members please attend with specials for young bird show. —A. W. Bacon.

Reading C.B.S.—June 3, Palmer Hall, 7.30. Presentation to late sec., a musical evening is being arranged; please note time, 7.30 instead of 8.—O. C. Smith.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 3, Temperance Club, 8. General meeting; F.F. Show business.—Wm. Adams.

Rossendale Roller C.C.—June 2, Swan Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Kilshaw (Bolton) on the Song of the Roller Canary; birds will be present; fanciers may bring friends.—H. Wantling.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 30, Mail Coach Inn, 8. Schedules for N.F. Show; also half-yearly sub.; entries for Norwich cup.—Taylor and Bailey.

Runcorn B.B.A.—June 5, Headquarters, Old Cocoa Rooms, 7. Table Show.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—Owing to Whitsuntide holidays, June 2nd table show postponed till June 9th; ramble till June 14th.—H. Woolhouse.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture on Yorkshire by Mr. W. Bingham; colour-food competition and specials for shows.—A. Hobson.

Stoke-on Trent C.B.A.—June 8, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Meeting one week later, owing to usual night falling on Whit-Monday.—J. Pitchford.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—June 2. Headquarters, 8. Show business; special.—J. T. Cheetham.

Southampton C.B.C.—June 2, Headquarters, 8.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show, June 24.—W. L. Page.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Meeting postponed from June 1 to June 8.—S. B. Grayshon.

Stockton on Tees C.B.S.—June 4, Little Regent Inn, 8. Business important.—J. W. Lowes.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—June 2, Village School Room, Alexandria, 8. Lecture on British birds by Mr. John Hannah; subs. due.—A. H. McLean.

Watford C.B.S.—June 3, 20, St. Albans Road, 8.30. Schedule of Young Bird Show.—W. Rackley.

West London F.A.—June 5, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, 8. Lecture.—J. W. Dewhurst.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' F.F. Show, judge Mr. J. Greaves, Mansingham; entries June 5, 8 to 11 p.m.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wallasey C.B.S.—July 4, at 8. Summons meeting; allotment of specials for season and perpetual shield kindly presented by Mr. T. Ashmole; also general discussion.—W. Hodgkins.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays the monthly meeting will be postponed until June 15.—G. Griffiths.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—May 30, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Council meeting; tenders for printing, Union Shows, and other business.—Horatio Hill.

L. J. Hibbert.—The post-mortem symptoms were consistent with those of poisoning by paint; it particularly affects the nervous system. Of course, I did not analyse for lead—it is a very lengthy and expensive process, but I have not much doubt clinically as to the cause of your losses.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Miss N. T. Cameron.—We have sent your letter to the "Racing Pigeon," as in that journal your notification of the capture of the bird is more likely to meet the eye of its owner.

G. Lynch.—It is not possible to identify the bird without seeing it, but the further particulars you send lead us to think it may be a hen Goldfinch-Canary Mule. Why not show it to a local fancier? The secretary of the Huddersfield Ornithological Society, Mr. A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, would no doubt be glad to assist you in naming it.

Merton Abbey.—The egg spotted with black is that of the Song Thrush, which bird lines its nest with mud. The egg mottled all over with brown is that of the Blackbird. No stamp was enclosed with your letter, as stated.

W. T. P.—The tiny pea-like eggs sent are yolkless, indicating that the hen Linnet is barren, or subject to some disease of the ovary, or that the ovary is inactive (i.e., not producing ova and their accompanying yolks) through the hen not being in proper breeding condition. If the latter is the case then later in the season normal eggs may come.

W. Harrison.—Watch the show advertisements which appear in CAGE BIRDS in due season and send for a schedule to the secretaries of whatever fixtures you desire to patronise. The schedule gives full details of the classes, prize-money, etc. The principal shows all appear in the "Show Dates Fixed" Column published in CAGE BIRDS (see page 459) and practically all cater for exhibitors of foreign birds.

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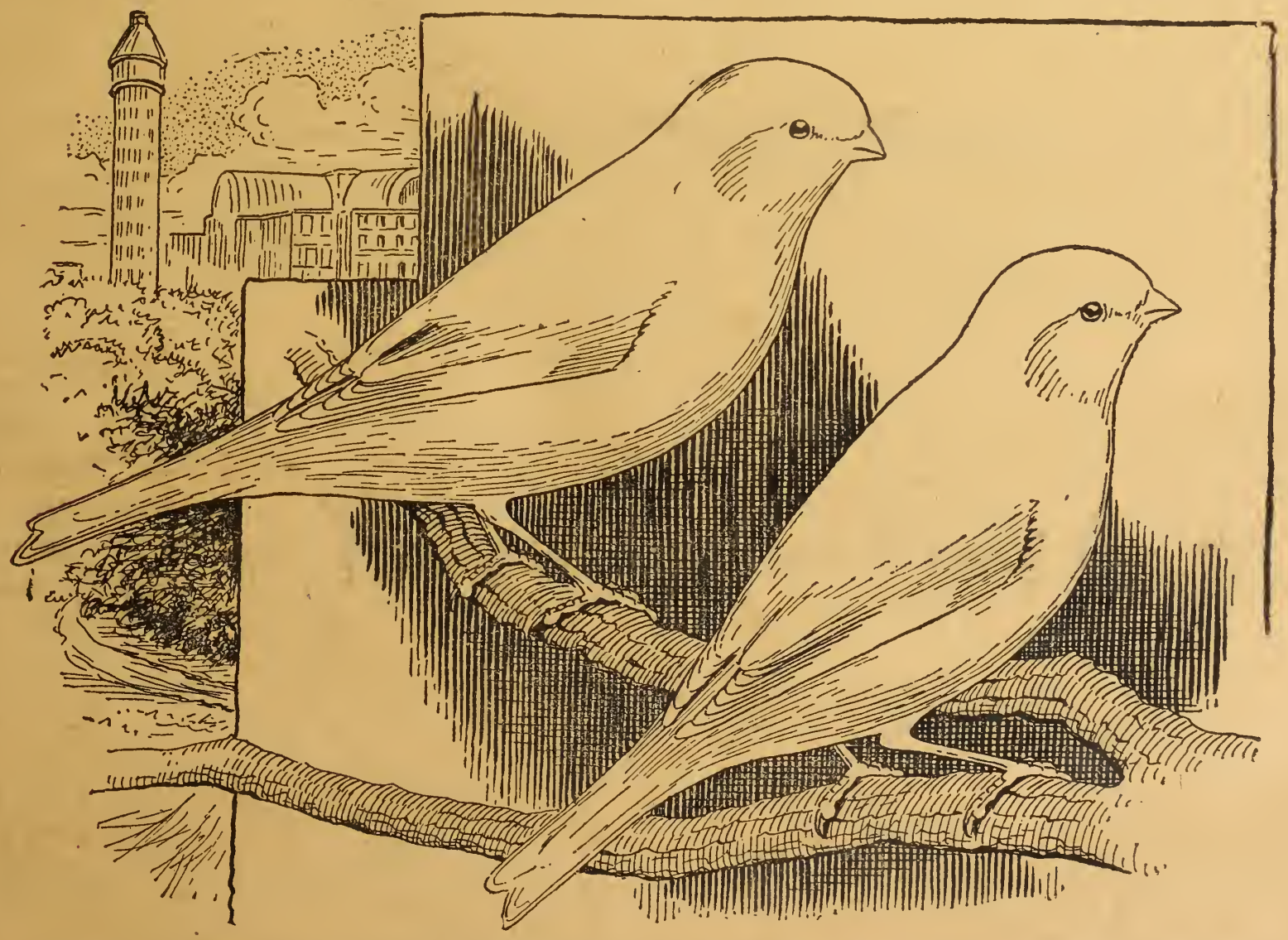

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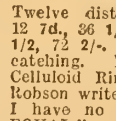

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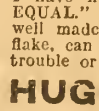

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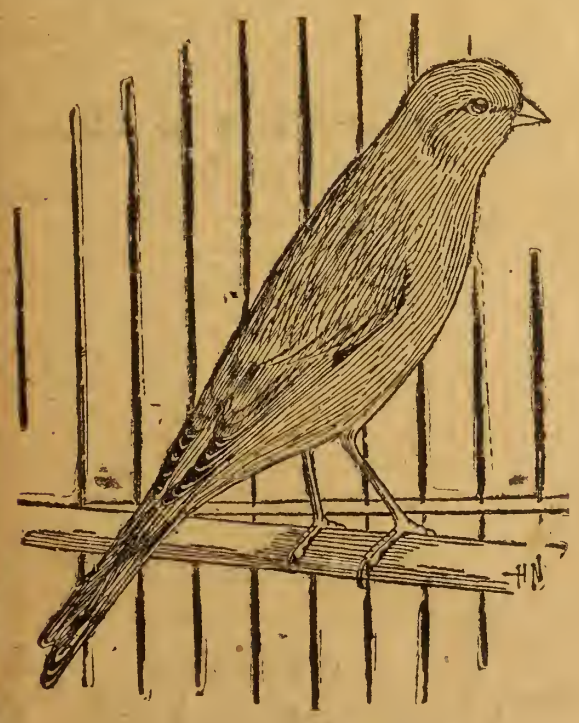

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Club Reports.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Meeting, May 27, Leightou's School, Heaton Rd.: Mr. Robson, chair. Members were elected: Mrs. Little, Newcastle; Messrs. Archbold and Lascelles, Seghill; Appleby, Dinnington Colliery; Gibb, Newcastle. Resolved to reconsider the classification of Norwich and Borders at next meeting in July (members please note June meeting is cancelled). A table show will be held, notice of which will be given in club notices column. Vote of thanks to chair closed the meeting.—J. W. Coutts.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, May 30, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Mr. Wareing presided over a sparsely-attended meeting. One new member was elected. Annual show provisionally fixed for Nov. 27 and 28, if the date does not interfere with any other contest. Secretaries of clubs would greatly oblige if they would let me know their show dates. New rule books will be printed and circulated shortly. The members present, with two exceptions, reported good breeding results for the first round.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, May 30, Mail Coach Inn, Mr. W. Brotherton, chair. Members turned up very well, it being the best meeting held for a long time. Decided to allow new members the privilege of joining the society by paying half-year's subs. from date, also that members must send on their entries for N.F. show to sec. not later than June 11, so as to stop members from bringing birds down in classes not filled. Mr. Brotherton is kindly giving a silver eruct for best young Yorks. bred by a member (donor will not compete). Decided to make a presentation to Miss J. Wall of a brooch for services rendered during our last open show.—Taylor and Bailey, Secs.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Spencer Hall, May 25, Mr. R. T. Dann in the chair. Mr. Geo. Gardner, although present at special committee, did not feel well enough to stay and deliver his address re "A Study in Antecedents," but promised to do so on some future occasion, and retired at end of committee meeting, with the sympathy of all present and a wish that he would speedily recover health. Mr. Dann said that under the circumstances he would ask some of the members to give their experiences in the breeding room this season, and a very interesting discussion followed. Among other things, the society have arranged a ramble to Epping Forest, June 13, meet at Junction Road Midland Station at 1.50, train leaves at 2, picking up any members or friends wishing to join the party en route. It is hoped that members will rally round and make the outing a success. A vote of thanks to chair closed a very enjoyable evening.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

FIFE CAGE BIRD LEAGUE.

Meeting of West of Scotland Delegates.

In connection with proposed National Deputation to Railway Companies, a meeting of delegates from the clubs in Glasgow and West of Scotland was held in Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, May 30. Present: Messrs. McGowan (Clydebank), Penman, Springburn, Bryden, and Molloy (Greenock), Erskine (Ayr), Wilson (Hamilton, Cadzow Oak), Davidson and Miller (New Stevenson and Holytown), Loudon (Port Glasgow), Holliday (Queen's Park), Fraser, Priest, and Hoggins (Partick), McLean (Vale of Leven), Wood (Shettleston), and Gibb (Glasgow N.W.). Mr. McLean was called to the chair. After the League's circular had been read, a discussion took place regarding the best points on which to approach the railway people. Special stress was laid on the necessity of impressing the companies with the numerical strength of the Fancy in Scotland, and of the likelihood of a decreased rate resulting in a largely increased traffic. Tramway competition and the possibilities of the motor van were also touched upon, and after an exhaustive discussion, it was decided to send Messrs. A. H. McLean, Bonhill, and R. B. Gibb, Govan, to represent the West of Scotland clubs at the final conference in Edinburgh, June 20, expenses to be defrayed by a levy of a few coppers on each of the clubs in the district. It was left to Mr. Gibb to draw up a summary of the various points for use at the Edinburgh conference.—R. B. Gibb.

Meeting of Perth and District Delegates.

Meeting of the delegates in and around Perth, May 30, in Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, Perth, Mr. A. Law (Dundee) chair. The chairman said he was sorry to see so few of the delegates (only four) present—Mr. J. Crabb (Brechin), Mr. A. Law and companion (Dundee). The Perth Sec. read a letter from sec. of Fife C.B.L., but with so few present we could not decide what to do. Mr. Smith was asked to go to Edinburgh, if his society would allow him. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to chair.—J. S. Smith, Sec. (120, High Street, Perth).

Meeting of Delegates at Edinburgh.

A well-attended and representative body of delegates from the Cage Bird Societies and Specialist Clubs in Edinburgh, Fife, Clackmannanshire, and the Midlands met in the room, 142, High-street, [illegible] to consider the question of railway fares for live birds, and to take up the scheme formulated by the Fife Cage Birds League. Mr. A. Watson (Edinburgh C.B.S.) chair. The chairman, along with the League secretary (Mr. Cordery) and Mr. Campbell (Dunfermline) outlined the scheme, while Mr. Storrar (Coaltown-of-Wemyss) placed before the meeting a copy of the scheme (similar to the Scottish scheme) which was drawn up a few years ago by the English Cage Bird Union. The meeting was pleased to have read to them the following telegram addressed to the Scottish National secretary (Mr. Meikle): "London Federation of Cage Birds Societies will co-operate re railway concessions," sent through their secretary, Mr. Birch, was read. The meeting, which lasted close on two hours, took to considering the various concessions likely to be asked from the railway companies, and the best means of approaching them. As nothing definite will be done until June 20, when all the delegates from the various conferences meet in Edinburgh for the final meeting, it is earnestly requested that any suggestion bearing on this scheme from any society should be forwarded in good time. It is also to be hoped that each individual fancier will support the various societies and clubs in his district, so that we will go forward with a strong hand to request (nay, demand) redress from the railway companies; we have nothing to lose, but a great deal to gain through these concessions. The following took part in the discussion, and each reported that he carried the unanimous support of his society: Messrs. Winter and Lumsden (Edinburgh), Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Mr. P. Arnott (Alloa), Mr. A. Robertson (Cowdenbeath), Messrs. Cordery and Robertson (Kelty), Mr. Wildridge (Lochgelly), Mr. Storrar (Coaltown-of-Wemyss), Mr. Moffat (Musselburgh), Messrs. A. Watt and Campbell (Dunfermline), Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith), Mr. Watson (Leith), Mr. Smart (Loanhead), and who as secretary represented the Border Fancy Club. Also representatives from East Lothian, Haddington, and Dunbar. As Mr. Cordery, the League secretary, has been indisposed for some time, he is now advised, and hopes within a few days, to be recuperating in the West Kilbride Home, the delegates in Edinburgh prevailed upon me to undertake his duties in his absence, so will secretaries and others please note that all communications intended for the Fife League should be addressed to me at 19, Rolland-street, Dunfermline.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec. (pro. tem.).

GLASGOW (East End) O.A.

Meeting May 26, at 82, Old Dalmarnock-road, Bridgeton, president (Mr. A. McMillan) in the chair, and a large turn-out of members. We had a very good entry for our F.F. show, which takes place at our next meeting, and we got a few new members which brings our membership up to a fairly good number.—D. Burnett, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Successful meeting held May 27, President Harrison in the chair. Sec. reported profit of 25s. on last two evening shows. Judges selected for young stock and annual shows: Messrs. Widders, Wiggins, and Hoiles elected members. Mr. J. S. Clarke gave a most interesting lecture on "British Bird Life," for which he was heartily thanked.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Meeting May 25, Mr. J. Roberts chair. Mr. J. Jefferies, Southall, was elected to judge annual show Nov. 5 and 6. N.F. show to be held July 8; no judge selected for this at present. Then came a pleasant part of the evening. Mr. Broadbridge, our late secretary, was presented by the members with a very handsome clock as a small token of gratitude for the very able way he has carried out the duties during his time of office. All were very sorry to lose him, but owing to business pressure it was unavoidable.—T. Monday, Sec.

SCOTTISH NORWICH P.C.

Committee meeting held in Edinburgh on May 30, Mr. Aitchison in the chair. Mr. Andrew Sloan (Glasgow) was elected president, and Messrs. Grewar (Lochgelly), Maxwell (Glasgow), and Winter (Edinburgh) vice-presidents. Admitted as members: J. A. Murray (Ayr), Wm. Blacklock (Airdrie), Wm. Ritchie (Bannockburn), John Irvine (Stranraer), R. McEwan (Larkhall), A. Crawford, J. Fulton, Oliver Begg, John Black and W. Wyllie (Glasgow), G. Smart (Carnyle), and J. Nelson (Edinburgh). The chairman intimate that the reason of the annual general meeting being so late this year was that the late secretary (Mr. John Brown) had been ill and off work at the time when his arrangements for the meeting were being completed, and thereafter his mother became seriously ill and died, thus further delaying what he had hoped to accomplish. No one under the circumstances need therefore attach blame or seek to misconstrue intention. Had events been normal, the meeting would have been held at the usual time of year. This statement is made for the benefit of the members not acquainted with the true facts, and to correct any wrong impressions that may have been gathered from the writings of irresponsible persons. Next committee meeting in Glasgow early in August. Open show patronage will then be allocated. Secretaries of open shows desirous of our patronage might kindly communicate as early as possible. Local clubs, having eight members who are members of this club, desirous of a club silver medal, might also apply as early as possible. Fanciers anxious to join should write for particulars.—E. Barron, Sec. (119, Montrose Street, Glasgow).

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, headquarters, May 25; Mr. Newley in the chair, and a fair number present. Decided that sec. should proceed as quickly as possible with the club's manual, and ask all members to have a small advertisement in same to help to defray cost of printing, and I should be obliged if members would let me have particulars as early as possible. The rates are 5s. per page, 3s. half page, breeders' cards 1s. 6d. A proposal was adopted that the holder of club cup should receive a miniature of same on returning cup to the club, and Mr. Newley kindly offered to give one to the holder of his cup. Specials for competition at the patronage shows during the coming season were then discussed, and it was decided that the following specials should be put up:—The S.B.F.C. cup for most points throughout the season, not more than three birds to be nominated at each patronage show; the Newley cup for most points at patronage shows by birds exhibited in cages purchased from Mr. R. A. Newley, confined to members of the S.B.F.C.; silver spoon at each show for best bird shown by a member; 2s. 6d. for best vhe bird; 2s. 6d. for best novice at each show; 10s. 6d. sp most points by a novice at patronage shows throughout the season; four 10s. specials presented by Mr. R. A. Newley for sealed handicap; a breakfast cruet in each section for the member making most entries and gaining least points at the whole of patronage shows, presented by Mr. G. H. Pratt, Exmouth. I hope by the time the books go to print that there will be additions to this list. Will members who have already signified their intention of giving a special and have not yet let me have particulars either send on particulars and allow the committee to allot as they think best or allot it themselves to some class or classes that are not yet provided for. I should like to get as many as possible printed in the year book, as I hope by showing a good list of specials we may induce some of those Southern fanciers still outside the club to join us.—F. W. Burton, Hon. Sec.

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July 15-16.—**Bath.**—(Wm. Dutch, The Red House.)
Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.). J.W.M., W.B.
Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)
Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.
Oct. 10.—**Crewe O.S.**—(N. L. Croft, 38, Cemetery Rd.) C.H.
Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)
Oct. 16-17.—**Burnley C.B.S.**—(G. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.C.B., C.A.H.
Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)
Oct. 21. **Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.
Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.
Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St., Oxford.). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 46, Woodhead Rd., Birchcshead, Hanley.)
Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.
Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton. S.W.)
Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.
Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).
Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.
Nov. 3-4.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(G. Griffiths, The Yews, Morden Park, Surrey). J.R., H.N., H.P.
Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.
Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Bartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)
Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.
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Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.
Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).
Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 6, Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings.)
Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).
Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.
Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)
Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).
Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.
Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.
Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tinsmore St., Ellingham St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 24-28.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.
Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.) J.T., E.J.R., A.C., R.L.C., F.E., J.R., A.S., C.P., J.D., A.J.M.
Nov. 26.—**Grantham C.B.S.**—(H. Lowther, 44, Cambridge St.) W.P.B.
Nov. 27-28.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(H. Whitney, 10, Brook St.) A.H., E.B.
Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)
Nov. 28-30.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(G. Siddown, 45, Lower Granby St.) W.V., C.H.
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Dec. 3.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.
Dec. 4-5.—**Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)
Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildan Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).
Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.
Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).
Dec. 12.—**Burslem C.B.S.**—(L. James, 48, Croft St.)
Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.).
Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.
Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(W. Harrison, 45, Darlington St.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L., R.W., J. McL.
Oct. 16-17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Scots. Fancy and Belgians, J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen; remr., R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mt. Florida, Glasgow.)
Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)
Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)
Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)
Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).
Oct. 31.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison St.)
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)
Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.
Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton, 25, Orchard St.)
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Nov. 20-21.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.)
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Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place) G.C.T.H., D.H., C.M., J.L., A.F., J.H., J.M.
Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)
Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).
Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.
Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.).
Nov. 25.—**Pontypridd F. & F.S.**—(A. A. G. M'Lucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.)
Dec. 3.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Richards, Cardiff Arms Hotel, Treorchy.)
Jan. 12.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) J.R., H.N.

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)
Dec. 4-5.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street.)
Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Meeting, May 28, All Hallows Schoolroom, East India Dock Road. Mr. T. G. Hunt gave his lecture on "Colour-feeding." A letter from Mr. Yeo, M.P., added a nice touch of colour to the meeting, and was a pleasant surprise to the members. In his letter Mr. Yeo mentioned his interest in cage birds, and said that he kept some twenty or more; it was a pleasure for him to do something tangible for the society, and this took the form of a challenge cup, which it has been decided to call the Yeo perpetual challenge cup, to carry with it a gold-centred medal, given by the society each year. This brings the total number of cups to ten. Mr. Hunt said during his lecture that although colour plays an important part on the show bench, yet to obtain colour one must breed as well as feed for it. He commenced by pairing a ticked and variegated yellow together, and when the young were eight weeks old he commenced to colour-feed them. He found that Spratt's cod liver oil food was very beneficial; to each cup of unsoaked oil food he added five spoonfuls of colour-food. After soaking the cod liver oil food increased its bulk to two cupfuls, to which he added one spoonful of ground rice, and twice a week he gave a piece of tincture of iron as large as a split pea in the drinking water. Meetings are held the last Thursday in the month as above; all fanciers and friends are welcome.—F. H. Marhoff, Hon. Assist. Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The Council met at Market Tavern, Bradford, May 30; Mr. Wm. Cruise, president, in chair, Laisterdyke and Queensbury Societies signified their intention not to hold an open annual show as previously balloted for, and were allowed to withdraw by paying their equal share of judges' fees. Manningham and Bradford West Societies asked permission of the Council to hold a joint open show, Nov. 21, and same was granted, as was an additional motion that Bradford West move up two show dates next year in the usual order, from their present show date. A defaulting member was reported by the Shipley Society, and same was allowed to stand over to the next Council meeting. Idle and District C.B.S. made application to become members of the Union, and this was unanimously granted. Tenders for the printing of Union handbooks and show rules were considered, and the tender from Messrs. Moorhouse and Hodgson accepted. President kindly promised 10s., 7s., and 4s., to the three next competitors in the Union novice classes (Yorkshire Section) to the medal winners; same was accepted with thanks. President thanked the delegates for their attention and attendance. Space for adverts. in the Union handbook still at liberty, 7/6 full page, 3/9 half page, 2/6 one-third page, 2/- quarter page, and 1/- breeders' cards, same will be accepted to June 27th.—H. Hill, Sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Half-yearly meeting, Nelson Temperance Hotel, May 19; Mr. J. F. Park, president, in chair, with a good attendance. Correspondence having been dealt with, a report re guarantee fund was submitted, and the following clubs supporting same, viz., Partick, Glasgow and West, North West, West of Scotland, Queen's Park, and Springburn. Shettleston and Glasgow West End left it to their members' option to subscribe. Decided to add two unflighted variegated classes to Norwich section, delete two old bird classes in Crest section, and insert two young bird classes. Judges were nominated and appointed. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting, May 26, Mr. T. Barclay, chair. Agreed to apply for club's patronage; collectors for the year were appointed; agreed to give shopkeepers advertisements on schedule as formerly, but if any require a page, to give same for 5s. Secretary was instructed to hook Masonic Hall for club show, January 16. A petition was read from Fife C.B.L. re carriage of birds. John Robertson was appointed to attend meeting about same at Edinburgh. Report of last league meeting was read by secretary, and delegates instructed accordingly. Members are of the opinion that the method of stewarding at open show was quite satisfactory—that is, each section be stewarded by the men of that variety.—A. Dickson, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, May 13. Chairman Mr. A. Holden presided. Decided to hold a table show at next meeting, June 10, with two classes each for all varieties of Canaries, 1 Mule (all N.F.), Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, Goldfinch, Bullfinch or Greenfinch, A.O.V., For., fee 3d. per cage. Mr. Tindle will give 2s. 6d. for best bird. Decided to ask Mr. Crawhall to judge, also to add eight classes for Crests to schedule of open show. The same have been guaranteed by Mr. Martin, Gateshead, and we look forward to exhibitors sending as many entries as possible, so as this gentleman will not be out of pocket through his sporting spirit. Mr. Geo. Dobson (Dobson and Son) was selected as our fourth judge. Decided to ask for patronage of all the local specialist clubs where our classification meets with their requirements, along with the Crested C.C., Green Borders, National British Bird and M.C., and Foreign B.C. The rest of the evening was given to questions on breeding and rearing, and these proved to be very interesting, as hardly two members used the same methods. Members elected: Messrs. Howe and Tallantyre, Haltwhistle; Mr. McNay, Birtley; and Mr. Adams, Low Fell. Subs. are due.—W. Curry, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, May 21, Mr. G. Harrison chair. The arrangement for N.F. show, June 20, was discussed; decided to provide three classes for Canary section, viz., Yorks, Nor., and Bord.; seven for British, Mule and Hybrid, and one class for foreign. Questions and answers relative to cage birds in the breeding season were greatly appreciated, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Jeffreys, Mrs. Mulles, and Mrs. Bond were much interested. Three new members were nominated. A good entry for the coming show is fully expected, and members are especially requested to enter as many birds as possible; all points count for cups and medals. Schedules will be posted in a few days; subs. now due; members please note.—H. F. Bowring, Hon. Sec.

BANGOR C.B.S.

Annual meeting May 20, under the presidency of Mr. S. Shannon. Officers appointed for 1914-15: Pres., Mr. John M'Meekan, J.P.; vice-pres., Miss E. S. Corry, Messrs. Mitchell, Thomson, M.P.; Thos. Wilson, U.D.C.; Wm. Marshall, Geo. Matthews; chair, Mr. Hugh Brennan; sec., Mr. S. Shannon; treas., Mr. Geo. Absolom; committee, Messrs. W. J. M'Conaghie, D. Carleton, D. Beattie, Fred. Clawson and D. E. Alexander. Date of annual show fixed for Jan. 7 and 8. Sec. pointed out that the club was in a most flourishing condition, and hoped members would do their best to attract new members. The fee was only 1s. a quarter. Quite a number of bird fanciers and breeds in Bangor so far had stood apart from the society. It was a pity that this should be, as their club was founded for the purpose of encouraging the Fancy and creating healthy emulation amongst the members in order to improve their stock. He was glad that some of the members had had a very successful opening to the breeding season, and those who had started badly were promising better in their second rouud.

Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

Details of Club Show, Open to All, with Separate Classes for Popular Birds.

The Foreign Bird E.L. has decided to hold its club show under the auspices of the L.C.B.A., at the Horticultural Hall on November 26th, 27th, and 28th, and has this year provided an open classification for the public of no less than 35 classes at a prize money of 30s., guaranteed absolutely irrespective of the number of entries. In order to encourage exhibitors to support classes for birds which must of necessity be shown in large cages, the League has ordered 1s. extra prize-money to be paid to each of the seven prize-winners in 15 of the classes and in the interests of certain birds and groups of birds the provision of separate classes will give owners of such birds an opportunity they have never enjoyed before. The popular Grey Parrot, the attractive Diamond Finch, the gorgeous Gouldian, the inexpensive Java Sparrow, the prolific Zebra Finch, the charming Cockatiel, and the Green Budgerigar will have no other competitors, but birds of their own species, and in the case of Amazon Parrots, Conures, Broadtails, Cardinals, and Common Mannikins, they will in most cases only compete with birds of their own kind, whilst the elimination of Sunbirds and other rarities from the ranks of Sugarbirds and Zosterops will give the latter an opportunity to get at or near the top.

This year the League will provide a special committee of experts to take charge of the feeding, etc., so as to ensure the well-being of every bird sent in for competition, and every possible means will be taken to ensure the careful handling of all birds entrusted to the care of the show officials.

A classification of this magnitude entails considerable financial risk, and as it has been provided for all and not solely for members of the League, it is to be hoped that everyone will come forward with a few entries, whether they are habitual exhibitors of foreign birds or not, in order to justify the existence of foreign bird exhibiting. There is not the slightest reason why this section of aviculture should not push ahead, and rank equal in popularity with exhibitions of choice flowers, and certainly if only keepers of foreign birds, just for the sport of the thing, will do what they can to bring before the public the results of their handiwork (i.e., the expert keeping of a bird), the time should come when we shall hear as much about the very charming, gorgeously coloured and elegantly shaped creatures we keep as is the case with infinitely less charming canine and feline pets that get far more than their share of the public's attention.

It is in the hands of foreign bird keepers to help the League. Further progress made will be notified in the Fancy Press, and shortly the League hopes to be able to state what patronage can be extended in certain provincial districts, which, of course, must depend upon the funds it is able to collect. As far as can at present be stated, there will be four judges, and the Parrot section will be allotted to the Marquis of Tavistock, who has kindly consented to officiate.

Particulars of the Classification.

(1) All species of Cockatoos and Macaws.
(2) Grey Parrots.
(3) Amazon Parrots (i.e., all species Chrysotis).
(4) All species Lovebirds, Passerine or Blue-winged, Lineolated, All Green, Canary-winged, White-winged, Orange-flanked, Tovi, Golden-fronted, and Tui Parrakeets.
(5) All other species Parrots, including Eclecti.
(6) Green Budgerigars.
(7) Cockatiels.
(8) All species Conures.
(9) All species Ringnecks, including Alexandrine, Ringnecked, Blossom-headed, Rose-headed, Slaty-headed, Malabar, Derbyan, Moustache, or Banded, Javan, Nicobar, St. Lucian, Longtailed and Tytlers Parrakeets, etc., Red Rosellas, Yellow-mantled, Red-rumped, and Great-billed Parrakeets.
(10) All species Lories, Lorikeets, Pigmy, and Hanging Parrots (Loriculae).
(11) All species of Broadtails (not otherwise mentioned), including Pennants, Adelaides, Yellow-rumped, Yellow Bellied, Browns, Stanley, Mealy Rosellas, Barnards, Barrabands, Black-tailed or Rock Peplars, Yellow-naped, Baners, or Port Lincolns, Kings, Greenwings, Crimsonwings, and Blue bonnets.
(12) All species of Grass and other Parrakeets (Psephota and Neophema) not previously mentioned, including Beautiful, Golden-shouldered, Hooded, Many Coloured, Bourkes, Blue-winged, Elegant, Rock, Orange-bellied, Turquoisine, Splendid. Antipodes Island, New Zealand, Golden-crowned, Alpine, Horned, Uvean, Queen Alexandra, and Pilcated Parrakeets.
(13) Yellow Budgerigars, White Java Sparrows, White Java Doves, and Bengalese.
(14) Grey Java Sparrows.
(15) Common Mannikins, including Black-headed, White-headed, Two-coloured, Three-Coloured, Magpie, Bronze, Spice, Topela, Striated, Sharp-tailed, and Bib Finches.
(16) All species Weavers, Whydahs, and Long-tailed Combassous.
(17) Common Ribbon Finches, Saffron Finches, Common Combassous, and Silverbills (2).
(18) Zebra Finches.
(19) Diamond Finches.
(20) Gouldian Finches.
(21) Fire-tailed, Painted, Crimson, and Rufous-tailed Grass Finches, Parrot Finches, Pintailed Nonpareils, Common Nonpareils, and Rainbow Buntings.
(22) All other species Grassfinches, and Mannikins, including Masked, Longtailed, White-eared, Ringed, Bichenos, Parson, Cherry, Quail, and Redheaded Finches, Rhodesian Cuttbroats, Pectoral, Yellow-rumped, Chestnut-breasted, and Rufous-backed Mannikins.
(23) Common African Fire Finches, Cordon Bleus, Golden-breasted, or Zebra Waxbills, and Lavender Finches.
(24) Common and Green Avadavats, St. Helena, Grey and Orange-cheeked Waxbills.
(25) All other species Waxbills.
(26) All species Cardinals.
(27) All species Serins, Wild Canaries, and Siskins, including Alario, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Sulphur, and St. Helena Seedeaters, etc.
(28) All other species True Finches, Sparrows, Buntings, Grosbeaks, etc., not otherwise mentioned.
(29) All species Doves, Quails, Partridges, and Rails.
(30) All species Humming Birds, Sunbirds, Spider Hunters, and Flower-peckers.
(31) All species Sugar Birds, Zosterops, Quits, Honey-eaters, and Fruit-suckers.
(32) Scarlet, Blue, Black, Maroon, Silver-blue, Violet, Olive, Palm, Superb, Archbishop, and Tricoloured Tanagers.
(33) All other species Tanagers.
(34) All species True Bulbuls (Pyenonotida), Pekin and Blue Robins, Sibias, Dayal Birds, and Shamahs.
(35) All species Crows, Mynahs, Starlings, Hangnests, Troupials, Cowbirds, Cassiques, and Marsh Birds.
(36) Pied; Lutino, Melanistic, or other abnormally coloured birds. Blue Budgerigars, and Foreign Hybrids. Any bird having one parent a legitimate foreign bird eligible.
(37) All species Flycatchers, Minivets, Wood Swallows, Chats, Redstarts, Robins, Bush Robins, Sivas, Mesias, Tits, Nutbatches, Warblers, and Babblers (Babblers to be not larger than a Pope Cardinal).
(38) All other species not previously mentioned, including Birds of Paradise, Manucodes, Toucans, Trogons, Tyrants, True Shrikes, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers, Barbets, Pittas, Mocking Birds, True Thrushes, and Babblers (Babblers to be larger than a Pope Cardinal).

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The following First Feather Shows have been arranged; we shall be glad to be notified of any omissions: June 6, Windhill C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Leeds C.B.S.; June 10, Coventry O.S.; Gateshead C.B.S.; June 11, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; June 13, Doncaster C.B.S., Alfreton C.B.S., Longton C.B.S.; June 19, Bridlington and Driffield C.B.S.; June 20, Abertillery C.B.S., Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A., Oldham C.B.A., S. Birmingham O.S., Halifax C.B.S., Walkley C.B.S.; June 22, Torbay O.S.; June 27, Sheffield C.B.S., Radcliffe C.B.S., Burnley O.S., Annfield Plain C.B.S., Wigan C.B.S., Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Sheffield C.B.S., N. Liverpool C.B.S.; July 1, Redruth F.S.; July 4, Burnhope C.B.S., Chester-le-Street C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Wallasey C.B.S., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Halifax C.B.S., City and Suburban A.C.B., Leeds C.B.S., Sheffield O.S., Newcastle C.B.S.; July 5, Blantyre O.S.; July 8, Windsor C.B.A.; July 11, Shettleston C.B.S., North London C.B.A.; July 18, Abertillery C.B.S., Windhill C.B.S., Beamish C.B.S., Birtley C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S.; July 25, South Shields C.B.S., Falkirk Good Intent; July 30, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; Aug. 1, Pelton Fell C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Edinburgh C.B.S.; Aug. 4, Darvel C.B.S.; Aug. 29, Dunfermline C.B.S.

Country Rambles

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Annual ramble Whit-Sunday, starting at 6 a.m.. We went through two woods before breakfast. Several finds, first to Mr. Churchill, Linnets with four young; these were rung with the society's rings. Lots of other nests followed, including Blackbirds, Thrushes, and Chaffinches. I think the Chaffinch nest ought to be booked to Mr. Monday; some say he brought it with him. Only nine sat down to breakfast, and only four of these were members of the society. I think this very bad support, but everyone enjoyed themselves, voted it the best ramble we ever had, and booked again for next year. —T. Monday, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Annual ramble through Epping Forest, May 16. The weather was grand, and members turned up in good numbers, some bringing friends. Many nests were found, including Thrushes, Blackbirds, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Linnets. One interesting find was a Blackcap on the nest with young; two Wren's nests, with the old bird on one, were also found. The nests of the smaller birds were not so numerous this year. We did not find one Whitethroat's nest, and not nearly so many of the Chaffinch, Greenfinch, etc., as usual, the general opinion being that this was due to the recent cold weather. We all thoroughly enjoyed the ramble, however, and did justice to the excellent meat tea provided at the Owl. The evening was passed in the usual jolly style, excellent songs being given by Messrs. Thurlow, Netting, R. East, C. W. Tuck, T. Collinge, G. East, A. S. Wilkins, W. Marsh, F. Lucas, H. Withers, W. East, J. A. Talbot, and B. F. Forse. Mr. J. A. Talbot accompanied in excellent style. President Mr. S. C. Rhodes ably occupied the chair.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Held May 24. A threatening morning kept several members away, but the following braved the weather. Messrs. Goymer, Lang, Arkill, Cumins, Fry, Hawkins, Rapley, Broughton and Pinnell. Mr. Fry and Mr. Arkill carried cameras. The genial Mr. Goymer was father of the party. On arrival at Effingham we made towards Cobham, and on the way called on old Dan Tyrrell, who seemed to be as gay as ever. After a photo had been taken of his cottage, we made off for the woods. Amongst the nests seen were Blackbirds', Thrushes', Chaffinches', Linnets', Wrens', Tits', Goldfinches', and Chiff-Chaffs'. These included several with young ready to leave. Mr. Fry was the lucky one of the party in finding nests, on one occasion finding a nest of Chiff-Chaffs in a cart rut with five eggs. The following birds were seen and heard:—Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Nightingale, Yellowhammer, Robin, Pied Wagtail, Lark, Thrush, Blackbird, Wren, Martin, Whitethroat, Cuckoo, Flycatcher, and Greenfinch. While waiting at Leatherhead Station for train home, Mr. Goymer found a Wren's nest with seven young, and we had the pleasure of hearing the Nightingale. Altogether we had a splendid time, the rain keeping off. It was soon in the air that another similar outing would take place in about a fortnight. There should be plenty to speak about at the next meeting. Mr. Fry won the sweepstakes for first nest of young.—K. H. Arkill, Assist. Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Annual ramble, May 24, when an enjoyable day was spent by a party of sixteen—Messrs. G. Absolon, H. Bignell, J. Brown, F. Dandridge, A. Farncombe, R. C. Gibb, W. H. Gibb, F. Goulden, Master Goulden, P. E. Newton, E. Olle, J. Pazel, O. Plummer, M. Soffner, W. Wall, and W. D. Wall. We were joined at Lewes by members of the Lewes F.A., and embarked at Barcombe. Under the guidance of Mr. Plummer we reached Marstakes Common, passing through Littleworth. After a short search of part of the Common, we explored Cockpit Lane, and passing Cinder Hill, arrived at the Five Bells, Chailey, where a cold luncheon was provided Having done justice to the inner man, Mr. W. H. Gibb (chair) welcomed the Lewes fanciers, and expressed the hope that it would lead to further good feeling between the clubs. He congratulated the club on the success of the ramble, thanking Mr. Plummer for his guidance and help in arranging the details. Mr. F. Goulden, on behalf of the Lewes members, said it was a great pleasure for them to join in with the Brighton fanciers, and thanked the club for their kind invitation. Mr. E. Olle responded in similar words. After facing the camera, operated by Mr. Farncombe, we continued our ramble, and, reaching the Common, wandered at will in search of bird life. Among the finds were the following nests with young:—Thrushes', Blackbirds', Chaffinches', and Linnets'; with eggs, Goldfinches', Tits', Hedge Sparrows' House Sparrows', Bullfinches', Wood Pigeons', Fly Catchers', Moor Hens', and Greenfinches'. The best find of the day was credited to Mr. Goulden, who found a Bottle Tit's nest with eggs—a fine example of nature's handiwork. Walking back to Lewes, we left our Lewes friends, everyone voting this the finest ramble.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

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J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties
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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging North Manchester show, November 14.

The Cockermouth F.S. has appointed Mr. Wm. Mundell, Bradford, to judge on Nov. 28, writes Mr. J. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

The closing date for societies desiring the patronage of the Northern British Mule and Foreign Bird Club is June 17, writes Mr. W. Curry, Sec.; all applications must be in by the date mentioned.

The following judges have been appointed to officiate at our open show, Oct. 31, writes Mr. R. Aitken, Secretary Ayr C.B.C.: Norwich, Mr. A. Maxwell, Glasgow; Borders, Mr. W. S. Clark, Lesmahagow; Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. Steel, Dalkeith. Fixing of Yorkshire judge was left over till next meeting.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. R. Ratcliffe, Longton

It is with the deepest sympathy, writes Mr. Philip Barker, Hon. Sec. Longton C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of our member, Mr. R. Ratcliffe, who passed away, May 25, at the North Stafford Infirmary. Mr. Ratcliffe was not very old in the Fancy, having started some three years ago; he was appointed the chairman of the Longton C.B.S. this year; he was also a member of the Burslem C.B.S. and of the M.C.Y.C.C. I am sure that all fanciers in North and South Staffs. will express their deepest sympathy for his wife and children. Will members please attend meeting, June 9, to pay subs. and elect a new chairman in the place of our late brother, Mr. R. Ratcliffe.

Referring to the death of Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec. Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S., writes:—The unexpected event has cast quite a gloom over local fanciers; the interment took place May 28, at the Shelton Cemetery. Mr. Alcock and myself represented the Stoke C.B.A., Mr. Davis, Mr. Barker and Mr. Perrins the Longton C.B.S., and Mr. L. James, Burslem C.B.S., each society sending a floral tribute. The deceased leaves a wife and four children. The family, I understand, is quite unprovided for, and I hope some effort will be made to show in a practical manner the sympathy we all feel.

An Important Matter.

The hon. secs. of several specialist clubs write again this week requesting us to ask societies desirous of patronage to apply as quickly as possible, as in many cases the patronage will be allotted at next meeting; see Twittering in another place.

Golf Ball Lands in Lark's Nest.

Mr. A. M. Guild, a member of the Royal and Ancient Club, St. Andrews, had a rather curious experience when playing in a three-ball match. Driving off the twelfth tee, Mr. Guild's ball found a bunker, and on searching for it he discovered it had landed in a Lark's nest, and broken one of the eggs, in which was a young bird. The drive was about 250 yards. Mr. Guild picked out his ball, and dropped it into the bunker. Had he been playing in a competition he would have had to smash the nest to bits if he did not wish to be disqualified.

POSTERS.

Prize Cards, Cage Slips, Badges, Judges' Books, cheapest and best. Send for samples and prices, from **The Manager, Printing Dept., "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.**

We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, is engaged to judge the F.F. show at Stamford, June 26

The year book of the Poplar C.B.S. is to hand. Besides the list of officers and names and addresses of members, it gives particulars of the club's nomination scheme, the fixture list for the season, and the rules of the Society and the show rules, including particulars of the competition for the challenge cups and medals.

We have received the rule book of the Halifax O.S. This contains a list of officers of the society, the rules, syllabus for the season, with classification of the various shows, show rules, list of special prizes, and members' names and addresses. A commendable feature in the shows is that the novices have as many Canary classes to themselves as are given in the champion section.

Experts are unanimous in asserting that Ramsden's Pure Peppers are the finest on the market for purity, quality, and colour. Intending purchasers having any doubt should obtain samples and submit them to any analytical chemist for examination. On account of the high percentage of colour in Ramsden's Peppers they prove to be the cheapest in the end. Fully guaranteed under the Merchandise and Food and Drugs Acts, a guarantee not advertised by any other vendor of colour foods. Ask for Ramsden's Peppers, and accept no other.—(Advt.)

Scottish N.P.C. Annual Meeting.

We are asked to draw attention to the fact that an explanation of the late date at which the annual meeting of the Scottish N.P.C. was held this year will be found in the report of the committee meeting of May 30, published in this issue.

Diseased Wood Pigeons.

I should like your readers to be warned specially to examine the throats of all Wood Pigeons. While living near Dorking a short time back my son on several occasions picked up dead pigeons under a tree which they frequented in my garden, and also in the woods adjoining, and I have seen a bird struggling in a tree for a short time, and then fall dead. On each occasion, although the bird's body was well nourished, there was a white growth in the throat, and therefore, they were destroyed at once. At the same time there must have been many others in the district, and probably those found by children would be eaten, and many would fall to the lot of domestic animals, so possibly conveying future trouble to human beings.—J. Pittman (Twickenham) in "The Standard."

The Spell of the Cuckoo.

Mr. Oliver G. Pike said in a recent lecture that is was quite a mistake to suppose that the Cuckoo neglected her egg after she had deposited it in the nest of another bird. The Cuckoo kept a watchful eye upon her treasure, and should any accident befall it she deposited another egg in another nest. He believed, although it was impossible to prove it, that the Cuckoo laid its egg in the nest of a bird of the same species as that by which it had itself been reared. Thus a Cuckoo reared by a Sedge Warbler placed its egg in turn in a Sedge Warbler's nest. So wonderful was the spell which the young Cuckoo exercised over other birds that he had seen birds other than its foster parent pause in their flight to feed it, giving it the food which was intended for their own young, and once he saw a young Cuckoo fed by birds of five different species in succession.

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

The following rambles have been arranged:—Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not. Great Horton Good Intent O.S., June 6, to Bingley, meet under clock outside Midland for 2.30 car; Edinburgh C.B.S. and Juniper Green F.A., June 27, to Riccarton Estate; Hull C.B.S., June 13, to Houghton Woods (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.); Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., June 13, to Epping Forest, meet Junction Road, M.R. Station, 1.50; Leicester C.B.S., June 13, to Billesdon, train 2.15, G.N.R., to Ingarsby, bicycles 2.15, Uppingham Hotel; June 7, York C.B.S., to Strensall Common, meet York Station, 9.40.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Barnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Northern Norwich P.H.C., F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., T. H. Inman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Y.C.C., R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Green Canary Association, F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool; Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C., R. Garnett, 32, Carr Lane, Windhill, Shipley; closing date, June 6; National Green-marked Y.C.C., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; closing date, August 1. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, W. Priest, 6, Orchard Street, Partick. Northern British, Mule, and F.B.C., W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne; closing date, June 17. Scottish P.H.C., E. Barron, 119, Montrose Street, Glasgow.

Robin's Queer Nesting Place.

Robins are bold in selecting nesting sites, but one of the strangest places in which a Robin's nest has ever been built is on a sheet of brown paper open to the sky in the engineering yard of Messrs. Chivers and Sons' jam factory at Histon, near Cambridge. The nest has no shelter whatever, and despite heavy showers of rain the bird has gone on with its work and laid five eggs.

Happenings of the Year.

It appears as if the Nightingales must have commenced nesting this year immediately on their arrival in the country. It is impossible otherwise to explain nests, with eggs, being found at the very beginning of May, as has happened this season—quite an unusually early date. Another notable fact is the immense numbers of the Swifts, which are far more numerous in many parts of the South of England than either House Martins or Swallows. It is not many years ago that we read lamentations about the decrease of Swifts, which, as it seemed, had come no farther northward in their spring migration than Italy. A failure of their food supply as they travelled northward was suggested and commonly accepted as the most probable cause of this arrest of their pilgrimage. The story of the House Martin seems to be a continuously mournful one of decreasing numbers, in some degree due, no doubt, to their eviction from their first nests by the House Sparrows.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Charlotteville F. and U.S.K.S. (Surrey).—Aug. 3. Judge, M. Crust. 12 classes: Crest, Nor., Yorks., A.O.V. Can., 1 ea.; Brit. 4, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes according to entries. Fee, 1s. Entries close Juy 25 to C. H. Pope, "Waverley," Clive Road, Charlotteville, Guildford.

Hallam (Sheffield, Yorks.).—June 11. Judge, H. J Chick. 8 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close June 11 to E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.

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"Please thank all who answered my advert in CAGE BIRDS re 2 Yorks. Cocks and Buff Hen, as there are too many to answer. One gentleman's address I could not make out; letter was rom Mr. Lawton."—R. BARROW Seaham Harbour).

"Will you please thank all the persons that answered my small advert. in CAGE BIRDS? I had fourteen replies on Saturday morning, three on Saturday night, and four on Sunday morning. I think this shows the value of a small advert. in CAGE BIRDS. Wishing it every success in the future."—J. A. SHRIVES (Birkenhead).

"I shall be glad if you will thank all those who answered my advertisement re Norwich Hens. I had no end of replies from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the Isle of Man, and it was impossible to answer them all. I had to return a number of postal orders. This speaks volumes for your paper and shows how widely CAGE BIRDS circulates. I have no objection to your making what use you think fit of this entirely unsolicited testimonial."—C. P. SMITH (Burton-on-Trent).

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

CAGE BIRDS suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary, any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

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(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

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The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Softbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to each sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

A FULL HOUSE

This photograph of a nest of Skylarks was sent by Mr. S. Crook. The nest was so full of bonny youngsters that they seemed to bulge out over its sides.

THE FASCINATING PURSUIT OF MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

(Continued from page 446.)

YOU will find that some of your British hens are very erratic in their laying. Some will lay every alternate day until the clutch has been obtained, while others will lay on two or three successive days and then stop for twelve or fourteen days, when you will, no doubt, get about the same number of eggs again. Some hens, again, will lay one egg and then stop for a few days, when you will get the remainder of the clutch.

The hen Redpoll from which I bred my Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrids gave me considerable trouble in this matter, laying an egg every second or third day. Thus it took a fortnight or more to get her full clutch. Of course, this meant that the eggs had to be placed under the Canary hens at different times, in twos and threes. The Bullfinch hen from which I bred my Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids presented me with two eggs at the end of every twelve days with great regularity throughout the season!

It is very important at this time that you should keep a record of the dates when your hens commence to sit, for you will often find it necessary to place your eggs under a hen which has been sitting nine or ten days while you are waiting for another hen to go to nest or to finish laying her clutch. When your first hen has completed her usual time of sitting and is showing signs of coming off the nest the eggs must be at once transferred to the second hen.

How Brother Fanciers Can Help.

If the eggs are fertile they will be hatched on the ninth or tenth day after they are placed under her, and you should watch the hen carefully for a time to see that she starts feeding the youngsters, as many hens will not feed when the young are hatched before they (the hens) have sat their proper time. If your hen will not feed try another which may have a nest of youngsters a few days old; or if you have no hens just at the right stage to take them then as a last resource consult any breeders in your neighbourhood when, no doubt, you will find a way out of your difficulty.

I have been compelled to resort to this last method on three different occasions, and in each case with success. The Goldfinch-Redpoll and Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids still in my possession were both reared by a Mule-breeding friend of mine who happened to have a nest of Mules hatching about the same time, and without whose aid I should most certainly have lost both birds. You will thus see the wisdom of keeping on good terms with neighbouring Canary and Mule breeders.

Another plan when favourably situated and you are driven to extremities, is to place the eggs or young Hybrids in the nest of a Goldfinch, Greenfinch, or Linnet, allowing them to remain until they are eight or nine days old and then hand-rearing them or endeavouring to persuade a hen Canary to take charge of them. Be careful, however, not to leave the young longer than nine days or possibly they will take fright when you approach the nest and you will thus lose them.

Age Sometimes No Bar.

On two occasions I have taken a nest of Yellowhammers at ten days old and placed them in the nest of a hen which had been sitting on clear eggs, and in both cases the young brood was successfully reared. In one case the youngsters refused to stay in the nest and remained on the cage bottom, but this made little difference, and within an hour the hen was feeding them. I mention these instances to show that some Canaries may be persuaded to take charge of a young brood at almost any age, and where the hen will take over such duties it is much better and safer than hand-rearing.

The Hybrid breeder must give nothing away in his endeavour to hatch and rear the young Hybrids, and if necessary must adopt any or all of these plans. One cannot afford to be lax in this matter.

Every egg must be tested, too, for it is just possible that the eggs you do not test are the ones which would have proved to be fertile. This testing is not easily done, either, even with five or six pairs of Canaries.

When your hen Canaries are to be trusted with the rearing of the young Mules or Hybrids—and this is by far the most satisfactory method—you should feed the hen in much the same manner as you would when rearing young Canaries, always remembering the suggestions I made when dealing with the management of the Canaries. Two days before the eggs are due to hatch commence to give the hen a supply of egg-food, and when the youngsters are hatched give the hen crushed hemp and scalded rape in addition to the Canary seed, etc. Also give your feeders a liberal supply of the various wild seeds in season, such as groundsel, dandelion, plantain, shepherd's purse, and chickweed.

When preparing your scalded rape put a quantity of the seed into a tea-cup and pour boiling water on it till well covered. After it has been standing a few minutes, strain it under the cold water tap, and allow it to remain in cold water till it is required for use. Give each bird about a teaspoonful at a time, after drying it in a cloth. A fresh quantity of rape should be scalded every morning.

The "Little and Often" Method.

The egg-food, crushed hemp and rape should be given frequently during the day, and, of course, in small quantities. You will find the "little and often" method far more likely to keep your birds at their work of feeding, than the putting in of large quantities of these foods at longer intervals, while the food will be less likely to turn sour. On the third day place two or three dandelion leaves between the wires of the cage and continue to give these until the youngsters leave the nest.

Young Mules and Hybrids leave the nest earlier than young Canaries, and you will probably find them on the perches at 18 or 19 days old. Continue feeding as before until the youngsters are six weeks old, when you may gradually lessen the quantity of egg-food and scalded rape. I do not advise stopping the egg-food altogether if you intend to colour-feed your birds, as it is difficult to get them on to the soft food again when the moulting time arrives, especially the British bird Hybrids. Also gradually wean them from the crushed hemp by mixing a quantity of the whole seed with it until you observe that they are cracking it for themselves, when the crushed portion may be stopped.

I have found the above method very satisfactory during my seven years of breeding, during which time I have been successful with the following crosses:—Dark and variegated Goldfinch-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Redpoll-Canary, Goldfinch-Redpoll, and Linnet-Bullfinch. I have also succeeded in breeding Bullfinches in captivity, and obtained fertile eggs from a Greenfinch-Bullfinch pair. In addition to these I have reared several nests of Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, and Bullfinches from eggs brought in from the country-side.

THE BLACK-CHEEKED TANAGER.

A RARE AND BEAUTIFUL EXHIBIT IN FOREIGN BIRD CLASSES.

Why Some Norwich Plainhead Canary Breeders Fail.

A FEW "STRAIGHT TIPS" BY E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

(Continued from page 394.)

WE may now have a word with those who seem to fail to get properly the focus as regards exhibiting. Usually they are not numbered with the winners, and in consequence, have something cheap and nasty to say about those who do win, also the judges, the seconds, and so on, *ad nauseam*.

Exhibitions and exhibiting I regard as being absolutely necessary to the welfare of the Fancy. To me the show represents a critical and severe examination whereby the results of my labour and time are to be adjudicated upon by an upright, impartial, honest gentleman. In the course of some years' close connection with the show bench, I have crowded in a good deal of experience, actually secured by personal contact with shows and all that appertains to them. Even the judges I have hobnobbed with; chatted, smoked, supped, dined, and travelled with. What have I found? Only that they are human, and, withal, good company, if you do not intrude yourself or birds upon them; and why some should speak ill of our judges I cannot understand.

They Are Only Human.

But do not swing to the other extreme and imagine that I am going to give our judges a bit of "soft soap," or you will make a mistake; for, although I have ofttimes done better than I perhaps deserved, I have also occasionally not done as well as I might have done. Anyway, though I agree that as a whole they are by no means "white hen's chicken," and do make mistakes, and do things in a way that I should like to have them locked up for, I can only add, seeing that they are human—what do they expect? When you know what a judge is going to do, and how he is going to do it, etc., then the quicker you quit the Fancy the better, for the uncertainty, always a charming feature, will lose its savour, and breeding without uncertainty, exhibiting without long odds and chances to be taken, would be like water without whisky—flat and insipid.

A judge is, of course, a person who has some knowledge of the breeds he adjudicates upon; some confidence also that he will know a good specimen when he sees one, and in this he is largely assisted by "first impressions." Don't waste the valuable time of any judge asking him if I am correct, for if you will give what I say a turn-over in your mind, your own common sense will convince you I am correct. Depend upon it that when the judge has paced to and fro a time or two before the class he is about to judge, he has already provisionally selected the six leading birds or so. I don't care how much time and thought he subsequently spends in an endeavour to select the worthy candidates, his "first loves" will be entered upon the slip without material alteration.

This is just where the mean advantage of the fat, chesty, apathetic Plainhead comes in, for it always shows its best side to the world! Not so the perfectly healthy, typical specimen. During the time the judge has been forming his first impressions, this may be with head and neck stretched through the water hole, telling an old pal over the way what an artful old cock the judge looks—just anything but showing off its good features. Unless the judge is fully alive to the possibilities, the chances, therefore, are that he will give the apple of your eye a miss, only to express his vexation later in the day that he should have overlooked so good a bird.

Chance versus Merit.

Of course, it cannot be denied that with many judges the element of chance is more or less in evidence, according to the understanding and method of their procedure when judging. We have the judge who is painstaking to a degree! No hurry, no bustle, no worry; each cage handled as you would handle it yourself; patient coaxing, then, finally, a steady glance right through the class, just to make sure that nothing has been missed, when, fully satisfied, away goes the slip. This is the gentleman you can always shake by the hand, feeling that you have had a run for your money—even feeling downright pleased, although you may be cardless!

Then we have the judge who seems to imbue everything, alive or dead, with a sense of his importance. With set look and stately tread he paces one length of the class, and grabbing about 12 cages out of about 25, he points to the remainder and says to the steward, loud enough for you to hear, if you happen to be looking on: "Take 'em away, they are no good to me!"

Aren't *these* judges just lovely! Fancy the chances of your lively, typical specimen, with his head and neck stretched through the water hole, and not enough fat on him to grease a gimlet, ignominiously carried off like that! When you reckon up the part "first impressions" have played, and then realise that the material for comparative examination in a class of about 25 has been reduced in two wags of a duck's tail to 12 birds only, I am sure you will agree with me that first impressions *need* to be good to carry a judge of this order through his day's work. It requires no assurance of mine to tell you that oft-times amongst those birds the steward was asked to take away out of the sight of such a judge the real winner of the class could be found. Here again the fat chesty bird steals a march over the real article.

How Not to Do It.

The above sort of judge is, I think, only surpassed by the poultry and pigeon judge, who sometimes obliges by judging the cage birds at a mixed show, a procedure fortunately almost out of date now. Having donned a long white smock, and adjusted his headgear (of a sort of sou'-wester breed), he polishes off the poultry and pigeons. Then, reaching the first class of cage birds, he brings his telescopic judging stick (the one he tickles up the poultry with) down "whallop" upon the staging and shouts, "Now, you little rascals, up on the perches, all of you—none of your poking your heads through like that, or I'll saw them off." Seeing that he still has the same old hat and long white bed-gown on, my word! our fat, chesty Plainheads just have a red-letter day! The real articles have long since been terrified out of all semblance of a typical specimen. "That's the sort I like," he says, "something to look at—a real, good handful!" And, ah me! another fat one has annexed 1st and special! When you have a mixed show and a poultry judge handy, save your fat, chesty specimens—and may their shadows never grow less!

The Gentle Art of Judge-Baiting.

Don't try to hurt my feelings by saying I have a lively imagination, for 'tis a pen picture of what I have seen (more than once) absolutely without embellishment. In spite of all, I have no axe to grind, for as I have already said, our judges are human; and if "to err is human," then I cannot understand the bitter feeling expressed by grumbles against some of our judges, who, I am sure, all do their duty according to their own views. To those who, by invective or innuendo, have been guilty of judge-baiting, I may say that their miserable selves, with everything else that they hold most dear, would be a miserable exchange for the characters of the gentlemen they have been endeavouring to malign.

In this way I could continue, but I think I have pointed out that if the "old hands" have something up their sleeves, it is nothing more than the ability to get the best of a test of skill and brains in which also the element of chance enters. The "old hands" counteract the latter to a very great extent by the careful training of their birds. This is really all there is in it, in spite of all the winking and the shaking of knowing heads. The lack of training, then, is a frequent cause of non-success upon the show bench.

(*To be continued.*)

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe ♣

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 430.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

THERE is still another trouble likely to occur when the birds are in the nest. I refer to the red mites, blooksuckers in the truest sense of the word, for they subsist entirely on the blood of the Canary, drawn from the bird's body during the hours of darkness. I give my breeding cages a rest during the autumn and the winter months, although I keep the mite under by using the trap perches, and thus any that may be harbouring unnoticed about the cages, are starved to death before the breeding season comes round again.

Usually it is not the bird owned by the Canary fancier that suffers the most from these pests, but the Canary that is regarded by its owner as the household pet. Its owner, out of sheer ignorance, places the bird in that abominable habitation, the fancy wire hanging cage. These cages not only catch every draught, but the metal bars—through which the wires pass—being hollow, are a safe retreat for thousands of red mites; during the night they leave their hiding places to worry and disturb the sleep of their victim. The bird thus deprived of its rest during the night must take its sleep during the daytime, to the astonishment and consternation of its owner, who will conjecture every imaginable illness or trouble but the right one.

Let the owner of the pet Canary—who on reading these lines suspects his bird to be suffering from the attacks of red mites—cover the cage over at night with a white cloth, and if the cage is infested he will find the mites adhering to the cloth the following morning. This alone will not be sufficient to exterminate the whole colony, the cage must either have a rest, at the same time placing it away from its former situation, or be plunged for at least ten minutes in boiling water.

A Trouble Hardly to be Avoided.

There is a saying amongst Canary fanciers that you cannot breed Canaries without breeding red mite, and were I to find it otherwise, I should seriously consider the advisability of consulting a sight specialist. They vary in colour from a bright red in the younger ones to a bluish black in the older ones, and two or three of the latter would barely cover a pin's head. Their number increases enormously during the breeding and moulting seasons, and when the young birds are in the nest they may often, even in the daytime (especially the light coloured birds) serve as a happy hunting ground for a colony of mites; when this occurs it is not unusual for them to be infested for several days after leaving the nest.

This daylight visiting is peculiar, for the red mite is otherwise of nocturnal habits; further, those that are now seen are generally of a uniform size, and of a reddish brown colour. Probably it is this that has given rise to the idea that the red mite live continually on the bird; such is not the case, for, with this exception, they harbour during the daytime in some dark crevice, choosing for preference the one nearest to the bird's roosting place. Here they will pack themselves until their retreat will admit no more, others then find another lurking spot.

Around the edges of these harbouring places will be noticed a number of small white specks, the excreta of the mites. The cracks and crevices in the cage should be made wider by carefully working a table knife inside them, then fill them up with putty, allow this to set and coat over with good paint, or enamel; the last-named gives the most satisfaction as it sets harder than paint.

The Use of Trap Perches.

Having excluded them from one retreat, we must now find them another; this may read like an Irishism, but my point is that it is desirable that the mites should harbour in a convenient (to the fancier) place. Here we can get to destroy them in less time, and far more easily, than to be continually working a camel hair brush dipped in a solution of paraffin and camphor, or methylated spirits and camphor.

The easiest and the simplest way I have found in dealing with red mites is to use trap perches; these can be procured from any of the providers of fanciers' appliances. If the fancier refers to make his own, choose a perch that can be easily bored with a gimlet without splitting the wood; for preference I like elderberry, or the wild rose, choosing the current year's or the previous year's growth, and allowing them to season before using. In making these trap perches, cut the perch long enough to project through the wire front about one inch. With a gimlet bore a hole into both ends of the perch to the depth of one, or one and a half inches. A slot should be cut in the perch to allow the punch bar to fit into it, this will then keep the perch firm and steady. The object of allowing the perch to project outside the cage is to form a finger hold, so that it can be easily removed for cleaning.

To clear the mites from the traps, tap the perch over a fire, or a bucket of scalding water; the perch can be replaced without having to put the hand inside the cage, which is a consideration where a nervous bird is concerned. It should be understood that these projecting trap perches are only suitable for the flights and breeding cages, but trap perches can be made for the wire song cages. Neither will the projecting perch be suitable when an outside nesting receptacle is used; in this case the end of the perch that is placed level with the nest has to be notched to fit the punched bar.

Should youngsters under the age of about twelve days old be troubled with red mites, they may be transferred to a clean nest, but after this age it is not advisable to move them, as they have a very annoying habit on being disturbed of popping out of the nest pan, and it is a rare occurrence for them to return to the nest. At this time a good spraying or dusting with insect powder will often effect a cure, using every precaution not to frighten the young birds. Should this fail, rather than move them to a fresh nest, it will be advisable to wait for a few days until they leave the nest, then the mites can be destroyed along with the contents of the nest pan, or from the trap perches.

Dealing With the Grey Lice.

The Canary Louse is a parasite quite distinct from the red mite, being larger in the body, and lighter in colour than the latter. Trap perches are no use for these, as they live and increase on the bird's body, and do not leave it as the red mites do. It is not necessary to write at much length on this subject, as the fancier who uses ordinary care and attention is not likely to be troubled with them. The danger is that they may be imported in a new purchase, and an infested bird should be dusted with a good brand of insect powder, working it thoroughly into the feathers with the fingers—being careful that the powder does not enter the bird's eyes—then wrap the bird up in a piece of flannel or cloth for fifteen minutes; allowing only the head to protrude.

It is difficult to say at what age the weak or poorly nourished youngsters will leave the nest, but the strong, well-fed birds will get on to the perches about the 17th day, returning to nest at intervals for a few days, also using it to sleep in at nights. When the nest is forsaken it may be removed and the contents immediately burned. Previous to cleaning the pan, allow it to soak in hot water; dry well afterwards, and affix a new lining; if it is not required for immediate use wrap up well in paper and keep dust from working into the lining. These precautions ensure a new nest being ready in the case of emergency.

At three weeks old the youngsters will be eating the egg-food, but so long as they cry to be fed they ought not to be removed from the hen, unless she commences to pluck their feathers to build a new nest. If it is not too late in the season for another nest to be taken, a supply of white feathers, or charpie, may draw the hen's attention from feather plucking.

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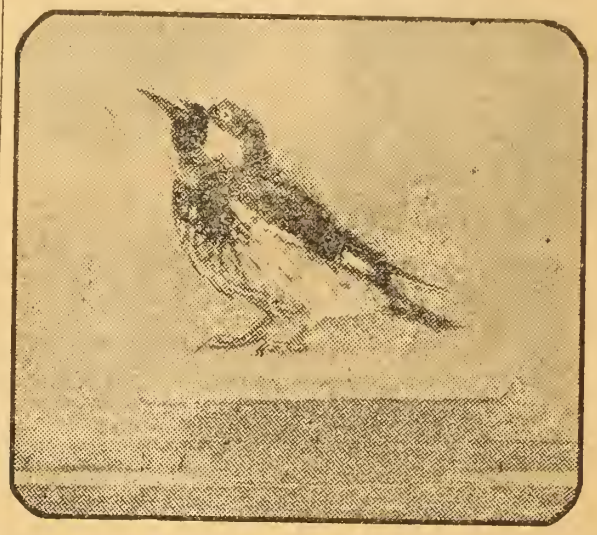

A remarkably tame North American Woodpecker, hand-reared, which is the pet of the staff and visitors at "Birdland," the well-known live-stock stores, of Los Angeles, California, owned by Mr. L. Grider.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS' EXPERIENCE OF CAGE BIRD KEEPING.

A Lecture by Mr. F. Wraight before the Members of the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.

A good many years ago, more than one likes to think about, somewhere in the late 'seventies, I was badly taken with the Canary or bird fever, though I had suffered from incipient attacks even earlier, having kept, at various times of my childhood, Redpolls, Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., most of which either came to a premature end or were released under parental pressure or, sometimes, bribery.

About the time mentioned I was very much struck with a Crested Canary I saw at a friend's house, and, having persuaded him (my friend) to make me a breeding cage, I forthwith determined to invest some of my small capital in a pair of birds. A pair, did I say? Well, if every two make a pair, but, unfortunately, the person from whom I made the purchase, thought that anything would do, and duly supplied me with two hens, which, for a time, delayed my expectations.

I remember well, when I complained of their tardiness, the excuses, or the reasons, he gave for my want of success, the principal one being I was in too much of a hurry, and that if I waited all would come right, as the birds were young, etc. Well, I waited and waited, but no nest or eggs came to hand, and finally, getting tired of the "Wait-and-see" business, I called on a friend, who quickly explained the reason of my non-success, and, on his advice, I took one of the hens back to the dealer, and insisted on an exchange for a bona fide cock bird, which, after a good deal of discussion, I succeeded in procuring (a Crested cock), but only by a further outlay of some few shillings.

An Encouraging Commencement.

Having now a genuine pair, I was very delighted to find, after a week or two, that they meant business, as the hen built, and laid five eggs, duly hatching five youngsters, of which I managed to rear four, and, later on, an additional five, making nine as the outcome of my first year's attempt.

That was a result to encourage a beginner, and if all the novices here start as well this year, Canary breeding will advance in Hastings by leaps and bounds.

In those days there were no exclusive bird papers, with their many experts, to help a beginner, and the only book that I could some across was a small 1s. one, which I regret I have unfortunately lost, as it contained some very weird advice.

Next year I put up about four pairs, profiting by experience, and as just about that time Cassell's people published that excellent work by W. A. Blackston, I was put in the way of still further success in breeding.

In 1879 or 1880 I paid my first visit to the Palace Show, and what an eye-opener it was to me! Not being blessed with much money, I could not afford to purchase any of the specimens I saw there, but I came home filled with a desire to emulate them. It was just about this time that the old Tunbridge Wells F.A. was started, and, as a Canary section was formed, I duly joined, and, writing to the late Mr. Gallop, of Norwich, I procured my first decent pair of Norwich Canaries (giving 30s. for them). The cock bird I showed at our next Tunbridge Wells Show, and won the cup for the best bird in the show, also taking second with one I had.

The Young Fancier's Common Error.

I was fairly successful with this pair, and if I had stuck to this strain I believe I should have done very well, though in those days there were very few shows indeed that one could exhibit at, but here I fell into a mistake, which, I think, is somewhat common to many young fanciers. I thought I would like a fresh variety. This time it was Lizards, a breed which I have always admired, and which, I regret to see, seems very little fancied at the present time. I never was very successful with Lizards on the show bench, and, after a year or two, I gradually gave them up, and sold them, and also all my best Norwich, here again making the common mistake of yielding to a tempting cash offer, and parting with my best birds.

Having by now started in business, and finding my time much occupied, I, for a year or two, gave up Canary breeding (though I was never without a dozen or so songsters), and went in for British birds, keeping Thrushes, Blackbirds, Skylarks (of which I had some show winners and splendid songsters), Woodlarks, Goldfinches, etc., also dabbling a little in foreigners, all seed eaters, with the exception of a Pekin Nightingale or two.

It was not till early in the 'nineties that I again took up bird breeding, but, not having a very suitable room, I met with very indifferent success, until, moving to a fresh house, I started Mule breeding, in a large room at the top, varying this Fancy with a few pairs of Rollers.

I had capital success, as far as quantity went, rearing dozens of Goldfinch-Canary Mules, but, in spite of spending a good deal of cash in purchasing so-called Sib-bred hens, I never had anything in the way of a Light Mule worth looking at from a show point of view. I was somewhat more successful in Dark Mules, especially Greenfinch-Canary and Siskin-Canary, of which I have had some very decent specimens, and won several firsts and seconds on the show bench.

Mule breeding is no doubt a very interesting and fascinating hobby, and there is an element of luck about it that appeals to one's sporting instinct, as you never know quite what is coming along; it may be a great winner, or it may be a duffer. Unfortunately, my experience has laid chiefly among the latter.

It was while trying my hand at Mule breeding that I purchased, or exchanged with Mr. Duck, of Robertsbridge, two Yorkshire hens, one of which bred me some excellent Siskin Mules, and I think it was the appearance of these graceful little birds that gave me the idea of going in for Yorkshires, an idea I did not put into practice until about four or five years ago. The loss, by the way, was my own, for how anyone who once sees a Yorkshire Canary, and studies the beauty of its outlines, can fancy any other variety of Canary passes my understanding; it is, in my humble opinion, the gentleman of the Fancy. I say this with all respect to my friends present who hold opposite views, and prefer the Norwich, or something else.

Before giving you my ideas of the best way to produce winning Yorkshires you might like to hear somewhat of the way I feed and manage my stock. I feel great diffidence in speaking to so many experienced fanciers, especially so as my friend Mr. Ellis has so recently given you such an excellent lecture on management.

Rather Too much Sunshine.

My bird room is built outside in the garden, measuring about 10ft. long by about 6ft. deep, and 7ft. 6in. high, fitted with sliding windows and a ventilator at the top of the door. Outside it is weatherboarded, inside matchboarded, with about three or four inches space between filled with sawdust, which acts as a non-conductor of heat and cold. It faces east, getting the morning sun, and a fair amount of the same until about 11 or 11.30. In fact, I think, in the summer it gets rather too much, and I agree with Mr. Ellis that a more northern aspect is better, as I find that though my birds come freely into condition by the second week of March, or even earlier, that by the time the third round, in early July, is ready to hatch my old birds are dropping into moult, and both last year and in 1912 I had great difficulty in rearing many of the third round. As I cannot move the house, I intend, this year, to be satisfied with two rounds, unless we have an exceptionally suitable summer.

I invariably run one cock with one hen, and never separate them, if they behave themselves, till the end of the season. I have never had much trouble with them, and find the hen settles down quietly on her second nest, while the cock brings up the first lot through the wire partition, and I leave him till a day or two before the next lot are due to be hatched.

(To be continued.)

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEIGH.

Contest, Globe Inn, May 31, for time and quality; 22 birds entered for three minutes singing: 1, 3, Disley, 58 and 32; 2, Poole, 53. Quality: 1, Page; 2, Hill; 3, Folkes. Timers, R. Statham and R. Hughes. Minutes, J. McAlaster. Judges for quality, Gibbons and T. Statham. Members are expected to attend club contest, June 6; all intending to sing a bird must be paid.—R. Disley, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Linnet contest, Butchers' Arms, Castle Street, May 30, for time; there was a poor entry, also poor singing, some of the best birds doing nothing: 1, J. Harrison, 134 sec.; 2, Robinson, 87; 3, Darbyshire, 38; 4, Knowles, 37. Timekeepers, G. Bate and A. Newton; tappers, R. Disley and J. Benson; minutes, J. Harrison.—E. Rickman.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wordsworth Street, Kirkstall Road; 20 contested for three prizes:—1, Yates; 2, 3, Bantfield. Judges: Messrs. Wigfield and Butterfield. Also May 31, 18 contested for three prizes: 1, Lipman; 2, Bickerdyke; 3, shared, Lipman and Yates; judges as before. Also same judge, Whit-Monday, when a members' contest was held; a good number contested for eight prizes, the host adding a 10s. prize, and there were other specials: 1, Lipman; 2, Yates; 3, Dobson; 4, Smith; 5, Bickerdyke; 6, Towes. Those desirous of joining the above club can do so now, as we begin the next year on Saturday next.—Walter Lipman, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, May 30. 27 birds sang for four prizes: 1, W. Sissons; 2, Hayes; 3, Wood; 4, shared by Hayes and Chippindale. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Richardson. May 31, 37 sang for four prizes: 1, Buttery; 2, Hayes; 3, Farrar; 4, Chippindale. Judges, Sissons, Naylor, Hardcastle. 25th, all England open contest for quality. June 1st, 42 of the best birds in England sang for 16 prizes before a crowded house: 1, T. Johnson; 2, B. Smith; 3, Richardson; 4, Buttery; 5, Tennant; 6, Hollingworth; 7, Buttery; 8, Sissons; 9, Chippindale; 10, Stead; 11, Appleyard; 12, T. Johnson; 13, C. Ward; 14, Hayes; 15, Stead; 16, Nicholson. Judges, A. Jennings, W. Naylor, S. Hardcastle.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence.

Six Hens in One Nest.

Sir,—I was interested in that singular experience of many years ago, viz., six hens to one nest. Was it in the time of Adam and Eve? And did the hens all take turns in turning the 28 eggs? As "W. R." says, the sight was good enough for a circus. I should have been delighted to have seen it at a picture palace.

E. SADLER.

Nine-year-old Blackbird Still "Going Strong."

SIR,—In your issue dated May 23rd appears a paragraph re an ancient Goldfinch, which died at the age of 18 years. I should like to state for the information of your readers that my Blackbird "Jimmy Driscoll," which has previously been referred to in CAGE BIRDS, is nine years old to-day, Whit Monday, and for a soft-billed bird I think this is a great age. He is my Crystal Palace 1st prize winner of 1909, and also a winner of numerous prizes at other shows. He is still in full song, and judging by his present condition he is good for, I should say, a few more years. I state the foregoing with a view to showing what care and attention can do with regard to keeping a bird healthy and in fit condition, and also in prolonging its life.

H. J. FORD.

A Manx Linnet's Adventure with a Sparrow Hawk.

SIR,—The Sparrow Hawk is an intrepid bird of prey, and is the greatest enemy which many British birds have to contend with. During the end of April I had a rather animated experience with a Sparrow Hawk. Having been a lover of the Linnet since my days of childhood I purchased one recently. After being caged some months it turned out to be the finest singer in the district. One sunny April day I decided to hang my pet outside the house on our farm, and after listening to him for a brief time, left him to proceed to work. Turning around, however, I observed a Sparrow Hawk flying over our field, and following him closely saw him make a dart towards the cage of my bird. Hurrying to the spot I found the monster clinging to the wires of the cage, screeching and flapping its wings incessantly. The cage was a strong home-made one, but was almost rent asunder. To my great surprise and delight I saw my Linnet had escaped. It was free again. The Hawk tried to give chase, but was held securely in the wires, and could not extricate itself. What wild struggling for life! I seized a weapon which was close at hand and stunned the Hawk, when it soon succumbed. Tho bird is to be stuffed and I think will be a very suitable ornament for the home. After such a thrilling adventure I have wondered how my next pet will fare outdoors. I am expecting another Linnet to reach me, and trust that the next bird will bring me good luck. Perhaps some English catchers could give readers of CAGE BIRDS their experiences with Hawks. It would be of interest.

TOM DIPPER.

Advice for the Novice.

SIR,—I would give a little advice to the novices now that the First Feather show season is about to commence. During the next three months there will be one or more of these shows held every Saturday, some in the afternoon others in the evening, so that it is quite possible to attend more than one on the same day. I strongly advise the novice to visit as many of these shows as possible so as to get a thorough knowledge of what type of bird has been bred and also what is required for the shows. Novices must understand that in Yorkshire we shall have the pleasure of seeing at these shows the pick of the stocks of most of our noted breeders, most of whom put them down so as to get an idea of what they are likely to have to meet when the old bird shows come round. There are a few fanciers who do not bring their youngsters out at these shows but I do not think they benefit any by holding them back, because it is well worth the small charge which is made for entrance fee (if they do not win a prize) in helping to train the birds for the bench. I know personally several exhibitors who, when they think they have got a good one, bring it out at a members' show first just to see how it shows itself off when handled by the judge, also the visitors who make a practice of attending.

A great many novices when exhibiting their birds make the mistake of entering them in the wrong class (such as a yellow in the buff class and vice versa). This is one reason why I advise the novice to attend these shows, so as to put him on his guard. Another reason is that they get an idea of what the various judges go in for; some of them like a large bird and others go in for type and quality. They can also note the type of bird which is to be seen on the bench and when they go home they will be able to see if they have any amongst their own likely to win. It will give them more confidence in showing.

The novices should be very careful to have show cages, perches, and water tins in the very cleanest possible condition so as to give the judge no cause to keep the bird out of the prizes (which he has a right to do) if not benched properly. I strongly advise novice fanciers who are wishful of making headway in the Fancy to take pleasure during the next three months in visiting the young stock shows. I am sure they will benefit very much both by what they see and the information which can be picked up at these shows—they will meet all kind of fanciers who are always willing to give advice to the novice on any subject. It is sometimes possible to pick up a good bird, also, at a reasonable price.

J. H.

Seven Cygnets from Seven Eggs.

SIR,—On Sir Philip Sassoon's estate at Trent Park, Enfield, a Swan has hatched 7 Cygnets from 7 eggs. Will you or any reader tell me if this is not an unusual number?

C. PARISH.

[According to Frank Finn's "Nests and Eggs of British Birds," a young female Swan only produces three eggs or so, "while the number increases with age till, in full vigour, the bird may lay as many as a dozen."—Editor "C.B."]

An Astonishing Hatching Result.

Sir,—It may interest you to hear that I had a Canary hen sitting on eggs which I did not want her to hatch out. As she seemed to want to sit, however, I let her remain on the nest all day, but for the past week or ten days I have taken her off the eggs at night and made her sleep on a perch in another cage, so the eggs have been uncovered from nine o'clock in the evening until daylight, when she left the cage and returned to the eggs. This morning I see she has hatched out a young bird—isn't it rather strange that the eggs should not have got chilled? The room is not a warm one. The eggs were laid in a little box cage, with only an open front.

ENID VAUGHAN.

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Ramsden's Autumn Show at the Crystal Palace.

SIR,—I have been requested by intending exhibitors at the above show to invite subscriptions to a Prize Fund. I have agreed to do so, but I desire to make it perfectly clear that not a penny of this Fund will be used in payment of the prize money already mentioned, viz., minimum prize money—10s., 6s., 4s., 2s.; entry fee, 1s. 6d.; I pay that in full myself, irrespective of the number of entries. The Prize Fund will be used to provide 5th and 6th cash prizes in each class, and if there should be a surplus when that has been done, to provide sectional cash specials. The whole of the Fund, therefore, will be divided amongst the exhibitors. I shall esteem it a favour if friends will kindly let me know if I may have the pleasure of including their names in the list of subscribers.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.

An Old-time Fancier Returns to the Fold.

Sir,—No doubt you and many old friends will be pleased to hear I have again joined the band of bird breeders. I take great interest in all your articles on this hobby, and have been struck with the different methods adopted by writers. While the articles by Mr. Steel, Mr. Collins, and others discuss the bird, Mr. Allsopp discusses the person. His only item that interested me was the double buffing of Norwich. In the old days I bred many winners by double buffing; but I should like to ask what advantage anyone ever found in breeding from these double-buff bred birds? A friendly discussion on this will, I am sure, be interesting; but let us discuss birds, not persons. I do not think Mr. Allsopp's remarks on the novice fair.

I was astonished when I bought CAGE BIRDS, after so many years being out of touch with the Fancy, to read the advertisements. One would think you had only to post your cash, and champions would be returned for certain. I can only say I have had hard work to purchase a few good birds, and have started with four cocks and eight hens. Only two of the cocks have filled eggs. I visited several shows to see what the modern birds were like, and found a great advance in size and head properties. I got into conversation with several fanciers, who are well to the front, at Cheltenham show. I remarked that from what I could see of it, they had got to be manufactured now, but one prominent exhibitor said, "No, they cannot be manufactured." I asked him how he had got the size. He said by simply picking the largest from his stock each year. But I was not convinced, and am breeding from a pair I call "bull and window shutters," and am vain enough to think I shall succeed (wait and see). Will send you results later on. I have several pairs of British up for hybrid breeding, and can endorse all Mr. Collins says re having your perches low, but it is not every one who can do this. I have my birds in several flights (moulting flights), and to prevent the hens laying their eggs from the perches I have to put them in small cages over night and release them in the morning.

J. BASTOCK.

Moseley.

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A NEW ZEALAND READER'S VIEWS ON THE MIGRATION OF BIRDS.

Sir,—I have read with interest in CAGE BIRDS the letters from E. Kay Robinson, J. Craig and others on the problem of the migration of birds. The different views set forth on this very interesting subject are for the most part more amusing than instructive. As is well known large numbers of animals, fish, insects, and birds are remarkable for their periodical movements, but the phenomenon is more general amongst birds, which are all more or less migratory. To go into this subject fully would take up too much of my time and, I fear, too much of your space, but with your kind permission I would like to state some of my views as briefly as possible on this most interesting subject.

I cannot but think that birds migrate because they possess an inherited instinct, which probably had its origin in the search for food over routes long submerged, and it it interesting to noto the routes now taken are those of ancient land connections. Mr. E. Kay Robinson tells us they do not know where to fly, but that they fly with the cold wind. What egregious nonsense. By well marked instincts the butterflies and moths know what plants to deposit their ova on, birds build their nests, the spider spins its web, and birds migrate, the tendencies being transmitted within the germ from which insect, fish, bird and animal have severally sprung. Instinct is not acquired by the individual, but is congenital by inheritance. If birds do not know where to fly as Mr. Robinson would have us believe, how does he account for the same pair of birds returning to the same place to build and rear their offspring as in the previous year? Surely not by flying with a cold wind, nor by coincidence; but by following instinctively the routes which their ancestors have taken for countless seasons.

It matters not whether the wind be cold or hot the same impulse to migrate comes over the birds at the usual time quite apart from weather or food supply. Birds caught on arrival if properly cared for soon settle down quite well and seem contented until the time arrives for them to take their departure, when they (although kept warm and having a plentiful supply of food) will show signs of restlessness, dash about their cages at night, uttering the while their call note and generally become very agitated and unsettled in their desire to get away. Under these conditions neither the weather nor food supply can be the cause.

But there are instances where climatic conditions do compel many birds to move to more congenial quarters; especially is this the case with the autumnal migration, where the Fieldfare, Redwing, Brambling, Snow Bunting, Waxwing, and many other species are driven from their breeding grounds through stress of weather and return when conditions are more favourable. In mild seasons few are to be seen, but when cold north-east winds prevail they are numerous on the east coast of England, with the exception of the Waxwing, although I have seen as many as a hundred or more in a two-acre field during very severe weather. No, I do not believe that birds fly by chance or wind. The spring and summer visitors to Great Britain are too regular in their appearance to allow of anything in the nature of chance. If they were guided by the wind they would not be so punctual in their appearance. I used to keep data of their arrival and have found that each species arrived within a few days of the same time every year.

The Cuckoo leaves Great Britain when food is plentiful and the weather as warm perhaps as at any time of the year, certainly much warmer than when it arrives, leaving its young to follow some six weeks later. How does Mr. Robinson's cold wind theory fit in here? I think not at all. They simply go when and where their natural instincts lead them and return the same, over routes which their ancestors have taken for ages.

Mr. Craig's opinion is hardly worth consideration, and it is not easy to understand how any person could compare the migrations of birds over thousands of miles of land and sea to a few Canaries in a kitchen being attracted by the warmth of the fire and sitting on a rack until they get their tails singed. Mr. Craig says his contention is that birds feel the heat of the sun and when it is in the south and at its hottest they fly in that direction. Does Mr. Craig think it is warmer in Great Britain in March and April when most of the spring migrants arrive than it is in Africa at that time? If not, why do the birds leave Africa? The answer is simple enough. Instinct compels them to return to the place of their birth and reproduce their kind, but not by following the sun, or its warmth.

A. J. HIPWELL.

Auckland, New Zealand.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Results Around Ashington and Hirst.

Sir,—The result of the first round of youngsters bred by fanciers in the Ashington and Hirst district shows a fair average on the whole, rather better than last year. The old complaints of empty eggs and non-feeding hens have troubled many. The former is no doubt accounted for by the bitter cold nights we have had lately. Prospects for the second rounds are much brighter, nearly everyone reporting full eggs. Results up to date of a few fanciers belonging to this district: J. Whillis has 40 Norwich and Borders; F. Baker, 12 Nor. and Yorks.; J. Armstrong, 35 Nor. and Bor.; Messrs. Lawson and Eastman have 14 Nor. and Bor.; C. Tapson, 3 Nor.; J. Embleton has a score of Bor. and Yorks. (some eye-openers among this lot); R. Hancock, 12 Nor. and Yorks.; Charlton and Anderson, about a score of Yorks. and Bor.; Hull Bros., 30 Nor., Cin., Yorks. and Bor.; W. Dear, 20 Nor. and Bor.; J. Graham (Newbiggin), 70 Bord.; and your humble servant, 46, all Bor.

J. Lock, Assist. Sec.

A Useful Hint for Hybrid Breeders.

Sir,—I am sending a rough sketch of my idea of a nest fixture for hybrid breeders. The idea may have been in Cage Birds before; if so, I have missed it. I have been breeding hybrids in a small way for some years, and I find British hens take to this kind of fixture better than any. I use the ordinary wire nests and slide a small perch through the bottom. The nest will easily

Mr. Bowles' Suggestion for a Nest.

slide backwards or forwards. The advantage is that it can be put at any part of the cage, and box twigs, etc., can be easily threaded through wires as per illustration, with a felt lining afterwards.

A. Bowles.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

Sir,—"Yellow Green" does not improve his position by his letter in your issue of 23rd inst. He admits that a motion was tabled last year to take a vote on the ring question so that no member who takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of the club can plead that the matter has been rushed or that it has been kept secret. Certainly, no one could state what the result of the vote would be, but the prudent fancier would ring his birds in anticipation. But "Yellow Green" surpasses himself when he states with unblushing effrontery that Musselburgh sells winners to some of the faddists to show as their own breeding. A stronger argument in favour of the closed ring was never put forward and this, mark you, from a man who is against the rings. It is quite time that Musselhurgh was prevented from aiding and abetting dishonesty. Musselhurgh will sell no more winners to the faddists or any other Plainhead members to be shown as their own breeding, at all events in Plainhead Club competition. I would be glad if "Yellow Green" would kindly answer a question, in which lies the crux of the whole matter. In view of the fact that it is within the knowledge of "Yellow Green" that certain members of the Club have for some years back bought winners and fraudulently exhibited these as being their own breeding, does "Yellow Green" now think that the use of the closed ring, which will make the above offence impossible, is for the benefit of the Club, or does he prefer that the above fraudulent practice should be allowed to go on? Fanciers will observe that "Yellow Green" accuses these same faddists who buy the birds of carrying the ring question. Rather inconsistent, isn't it? Buff Green No. 2.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see the letter of Mr. B. Humphries, re the disaster with closed rings. He is quite right in what he says, and many of the members of the S.P.C. who adopt the closed rings will find it out to their cost, as I have no doubt that many who voted in favour had not any experience of the closed rings; personally, I shall never put a closed ring on a young bird of mine. Since writing you last I have been informed that the above scheme was put to the General Meeting of the S.P.C. last year, 1913. If so, did it take a whole year to come to maturity, and be coddled all the year by the few in the know? "Yellow Green" had got the hint; but what about outsiders like myself? We had to take it when we got it. "Yellow Green" was quite right not to act and ring his birds through a rumour. I should be very pleased to assist in any way to put down dishonesty, but I fail to see how this closed ring is to do it. "Buff Green No. 2" seems to know; would he kindly tell us all? I also ask the committee of the S.P.C. to make it known through your widely-read paper how they propose to judge their show, and find out the breeder of every bird benched? Is every bird to be handled and the numbers taken, or is it only if an out sider scores that his birds are to be examined, and the "Big Wigs" get a walk through? I cannot see how the S.P.C. can tell what is honest or dishonest unless every bird has its number taken, or is it only if an outsider scores that will make this clear to the members. If every bird is to be handled it will be a serious business—not so with an expert like Mr. Dewar, who I could trust to handle the most delicate specimen and never harm a feather, but what about the fanciers who joined the ranks a few years ago, who can now lecture and teach us old hands and actually go out as judges. These are the kind that are now ruling the Fancy, or I should say running it. I hope the committee will let us know and if birds are to be handled engage an expert to do so.

Buff Green.

Sir,—I have read with much amusement the letters regarding the use of closed rings in connection with the Scottish Plainhead Club. Why cannot the parties have their own names published and not hide under a nom-de-plume? The letters might be more appreciated if it were known who wrote them. Surely there is nothing to be afraid of; this is a free country, and everyone is entitled to his or her opinion in a matter of this kind.

W. Allison.

Popularising the Norwich Plainhead?

Will this Scheme Materialise?

Sir,—I quite accidentally met a fancier from Scotland, a well-known Norwich Plainhead breeder, this Whitsuntide, on holiday bent, and we had quite a nice birdy chat which embraced all the subjects that are engaging the attention of fanciers at the present time, from the question of six hens on one nest at the same time, to the rearing of Cuckoos by Finches, and "Has a bird a conscience"; and from the Scottish Plainhead Club's new ring scheme to the question of the coddling (or codding) of the novice. But the subject of our conversation which appealed to me most, and which was the most interesting to the Norwich section of your readers, was a scheme which my friend suggested for the furtherance and the popularising of the Norwich Plainhead. His scheme is, that the Scottish Plainhead Club and the N.P.C. should run a giant show devoted to Norwich Canaries only, with an enormous classification and liberal prize money on the scale of the Scottish National Show, this show to be held in Glasgow or Edinburgh one year and Manchester or Preston the other year, and the two clubs to share the liability or profit—if any. I think it a great scheme if only it would materialise. It would be easy to provide twenty classes for champions and a good many for novices, with half-a-dozen limit classes. It would be a show worth going miles to see; and from a Norwich point of view would make the previous best want to bury its head in a mud-bank. When you come to think of it, we are a conservative lot of fanciers. We are content to plod on the same by-roads and lanes as our forefathers trod. We never think of jumping across the brook or peeping over the hedge to see if there is another road better equipped for the present-day generation of fanciers to tread. We never stop to think that last season's fashions are out of date and not suited to present-day needs. Let us try on some new ones. They may not fit; but then—they may, and we shall never know unless we try them. Is the scheme practicable? What do others say?

Sub Rosa.

A NOTED SISKIN.

Second prize at the last Scottish National (Edinburgh) Show, in the class for natural-coloured birds; the property of Messrs. Nicholson and Son, of Stockton-on-Tees.

The Song of the Nightingale in Captivity.

Sir,—Adverting to Mr. R. G. Lewis's notes about the song of the Nightingale in your valuable paper of May 30, I may mention that I have possessed one of the 7s. 6d. Nightingales since April 14, and the bird has been in full song for about a month. I never fail in getting a freshly caught 'Gale into song in about a week's time, and cannot understand why others should not be equally successful if they will only observe a few rules which are essential to bring about the desired result.

In the first instance, a freshly caught Nightingale should never be put into an open cage. A cage of the box pattern, open in the front only, is best. Tack a piece of unbleached calico over the whole wire front, so that the bird is hidden from view. The food vessels should slide in from the front, so that they can be pulled out without disturbing the bird.

In the second instance, the secret lies in supplying the freshly caught bird with the right kind of food. Same must be entirely insectivorous, and alive, too, such as gentles, fresh ants' eggs, mealworms, and small earth worms. Put a good supply of these into the cage, and stand same in a well lighted and quiet place. Leave well alone, and I feel sure, if the bird is healthy and a true male, he will not keep you waiting long for his song.

Otto Puck.

Sir,—There seems to be a good deal of controversy regarding the Nightingale of late, owing no doubt to that splendid article by Mr. Teschemaker, for which I thank him. When I read the poetry about the 'Gale and the golden goblet I was almost brought to tears. Mr. Harrison asked in May 16th issue if 'Gales ever sang on a window-sill in a cage. At the present time I have two, one at the back of my house and one at the front, singing their pure wild song from 3 to 8 every morning. I also had one last year that sang between the same hours; this bird also sang all through the night. My shop is situated between two gas lamps, so, of course, the bird could see the lamp-light till about 2 a.m. in the morning; a case I have never heard of before. I also have several singing inside, but not on full song.

I have never yet accomplished the feat that Mr. Teschemaker speaks about, namely a 'Gale singing on my finger, but I have one that will sing when I am holding its cage in my hand, and I am going to try my luck with this. I have kept 'Gales for the last 15 years, and I can safely say that during that period I have hardly been without one singing. Several of the knowing ones doubt my statement, as they say a Nightingale's song is purely a love song. That may be the case in their wild state, but it is altogether a different thing in captivity, as they have no love to sing to. I have knocked their statement on the head because I have had them singing on my table on Christmas Day. Mr. Lewis is altogether wrong in stating birds that sing in captivity do not number 5 per 100. If that is the case then I must have the 5! Of course, Mr. Lewis is only speaking for himself, I suppose. Perhaps Mr. Lewis will want an extra pinch of salt if I tell him I have had as many as 8 singing at once. Moreover, if Mr. Lewis, or anyone else, doubts my statement they are welcome to come and hear for themselves; and hearing is believing. If our Editor will permit me I will give an article on the 'Gale at some future date.

F. Bent.

[We shall be delighted to receive the article.—Editor.]

Sir,—I have kept delicate Softbills a number of years, and 'Gales for the last ten years, and I consider them most difficult birds to get on full song. I had one that sang splendidly, but he would not sing if fed on anything but black beetles; these I kept in a pint glass and used to give him about 10 or a dozen in a smaller glass as often as he wanted them. I have two at present, one has been on song since Christmas, and has sang splendidly, but bring the other one in the room and he won't utter a note other than a harsh cry.

From experience I consider hand-reared 'Gales useless as far as song goes, and the largest 'Gales I find don't sing as freely as smaller ones. A wild caught bird must be kept in a warm room by himself and given daily attention and bath and then the song is regulated by the quantity of live food provided (mealworms, beetles, etc.). I never had one of these birds sing at night in a cage, and mine always sing at the same time, from 6 a.m. until noon, and often start to the minute day after day. One I had always sang at 9.10 a.m. for about 20 minutes, and never at any other time, excepting a few times only at 1 p.m.

R. Williamson.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John,** British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Borders, Scotch, or any other variety of Canary, wo shall, should the querist desire us to do so, he pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BIRDS GETTING BARE (D. Whitclaw).—If the bareness only occurs among the descendants of the two birds you mention as having introduced into your stock, and these birds themselves, it almost looks as if you had introduced a congenital defect with them, and in that case your only remedy is to rigorously weed them out again as soon as possible in future seasons by discarding from the breeding cage any bird containing this blood which shows any tendency to become bare. Am glad to know that the treatment advised has already done some good. Continue with it, and from now until the moulting season, when no very young broods are being fed, give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur two or three times a week, and every second day when not giving that, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts millet, black rape, teazle, linsced, broken groats, and chopped sunflower seeds. By the way, I take it that you have satisfied yourself that you have no sly feather-pluckers among your stock which are responsible for the mischief.

MOULTING CONTINUALLY (Mrs. de Broë).—As you seem satisfied that the bird is not exposed to draughts, I am afraid it must he subject to unusual fluctuations. Is it kept in or very near a window? If so, this and the fact that it is kept in a wire cage would suffice to account for the trouble. Keep it well within the room, in a bright and equable position, free from direct draughts, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. In addition to your present dietary, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, and a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. Offer the bath daily, and twice a week for a month or so dissolve in it a little sulphuretted potash, in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of bathing water. There is no need to worry if the bird does not elect to bathe every day. If it is given the opportunity to do so it may be left to please itself in the matter.

THE BEST ORGAN (E. B.).—The only one I know of likely to be of any material service is the one known as the Querck organ. Nearly all large dealers in Canaries and requisites either stock this organ, or procure it to a customer's order. I do not think they are more apt to get out of order than any other mechanical device if properly cared for. But this naturally depends entirely upon the usage they get. I cannot advise you to go in for a second-hand article of this sort unless you had some knowledge of the matter, as if you got a machine that was out of order, it is not such an easy matter to get them set right in this country. The only way I can suggest for getting a second-hand machine is either to insert a small advertisement in our prepaid columns, or wait until you see one offered for sale. I do not know of any special organ of the name you mention, and think the one to which you refer was really a Querck organ.

DROPPING TAIL AND FLIGHTS (Penelope).—You have done quite right in mating the hen with another cock, as it is useless expecting one that is continually dropping its tail and flights to fertilise eggs. I suspect this bird has been kept in a position exposed to cold draughts, damp, or extreme and rapid fluctuations of temperature. It is neither necessary nor advisable to pluck the ragged feathers to make way for new ones. As we are now getting within measurable distance of the natural moulting season, you should leave matters to follow the natural course. Cage the bird alone, in a fairly equable position, well ventilated, but free from cutting direct draughts. See that both bird and cage are kept free from insect pests. If there is any doubt on this point add a little sulphuretted potash as advised to "Mrs. de Broë" in this issue, to its bath twice a week. Let it bathe daily if it desires to do so. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with maw seed every third day for a month. Then omit it for a fortnight, and then resume it for another month. On the day after you give this prepared sponge cake, each time add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. Give a little green food in variety each day. This should enable the bird to get a good normal moult, and recover perfect plumage without any plucking or forcing.

A SWOLLEN CHEEK (G. H.). Sorry I cannot venture upon any opinion as to cause of your young bird having a swollen cheek and eye, as you do not give me the slightest data to work upon beyond this bare statement of fact. Possibly it may be due to a vicious peck from one of its dear brethren or sisters, or even its fond father or doting mother. If the swelling has not disappeared, wait a week or two, and meantime watch the birds closely to discover whether this one is a hutt for the pleasantries of its cage-mates, and then write again, if necessary, and describe as nearly as you can the exact position, appearance, and size of the swelling, and whether, and to what extent, it appears to affect the bird's general health.

CAN IT BE COLOUR-FED? (W.K.).—Certainly, you can improve the colour of a Canary that is a year old by colour-feeding it during its forthcoming moult. You are evidently under the impression that colour-feeding is only effectual when the birds are being reared as youngsters, and that, done then, the result is permanent. This is quite wrong. Colour-feeding is certainly only effectual whilst new plumage in being grown, as at moulting-times, but it is effective at any moulting season, practically irrespective of the age of the bird, and the result lasts only until the coloured plumage is cast off at the next moult, when, if the colour-feeding process was not again resorted to, the bird would moult out in a natural coloured specimen again. The feeding process must be carried out at every moult, so long as the bird is desired to appear as a coloured specimen. As you appear quite a tyro in this matter, and it is impossible to go into all details here, I would advise you to get the handbook on "Colour Feeding," 3½d., post free, from our Manager at once, and study its pages in readiness for the coming moulting season. You should begin to give colour food a little before the bird begins to drop its feathers, hence the necessity for acquiring knowledge of the subject without delay.

SEED DIET FOR MOULTING (Seed-for Young).—The staple diet at this season, as all others, should, for preference, consist simply of good canary seed, or at most, if you wish to avoid giving a little summer rape separately, a simple mixture of three parts canary (or two parts if your birds are Rollers) to one part summer rape. In addition to this, make up a mixture of two parts each, by bulk, of hemp, niger, and millet, one part each black rape

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and broken groats, a half-part each of teazle, linseed, and chopped sunflower seeds, and a quarter part each of maw, gold of pleasure, and yellow mustard. Allow a teaspoonful of this mixture to every three birds every second day, and on the intervening days ring the changes on egg-food, bread and milk, green food, wild seed heads, and sweet fruits. Allow birds to bathe freely, but keep cage or flight floor dry. You do not mention the variety you keep, nor say whether you wish to colour-feed them. In the latter event you may refer to reply to "W.K." in this issue.

A RECORD OF FAILURE (A.C.H.).—I am sorry you have so far signally failed in your efforts to rear Canaries after perseveriug for the best part of four seasons. I will gladly help you to achieve success, if I can, but your present letter omits several important details. Do the parents cease to feed the young before the latter die off, or do they die with full crops? Do you leave the cocks with the hens permanently, and do the hens begin nesting again as soon as the young are out of the way, and have you tried the hens both with and without the cocks left to assist in the rearing process? Definite knowledge on these points would have been of great assistance in advising you. Then, I am not quite clear whether you mean that the young are only just beginning to show feather at two to three weeks old. If this is so, I should take it for granted that they are neglected by the parents before they reach this age. Being kept in a scullery, see that they are not exposed to damp, draughts, or extremes of heat and cold, and do not interfere with the young more than is unavoidable. Then, when next brood are hatched, try what this system will do. For first day make egg-food of equal parts egg yolk and crushed sponge cake, then mix together equal parts sponge cake and bread crumbs, and use this mixture to dilute the egg in equal bulk. After this use equal parts of all three. Give in moderate quantity, and fresh at least twice a day. A sprinkling of maw may he added after the third day to keep hen keen on it. From the fourth day give green food fresh twice each day, either the flowering tips of groundsel or chickweed. Let this suffice until the young are ten days old, then add a teaspoonful of soaked rape daily, and four to six days later add also a teaspoonful of cracked hemp each day. If you have not previously tried removing the cock, do this when the next hen commences to sit, and leave her to hatch and rear the young alone. You should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager, and see if you cannot discover from this some flaw in your treatment.

MOULTED FEATHERS (Mrs. de Broe).—Your second letter with moulted feathers duly to hand. After carefully examining the feathers there is nothing I will add at this time to my previous reply. Give the treatment therein advised a full course, and then report result, and I will advise further, if necessary.

CAUSE OF ADDLED EGGS (Rob.).—(1) It is just possible that a sudden and unusual noise, such as the dropping down of the lid of the chest you mention, or the slamming of a door, may he responsible for addled eggs, if they occur at a critical time whilst the hen is sitting; but it is more likely to be because the shock causes the hen to clutch the eggs and slightly "pin-hole," or otherwise damage them than to any effect of the noises upon the eggs or germs themselves. In your case I should say the most likely cause is that the hen was off the eggs too long, and allowed them to get dangerously chilled during one of the cold spells we had about the time you suspect the germs died. You may allow the hen to go on nesting again as soon as she is ready, and it will be no harm to take steps to prevent the haning down of the chest lid. Get a couple of vibration pads from any gramophone dealer and fix one to each front corner of the lid. (2) Certainly, I would advise mating a broken-cap gold Lizard with a clear-cap silver. That is the usual method, and the best for the novice to follow. Of course, the birds should be suitable for each other in other points. It is of no great importance which way the sexes are. The mating of two golds or two silvers is not to be commended as a rule. It is only in quite exceptional circumstances that such matings should be resorted to, and even then only by one who knows the pedigree of the birds and how they are most likely to "throw." You want the part of "Our Canaries" dealing with the Lizard to get the details and possible effect of these extraordinary matings.

PESTERED WITH LICE (Sands).—(1) Your birds are undoubtedly out of condition, as this pest rarely gets a footing upon really sound and healthy stock, unless kept under really bad conditions. The best thing you could do to stamp them out quickly in order to get a fair chance of breeding successfully, is to hand-wash each bird and mix a little Creolin in the two first waters used in the proportion of a teaspoonful of Creolin to pint of water. Whilst birds are drying, thoroughly wash out the cages with solution of Creolin of twice the above strength. After an interval of a week repeat the whole process. If you are not expert at washing, and cannot get a friend who is to do the job for you, give a bath daily and mix in each pint of the water used a teaspoonful of sulphuretted

Owing to the intervention of the Whitsun Holidays a number of Queries were not received until Tuesday last, and we cannot, of course, get these answered in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—Editor.

potash, in which the birds will bathe themselves. In addition to the ordinary diet, give a piece of bread the size of a walnut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar daily for a fortnight, to each pair of birds, and during the same time add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water each day. Give a little crisp young dandelion daily. (2) As regards egg-preserving, get a copy of the current issue of the "Poultry World," April 17th, which is a special egg-preserving number, and deals fully with the subject. It is scarcely within our scope.

HOW TO TREAT (Amateur).—As it is impossible to go into all details in this column, I would strongly advise you to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free from our manager, which will prevent you making many mistakes in the course of the season. You might also see several other replies in this issue about hens laying eggs without shells. Possibly you may have been feeding the birds a little too well, so that the hen is in a rather overfed condition. Whilst hen is sitting, give a diet of plain canary only as staple. Twice a week give a very small quantity of egg food, and once or twice, according to the weather, a scrap of green food. Hang on a bath for an hour or so daily during the last three or four days of incubation if the weather is warm. When the young are hatched, give egg food daily in small quantities, fresh two or three times each day, gradually increasing the quantity given at once as the demands of the young increase. From the fourth day onwards give also a little green food, in quite small quantities at first, fresh twice a day. About the eighth day a little soaked rape may be added, and a few days later begin to give a little lightly cracked hemp each day. Only experience can show whether the cock should be left with the hen whilst sitting and rearing the young. Some cocks bully the hens far too much to be allowed to remain with them, and some hens, which will not rear the young when he is left with them, will rear them all right by themselves. In this matter you have to be guided by circumstances.

TROUBLE WITH EGG-BINDING (Snookered).—I am afraid you are a good deal too meddlesome with the hens, and much of the trouble arises from the bad effect of your manipulations, and I am sure you have not got such a seed mixture as you describe either from this column or "Canary Breeding for Beginners." I doubt if this hen will now be of any use for breeding this season, so to prevent disappointment I would advise you to replace her with a strong, healthy and active hen, not younger than early last season bred. Mate her with the cock if still in good condition, and treat precisely as you will find in "Canary Breeding for Beginners." Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and for a seed mixture use equal parts hemp, black rape, millet (white only), and niger. For green food use only chickweed, flower-buds of groundsel, watercress, or lettuce. Give no dandelion at all. Then let matters follow the natural course. If the hen looks a little thick before she is expected to lay, do not jump to the conclusion that she is egg-bound. If this really occurs there will be no mistaking it, and if she appears to be getting in extremis then you can steam her, and keep in a quite warm place for a time. But avoid all manipulative treatment. Indeed, I am convinced you will do best to avoid all treatment whatever if you possibly can do so, and leave the hen severely alone from the time you mate her. Keep the other hen in a good-sized cage where she can get plenty of exercise for a few weeks, and for the next fortnight add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water every second day.

TWO QUESTIONS (W. Clay).—(1) It is practically certain to be on account of the ovary being in a dormant condition and undeveloped state that she refuses to mate with any cock either this season or last. I have known many such hens, which to all intents and purposes were otherwise in perfect health. The fact that she is a first-cross Belgian-Yorks has nothing whatever to do with her behaviour. That is a mere coincidence. (2) Of course, it is possible to place a youngster a week old in a nest with others a fortnight old, but it most certainly is not advisable, which, I expect, is what you want to know. Some [illegible] tolerate such an addition, but others would not. And even if the youngster was accepted, it would probably be starved to death by its [illegible] and stronger nest-mates monopolising all the food supply. If you cannot transfer it to young about its own age, you had better not attempt doing so at all. In the evening, after the young have been well fed for the night, is the best time to make such a transference.

A TRIPLET (Micky).—(1) It is quite possible for all the clutch of five eggs of the hen whose mate died suddenly on the afternoon of the day she laid her first egg to be fertilised. On the other hand, it is also not unlikely for all to be unfertile. It depends entirely upon the vigour and condition of the cock prior to his death, and also to no small extent to the ovarian condition of the hen. In ordinary conditions with healthy birds I should not expect more than two eggs to be fertile. (2) It is not unusual for a hen to lay an egg some days after commencing to sit, but it is very much so for a clutch to be laid when the first are only half incubated, as I take it is the case with your hen. As you cannot tell which are the last clutch, your best course is to let the hen sit them all until the young are hatched from the first clutch, and then if you have a hen that has just finished sitting a clutch of unfertiles remove the eggs from this hen and give them to the other to finish the period of sitting with them. Or you might distribute them among two or three other hens with eggs that have been sitting about the same length of time as these eggs will have been sat upon. (3) Looks as if this bird had pneumonia, in which case he may have been "gathered to his fathers" before this reply appears. If not, keep him quite on the warm side, give a little bread and milk, and a pinch of maw daily, add the medicine advised in reply to "A.W.H." in this issue to the water, and leave the rest to Nature. You cannot do more. At present warmth is the great point to enable him to pull through.

A WOULD-BE TRIGAMIST (A Novice).—I believe this is the fifth novice so far this week. They will each have to pick out their own replies. A more distinctive nom-de-plume is advisable. (1) I would not advise you to try running a cock with three hens separately. Two is quite sufficient if you are to give the cock a brief rest between putting the hens to nest, and besides this, if you try running him with three and one or other of them is rather slow in going to nest, you may not have him at liberty when you want him. Yes, when number one has gone to nest and commenced to sit, remove him and mate with number two. When she has commenced to sit remove him again and cage him alone until the first hen is ready to begin nesting again. Then repeat the same tactics as before. Begin giving a little green food on the third or fourth day; soaked rape, if a large brood, about the sixth or eighth day; hemp about the tenth day. To a certain extent the time must be regulated by the good or bad feeding qualities of the hen, as the case may be. (2) Add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water every second day whilst the hen is going to nest. If this does not stop the excessive looseness, add also on the alternate days for a week or so six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of opium. Stop the latter when the desired effect is obtained, but the lime water may be continued until she has gone to nest.

RUNNING COCK WITH TWO HENS (H. S.).—Evidently you have not "Our Canaries," wherein the process certainly is described fully, and also, I believe, in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," though I have not a copy handy at the moment to verify this. Anyway, here is the process in a nutshell. Keep the hens separately in single breeding cages, and mate the cock with the one that seems nearest ready to go to nest, and leave them together until the hen has laid her third egg, and on the evening of the day the third egg is laid, when you are putting them to sit, take away the cock and mate him with the second hen, leaving the first hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself. When the second hen goes to nest and you are putting her to sit, take away the cock and cage him separately until the first hen is ready for him again to begin nesting for the second brood. Then return the cock to her and repeat the same procedure as for the first round. Note that both hens are left to hatch and rear the young by themselves on each occasion in both rounds. If it should happen that both hens are equally forward for nesting, as may be the case at this season, the best plan is to run the cock with both hens concurrently, by allowing him to be with each for one-half of each day. To save the trouble of changing him about so frequently, you will attain this object by transferring him from one hen to the other at midday each day.

NORWICH GOING BLIND (R.T.).—I am afraid the trouble is of a more or less contagious nature, and advise you to keep all affected birds separate from the rest, and thoroughly disinfect any cage which has been occupied by an infected bird before using it for any healthy bird. As regards treatment, as soon as you see the eyes becoming affected, bathe them for a few minutes morning and evening with a decoction made by infusing six or eight chamomile heads in a breakfast cup of boiling water for an hour, allow it to stand till cold, strain off the clear liquid, and add to it 40 drops of tincture of opium. Use a drop of fresh liquid and a fresh dossil of wool or linen for each bird treated. After bathing carefully dry off surplus moisture, and place on each eye a tiny speck of an ointment composed of five grains of yellow oxide of mercury in a quarter ounce of spermaceti. Any chemist will mix this for you. Hold the bird for a minute or so while the ointment melts and help it to run about the eye and under the eyelid.

IS IT PARTIALITY? (Thrush). — Most likely. Many hens show more or less partiality for the strongest youngsters in a brood, and systematically neglect the weakling of the brood, if there happens to be such a one. It often happens so when one or two youngsters are two days or so younger than the first-hatched, and after the first few days the superior size and strength of the oldest birds enables them to monopolise the hen's attentions. In your case the easiest way out would be to place the neglected chick with a brood about the same size belonging to another hen, or if no such hen is available, give the youngster a few good feeds by hand each morning and evening for a time until it gets stronger to make its wants more insistent. As she fed only the small bird with the soft food containing maw, you should have made a point of giving it with this addition for an hour or two each morning and evening for a time, and thus assured its being fed at these times, until the disparity in size was reduced, when things would have gone on all right. Try this plan now if the youngster still survives.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHAT BIRD? (Darkie).—According to your description, I should say your young bird was a Chaffinch, but am unable to tell you the sex, as they are so much alike in their nest plumage. You will not be able to decide until he has moulted. Add a little soaked rape to the egg food, also a few ants' eggs, live ones if you can get them, if not, soak a few dried ones in new milk. Collect greenfly, small caterpillars, or take pieces of mealworm and drop into his beak once or twice a day. When he can feed himself, give cracked canary, hemp, a little maw seed, and pieces of sunflower seed, in addition to the egg food mixture, the latter can be discontinued when he can crack seeds for himself, but do not leave off too suddenly. At that time you could offer a little greenfood, such as seeding grasses, shepherd's purse, chickweed, and a spray of watercress, and twice a week give a spoonful of sprouting rape, and radish seed; if you keep it damp and in a warm place for a day or two, it will quickly germinate, in which state they are particularly fond of it. Our booklet on the Chaffinch would assist you in your future management.

AGE FOR BREEDING (Linnet and Canary).—Your Canary hen may go to nest even yet, as some of them are exceedingly late in breeding, particularly when they have a partner of another species. I do not think you will do much good by parting them now. Give the ben a nest box, and plenty of nesting material, and if you have a cock Canary in song, hang him where she can hear him. You should also give her a little egg food every other day, some hemp and maw seed, and a spoonful of soaked rape. For green food offer a small dandelion leaf daily. (2) No, the Canary is not too young to breed; it is not an unusual occurrence for hens to go through the whole season without showing signs of wanting to nest, and however anxious, one cannot do anything to force them, beyond feeding them well, giving nesting materials, and putting them near one of the opposite sex. (3) This and the next month are the two best for Hybrid breeding.

COCK CANARY AND HEN LINNET (Learner).—Hybrids between the Linnet and Canary are generally produced from the Linnet cock and Canary hen, but if you have a Linnet hen that is likely to nest, you could try the other way, but you would still require a nesting Canary hen to rear the young ones, as the British hen cannot be relied upon to incubate and feed the little ones.

TROUBLE WITH SKYLARK (Harold Wilding).—I think you would do well to procure our Nutshell Booklet on the Skylark. In a wild state these birds feed a good deal upon insects, and you say you have had yours three years without giving him any, so it is not surprising that he is not doing well now. The loss of feathers may be caused by improper feeding, or it may be caused by insects. You had better catch him and examine him carefully for grey lice, and if you find any you must dust him well with insect powder, and do it again, about every three or four days, until you get rid of them. Do you give him a dust bath? If not, you should do so, as this is the natural way for these birds to keep themselves clear of insects. It is also a good plan to spray them a little during the summer weather. You say nothing about your feeding, so I presume you are giving him the food so frequently advised to other readers. If there is any little point not mentioned in our booklet that you require advice upon, perhaps you will kindly write again.

A THIRSTY LINNET (Bluestone).—You say nothing whatever about the treatment of your bird, and give me no hints as to your feeding, consequently it is difficult to find the cause of your Linnet being so thirsty. You say he drinks a glass full daily; of course, a glass may be any size, and birds naturally drink considerably more water during the summer months than they do in the winter, and if one should be kept in a hot room, he would no doubt feel the effects of the heat. If there is any looseness of the bowels, you had better boil the water, and add a small teaspoonful of Chemical Food to it, fresh every day. Perhaps you do not supply him with greenfood. At this time of the year Finches should have a fairly liberal supply, as it is easily procured, and will assist in keeping them in good health.

FEEDING TIT (L. W. F.).—Mix him a little good insectile food fresh every day. Offer sunflower, hemp and maw. The two former he will plant between his feet and hammer at with his beak until he makes an entrance through the shell. He should have a piece of apple or other fruit; nuts of various kinds, first cracking them so that he can get at the contents. A tiny piece of suet occasionally and one or two mealworms or other live food, such as green fly, small beetles, caterpillars, etc. (2) There are various foods on the market suitable for a Tarush, or you can make your own staple food, and give him the purchased articles for a change. Procure some puppy biscuits or medium chicken meal (best quality), soak in hot water, and mix a spoonful of meat meal or fine crissel with it. Occasionally a spoonful of ants' eggs or grocers' currants put in with it make a change. Offer fruit in season, mealworms, beetles, etc., and very occasionally a little shredded meat. (3) Chaffinches, as a rule, are not free singers until the spring. Proper treatment as regards feeding and bathing, mealworms and other insects, should bring him along. On fine days hang him in the open air for an hour or so. (4) I have never tried a cage of the description you mention, so am unable to say much about it; but you will notice the sender of the sketch says it has certain advantages, which look to be very feasible. Why not try one? They look as though they could be easily made.

CONCERNING STARLINGS (Starling Fancier).—You should have no difficulty in distinguishing the sexes when you get several birds together. The hen bird never has quite the metallic sheen of the cock, and her spangling is bolder and more distinct in marking and whiter in appearance. The hen's beak is never so bright as the cock bird's, it is generally a dusky brown. (2) I should think you would have no difficulty in getting Starlings to breed in a suitable aviary—that is if you think they are worth the trouble. Give them a box and plenty of sticks, straw, and other nesting materials, and I think you would find they would soon go to nest, but I am doubtful if they would rear the young unless you could provide them with plenty of live food in addition to their usual soft food. (3) The Starling is not a difficult subject to cater for. Soaked chicken-meal or puppy biscuits, with a spoonful of meat-meal or fine crissel make a very good general food, with an occasional feed of the usual insectile food of the best quality. You can sometimes mix his food with boiled potatoes, scraped carrot, or scraps from the table. A little live food occasionally and a morsel of shredded meat, and he won't say no to a few mealworms. (4) Hand-rearing is not at all a difficult matter, but they are dirty nestlings, and require a lot of attention. I have hand-reared them on egg-food, as given to Canaries, made rather sloppy, and as they grow, mixing insectile food with it. Occasionally put a pinch of sand or grit in with it—it aids digestion. Feed every hour at first, gradually extending the time as they grow. Do not over-feed, especially during the day-time. The heaviest feed should be the last at night.

HEN NOT BREEDING (S. Morris).—The fact of your hen not laying is not at all an uncommon occurrence, we frequently get such cases even when paired to their own species. The only remedy I can suggest is to give her a course of chemical food, and let her bathe and exercise freely, and when the breeding time comes round feed her with stimulating food; give her plenty of nesting material to encourage her to go to nest, and let a cock Canary be within hearing. As she is such a shy breeder, I fear you have no chance of breeding hybrids with her, especially with her present partner. The Chaffinch-Canary has not yet been produced, and I do not think it is likely to be, excepting under the very best conditions. The fact of her having unfertile eggs with a Goldfinch does not appear very encouraging for the future. One of the best foods we have here for bringing birds into breeding condition is the leaves and seed-pods of the common dandelion. I do not know much about your Australian plants, but if you have this one you will find it a very suitable addition to your greenfood list.

BRINGING CHAFFINCH INTO CONDITION (C. L. Edwards).—I am afraid you do not read your CAGE BIRDS as you should do, or you would see that this question was answered last week. If a Chaffinch is properly fed and attended to he would be now coming into song and condition. Many birds are by now in high fettle. Presume you are feeding him on the usual seeds, which should include a little sunflower daily, give in addition some sprouting radish and turnip seed. Place some in a shallow pan or dish and keep moist until it commences to germinate, when cut out a square and offer the Finch. The very best food to bring him along is live food, and Chaffinches will generally eat most kinds; give mealworms, gruhs, caterpillars, spiders, green fly, etc., whenever procurable, also offer wild food, such as dandelion leaves, chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc., these will all assist. Chaffinches are naturally rather precocious birds and do not generally need much forcing. Have you the Nutshell booklet on the Chaffinch? If not, procure one, you will find it full of useful information.

NIGHTINGALE MATTERS (W.H.C.).—You are not obliged to have a wicker front to your Nightingale's cage; the ordinary wire will do. The cage is generally covered over when a freshly-caught bird is introduced, and gradually raised as he settles down. The colour you have painted your cage will do very nicely for general use, although most people prefer green, it will be quite safe to put a bird in by the time you are able to get one. The bath is certainly best hung outside; even then the bird cannot help making the floor of the cage wet. You can procure a bath with cage to hang on suitable for the purpose at most bird shops. You can cover the bottom of the cage with whatever material you fancy. I have used sifted peat moss, and find it answer admirably, and prefer it to sawdust for birds that are at all unsteady. As regards the perches, there is no proper size, birds in a wild state use tree branches of all thicknesses, and you cannot do better than copy nature, the difference in size need not be enough to look unsightly, but ever so little difference makes a change in the grip, which must be exercise for the feet and comforting to the bird. Soft yellow pine is as good as anything. (2) You will never get a 'Galc to sing as freely as a Skylark, they do not in a wild state, even at their best. In fact, you are particularly lucky if you get one to sing moderately well, in confinement many refuse to sing at all. The Sprosser is the Continental bird, and is considered to be a good songster, but, like our native bird, is sometimes a bit shy of exhibiting his powers. All the migratory birds are somewhat affected by the so-called migratory fever, in the autumn, but it varies considerably in individuals. Any birds very much affected should be placed in a quiet corner of the bird-room, and, if necessary, partly covered over. It is generally during the first autumn of captivity that they feel it most. There is no danger in allowing birds to bathe the year round, providing you choose fine bright days in the winter, and give them the bath early in the morning, taking it away in an hour or so, if they have used it or not.

SEEMS ITCHY (G.S.H.).—You should thoroughly examine the cage for red mites, probing any crack or joints of door, etc., with a pin, notwithstanding that it is cleaned out weekly, and if any trace of insects is found overhaul cage and exterminate them. If you find any parts of the surface of the cage covered with a whitish powdery appearance you may take that as positive proof that mites exist somewhere close at hand. If no trace of insects exists, give in addition to the staple seed diet a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for three weeks or so, and on the alternate days give half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape and teazle. Stop giving apple, and substitute a little dandelion, or other green salading instead daily. In the water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for another fortnight. Allow bird to bathe freely. You may slightly smear the sore spots once or twice with Lanocyllin, but do not daub the plumage.

CHOICE OF BIRDS (Togo).—You could easily accommodate half a dozen birds in your two flight. I would advise you to start with a Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch, and when you have successfully mastered the art of keeping these in captivity you will be able to have some of the more showy, but hardly so easily kept specimens. Before you purchase them I would advise you to get the British Bird Manual, Part I., Hardbills, published at this office, price 1s. 1d. It will give you full directions for selecting show specimens, and details of proper manner of feeding them. (3) All birds moult in the autumn and British birds as a rule are not colour fed, but sometimes the Siskin and Greenfinch are given a little to increase the yellow colour in the plumage. You should go to one of the big shows and have a look at the birds there, it, will help you considerably.

WHICH MATE (Studious).—I would advise you to use the cock Linnet with your Canary as Linnet Hybrids are more valuable than the Greenfinch, whether you want them for song or exhibition, and the fact of the Greenies being so wild should help you to decide the question. (2) Bullfinches are particularly destructive to shrubs, and are sure to peck whatever you put in. I know nothing better than box, unless it is heather, which can be fastened to the woodwork of the aviary, and gives quite an artistic effect, besides forming a good foundation for the birds to nest in.

AVIARY FOR SONG BIRDS (Songster).—I rather like your plan of the suggested aviary. I think I would have the doors quite at the end, that is if you intend to have two of them, but I think you would do better to have only one, and that at the end of the front, the furthest away from the open part. You could then drive all the birds out in the open whenever you wanted to enter the building for cleaning purposes, and I do not think you need have glass in the roof as you will find it rather difficult to keep out the wet. You could have a window about one foot high running from the doorway to the centre post of the building where the division is, this will look artistic and give plenty of light for the interior. Whenever you wished to enter the building you could easily drive the birds outside by tapping on the glass, or you could have a sliding door in the partition, working from the outside. You could keep ten or a dozen Finches and Buntings in a building your size. I would advise you to keep the Thrush in a cage, you would get far more song out of him, and he might possibly bully the other birds, otherwise I think your collection a very good one: There are two books that would be specially useful to you: "Aviaries, Bird Rooms, Etc.," 2s. 3d., and "The British Bird Mannal," 2s. 3d., or Part I. "Hardbills," 1s. 1d., all post free from "Cage Birds" office.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT (C.W.).—If your bird is the age stated it should begin to talk as soon as it is accustomed to you and its new quarters; at the same time being out of condition may delay matters. You must keep this bird warm, and keep it out of reach of cold winds; at the same time apart from this it should get all the light and air possible. Lightly dust the boiled maize daily with flowers of sulphur, but previous to this add to it ten drops of cod liver oil, and after this has soaked in, dust with sulphur. Unless the bird is much younger than stated it should soon begin to take some of the seed mixture. Continue to give the Chemical Food, but once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the water in lieu of the Chemical Food. Keep cuttlebone in the cage and give a pinch of grit daily. Offer one or two shelled nuts daily, such as walnuts or Barcelona. If it should become worse, write again at once, otherwise report progess a month hence.

YOUNG GREY PARROT (H.J.B.).—In the first place I should write the vendor and give him the details you name, as for the amount you gave you ought to get an established bird. It is impossible to state course on data to hand, but the bird must be kept quiet, and all hasty movements in its vicinity avoided. If you have not got it send to our Manager for the Grey Parrot Nutshell, 2½d. post free, and gradually bring your diet on to the lines given therein. While the periods of excitement last, a little cold water on the top of the head will help. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day. Follow the first dose of the magnesia by the following sedative: Dissolve three gains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup, and stir into the drinking water. Give this dose on three successive days, and any time you note symptoms of a recurrence of the fits, give two or three doses of the bromide as above. Report progess about a month hence, if no adverse symptoms develop; if such do occur, write again at once. Re the Amazon, you give me no data as to how you feed, etc. Give Dinneford's Magnesia as above, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. Spray twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, but and anoint all bare places with Spratt's "Pennacura," but do not use sufficient to make the surrounding plumage greasy. Feather eating is almost impossible of cure once a bird becomes confirmed in it. You must persevere.

BUDGERIGARS (Budgie).—The diet for these birds is a mixture of three parts each canary and white millet seeds, and one part white oats, to be well mixed. Also millet sprays, green food (as much seeding and flowering grass as they will eat), and continuous access to cuttlebone and grit. No nesting material is required, but in the cemented box you could throw in a thin layer of sawdust. It is a matter of patience; you must wait for them to settle down, and nesting should follow in due course. The nesting season in this country is practically all the year round, except during the period of the moult.

FEATHER PICKER (Myosotis).—I can at present only say give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day. Spray the bird every other day with a tepid quassia solution. It is a waste of time to attempt a guess at cause or suggest remedy on the data you give—simply that "she picks out her feathers and also breaks them." Tell a little of the history of the bird, and how it has been fed and generally treated, say, for the past twelve months.

CUTTHROATS (Ribbon).—(1) You know if you have supplied any nesting material, and whether the lining of the husk is composed of such material. Again, if you placed a new husk in the cage, the nest cannot be sufficiently old to be deleterious. Possibly you bought cage, husk, and birds as one lot, if so, and the husk smells sweet and there are no parasites, you can leave it as it is. In case you should have made such an error, never in future buy anything but new nest receptacles. (2) Hay, grass, and a little moss. (3) The calls of both birds are quite natural, and they should soon nest. (4) Quite normal. (5) Yes, should do so, supply seed, dry ants' cocoons, ample green food, and if you are in a district where you can gather (collect) live ants' eggs, such will be excellent to supply to the birds ad lib. (6) Quite normal. (7) The carrying of nesting material, the male dancing to his mate, and pairing.

AVIARY QUERIES (Belfast).—(1) In a yard surrounded by high walls, the sunniest aspect is almost a sine qua non. The high walls will make any position sheltered, but it is imperative that the front of the aviary gets the sun for a good portion of the day, and this must be the deciding factor as to where you place it. (2) Seven pairs, and the following would suit you for a beginning: Zebra, Bib and Ribbon Finches, Avadavats, Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, and Alario Finches. (3) One pair of Cockatiels and three pairs the size of Budgerigars would tax your accommodation to the utmost. (4) The vagaries of the market settle this point, and you must buy when obtainable, but unless you have indoor accommodation, you must make your purchases in the spring and early summer. Species once cheap and common disappear for a time unexpectedly, and on a reappearance have a higher value. (5) It is not many that give the accommodation; very strong aviaries are required, and many, nay, most, take a long time to settle down. Rose-breasted, Leadbeaters, and the Yellow-crested would be as likely as any; but each pair would have to have a fairly roomy enclosure, and fully adult birds must be procured, or you may get a very long wait before even an attempt is made. Leadbeaters have bred at the London Zoo.

IS IT A PEKIN NIGHTINGALE? (W. Elliott).—Yes, I think your bird is a Pekin Robin or Nightingale, and probably a female, not only because it has not sung a note, but on account of its pale colouration according to your description. Newly imported males are usually advertised at 7s. 6d., but a proved songster would fetch much more—the merit of the song of respective males varies considerably. If you procure Nutshell No. 19, 2½d post free from our Manager, it will tell you all about this interesting species. The best way to procure a singing male is to bide your time, paying periodical visits to your local source of supply, and buying the first you see pouring forth his tuneful melody. Diet: This should consist of insectile mixture (soft food), ripe fruit ad lib, and some live insects, mealworms, and any garden pests you can procure.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CELLAR AVIARY (Novice).—The whole question hinges upon what amount of light finds its way into the cellar. No birds do well without light and sun, and if they breed a good portion of their young are often deformed or affected with ricketts. Of course, if the sun finds its way inside for a portion of the day, then the birds will do well; but if you can manage the space, while you are constructing I should suggest having a similar sized flight outside the cellar, letting the birds go in and out through the window, then the aviary should be a really successful one. Two sides of your suggested aviary are brick walls; line these thickly with twiggy branches as perching accommodation. I should say you would do best with Budgerigars and Lovebirds. Get two pairs of Budgies and one pair Black-cheek Lovebirds. Put up four husks for the Budgies and two small barrels for the Lovebirds. Budgies require no nesting material, but the Lovebirds will require leaves and strips of thin bark, which they will carry into the barrel, partly filling it and forming their nest right at the back. Canaries are outside my province. Repeat this query to our Mr. St. John. Once Budgies start breeding, they breed nearly all the year, only stopping for the moult.

ANOTHER FEATHER PULLER (Ronco).—I am afraid with your bird this annoying habit is a vice, and once a bird becomes confirmed in it, it is practically incurable. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days give half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. Spray the bird twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, but do not subject the bird to the slightest draught or chill wind, while the plumage is damp. In addition to what you are giving, also supply ripe fruit (any kind it will eat) daily: nuts, biscuits, stale crusts, and sponge cake can all be given to vary the diet. Keep cuttlebone, grit and a piece of a fairly thick branch continually in the cage. Report progress in a month or six weeks.

LEMON-CREST COCKATOO (J. H. Haynes).—Your diet certainly is about normal, and evidently is not responsible for the trouble unless there is anything in the mixture. I am inclined to suspect skin parasites, and if the bird is tame enough to hand wash it in a tepid solution of fir-tree oil. This is a horticultural preparation, quantities are given on the bottle as a wash for birds, etc., but about a teaspoonful to a quart of water is about the strength. Keep it out of the birds eyes, and a sponging twice a week should materially help it. Put into the birds drinking water twice a week one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, and on the other days half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates. Keeping the bird well amused and letting it out of the cage to wander about a bit will all help. Keep cuttlebone and grit and a piece of a branch in the cage for it to cut up. You must persevere, you may lessen the evil even if you can't cure.

AVIARY (M. B.).—I do not know your county, and this makes it rather difficult to advise as to the amount of shelter required; moreover, I did not write "Aviaries and Cages," and do not know what aviary design of mine is included therein. Now, taking your aviary as at present, when you have the flight attached thereto, half the front should be kept permanently closed up, and during

the cold months of the year the whole of it, except for a space about 1½ft. wide and 4ft. high, for the birds to get in and out. You are on clay; this holds the wet and calls for some cover. The 5ft. of roof and north end should be boarded and felted, also the 5ft. of front adjoining north end would be better wood and glass; all the remainder of flight could be wire netting (not larger mesh than half-inch), with the exception of 1½ft. high of matching all round base. As regards the flight ground space, the portion under the roof would be the better for six inches of gritty sandy gravel upon it, which could be easily kept in place by a six-inch board stretching across the aviary. The other portion of the ground should be thickly planted with such evergreen trees and bushes as flourish in your locality, putting in a few of good size to form immediate cover. Along the front of the covered north side of flight (in the aviary) stakes (larch poles are good) should be fixed from ground to roof (this will give stability) three feet apart, with some rampant climber planted at the base of each—a space of at least six feet broad in the centre should be turfed and cut regularly (a large bath would look well in the centre of this), for the birds to display on; the other parts around the turf to be planted between the trees and bushes with coarse grasses and herbage—dock, cow parsley, wild mallow, thistle, etc. Suitable evergreens could be chosen from the following:—Aucuba, Common Laurels, Berberis, Euonymus, Firs, Cupressus, Evergreen Privet, etc.; deciduous trees and bushes; Golden Privet, Elder, Hawthorn, Willow, Hazel, Beech, Birch, and all English fruits. Creepers: Ivy, Hops, Roses, Virginian Creeper, Everlasting Pea, Honeysuckle, Bellbine, Wild Clematis, Canary Creeper, Nasturtium, etc. Such varieties should be chosen as are rampant growers in your locality—consult some local nurserymen. As regards birds, well, you must ask again for this, as I have exhausted space. Mention your county when doing so. It is difficult to cover the full scope of your query in the space limit allowed for replies. If you increase flight, you must increase shelter accommodation also.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. Copestick.—If you made a clear arrangement that the deal was to be subject to approval, then clearly you should have returned the broken records (you were not likely to "approve" of them in that state) and claimed your bird back, or further records in satisfactory condition. You would not become the owner of the records until approved, therefore the transit risks were not yours. If you had an approval arrangement you can sue for the return of your bird, or its value.

W. Wolf.—Garden Warbler (Sylvia hortensis), Whitethroat (Sylvia cinerea). The above are the "old-fashioned" Latin names; the latest book on classification, etc. ("A Hand-list of British Birds") adopts Sylvia borin and Sylvia communis communis respectively.

A. W. Howarth.—The leaves and flowers are those of the tormentil.

Advertiser.—It so happened that we had anticipated your desire.

Old Scottie.—We could not possibly invite a correspondence of this nature. The article in question has been on sale now a number of years and we have never heard anything but complimentary references made to it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mr. A. Mutton.—Bird died as the result of a fit, contributed to by a too plethoric condition.

Mr. H. Garside.—Enteritis symptomative of ptomaine poisoning, arising no doubt from the food. Use care in preparation of egg-food for parent birds. Give perfectly fresh, and diminish the quantity also.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—June 11, Horse and Jockey, 8. Novice N.F. Table Show, Judge Mr. G. Browning.—E. Johnson.

Barry F. and F.S.—June 10, headquarters, 7.30. Business, Members' Show for July 11.—H. P. Thomas.

Birmingham South O.S.—June 10, Marlboro Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements Young Bird Show.—J. Sheppard.

British Roller C.C.—June 9, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8.—J. W. Norris.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—June 10, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 6. Young Stock Show, entrance 6d., birds staged at 6; Judge Mr. W. Messenger; and other business.—R. Elliott.

Bolton Roller C.S.—June 9, Joiners Arms, 8. Very important business.—J. Kilshaw.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 13, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington. F.F. Show, judge H. J. Chittenden; birds staged 2.30; entries night prior to show.—W. H. Kilburn.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—June 6, Flying Dutchman, 2.30. Members' Show, judge Mr. S. Wilcock.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—June 9, Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, 8. General bus., new members invited.—Notice unsigned (Ed.).

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—June 10, headquarters, 7.30 Committee; 8.0 Table Show—Can., Ditto 1914, Brit. F.M., Ditto C.M., judge Mr. C. Pearson. Washing exhibition to follow by Mr. C. Pearson. Subs. due.—W. H. Gibb.

Charlotteville Fanciers' and U.S.K.S.—June 25, St. Luke Institute. Young Stock Show, exhibits staged 6. Final for points cups and medals.—C. H. Pope.

Chopwell C.B.S.—June 7, Club Hall, 6.30. Election of judges and settling of show date.—W. Tomlinson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 8, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Lecture on "The Lack of Organisation in the Fancy," by Mr. A. C. Burn. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 8, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Members who have not paid their contributions kindly do so.—J. Southworth.

Coventry O.S.—June 10, Sydenham Palace, Coventry, 8.30. Young Stock Show, etc.—A. Green.

Craghead C.B.S.—June 6, Black House, 7.30. Selection of judges and other important bus.—A. Dawson.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—June 10, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 8. Paper on colour-feeding.—H. Legg.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 6, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show business.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—June 13, Druid's Arms, Bentley, 6. Classification for second F.F. Show, judge, subs. due.—G. Hunt.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—June 8, headquarters, 8. General bus. F.F. Show July 1, headquarters.—J. Alderslade.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 6, Fountain Inn, 8. General bus., final arrangements re F.F. Show; Members' Show June 13, judge Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Shipley.—S. Wilcock.

Farnworth C.B.S.—June 10, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. F.F. Show bus.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S.—June 6. Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. To take entries for half-yearly show; entries close 9 p.m. Subs. to be paid up not later than June 6.—G. Garbutt.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 10, headquarters, 8. N.F. show; see report in this issue. Subs. now due.—W. Curry.

Glasgow and W. Counties.—June 6, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. British show, Chaffinch, Brambiefinch, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Buntings, A.V.—J. McGowan.

Glasgow, W. of Scotland O.S.—June 6, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show, etc. New members now being enrolled.—Wm. Hutchison.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—June 9, Mr. Watson, King Street, 8. F.F. Show bus.—A. Berry.

Great Horton O.S.—June 6, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also Members' Show, birds staged 3, judge Mr. J. Bailey; 10 classes. Fanciers invited.—J. Holroyd.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—June 8, Headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8.30. Meeting and lecture. Visitors heartily invited.—R. W. Ford.

Halifax O.S.—June 6, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Syllabus will be given out.—H. Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 8, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly Table Show postponed from June 8 to July 6.—A. Lawford.

Keighley C.B.S.—June 9, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Selecting stewards for F.F. Show.—C. W. Town.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 9, White Swan, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. C. Walton.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 10, Railway Hotel, 7. Table N.F. Show, four classes, birds staged 7.30, judge Mr. R. Davies, Leigh.—R. Charleson.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 7, Lockhart's, Briggate, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. N.F. Show, eight classes, for particulars see syllabus; judges W. H. Mennard Norwich, Mr. W. A. Wilson the remainder. — E. Norton.

Littleborough C.B.S.—June 10, Headquarters, 8. F.F. Show bus., final arrangements for cup competition; lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. E. Hartley, special.—J. R. Windle.

London C.B.A.—June 9, El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires by Mr. F. Easterling.—F. Knight.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 11, Oldham Hall, 7.30. N.F. night show. See syllabus cards, also one class for Mules.—J. Lloyd.

Loanhead C.B.S.—June 13, Masons Arms, 7.30. Replies from judges and other correspondence, including Fife League scheme for railway concessions.—W. B. Smart.

Manchester (North) C.B.S.—June 9, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.30.—J. Davey.

Manchester, Salford, etc., Amal.—June 10, Mr. Robinson's shop, 8. Meeting of delegates.—J. Spencer.

Morpeth C.B.S.—June 6, Earl Grey, 7.30. General bus., subs. due.—W. Summers.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—June 9, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30.—J. G. Royce.

Northern C.C.—June 10, 65, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Presentation to Mr. Hutchinson and other special business.—G. Dobson.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—June 10, Alhambra Club Rooms, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General bus., F.F. Show July 18, latest date of entry July 15.—A. W. Newton.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—June 13, headquarters, 7.—J. Shephard.

Perth (City and County of) O.A.—June 8, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. F.F. Show and Club Show bus.—J. L. Smith.

South Shields C.B.S.—June 6. Final for ramble. Lecture by W. L. Smith. Come and hear him at 7.—W. Thompson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 6, headquarters, 6.30. First N.F. show (1 class each variety), followed by usual meeting.—J. Peacock.

Swansea C.B.A.—June 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. General business.—S. H. George.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—June 9, Victoria Hotel, Sandy Lane, 8. F.F. Show bus., important.—S. Moore.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—June 9, Liberal Club, 8. Arranging for F.F. Show.—F. Hampshire.

Skipton C.B.S.—June 8, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8.—E. Gill.

South London Col. and F.A.—June 11, Royal George, Tanners Hill, S.E., 8. General meeting. — Geo. Burton.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—June 11, Wharfe Hotel, 8.—G. Mitchell.

Tong C.B.S.—June 9, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Open Show bus.—W. Walker.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—June 8, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. The clashing of show dates.—H. Roebuck.

Walkley C.B.S.—June 11, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Table Show young birds, ten classes. All welcome.—A. Lawton.

Wingate F.S.—June 6, The Institute, 7. Special bus.—J. Burdett.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for N.F. Show, very important.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' F.F. Show, judge J. Greaves (Manningham); entries Friday night, 8 to 11 at headquarters.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wood Green F.F.A.—June 9, Assembly Rooms, 8.30. Egg competition.—T. Callegari.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—June 10, Station Hotel, 7.30. Arrangement for N.F. show and schedules. New members invited. Subs. due.—G. Greenwell.

Wandsworth F.S.—June 11, Sutton's Hall.—W. Lightfoot. (No time stated.—Ed.)

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—June 11, Duke of York, 7.30. Table show of young birds: 4 Nor., 4 Yorks., 1 Mule, clear, ticked or unevenly marked, and heavily Variegated or Green.—Wm. Harrison.

York C.B.S.—June 7, headquarters. Ramble to Strensall Common; meet York Station 9.40. June 8, egg-food making competition.—V. G. S. Zimmerman.

Yorks. and Lancs. British B. and M.C.—June 6, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, 7. Important; arranging for new books, allotting patronages.—T. H. Inman.

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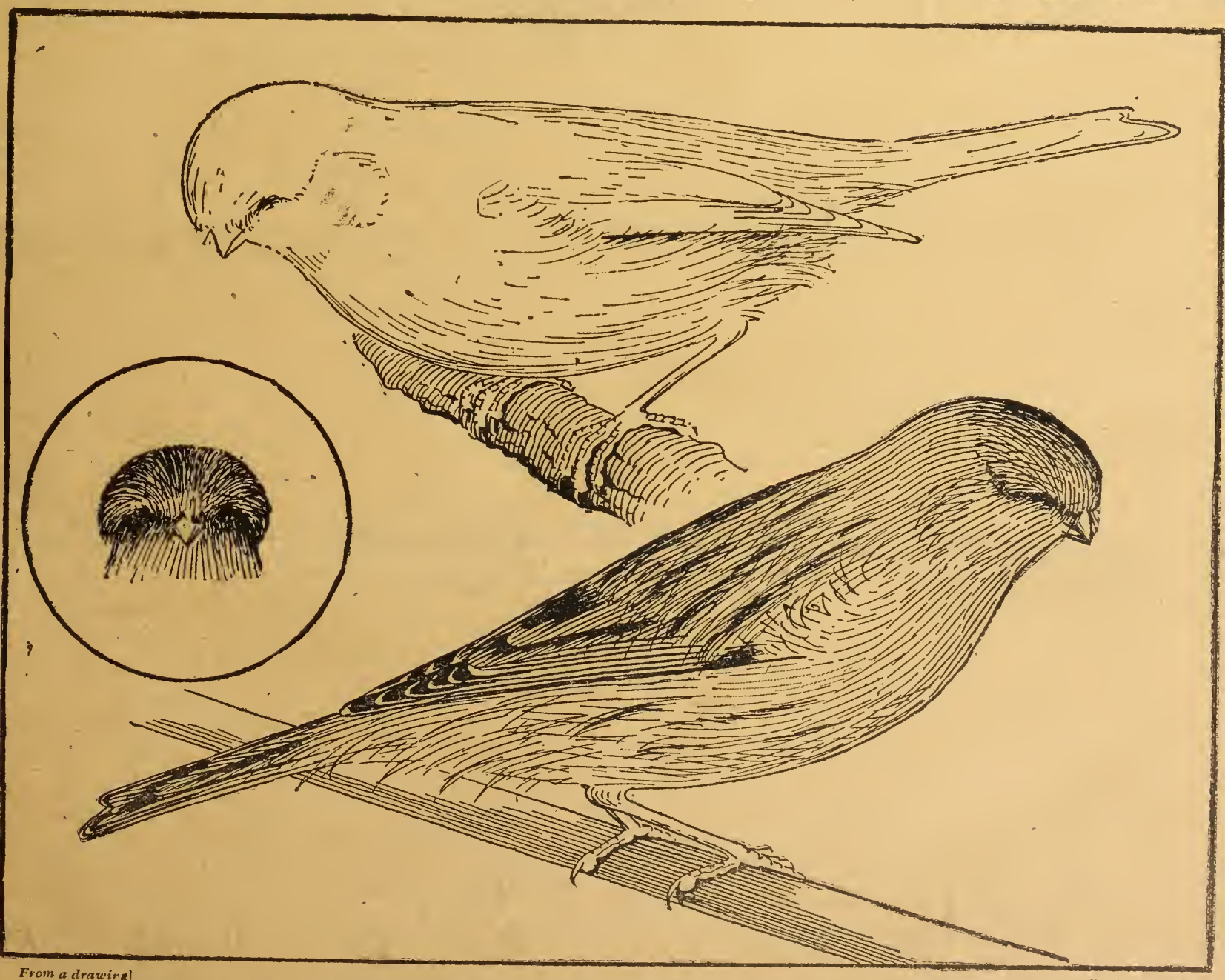

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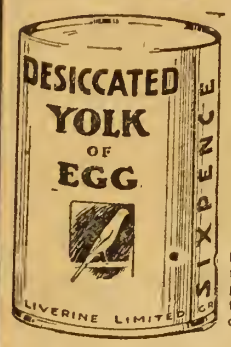

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Club Reports.

BECKENHAM AND DIST. F.A.

Monthly meeting, headquarters, Co-Op. Hall, Penge, June 4th. Number of lady fanciers present, and several new members elected. Committee meeting followed. Sec. reported on correspondence re members' summer show, definitely settled for August 5th, at headquarters, Co-Op. Hall, Penge. Mr. A. T. Bellinger (Bromley) judge.—F. Shorter (Hon. Sec. and Treas.).

SOUTHAMPTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

General meeting, June 2nd, headquarters, Mr. Etheridge chair. Classification for F.F. show June 24, decided upon, 9 classes Canaries, 6 Brit., 2 Mules, and 1 Foreign. Mr. G. T. Webb judge. Outing and ramble will take place July 15, to Rufus' Stone, New Forest, tickets (including tea and drive) 2s. 6d. Decided to discontinue meetings during summer months. Next meeting Sept. 7; members who were not present, kindly note. Schedules have been issued for F.F. show. If any member has not received one, kindly communicate.—W. L. Page (Hon. Sec.).

CLAPHAM AND DIST. C.B.A.

Meeting June 2. Mr. H. Peck and Mr. Hathaway, jun., nominated for membership. Address by Mr. C. Cooper, on Goldfinch. Dealing with habits in state of Nature, and points of show specimens, and also produced several interesting pictures showing most common failings, from an exhibition point of view. Many valuable hints on treatment in captivity. At subsequent judging competition 9 Goldfinches benched. Out of a possible 21 points, Mr. Hose (sec.) scored 18, Mr. Whittome, second, 11. Resolved to have another discussion next meeting, subject, "Buntings," all Species." Discussion will be opened by Chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale. Will all members attending please bring a British Bunting of some sort or other? No entry fee and no prizes.—A. R. Coe.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting June 6, when very successful table show of N.F. and Brit. birds was held, 64 birds being staged. Hope members will give us a good send off at our young bird show, July 4, by sending as many entries along as possible, this being the first of the series at which competition is held for the members' spls, and various other prizes that are put up for competition throughout the season. Table show results as follows: YELL. YORKS. (19): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Sykes; 2, Beckwith; 3, Simms; c, Rhodes. BUFF (12): 1, Beckwith; 2, Featherstone; 3, 4, Norton; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Pyrah; c Rhodes. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Wilson; 2, 4, vhc, Livingstone; 3, hc, Baldwinson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, c, Livingstone; 3, 4, Baldwinson; vhc, Lundy; hc, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, 4, Hornby. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 4, c, Pyrah; 2, 3, hc, Middleton; vhc, Green. GOLDF. or BULLF. (2): 1, Pyrah; 2, Middleton. A.O.V. BRIT.; 1, 2, 3, 4, Middleton. Leaders for the Hattersley specials: Yorks.; Norton, 23; Reed, Longley and Reed, 18; Sykes, 14; Beckwith, 13. Norwich; Livingstone, 25; Wilson, 20; Baldwinson, 13. Brit.: Middleton, 40; Pyrah. Mr. Yelland made a member, and very pleased we are to welcome him back amongst us after an absence of abont 6 years.—E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

FIFE CAGE BIRD LEAGUE.

The Railway Concession Scheme.

The supreme conference in connection with the above scheme will be held in the rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on June 20, at 6 p.m. At a meeting of the league held in Dunfermline on Sat., June 6, great satisfaction was felt among the members at the very hearty response which has been given to their requests, and they feel convinced that at the supreme conference in Edinburgh the delegates will be in a position to frame a code of concessions suitable to the mind of the great body of cage bird fanciers, who have already evinced their interest in the scheme, and who, we hear, will eagerly await the results. I omitted in my report of the Edinburgh conference to mention that the delegates appointed from that meeting to the supreme conference were Messrs. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh), S. Arnott (Alloa), T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy), and myself.—Robert T. Campbell, sec. pro. tem.

Meeting at Dunfermline.

Meeting held in Co-operative Hall, Dunfermline, June 6, Mr. Thos. Arnott (vice-president) in the chair, and good turn-out of members. Next meeting Gothenburg Hall, Coaltown of Wemyss, July 4, 5.30 p.m. Mr. Storrar has promised a lecture. Decided that we hold August meeting in Kelty; also agreed that league pay the hall rent according to the reading of Rule 5. Lochgelly and Dunfermline paid subs. Chairman called upon Mr. Wm. Grewer (Lochgelly) to start his lecture. Mr. Grewer chose as his subject the keeping and production of the Norwich Plainhead, which, with a few sketches, he ably dealth with, and everyone enjoyed to the full. Hearty votes of thanks to Mr. Grewer and the chairman terminated a very instructive and enjoyable meeting.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEYS.

Meeting, May 30. Report of deputation to Mr. Jones, Tramway Depot, accepted, and we move headquarters to Tramway Depot as more convenient for members and show. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Davis for the loan of rooms for meetings. We hold a young bird show on July 9, with 9 Canary, 7 Brit., 2 Mule, and 1 For. classes. Secretary to write to several local judges for charges re members' show; the most prominent and experienced, subject to charges, to be accepted.—J. Shephard, Sec.

YORKS. AND LANCS. B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held June 6, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Mr. W. A. Cowgill in chair. We were pleased to meet Mr. David Hunter, of Scarborough, the famous Yorkshire cricketer, and made him a member on the proposition of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. H. H. Towers. Proposed by Mr. Lane, seconded Mr. Ross, prize money be same as last year. Following societies granted patronage:—Leeds, Oct. 10; Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., Oct. 30-31; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 6-7; Bradford West and Manningham Amalgamated show, Nov. 21; Bradford National, Dec. 4-5; Doncaster, Jan. 9; Bradford West and Halifax being same date, it was put to the meeting, and it went in favour of Bradford West. It is very awkward when societies clash. Will all societies desiring patronage of the above club apply at once, as we want four more yet; also will all members of the above club wanting advertisements in the club's handbook let me know as early as possible? This club needs all the help the members can give it. I hope every one will do his best.—T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting June 6. Sec. read postcards from secretaries of N.Y.C.C., B.F.C., and N.B. and S.F.C. clubs stating that we had been granted their patronage Question of annual schedule was put off till next meeting. Mr. H. Cresswell (Lintz Colliery) elected a member.—G. Hayver, Hon. Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 27, Mr. C. Robinson chair, and fair attendance. Arrangements made to hold a F.F. show on June 27 at Birchenhead Hotel, and Mr. J. Pitchard, of Stoke, will judge. Special classes arranged for new members made this year that have never won a prize. Four new members made.—Messrs. Roberts and Bros. (Hanley), Wm. Brown, sen., Wm. Brown, jun., & T. Bent (Hanley). Next meeting, June 17, 28, Mayer Street. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford, will judge our open show—C. Beckett, Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held June 4, Mr. J. W. Lawson (chair). Sec. being unable to attend, Mr. Holden took his place. One of the founders of the club, Mr. R. W. Smith, tendered his resignation, as he is declining the Fancy, which was accepted with regret. Decided to hold meeting June 27 to allot patronage, so as to give outside members a chance to attend. Must close our cup fund on that date, as price of same will be settled at this meeting. All members who are subscribing towards this fund kindly attend or forward on to secretary. Next table show in conjunction with N.C.B.S. will be held July 2 (four classes). Judge, Mr. K. H. Butler, so members try and bring out a few birds if possible.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

BRIDLINGTON, DRIFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting June 2, at 20, Prospect Street. I was sorry to see so small number present, and thinking some may forget the day fixed for these meetings, we decided that the committee shall in future be notified by postcard, also in the Fancy Press. Mr. Mammson has kindly made the necessary arrangements for the F.F. show, in Assembly Rooms, Driffield, June 19. Mr. Hunter, judge, commencing at 2.30. Will members please send birds by 12.17 from Bridlington to give stewards time? A class for British is being given in place of the Mule class which is now cancelled, as no member has had the fortune to breed any up to date. Classes are provided for buff Yorks., yell. Yorks., buff Nor., and yell. Nor. Points will count for trophy. 2s. 6d. cash most points rung birds for year. F.F. show will be held in Bridlington, July 3, classes as above. Place of show, judge, etc., will be announced later. I should esteem it a great favour if members could arrange to have the monthly meeting during the show, as I shall be on Monday on date of usual meeting. Only business will be, result of show June 19. Entry fee for these shows, 6d. per cage. Prizes, 3s., 2s., 1s. Entries up to 2.30 day of show.—J. Chadwick.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, June 2, W. B. Gilmes in chair. Mr. A. W. Donaldson reported committee appointed had waited on W. C. Gilmour, Esq., of Woodbank, and that gentleman being highly pleased with conditions recommended, would present cup promised to club in due course. Also that R. Watkinson, Esq., Balloch Hotel, was presenting the club with a cup, as was T. Nicol, Esq., Roseneath Cottage, Balloch, with another cup, W. Thomson, Esq., Mossview, Balloch, giving a gold medal to be presented along with latter cup, and another gold medal by W. McKay, Esq., Alexandria; this being three new cups and two gold medals for competition at annual show, in addition to existing trophies. Sec. reported he had attended Fife C.B. League Conference in Glasgow, whose proceedings were heartily endorsed and copper collection collected to defray expenses. Intimation that Messrs. W. Priest and T. Frazer, of Partick, had kindly consented to judge Canaries and British birds respectively at F.F. show on July 4 was very cordially received. Mr. J. Hannah then gave a paper on British birds, which brought about a very friendly discussion, and a pleasant evening closed with a hearty and generous vote of thanks to Mr. Hanuah for his valuable paper.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held June 6, Cyprus Hotel, Mr. W. Thompson presiding over good attendance. Four new members enrolled, which brings us to a total of just over 20 new members this year. Mr. W. Smith gave a lecture on his experience as a fancier in a very able manner. He said he was of opinion that when a man starts in the Fancy it is far better for him to go to some of the older fanciers and get some good stock birds, and at the same time get sound advice on pairing up and breeding. Nesting diarrhoea and sweating hens, he thought, were caused by having too much nesting material, which set up too much heat. Hens, he said, should have a little egg food almost every day, as when they leave the nest to feed they will not give themselves time to get a feed of seed and go straight for a drink. Consequently, with the heat of the nest, it causes a weakness, which brings on diarrhoea, or else reduces the bird so much that when the young hatch out the hen is unable to perform the duties imposed upon her. Questions were asked, which Mr. Smith ably answered to the satisfaction of all present. Hearty vote of thanks given to Mr. Smith. Annual ramble decided to make to Morpeth June 28, when all members and friends are kindly invited.—W. Thompson, Chairman.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C.

Committee meeting, Market Tavern, Godwin-st., Bradford, June 6. Chairman, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Resignation of Mr. R. D. Parlett (Sheffield) accepted with regret. Following new members elected: Messrs. Norwood (Leeds), A. Robinson (York). There is a long list of defaulters who have neglected payment of subs. Will they forward arrears and continue their membership? Decided to give patronage to 8 shows, as follows: Leeds C.B.S., Oct. 10; Burnley and Dis. C.B.S., Oct. 16, 17; Newcastle C.B.S., Oct. 23, 24; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 6, 7; Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S. Nov. 13, 14; Halifax O.S., Nov. 20, 21; Bradford National C.B.S., Dec. 4, 5; Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S., Jan. 9. Competitions and spls. for 1914-15: Open Competition (Champ. Section): First prize value £1 10s., second £1 5s., third 12s. 6d., all given by the Club; fourth, pipe and case, 7s. 6d., will be given by Mr. D. McMillan. Open Competition (Amateur Section): First prize value £1 5s., second £1, third 15s., fourth 7s. 6d., all given by the club. Money spls. for vhc birds, 10s., most points gained with vhc birds throughout season; also the Illingworth Cup and the Joe Thomas Rose Bowl will be competed for. Intending members please send names; subs., 2s. 6d. per annum. Particulars with pleasure. Any member wishing to have advert. in Handbook let me have matter early.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

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W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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J. A. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging at Bangor (Ireland) on Jan. 7 next and at Tredegar on Jan. 14.

In the schedule of Gwyrfai Fur and Feather Show, Class 24 should read, "Canary, any variety, hatched 1914," writes Mr. R. Jones, Sec.

In our June 6 issue the date of the North Liverpool and Dist. C.B.S. F.F. Show is given as July 1. This is a mistake, and should read June 27.

The Volunteer Wire Works, of 20, King Street, Longton, Staffs, have issued a wholesale price-list of cages, wire fronts, hoppers, earthenware goods, etc., that is well worth being consulted by traders, as all goods are guaranteed well-made etc., with prices very favourable.

The following have been appointed to judge the Leith O.S. show on Nov. 14:—Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Carson (Easthouses), and Mr. J. McLennan (Edinburgh); Norwich, Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh); Border Fancy, Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy), and Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside); British and Mules, Mr. Peter McQuiston (Ayr).

"British Birds," for June, price 1s., issued by Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, contains a most instructive article on "The Study of Bird Notes," by Dr. Hans Stadler and Cornel Schmitt. There is also a wealth of interesting details to be found among the "Notes," invaluable to lovers of the feathered tribe of the British Isles.

That noted maker of Canary marking rings, Mr. S. Drake (Halifax) asks us to apologise to customers for any delay last week. He received an urgent order from Fifeshire for 2,000 Pheasant rings (a new departure for him). Mr. Drake states that orders for his excellent rings have been very good this season.

Referring to his lecture on British birds, given before the members of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S., and reported in another column, Mr. Jowett says that on May 3, the day after his lecture, he found his first Twite's nest of the year. The nest contained one egg.

The May Number of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, should prove of particular interest to admirors of the beautiful Gouldian Finch, two articles appearing therein by Mr. R. S. de Q. Quincey and Dr. L. Lovell-Keays. "An Easter Tour Among Members' Aviaries," by Mr. Wesley T. Page, is another interesting feature; likewise Mr. Sidney Williams' notes on Weavers and Whydahs.

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Rare Parrakeets at Liberty.

Twelve Brown's Parrakeets escaped on June 1 from a cage which had just been carried from the London Docks to the premises of Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, the well known naturalist, of St. George street, E. There was a thirteenth which had found sweet liberty, but it was brought back by a sailor, who carried it screeching and fighting to Mr. Hamlyn. He was amazed when he received a reward of a sovereign. "But it was worth it, guv'nor," he said, showing a hand which had been torn, and which smarted painfully. These birds are a rare species of Parrakeet from Western Australia, and the total value of the consignment was £40. Mr. Hamlyn thinks they will seek residential gardens, for they are strong of flight, and their unusual plumage and weird chatter are sure to attract attention. "I suppose other birds will attack them, but my Parrakeets will put up a hot fight. They are the Jack Johnsons of the bird world."

The Avicultural Magazine for June contains a very interesting article from the pen of Mr. Hubert D. Astley, on the Amethyst Sun-bird, with a beautiful coloured frontispiece of the same by that talented artist, Mr. H. Goodchild. Mr. A. Ezra also writes on the Amethyst Sun-bird. "Birds of N.S. Wales I Have Caught and Kept," by Mr. G. A. Heumann, and "Some Grassfinches in My Aviary," by Dr. L. Lovell-Keays, both provide additional interest, and the photographic illustrations are extremely good.

The Bird and the Band.

The judge of the recent Northamptonshire band contest at Rushden mentioned that during the performance of two pieces a bird was singing, and followed the music, always harmonising.

Disappointment at Stoke.

As the breeding season here has been very disappointing up to the present, it has been decided to postpone the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. young bird show from June 20 to July 18, writes Mr. J. Pitchford, the hon. sec.

A Thrush's Dangerous Nesting Site

A Mavis has built its nest, and is now rearing its young, in the butts at the Penicuik Rifle Range, although the bird sat only six inches from one of the targets and a few hundred round of ammunition must have passed it as near; it never seemed to be disturbed, even when the targets were being changed. On June 6 it had many narrow escapes when going in and out to feed the youngsters, as it crossed the targets often when a shot must just have missed it. The local riflemen regard it as a sort of mascot, they having scored a victory over a team which they had grave doubts about defeating.

A Noted Greenfinch's Career.

The number of first prizes and specials won by our famous Greenfinch, total 42 firsts and 23 specials. It was first at the Crystal Palace in 1912, second in 1913, and first in 1914, first Scottish National 1912, and first in 1914. This bird has been on the show bench for three years, and has only been defeated five times, and has been out once a week, sometimes twice, during the showing season. Last season he was first every time out. He has never been further down than second, except at Bathgate show, when he got commended, after being first at the Palace. Your reporter had in "C.B." in his report: "Hard lines, must have been overlooked, easy best in class." I am sorry to say he has just died. He was whistling at night when I left the birdhouse, and was lying stiff in the morning. I think he had got a piece of safflower seed under his tongue. We refused some very good offers for this bird when he was first at Palace in 1912. We had no fewer than fifteen enquirers wanting to buy him. We are pleased to say that we have one to take his place for next season. This is not quite so good, but with attention should do very well.—Stuart and Dalling (Bathgate).

A Good "Old 'Un."

Mr. John Liversidge, a member of Kippax and Castleford Linnet Clubs, owns a Linnet that has, writes Mr. A. Tomlin, an average of over 100secs. a sing for five out of the last six times it has been hung. Although termed the "Old 'Un," I think it will want a good young one to beat this record; truly he is a bird to be proud of.

The Starling's Changed Habits.

At one time the Starling was looked upon as a friend of the farmer, and nothing but a friend. There are many agriculturists just now who are not quite so sure about the friendship of the bird. The Starling has developed bad habits in recent years, and instead of confining his attentions entirely to the destruction of insect life he worries the corn grower in the autumn by pulling up the sprouting grain and leaving the young blanched shoots on the surface. Starlings, indeed, are such a nuisance in some districts in the autumn that cornfields have to be protected. Some farmers say that the Starling has changed his habits of feeding, but others contend that the birds which do the mischief are not natives but aliens from the Continent. —"Agricultural Economist."

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Is Any of This Money Yours?

At South Shields Police Court recently a rogue, giving the name of Robert H. Owen, and describing himself as an engineer (correct name, John A. Mailley, of Dumfries) was given the maximum sentence of six months' hard labour for advertisement frauds. His method was to advertise in various widely-read journals, a variety of articles at alluring prices, and then to make off with any ready cash that might be sent direct to him by would-be purchasers. Luckily the police cut short his career at South Shields.

It was stated in evidence that hundreds of letters were delivered to "Owen" daily, the majority containing money, no less a sum than £161 4s. 9d. being proved to have been received by him. The need for buyers to adopt a deposit system when dealing with strangers could not be more strikingly attested.

The Chief Constable of South Shields, Mr. W. Scott, writes to say that all the money found by the police has been returned to the senders, except the following items, letters referring to which seem to have been lost or destroyed: Postal orders, 2s. issued at George Street, Edinburgh; 2s. (two) Upper Tooting; 2s. 6d. Dumfries; 4s. 6d. Smithfield Market, London; 4s. 6d. Darwen, Lancs.; 5s. Braunton; 5s. High Street, Stockton-on-Tees; 9s. 6d. Laxton, Newark; 20s., 111, Tower Bridge Road, London.

If any reader of CAGE BIRDS has a claim to one or other of the above amounts, he (or she) should write to Mr. Scott, Chief Constable's Office, South Shields, and send the counterfoil of the postal order, or give him its number.

Damage by Linnets in Norfolk

The Norfolk County Council has decided to leave the Brown Linnet out of the list of protected birds, owing to the great damage it is doing in the county to the mustard and turnip seeds.

The Nightinga'e in Gardens.

In some districts where it once was abundant the Nightingale is now less frequent (says a writer in "Gardening Illustrated"). It is a loss, and one I cannot account for. A Hungarian friend of mine tells me the bird is very fond of frequenting Lilac bushes. In his country the bush is probably wild. In the hope of pleasing the Nightingale, I intend to plant a number of suckers of the common Lilac on a neglected bank near a stream and within hearing of the house.

In the Courts.

The Close Season.

John Pullen, labourer, Weedon, was summoned at Daventry for a breach of the Wild Birds Protection Act, having three Thrushes, and one Blackbird, recently taken, in his possession, at Weedon, on April 29.

P.S. Baker said that on April 29 he saw in the back room at defendant's house four Thrushes and one young Blackbird, recently taken. He asked Pullen how they came in his possession, and he said that some boys brought them, and he put them into a cage and fed them.

The Chairman said the public should understand the close season was from March 15 to July 31. Defendant would be reprimanded and ordered to pay 4s. 6d. costs.

Parrot's Kiss Decides Ownership.

A kiss decided the ownership of a Parrot at Tottenham police-court recently. The bird was brought to the court by an Edmonton fancier named Bitton, who was summoned by a Mrs. Alice Evans for detaining it. The lady asserted that the Parrot was her "Bobby," who had a trick of opening the door of his cage and following her about the house as she did her daily work.

One day last September, "Bobby," overhearing that his wing was going to be clipped, instantly flew from his master's shoulder out of the window, and for many days was seen no more. Then came a morning when Mrs. Evans' little boy saw a bird which he believed to be "Bobby" in a shop, and Mr. Evans, who went along with him to investigate, became of the same opinion. They called his name, and "Bobby" screeched, and when Mr. Evans put his mouth to the cage the bird kissed him.

Mr. Bitton explained that he had bought the bird from a lad in August, and it was then in a very emaciated condition.

At the request of the magistrate, the bird was produced in court, and the kissing experiment was repeated. "Bobby" kissed, and the magistrate decided that the bird was the one which Mrs. Evans had lost. He ordered "Bobby" to be given up if the lady paid 15s. to Mr. Bitton for the skilled attention he had given the bird. The money was handed over.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

CAGE BIRDS suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary, any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Softbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to each sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

The following rambles have been arranged:—Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not. Leith O.S., June 13, to Carberry Estate, meet at Liberal Club, Hope Street, 3 o'clock; Edinburgh C.B.S. and Juniper Green F.A., June 27, to Riccarton Estate; South Shields C.B.S., June 28, to Morpeth (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.); Hull C.B.S., June 13, to Houghton Woods (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.); Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., June 13, to Epping Forest, meet Junction Road, M.R. Station, 1.50; Leicester C.B.S., June 13, to Billesdon, train 2.15, G.N.R., to Ingarsby, bicycles 2.15, Uppingham Hotel; Border City (Carlisle) O.S., June 14, to Head's Nook, meet Court Square 1.30; Southampton C.B.S., July 15, to Rufus Stone, New Forest (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.); Preston O.S., June 14, to Cockerham and Galgate, meet at Preston Station 7.55; Sheffield O.S., June 14, Nut Park Hotel, Hillsboro', 2.30.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.B.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Northern Norwich P.B.C. (closing date June 27), F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., T. H. Iuman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Y.C.C., R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Green Canary Association, F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool; National Green-marked Y.C.C., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; closing date, August 1. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, W. Priest, 6, Orchard Street, Partick. Northern British, Mule, and F.B.C., W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne; closing date, Street, Glasgow. Crested C.C., J. Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, S.W.

Six British Finches

A lecture given by Mr. T. Jowett before the members of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S.

ON May 2, at Grange Schools, Dirkhill, a lecture was given by Mr. T. Jowett, on British Birds. The lecturer said: Mr. Chairman and friends, I will try to give you a short address on the various Finches, etc.; how to know them, how to find the nests, and how to feed them in captivity. I have painted half a dozen Finches, and the pictures will tell you what to my mind is a perfect specimen of each variety. The first bird on the picture is the Linnet, and he is a favourite of mine, as he is with many. The Linnet nests on the moorland in gorse bushes, etc., also in thorn hedges. I have found nests at various places around here, and have got eggs and put them under Canaries. But I must say the birds so reared do not make such good specimens nor are they as reliable to fertilize eggs for muling as a Linnet that is caught adult and caged. The Linnet for show must be a large bird, of Norwich type for preference; must be well laced from throat to vent, and of a nut brown colour, showing plenty of white in wings and tail. I feed my Linnets on a mixture of Canary, German rape, linseed, gold of pleasure, teazle, giving them hemp slightly cracked to bring them into condition. Sometimes I give them a change by buying a packet of Linnet seed at the shop. Their foods in the wild state are the various thistles, chickweed, turnips, dandelion, mouse-ear, knapweed, etc., and if you supply these as near to nature as possible, you will have no difficulty in keeping them in good health and song for many years in captivity. The next favourite is the Goldfinch, and a good bird is represented in the picture, as I think you will admit. I am sure there are some of you who would like to possess his equal. The Goldfinch frequents orchards and plantations; it prefers a fruit tree or fig tree in which to build its nest.

The Goldie to Get for Shows.

The Goldfinch for show purposes must be a fairly large bird, not too big, or you will perhaps get him thrown out as a foreigner. He must have a nice broad skull, showing a grand depth of colour in the blaze, must be well tanned, good yellow bars in the wings and nicely buttoned on wings and tail. In selecting one I always try to get one of as good size and colour as possible. As you will perhaps know, the Goldie is a late breeder, and this is the reason why so many that are caught at the start of the catching season die. They are too young to crack and digest the dry seed. We do not get the chance to catch them round here, as there are not sufficient food-plants, etc., for them to feed on. This, of course, is my opinion; I do not know what others think about it. The next bird is the Siskin. It generally prefers the alders and fir trees, a few nesting in pine woods. I have never been able to find the bird's eggs. They feed somewhat as the Goldfinch, but they like especially the seeds of the alder trees. They frequent the fringes of the rivers and streams along the banks of which they fly in small flocks, feeding as they go along. They build a beautiful nest, somewhat like the Goldfinch. Food in captivity similar to the other Finches, except hemp, which should be given sparingly. In selecting for exhibition get the largest and best coloured bird you can, yellow for preference, with good cap, well laced at the thighs and back, carrying good bars and a good bib. He does not take so much steadying as some, but has a habit of clinging to the wires, and this must be stopped if at all possible.

A Defence of Greenie's Song.

We now come to the Lesser Redpoll. This is a near relation of the Linnet and must be fed on similar lines. I have often watched a flock of these birds feeding on the alder, thistle, knapweed, etc., always keeping up a merry little chatter the while. They are merry little chaps, and favourites wherever kept. They build a grand nest of roots, moss, hair, etc., and generally prefer a hazel tree; in fact, I have never found the nest in any other tree. For show get the largest and best marked birds, with good bibs, colour, etc. Give the same food as to the Linnet, and you will not go far wrong. The next is the Greenfinch; he is a grand bold fellow, and is a great favourite of mine; I am seldom without one or more. He is a very common bird. You will meet with him everywhere, and in regard to food nothing comes amiss to him. The nest is rather a rough structure, built in the trees or shrubs in woods, gardens or hedgerows. Some people say the bird has not much song, but I can assure you he can sing, and no mistake; I prefer his song to a Canary's any time. For show, get a large, well coloured yellow, with broad skull, good level colour throughout, good wing-bars, and good wedge-shape. Food in captivity Canary, hemp, linseed, groats, rape and sunflower. He is very hardy and long-lived.

The Twite is another favourite of mine. He is a moorland bird, and it has been stated by the late Dr. Bradburn that it does not nest in the British Isles; but I can take you any year and show you dozens of them. The nest is built on or very near the ground, amongst the bracken; five or six white eggs with brownish spots are laid. It seems to feed in the fields, like the Linnet, and I like very much to hear its sweet song. Colour, yellowish-brown, laced down the back, sides and vent. In breeding plumage the cock has a crimson patch on the rump. His bill is yellow, and very small in comparison to the Linnet. Food, same as Linnet and Redpoll. I have here the skin of a Twite which did a bit of winning in his day for Mr. T. H. Inman, and thereby hangs a tale. Mr. Inman and myself were at a friend's looking at the birds, along with a fellow fancier who happened to mention he had a Twite, and who asked me to go and look as it as he was tired of it. Mr. Inman and myself went to see the bird, and the owner asked what I would give him for it. I offered a shilling. My friend said eighteen-pence, and he snapped him. I can assure you my friend got a good eighteen-pennyworth, as he won first or second every time shown.

The meeting closed by a vote of thanks to Mr. Jowett for his able and most entertaining and instructive discourse.

A GREENFINCH WITH A MARVELLOUS RECORD.

The property of Messrs. Stuart and Dalling (Bathgate). Has won 42 first and 23 special prizes, including 1st at the Crystal Palace 1912, 2nd 1913, and 1st 1914, also 1sts at the Scottish National 1912 and 1914. See "Twitterings" this week.

Seeds and Foods: Their Uses and Abuses.

Some Novel Views are put forward by Mr. T. Harrison in this lecture, delivered to the members and friends of the Manchester and N.C.O.S.

AT the Deansgate Hotel a goodly company of members and friends gathered to hear a very interesting lecture by Mr. Harrison on "Seeds and Foods, their Uses and Abuses." The lecturer said that the subject is of extreme importance as our success, or lack of it, depends largely on the way our stock is fed. Canary seed, being the staple diet of the Canary, is the most important item. Turkish seed, not being so liable to fatten the stock, is preferable to Spanish. Of course, nothing but the best quality is good enough. Price is not always a reliable guide in buying seeds. Look out for a good sound full-looking seed, of good colour and bright appearance.

Summer rape, the next in importance as regards quantity used, requires careful selecting as a lot of other seeds occasionally find their way into "rape." A good rape should be of a nice reddish colour and be sweet and nutty to taste. It is a fine stimulating seed, and may be used to great advantage either dry, soaked, or boiled. It may be given either alone or mixed with soft food. Winter rape, being coarse and acrid to the taste, is best left out of the menu of the Canary; at the same time it may advantageously be given to Britishers.

The Abuse of Hemp Seed.

Hemp is a seed which is much abused through careless or injudicious use. It is a most useful seed used in moderation, but used excessively to old birds it is apt to be too fattening. In feeding hemp to young birds it is safest to clean well before crushing, as a lot of the so-called bad seed is simply dirty seed. A good plan also is to pick out as much of the husk as possible before giving to young birds. A strong warning here, "Never mix with soft food."

Sunflower is a seed not used nearly enough amongst Canary men. It is one of the best flesh-forming foods known. It is even worth going to the trouble of opening each seed with a small knife and then grinding the kernel, for the good effect it has on young birds. For the Norwich it is excellent, as it has a tendency to fill out the chest and give that cobby appearance which we all so much admire. It will also minimise the tendency to pointed breast in the Yorkshire. This in its turn will obviate the frill which is such an eye-sore. It will add lustre to the feather if fed to birds during and after moult. It is even better than linseed in this respect, besides being safer to use. A too liberal use of linseed is suspected of being one of the contributory causes of bird fever.

To Keep "Out" the Cold.

Crushed oats is a good feed for cold, wintry weather. A handful thrown into the flight will not only be good feeding, but will cause the birds to exercise by hunting round after it.

Groats may cause scurf if fed too freely. The cure for scurf, by the way, is Dinneford's fluid magnesia.

Gold of pleasure is an excellent conditioner, and safer to use for young birds than maw, which may be used too freely for unflighted birds.

Milk sop, especially if sweetened with honey, is good for both young and old. This is always a safe pick-me-up.

Getting Rid of their Fat.

If your birds are too fat try millet seed for them. This seed will reduce the fat without reducing the vitality. Dandelion seed has its uses. It is very good for bringing birds forward at the beginning of the breeding season; but must be used with discretion. Teazle is also good at this time as it will bring the birds gradually forward without unduly forcing matters. Inga, or niger, is good in moderation during winter and spring, especially for hens, although as a preventative of egg-binding nothing equals a little gin in the water.

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The Roller Canary.

Mr. Andrew Percival, of Rochdale, gives some good advice to the fanciers of Ashton-under-Lyne.

WHEN buying the birds my advice is to buy the best cock that your purse will allow. Birds with good deep hollow tours preferred, as free from faults as possible; also hens of the same strain, but as distantly related as you can get them from the same breeder. Presuming the produce from the above turn out satisfactory the following year I should pair the deepest young cock with the mother, and the young hens to the father, and so on, but never think of pairing brother and sister together. I should not think of introducing fresh blood unless it happened that the song was deteriorating, getting thin, or wanting in depth, and then I should look out for a cock with good deep tours, and bringing a song very similar to the birds I had. It is preferable to buy a cock rather than hens, for when buying a cock you can hear his song, but when buying hens you are at the mercy of the seller. As you are all breeders it is not necessary for me to say anything about breeding and feeding, only that the treatment of other varieties will also apply to Rollers. My birds have as their staple foods German rape, and twice a week I give to each bird a pinch, just as much as the bird will eat at one meal, of mixed seed; canary, lettuce, linseed, grass, maw, and inga. Some fanciers use canary and rape mixed in equal proportions. A test of summer rape is to taste it; if sweet, and of a nutty flavour it is good, but if sharp, biting or bitter, it is unfit for use.

The Treatment of the Young.

When the young are capable of doing for themselves it is advisable to put them into the largest cages you have and if possible in a room separate from the breeding room; they should be kept in these flights until they have finished moulting. About this time it will be noticed that the young cocks will be coming into song, and these should now be caged separately. Some fanciers use the box cage, with folding doors, others use the all-wire training cage, putting the cages on a shelf with a piece of card-board between each, and darken the cages by hanging a piece of cloth in front of them. Another plan, and which I think best, is to darken the room by lowering the window blinds. The birds get more fresh air by this system than with the others. The cage door may be opened, or blind be lifted, three or four times a day for about fifteen minutes each time. This darkening of the room has a tendency to make the birds sing lower and bring their song in a more subdued manner.

The Singers Likely to Do Best.

Birds bringing their song from the throat and with a practically closed beak are likely to turn out the best. Those singing with open beak should be moved at once out of hearing of the better ones, otherwise the whole lot are liable to be spoiled. A few days previous to the show the birds ought to be put into the show cages to get them used to the same, and they should be trained to sing in various positions, say on the table, on the floor, or in a different room. By these means the birds can be trained to sing immediately the cage door is opened. It is poor satisfaction sending birds to a show and for them to come back with "no song."

My experience is that the young cocks invariably sing like the father, of course, some better, and some the other way; and as a rule when the young birds are wanting a teacher the parent cocks are moulting and are not in song. A good way when you have two or three cocks is to take only one or two nests from the best cock, then presuming this bird is fairly free from faults place him in a quiet corner in the room with the young birds, and the chances are that he will go through the moult and be in song again by the time the young birds require a teacher. I have at different times bought birds that have been pure in song to act as schoolmasters, but I never really found much benefit unless the masters were the same strain as my own birds.

Supposing you have only one cock, and he is faulty in song; as a rule most birds sing better at one time of the day than at another. The breeder must find this time, and take the birds into the training room for a short time when singing his best. If the breeder has only one room and a faulty parent his duty would be to prevent this bird from singing unless he were present and could place himself in such a position that by a slight movement he would prevent the bird from bringing his faults.

A vote of thanks to Mr. A. Percival brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—J. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

THE SUCCESSFUL BREEDING OF NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

A South-country champion exhibitor gives his views.

A lecture by Mr. J. Hodder (London, E.C.) before the members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S.

WE are here this evening to discuss a subject of keen interest to many lovers of birds, namely, the Norwich Canary. It is not my intention to take up more of the time of this meeting than is absolutely necessary to convey a clear meaning of what I have to say on the subject, as I would like a discussion among members and friends which, I am sure, will prove more interesting than listening to me the whole time.

I think it is pretty generally agreed that the Norwich is about the most popular variety of Canary bred to-day. Now what has brought him to this proud position in the Fancy? He is a bird that captivates the beginner because of his sprightliness and his wonderful colour, while to the experienced breeder there is no sight so pleasing as a downright good typical Norwich.

It is often said that a really good bird possesses three leading characteristics, viz., type, quality and colour. The greatest of these is—Well! I had better not say; as so many of us differ on these points I had better be careful—some say type, others (and these are becoming fewer every year) say quality, and others colour. Indeed, in the bygone days I have seen birds win with nothing to recommend them to the judges but colour.

A point Fanciers are Crazy Over.

Now the fact is we run somewhat mad on some particular point and lose sight of the idea. It has been quite a study during the last season to note carefully the different wants of fanciers—some are all for big heads, and no mention made of anything else. I admit a Norwich Canary without a good head is not much use on the show bench. The scale of points says distinctly 15 for head, but at some shows it is more like 50 or 100 for head, so that there is nothing left but head. I am afraid, in our craze for big heads, if we are not careful we shall greatly overdo it, and lose lamentably in other ways. It is characteristic of humanity to go to extremes.

If you will look carefully over the birds that are exhibited at some shows you will notice that scarcely two birds have heads alike. You will see in a very strong class heads that are V-shaped. I mean pinched over beak and widening towards the back of skull, and this kind of bird is on the increase. Then you will notice the bird with good gills—I mean fairly wide from ear to ear—but which immediately over ears begins to fall in, so that the bird has a narrow top. Then you have the bird with two much length of head from beak to back of skull. Then you have the flat-topped heavy specimen.

I will venture to say we have got to this unsatisfactory state of things because of paying too much attention to this one point. This sounds paradoxical, I know. In our excess of zeal we have missed the mark. We have severally got our own ideas of what the breed should be like, and this is the result.

What Wins at the Shows?

Now for type. What have we to-day at our best shows? Birds of type? Yes, a few. But, alas! what a number of boat-shaped, long-sided, narrow-backed, hollow-backed specimens there are, and somehow I notice these birds not infrequently manage to get into the money. Well, I suppose it is a case sometimes with the judge of putting these up or none, as there may be nothing better to see. And what about quality of feather? (but I shall deal more fully with this presently). Will you believe me when I say that many fanciers never think of mentioning quality when purchasing birds? I often hear it said, "I want big birds, never mind quality of feather. I don't care if the feather is rough, give me size, size!"

Now, friends, what are we coming to, or, rather, what is the variety coming to unless we cry halt, and weigh well in our minds these most urgent matters connected with the hobby? These birds, mark you, are now a common sight on the show bench at many shows, and they get prize cards, and someone walks into the show who has been studying some picture of the perfect bird, and, my word, what criticisms are passed and what letters sometimes do appear in the Press, and not without cause. But what else can a judge do if he has nothing else to adjudicate on but put the prize cards on them.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am not a pessimist, and therefore I would say that there are some really good birds about, but, believe me, they are still (whatever we may think to the contrary) in the hands of a comparatively few compared with the great bulk of fanciers of the variety.

Why should we not, every one of us, make up our minds to so study the subject that this state of things may become changed? I admit that last show season was on the whole (I am now speaking of the big shows) fairly satisfactory, and noticed that advances had been made in some directions, but, again, by the few. What a pity it is we do not have the amateurs coming into open competition and winning against the best. Believe me, this is the very thing that keeps up the life of the Fancy.

No Sport in This.

What sport can there be in the same persons winning all the best prizes year by year? There is no true sport in that, it gradually kills all interest. But when fresh blood comes on the scene you have a bit of a sensation, and you hear it said that so-and-so is here in force, done all the winning, cleared the decks, mopped up all the cracks, etc. You see there is new life at once. We don't want to call the old champions names. We want new champions to beat them in a fair, sportsmanlike way. Indeed, were it not for the old hands, some big shows would be a frost and a failure, and we ought to have a good word for the men who, year after year, make the entries and strive to keep things going, and make up our minds to so manage our stocks that we shall produce something better than theirs.

A Winning Head Described.

Let us come back to the question of type. I was speaking a moment ago about heads, etc. A Norwich Canary must have a good, full round head, i.e., to win, but this does not mean the kind of large head just alluded to. Strive to breed for the nicely rounded head with good rise immediately over beak, and good width, mark you, and some depth over the eye. In many birds the eye is too near top of head. Pair up your stock that you have so balanced your points that gradually you see the fruits of your labours. Be careful with boat-shaped birds. I don't mean discard them altogether, but don't regard them as show birds. The nearer a bird's chest is to its throat the better. A good bird should scarcely have any neck at all, and the chest should be full and bold, with no tapering down from neck until the chest is altogether in the wrong place, and just as it is necessary to have this full, bold chest, so it is necessary to have a full round back.

A champion Norwich of the future will have a fish-like back, i.e., the neck will be so full that it will come out almost on a level with the centre of the bird's back. One or two of this kind have already appeared, and they have taken all before them.

Then when you are selecting your stock look well to the wing coverts; see that one bird of the two has well-covered flights. It gives the wing a neat appearance. With the craze for size we have introduced among other defects the long wing, and we must ever strive to counteract this fault. Long wings are nearly always badly crossed, or one is carried awkwardly. Many otherwise good birds have been spoiled by this defect alone.

I like the wedge-shaped bird. I mean the bird that does not finish off too quickly at root of tail. I like the rump to gradually taper off like the other part of body, or it gives the bird a stumpy appearance to finish off too quickly. Hinged tails are not so common as they were, but there are still a few about. They must be avoided at all costs.

(*To be continued.*)

SEEDS AND FOODS.

(*Concluded from page 493.*)

For soft food nothing beats hard-boiled egg; and biscuit is preferable to bread, as it keeps fresh longer. Egg food should not be mixed too dry or it will be scattered about the cage bottom and thus lead to mischief, besides being wasteful. For green food anything wholesome may be tried, from dandelion leaves to cabbage leaves. If you have found a green food which suits your birds and of which there is a plentiful and convenient supply don't change, except you desire to do a little experimenting. Anything in the way of fruit may be offered to your birds. A raw onion is especially good, and a preventive and cure for asthma and hoarseness.

The questions asked after the lecture were answered satisfactorily, and several new points were brought out during the discussion which followed. Our time had now more than expired, so after a vote of thanks had been passed our chairman closed the meeting. I should just like to say that this does not by any means represent the full lecture. Mr. Harrison gave us the full chemical constituents and food value of each seed as he dealt with it. He also had samples of the seeds and foods with him. He did not bring any of his famous bird pudding, as he thought it would not be safe to pass it round. Some of the members, having tasted it previously, were disappointed in this. One of the members complained that it would not keep, but when he went on to say that he had three children of school age the lecturer could quite understand it. This pudding is made of bread and milk cooked in the oven like an ordinary rice pudding; and sweetened with honey in place of sugar. So one can quite understand it being good, either for birds or school-children.—E. H. FULCHER, For the Soc.

Correspondence.

The Age of Owls in Captivity.

SIR,—A friend told me the other day that his mother has kept two Tawny Owls, one for 20 and the other for 14 years. They are fed mostly on mice and fowls' heads, and are both in the best of health. They are very tame and usually allowed out of their cage for a fly round at night—indoors, of course. I fancy this should come pretty near being a record. J. M. WHITEHEAD.

What is the Secret of Keeping Goldfinches?

SIR,—I am a fancier of the Goldfinch, but am afraid I shall have to give them up, as I cannot keep them any length of time. Have lost four good birds within the last six months. I feed according to instructions given in CAGE BIRDS, also I give various seeds soaked in water until sprouted, every alternate day, besides plenty of grit. But all to no purpose. It appears to me there is something in the treatment of the Goldfinch we novices are unacquainted with. I hope some brother fancier will give a little information, for which I shall be extremely grateful.

GEORGE LOFTHOUSE.

A Dispute at Highgate and Hampstead.

SIR,—As a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS I ask your kind permission to bring to the notice of the members and fanciers in the neighbourhood, also friends in other societies, of which I am pleased to say I have no small number, that I have tendered my resignation as a member of the Highgate, Hampstead and District C.B.S., on account of the remarks of the vice-chairman towards me, and of the actions of the chairman of committee, and others on the committee, in refusing to allow me to explain my case to the members. As the founder of the society, late secretary, and a committeeman for the year 1913, I cannot stand these tactics of the officials of the present time. I asked them by petition, signed by 26 members, to bring my case before the members' notice for their approval or condemnation, but the committee said you shall not. I say again that I am still prepared, at any meeting night (with an independent chairman, Councillor A. Soloman, a patron of the society), to take the floor and submit to the members the remarks of the vice-chairman and actions of the chairman and committee, and to take the members' opinions as to whether any actions of mine justify the remarks made towards me. As the committee have refused to allow this, I have no option, Mr. Editor, but to write to you.

GEORGE HENRY NEAL.

The Secretary of Reading C.B.S. Returns Thanks.

SIR,—Kindly allow me the use of your columns to express my thanks to the members of the Reading C.B.S. for their pleasant surprise of last Wednesday. It is a splendid ornament to my mantelpiece, and will serve to remind me of the many pleasant hours I have spent amongst them. Last week's concert will be long remembered by all of us that were present. Although our "Daddy" Giles is over 70 he let himself go like a 10-year-old, and his song brought down the house. Another find was that our chairman was a really good songster. Good luck to them all, say I, and may they always remain as good fancier pals as they are at present. We are in good hands with Mr. O. C. Smith as secretary, and I trust members will give him the same hearty support as they did me. I shall never miss the chance of pushing the old society along when I come across it.

W. H. PYKE.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

A Good Cage Stain.

A Recipe Wanted for Enamel.

SIR,—Could any reader do me a favour by letting me know how I could make a good pale blue enamel for the inside of my cages? I know of a very good cage stain, also cheap, that would be very useful to breeders. Get from a chemist a pennyworth of permanganate of potash, and dissolve this in a gill of cold water. Apply to cages (or otherwise) with a soft paint brush, and you will be greatly surprised at the result. I use this myself, as I find it makes a very nice brown stain, and is harmless to our pets. One pennyworth of this mixture when made up will stain from one dozen to one dozen and half of cages.

A READER.

Has a Bird a Conscience?

Can It Reason?

SIR,—As one who has made some investigation into the psychology of birds, I should say Mr. A. R. Coe takes up the rational view of negation. Has a bird a conscience? He who affirms, must be prepared by proof and reasons in support of his contention. For a bird to have a conscience, it must be possessed of intellectual faculties capable of divining between right and wrong; must have a moral basis as a fundamental guide to its actions; be familiar with and conscious of the laws that environ and govern its little life. Then it must have the knowledge imparted to it from the nest onward. How can it receive the necessary information; or by what means do the parents convey that knowledge? If any of your readers can prove that any domesticated bird manifests these in its everyday life, then he can assure your readers of a conscience existing even in birds.

The second question, "Can it Reason?" means that it takes into consideration cause and effect, two important factors in the quality of mind; has the power to analyse, to investigate, to compare, to judge, to calculate, to decide, etc. It must be self-conscious, be responsible for its actions in its own world, aware of its own existence. Does any bird lover assert his pet is in possession of such mental powers. That a bird (at least, some birds) have intelligence and that of a wonderful order, few persons will deny. Memory, locality, voice, fear, trust, imitation, speech, which birds exhibit, are evidences of intelligence, but to assume that they have a conscience, or, more correctly speaking, consciousness, and the faculty of reason, is irrational.

Mr. Coe is at fault in saying "Nature has no need for a moral code"; "might and fitness, then, is the only moral code that a creature of nature needs." Might or fitness is the result of moral actions in bird or man. Violation or neglect of natural law, which is extremely moral, makes for unfitness. He is no less incorrect when remarking that the "intelligence of a bird is no higher than the reptile from which it sprang." What is his proof that a bird's intelligence is not higher than that of a reptile; or his evidence that a reptile is the antecedent of a bird? That the bird has been evolved from a reptile is a baseless assertion, which has never been proved by any scientific body of men. If Mr. Coe believes that theory, he must needs believe in Atavism. A convincing argument, which would greatly favour his theory, would be if a hen Canary which had laid four eggs had hatched reptiles from them instead of birds.

Ardrossan. A. MCLEAN.

New Linnet Singing Club for West Cornforth.

SIR,—There will be a meeting on June 14 at Mr. Marquis' "Good Intent" Inn to enrol members for a Linnet singing club, four miles radius. Anyone wishing to join may send their names to me. WM. FAIRLESS.

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T. BOWN.

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Six Hens in One Nest.

"A Solid Fact," says the Writer.

SIR,—Whether you take the above story with a grain of salt or a pinch of magic snuff, it's a solid fact. There used to be a great many who bred with Canaries in aviaries, and I have had good results from four hens and one cock. We chiefly bred for songsters. At the period we are now living in the fancier's eye is on the show bench, hence we have resorted to cages, as we need steadiness. Mr. Sadler asks: Did this singular experience of many years ago take place in the days of Adam and Eve? No, it was after the Flood.

B. R. (Skelmanthorpe).

A Goldfinch's Return After Six Weeks.

SIR,—It may interest readers of CAGE BIRDS (especially the extremists) to know that I have had a Goldfinch return to "cruel captivity," after having taken "French leave" for the long period of just over six weeks. This bird had only been in my possession nine days when it escaped, when I was cleaning its cage in my backyard, which, I might say, is about 12ft. by 6ft., and enclosed on three sides by high walls. It was seen on Whit-Monday picking up the food dropped from my Larks' cages. It refused to leave the precincts of the yard, although myself and others went out several times. I then thought of putting out a cage, and after two or three minutes' waiting, to our great surprise, the Goldie flew down on to the cage, and seeing the food inside, could not resist the temptation of entering and becoming once more a captive. I might say this Goldie and other birds are always hanging out, day and night, which I suppose accounts for it knowing its surroundings again. I think the instance of a homing wild bird is worthy of note, especially seeing the thickly-populated district this (Vauxhall) is—I mean there being no fields here for miles around.

H. SIMMONDS.

The Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

SIR,—It is a pity that this interesting discussion should be troubled with a letter such as that written by Mr. Allison. He professes to be amused at the correspondence, and with the curiosity of a gossiping old woman, is apparently more anxious to learn who are the writers of the letters than to give any thought to what is contained in them. I had given Mr. Allison credit for some common sense, but a perusal of his letter suggests that he would be well advised to use a nom de plume in future unless he can write a letter which is likely to serve some useful purpose. It is certainly a free country, as Mr. Allison informs us, but when he has lived a little longer he will doubtless come to learn that quite a large section of the community are possessed of minds which cannot be called broad. I have no wish to incur the wrath of anyone, and this fact, combined with my natural modesty, explains the reason of my using a nom de plume.

With reference to "Buff Green's" enquiry as to how the closed ring is to put down dishonesty, I would state that the method to be employed will lie with the S.P.C. committee to whom it can well be left. They can procure a note of the numbers of all rings issued to the various members, and if John Smith exhibits a bird with a ring issued to Tom Jones, it does not require much perception to arrive at the conclusion that there has been some fraudulent practice. The handling of the birds should not raise any great difficulty, as this is done in the Crest Section at every show. In any event, we must be prepared for some little inconvenience in return for the closed ring preventing fraud.

BUFF GREEN No. 2.

SIR,—"Buff Green No. 2" says that no member who takes an interest in the affairs of the club can say that the scheme has been rushed; well, that is just what has been done. What they should have done, seeing that the meeting was so late in the season, was to have left the ring scheme an open question until next year, for there are plenty of members who had never given it a thought until this correspondence started, and now they are out of the running. The voting proves that; fancy 40 votes out of a membership of 160. I think it should be put before the members for another ballot, when I am sure the fanciers will take more interest in it, and the result, and give the true feeling on the scheme. I am sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's illness, but I hope he is well on the way to recovery. Why didn't the president of the club notify the members about Mr. Brown's illness, and that the meeting would be put back until a later date? Other clubs do it through the press. Now Mr. "Buff Green No. 2" I am just as anxious as anyone to put down dishonesty, but I fail to see how the rings are to do it. Take all hobbies and sports where there is competition, and you will soon find some who lay themselves out to win, no matter how it is done, and this will be the case to the end of the chapter. Here is one way how the rings will be of no use. Plenty of fanciers of experience every year buy birds in the nest. I have seen them do it, and know of them going to England and doing the same. What is to hinder them sending to the secretary for rings and then sending them to the party they buy the birds from, and having the latter rung with their own rings? Would these birds be their own breeding? Don't worry, Mr. "Buff Green No. 2"; the faddist will just be as keen to buy in Musselburgh in the future as in the past, for these parties are always looking for a good one. It doesn't matter who breeds it as long as they get it (with or without a ring). Faddists don't always practice what they preach. Faddists who are now carrying the ring scheme have often bought birds, and some have even sold them again as their own breeding.

YELLOW GREEN.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see "Yellow Green" bringing up this argument. The S.P.C. has been in the hands of a few far too long, and they just do as they like, and don't work for the benefits of the members as they should. The President has been nursing this pet ring scheme for the last three years, and now that he has got it carried by a fluke he slips from the chair quite contented. But I can safely say that the rings will never be a safeguard of honesty amongst fanciers, if they are not inclined to be honest. I rung three nests this year, just as a trial. Out of twelve birds I have been left with one. The hens picked the legs of the young, and what did not die I had to drown. This has finished me with the rings once and for all. I honestly believe "Yellow Green" when he says that plenty of members buy birds and show them as their own breeding. I know one member who used to get the loan of birds for club shows and boast of how he had "done" certain parties. Cheer up, Musselburgh; keep on breeding champions. If you don't sell them to the faddists there are always plenty ready to buy the kind that can win at the Palace.

SUNNY LEITH.

Cages Bought at the Palace Show of 1882!

SIR,—I was pleased to see the drawing of my Thrush perch in the "Illustrated Ideas" column last week of CAGE BIRDS, which is far the best published on our pets. I have never seen the same perches in use in any other person's cages, but I think nothing can be easier to remove when required to clean.

It may interest you to know that I have lately secured two cages for small birds, which were made by the late J. Hawthorn, and won gold medal and diploma in arts and crafts of cage-making at Crystal Palace in 1882. They are in splendid condition and are beautifully inlaid; in fact they are two real works of art. The gentleman from whom I obtained them bought them by auction for £10. I wish our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success.

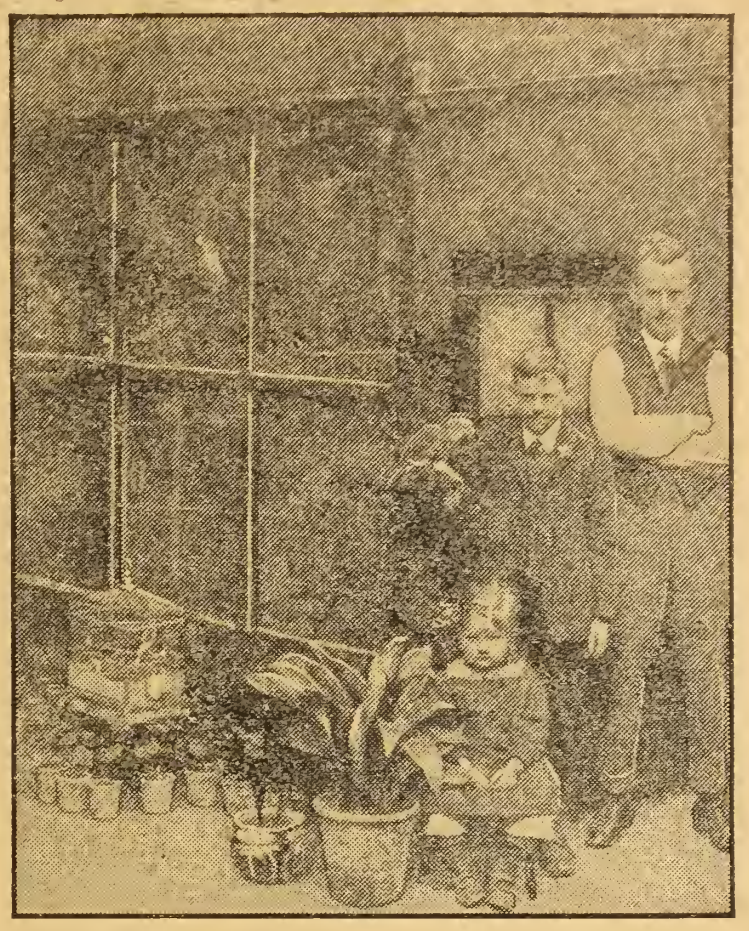
E. W. HUMPHREY.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

SIR,—I noted the candid opinion of Mr. J. Bastock, which has my appreciation. Will he, with his more mature experience in the Fancy, kindly inform readers and myself whether it is not a fact that many beginners who have entered the Fancy with the idea of becoming successful breeders and exhibitors under the happiest circumstances—the best stock that money could purchase, ideal surroundings, splendid opportunities—and have yet failed in their desires? Also have we not in our midst many good fanciers who, in spite of a keen love for the birds, and in spite of every endeavour to also become successful breeders and exhibitors, are as far off to-day from achieving their ambition as practically the day they commenced? If it be so, is it not a fact that failure is due to these respective fanciers lacking necessary attributes? If again correct, is it not time we devoted some little time and thought upon the individual, who, in my humble opinion, is easily the first and foremost "bird" in the bird-room?

E. W. ALLSOPP.

SIR,—Replying to Mr. T. Johnson, to suggest that the silence of the novices is perhaps only due to their tolerance of what I have written, and may be only a case of "offering the other cheek," is too delightfully funny for words. What sweet simplicity!



Mr. H. Harding, of Leicester, and his Outdoor Aviary.

A Good Fancier of the Midlands.

SIR,—I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS for a considerable time, and have always looked forward for each edition. I have enclosed a photo. of my aviary, which stands at our back door in a sheltered position, and so placed that it gets the sun almost all day. It contains a very happy family, consisting of Budgerigars, Lovebirds, Ringnecks, Cockatiels, White Java Sparrows, Cardinals, Zebra Doves, and two pairs of Cordon Bleus, altogether about 50 birds. I have experienced good luck with them, as in two years the deaths have been—one Cardinal, killed in a fight, and one hen Budgerigar, through eggbinding. Last year I bred 40 Budgerigars, and four Cockatiels, and this year I hope to breed more. The Green Amazon Parrot you can see on my little brother's finger is unusually tame; she is a good speaker, and hardly ever in her cage. I also breed Canries, but those are indoors. I give the birds as much flowering grass as I can obtain, and they have everything that it is possible to get to keep them in good health. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

H. HARDING.

Leicester.

Again, although I am conscious of administering a few hard knocks (and, by the way, quite expect a few in exchange) I do not believe for one moment there is a novice in the land who, if conscious that my scathing criticism fitted him very nicely, experienced anything worse than his troublesome conscience, and maybe a desire to try and do better. After all, our novices have sufficient perspicacity to realise the truth, the candour with which it was tendered, and the reply which should be expected of them. If Mr. Johnson has really expected an elaborate attempt to break down my facts, then I may be pardoned for declaring he has not his hand upon the pulse of the Novice. And to now tell them what is needed is nothing more than "humouring" and "cajoling," and no scolding. "Oh my! 'Tis too delightful for words."

Nothing I have ever written concerning the novice compares with this dose of medicine! What a lovely backbone! just kept straight and free from wobbles with humour and cajolery, and no scolding. Would Mr. Johnson care to come to Cardiff and tell our novices whom I have the pleasure of being associated with that what they most need is not my medicine, but his, if I guarantee his expenses down? I am afraid I cannot "spring" his fare back; just a bit too expensive, but I assure him of a hearty invitation nevertheless, and trust any seeming difficulty in negotiating his return from Cardiff will not prove to be in any way formidable, or considered too difficult of accomplishment.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

[If correspondents have anything to say which bears on the question "Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?" we shall be glad to print their letters, otherwise the correspondence must be considered closed.—Editor, "C.B."]

(Several Letters held over.)

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The Clear and Light Mules at Leyton Show.

SIR,—Regarding the Light and Clear Mules shown by Mrs. Ballard at the Leyton First Feather Show last Saturday, our member informs me that she intends showing these birds at the East Ham C.B.S. show at East Ham Town Hall next Saturday, June 13th, and she invites all Mule and Hybrid breeders to come and view same and pass their opinions.

FRANK ONSLOW (Hon. Sec.).

The Song of the Nightingale in Captivity.

SIR,—Mr. Bent has not quoted me quite correctly. I did not ask if 'Gales ever sang on a window-sill in a cage. I asked if any of your readers had had 'Gales that sang at night in a cage, and added that I had been told of a case where the bird sang at night with his cage on the window-sill. I don't think Mr. Bent proves that the 'Gale's song in captivity is not a love song, because they have no love to sing to. The cock 'Gales which arrive in April sing for, I believe, about 10 days before the hens arrive. Caged 'Gales generally begin singing with me about Christmas time, but I daresay the wild ones begin about the same time in their winter quarters. It is improbable that they would remain dumb from the time they left in the autumn till their return in spring. If so, the young cocks would not have much chance of learning their song. I hope Mr. Bent will give us his article on the 'Gale, as I have no doubt he can give us some valuable tips as to feeding and management. I agree with Mr. Williamson that, at any rate, some 'Gales are ticklish birds to keep in song. I have had one sing well one year, and not utter a note the next. I suppose from jealousy or displeasure at the presence of another 'Gale in the same room. I once sold a 'Gale that died because he refused to eat with his new owner, although offered live ants' eggs. I presume by blackbeetles Mr. Williamson means cockroaches, which my 'Gales are fond of, but they refuse to eat blackbeetles. I would like to know if any 'Gale fanciers have ever tried to train Canaries to sing the 'Gale's song. Bechstein, in his book, says he had Canaries so trained. I have tried, but have not succeeded to any appreciable extent.

O. HARRISON.

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ABERSYCHAN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, June 6, Mr. W. T. Couch chair, when a record number of members attended, also one member added to our number. Decided to hold our N.F. show last Saturday in June, when six classes will be run, 2 Yorks., 2 Norwich, 2 Brit.; received 8 sps. to be given for N.F. Very pleasant and instructive lecture given by Mr. B. Cleaves, of Abertillery. Number of questions asked and ably answered. Vote of thanks to lecturer terminated very pleasant evening.—F. Sweeting, Hon. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Applications for the support of this club should be made forthwith. As all sps. are to be allotted with the object of increasing entries at supported shows, societies will be well advised to give the matter immediate consideration. The insurance scheme which has been tried for the past three years is to be abolished, and an extended time limit given to novices, which it is hoped will be conducive to entries. Eight new novices are down for election.—John Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, S.W.

NORTHERN BORDER AND S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting and table show held June 3, Mr. W. P. Smith chair. Patronage allotted to Gateshead show, Halliwhistle's application being rejected. Awards at table show as follows:

YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Espey; 2, Affleck; 4, Smith; hc, c, Craig. BUFF: 1, Greenwell; 2, 3, Smith; 4, vhc, hc, Espey; c, Farrer. TKD.: 1, Affleck; 2, 4, Greenwell; 3, vhc, Smith. CINN.: 1, 2, Farrer; 3, Smith. NOV.: 1, Chambers; 2, vhc, Affleck; 3, hc, Smith; 4, Snaith. BUFF: 1, 4, hc, Snaith; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Chambers. GREEN: 1, 2, vhc, Davison; 3, c, A. Affleck; 4, Render; hc, Cosser. CINN.: 1, Davison; 2, 4, Snaith; 3, Cosser; vhc, A. Affleck. Members please note: Schedule for Newcastle N.F. show should read: Class 12, Border Fancy Green; Class 12a, Border Fancy Cinn. Novice Section: Class 15, Border Fancy Green; Class 15a, Border Fancy Cinn.—M. C. Potts (Sec.).

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S

Monthly meeting held June 4th, Mr. M. C. Potts chair. New members elected: Mr. W. Robertson (Barrington-st., Newcastle). Mr. Lyst (Gateshead), Mr. W. Studholme (Wallsend). Decided to have our meetings in future at Prince's Cafe, Clayton St., opposite the Bird Market, so members please note. Table N.F. show took place, under the patronage of N.N.P.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., with the following results:

NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, H. Bird. A.O.V.: 1, 2, H. Bird. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, 3, R. Tindall; 4, F. Mirley; vhc, hc, W. Mather. MKD.: 1, F. Mirley; 2, W. Mather. NOV.: 1, 2, T. C. Hedley. BORD. BUFF: 1, J. W. Reed. BRIT.: 1, W. Voutt, 2, 3, 4, vhc, C. G. Petterson. FOR.: 1, W. Voutt; 2. C. G. Petterson. Silver spoon presented by Mr. Crawhall, best bird, Mr. H. Bird; ditto, most points, Mr. C. G. Petterson. Vote of thanks to the judges, Messrs. Crawhall and Espier, was carried in a hearty manner. Judges for table show, July 2nd: Norwich, British and Foreign, Mr. W. H. Butler; Yorkshires, Mr. W. Mather; Borders, Mr. M. C. Potts. Schedules and tickets for N.F. show, July 4th, were on hand; will members please try and make this a success. Subscriptions are now overdue, and must be paid before the N.F. show before being able to compete at same. Do not forget next meeting, July 2nd, will be held in Prince's Cafe, Clayton St., opposite Bird Market.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Held June 3, the Tokio Cafe, chairman Thos. Dent; large attendance of members. June 25, date decided upon for F.F. show, to be held in the Foresters' Hall, Mr. Peter Warcing judge. We have a splendid classification. Mr. J. W. Cleminson gave a lecture on "The Birds I have seen in a Day's Ramble." Mr. Cleminson said that we in Preston were happily situated in regard to bird life, as the varied country round about Preston was well adapted to the different species of British birds. In a day's ramble, starting from Haslam Park, he had seen pair Grey Wagtails, on the Brookside Red Wings, Fieldfares, Black-headed Gulls, at Wood Plumpton pair Redstarts, Whinchats, Wheatears, on through Louth, pied Blackbirds, at Catforth School, at Carr's Green, a Water Hen, Coot, Lapwing, Snipe, Redshank, etc. Mr. Cleminson described a few of their nests and nesting places, and answered questions in a masterly manner, and after vote of thanks had been accorded the lecturer a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.—W. H. Cottam, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Meeting held June 8th at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd (chair) and 25 members present. Mr. Glanville elected a member. Mr. W. Sanders reported that the ramble with the L.C.B.A. and N.B.B.M.C. was very enjoyable, and one of the best he had ever joined in. The Hon. Sec. announced receipt of further sps. for young bird show. Our esteemed late member and chairman, Mr. A. C. Burn, then gave to members his views on "The lack of organisation in the Fancy." He prefaced his remarks with recollections of many members of the Association who were associated with him during the time he was in the Fancy, commencing with the name of that grand old Yorkshire fancier, Mr. H. Davis. He urged that all clubs should organise to educate the public and aristocracy in the art of bird keeping, and by so doing there would be a greater demand for good specimens of all varieties—whatever is done must be on sound business principles, and he advocated the assistance of one of the influential daily newspapers. Popularising the breeding of Canaries should be the object of every club in the country. The condition of many bird-shops, too, did not invite custom. With the history of the formation of the London Federation and the C.B Union and the failure of its objects, Mr. Burn concluded his remarks. A very hearty and unanimous vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Burn for his kind attendance. Vote of thanks to chairman closed meeting.—Fred Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held June 3, Star Inn, Church St., Burnley. In absence of chairman Mr. A. Hargreaves occupied chair, with a good attendance of members. N.F. show, June 27. All exhibits must be staged by 1.30 p.m. on day of show. Entries must be in on Friday night, June 26th, on or before 9 p.m. Any entries wrongly classified, same to be left to the judges' decision. Admission to show 2d. (private entrance), up Hill Top or through the Inn. Show open about 3 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Breeders' Chall. Cup to be competed for by three birds, the best three birds belonging to a member to be awarded same. Cup be judged for first (before classes). Entrance fee and prize money same as at previous show, also any tradesman exhibiting one of our show bills will be granted a free ticket to the show. No one in show room during the judging for cup; Mr. J. Moorhouse elected steward. Hearty vote of thanks given to chairman for capable way in which he occupied the chair. Mr. Edwards gave lecture on colour feeding, and several members also gave their views and way of same, that concluding quite an enjoyable evening. Next meeting June 17th, 7.30 p.m. prompt; all members kindly oblige by attending.—G. Whittaker (hon. sec.).

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READING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Lodge Room, Palmer Hall, June 3. Those absent missed a rare treat, as Sec. had arranged a splendid musical evening, which was much enjoyed by all present, Farmer Giles's "Belle of Camberwell" bringing down the house. Presentation made to Mr. Pike by Mr. Brooker, the chairman, handsome marble clock suitably inscribed. Mr. Brooker, in making the presentation, spoke of the good work Mr. Pyke had done for the society, and hoped Mr. Pyke would live many years to hear clock strike. Mr. Pyke, in responding, thanked all for giving him such a beautiful present, and hoped to help the society in the future as well as in the past.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

IRVINE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Bank Street, Irvine, June 4, Mr. Harry B. Young presiding in the unavoidable absence of Mr. John Nairn, the pres. Definitely arranged that the society hold its F.F. show (confined to members) on July 18. Classification will be similar to that of annual show of Nov. 25 last with the exception that there will be no necessity for classifying the young birds according to sex. Brit. and foreign classes may contain adult birds. Society has been fortunate in securing esteemed services of Messrs. R. Jeffrey and J. R. Steel, both of Glasgow, as judge and steward respectively. For entrance fee and membership fee, see advertisement in next issue of CAGE BIRDS.—Hugh M. Ferguson, Sec. (Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper.—Editor.)

The Shows.

WANSTEAD F. AND F.S.

Show held May 25. Judge, W. L. Taylor. YORKS.: 1, spl., 2, 3, hc, G. King; 4, vhc, Purday; c, Harris. BRIT.: 1, 2, Pike; 3, Orange. PAIRS, A.V.: 1, Orange.—H. S. Lofthouse.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

First table show, June 4, St. John's Schools, Southall. Entries were not numerous, there being only one exhibitor in the Norwich classes, therefore no competition for the Norwich cup. Points gained for Yorkshire cup were: Taylor and Wright, 11 points; A. R. Crockett, 7 points; and J. Jefferis, 2 points. Points gained for British cup were: R. Cambers, 12 points; H. Burrows, 6 points; H. Green, 2 points; J. Tinmerlake, 1 point. Mr. F. Easterling judged to the satisfaction of all. Two new members elected.—J. Jefferis, Hon. Sec.

BEAMISH & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Bird Inn, High Hold, May 30, Mr. R. Coates (chair). Mr. J. Turnbull (Birtley) elected a member. Good table show for Canaries and British birds followed. CAN.: 1, G. F. Bates; 2, J. Walker; 3, S. Elliot. GOLDF.: 1, W. McNay; 2, S. Elliot. GREENF.: 1, 2, Cresswell. REDPOLL: 1, McNay; 2, C. Davison. Mr. R. Peart judged, and his awards were very satisfactory. Decided to hold a label show at our next meeting, June 27. Classes: Canary young, A.O.V. old, A.O.V., British ben A.O.V., A.O.V. British cock, Goldf. or Bullf., Redpoll, Siskin or Twite, For., A.O.V.—J. H. Elliot, Sec.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

F.F. show, May 29, Royal Oak Hotel. There was a fair attendance, and among those present were the following: Mrs. Crofts, Miss Kirk-Bullock (hon. sec. and treas.), Messrs. W. Ellis, H. Pennells, W. Turner, H. Morris, R. Cragg, A. E. Godden, A. E. Swaffer, and J. Stoakes. Mr. J. Stevens judged. Many thanks to those members who exhibited from away. Yorks. and Norwich exhibitors please note that any bird obtaining 1st prize will not again be eligible until Oct. 7, when all 1st prize birds will be brought forward for final competition for the small silver trophies for best young bird in each section throughout the F.F. shows. In addition to the above point prizes will be given in each section. There must be a record attendance on June 24, when the president (Rev. J. M. Paterson) will give his last lecture on British and Foreign Birds. Chair will be taken by the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor E. Armitage Hocking) at 8.30. The F.F. show will be held at 7.30 punctually.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, H. Pennels; 3, W. Turner (Battle). TKD.: 2, W. Turner; 3, H. Pennells (Bexhill). MKD. OR VARIEG.: 3, R. Cragg. YORKS., CL.: 2, 3, Messrs. Morris and Son. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 2, 3, Messrs. Morris and Son. MULE OR HYB.: 2, R. Cragg. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, E. Relf (Lewis).—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

British show held at headquarters, Royal Street, June 3, when 56 birds faced the judge. Sp. for most points in show was won by Mr. Wilkins with 35; 2nd most points by Mr. Hilton, with 24 points; sp. for best bird in show was won by Mr. Rothwell's Bullfinch. It is very encouraging to the committee to see several new names amongst the awards this time. This branch of the society seems to be going strong. Mr. Jack Lloyd judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Lloyd for his kindness.

GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Hilton, capital Finch, good flush face, nice tannings, very steady; 2, Rothwell; 3, Percival; vhc, Simons; hc, Wilkins. BULLF. (5): 1, Rothwell, capital Finch, good rich breast, jet black cap, good bars; 2, Wilkins, good, nice size and cap; 3, Foxcroft; vhc, Nowlan; hc, Frankham. GREENF. (7): Some good birds here: 1, Williams, good yellow, splendid bars, nice head, very steady; 2, Nowlan, rare col. and polish; 3, Frankham, buff, good size and type; vhc, Wilkins; hc, e, Rothwell. CHAFFINCH (6): 1, Wilkins, good size and col., nice bars and whites; 2, Rothwell; 3, Williams; vhc, Hilton; hc, Frankham; c, Foxcroft. BRAMBLE (3): 1, Wilkins, good big bird, nice spangling and hood; 2, Simons, another good one; 3, Nowlan. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Hilton, 1st good size and colour, capital facing; 2, vhc, Wilkins; hc, Simons; c, Rothwell. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Hilton, bonny yellow, neat cap and bib, very steady; 2, Wilkins, nice Twite, well laced, good size and col.; 3, Rothwell, Lesser Poll, capital col. and lacing; vhc, Frankham; hc, Simons; c Wilkins. A.O.V. BRIT. (5): 1, Williams, very steady Reed Bunting, good sound col.; 2, Nowlan, capital Yellow Bunting, rich colour, good markings; 3, Wilkins; hc, Foxcroft. Hen (2): 1, Wilkins, good sized Bullie, clean cut cap; 2, Simons. MULES (5): 1, 2, vhc, Frankham, leader rich jonque Greenie, good size, spl ndid exhibit, 2, jonque Goldie, in very fine order; 3, Simons, bull Goldie, good size and type; vhc, Percival.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, Club Room, Butcher's Arms, June 6. The quality of the exhibits was quite up to the usual standard, several promising youngsters being benched. Mr. J. Bailey, of Allerton, placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Lingard; 2, Self; 3, Lister and Hudson; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Coombs. BUFF: 1, 4, Peace; 2, Hartley; 3, Midgley; vhc, Lingard; hc, Self; c, Shackleton. TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Hartley; 2, 3, Lister and Hudson; vhc, Coombs. BUFF: 1, Lingard; 2, 3, Lister and Hudson. GREEN O. YELL.: 1, 4, Midgley; 2, Peace; 3, Self; vhc, Shackleton. BUFF: 4, vhc, Midgley; 2, Lingard; 3, Lister and Hudson; 4, Self; hc, Hartley. CINN MKD.: 1, Peace. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Emsley.—J. Holroyd (Sec.).

MANSFIELD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly table show held May 30, when a good number of birds were staged. Mr. Sims, of Sutton, placed the cards, and no grumbling was neard. Mr. Sims' task was not an easy one, but he came out of the ordeal with flying colours. The birds in the novice classes were a good lot, and Mr Cantrell deserves special mention for the type of Yorks he put down. This society is now making headway, and making new members every meeting night.

CHAMP. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Sheppard; 2, vhc, hc, Vardy; c, Keeling. BUFF: 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, vhc, hc, Vardy. A.V. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Gabbitass and Son. NOV. YELL. NOR.: 1, Taylor; 2, Wood; 3, vhc, Holland; hc, c, Keeling. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Sankey and Leivers; vhc, Holland; hc, Brown; c, Wood. YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cantrell; hc, c, Worton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, c, Cantrell; vhc, hc, Worton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Mallatratt; 3 hc Sankey and Leivers; vhc, c, Evans. MULE: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c. Mallatratt; 2, Evans.

W.C.O.S., PLYMOUTH.

Above society held their first N.F. show June 3, at Oddfellows Hall, Moreby Street, Plymouth. Ninety birds were staged, Norwich and Yorkshire being the best represented. Novice exhibitors showed up well and took most of the prizes. In Yorkshires Mr. Craven's winning yellow and Mr. Snelt's leading buff give promise of doing good service later on for their fortunate owners. Mr. Pettigrew's team in Norwich were greatly admired, being a credit to their breeder, who is, quite a novice in Canary culture. Mr. Moore's marked yellow Norwich although only getting 6th in his class was generally considered to be the best bird in the section. Crests were poor in numbers, but quality was strongly in evidence. Competition was poor in Cinnamons and Mules but next show may produce keener fighting. Mr. A. E. Cheney celebrated his return to the society by taking premier honours in British. Judges: Yorkshire, Mr. Large; Norwich, Cinnamons, A.O.V., Mr. French; Crests, Mr. Rowe; British, Mr. Pridham.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 6, 7, Craven; 2, 5, Peathy Johns; 3, 4, Snell. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Snell; 3, 7, Peathy Johns; 4, Luscombe; 5, 6, Craven. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Ough; 2, 5, Peathy Johns; 3, 6, Moore; 4, Pope; 7, Small. BUFF (16): 1, 7, Peathy Johns; 2, Ough; 3, 6, Pope; 4, Brown; 5, Small. CRESTS (4): 1, 2, Bavage; 3, Hutchings. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Bavage; 2, 4, Hutchings. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Brown. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Brown. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 4, Rowe; 2, 3, Dart. MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Rapson. GOLDF. or BULLF. (6): 1, 2, Chency; 3, Wills; 4, 6, Small; 5, Rapson. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Cheney; 3, Wills; 4, Small. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, Wills; 2, 3, Chency; 4, Pope. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hutchings.

WOOLTON.

For the first time, cage birds were included at the Woolton Agricultural Show, June 1, and six British Finch classes were included. A fine entry of nearly 50 exhibits turned up, and competition was very keen. The committee and officials were very pleased with the entry, and it would seem these, and probably a few additional classes, will be included in future shows. That well-known fancier, Mr. Lloyd, was steward in this section, and he handled the work in a finished and masterful style. The show is patronised by all the elite of this aristocratic district, with Col. Hall Walker, M.P., as president. Needless to say a magnificent show all round resulted. The weather was charming, and thousands from many miles around were early in attendance, and a huge success was assured. Mr. Chas. Boulton judged, and the officials complimented him on the good entry and the apparent satisfaction meted out to exhibitors.

GOLDF. (7): 1, Hampson and Higham, fine bold good chested bird, rare expanse of blaze, well cut, deep col., plenty rich tan on body, nice moons and bars; 2, Lonsdale, smaller, very compact, rich clean cut blaze, nice moons and bars; 3, Simon, paler, nice blaze, moons and bars, shade smaller; vhc, Yates; hc, Rothwell; c, Robertshaw. BULLF. (4): 1, Rothwell, clear win, fine bold bird, very bright and clear in colours, good cond.; 2, Yates, rare size and shape, rather dull and smoky in colour to-day, nice feather; 3, Hampson and Higham, fine bird, but rough at thighs when judged; vhc, Fairclough. GREENF. (6): 1, Robertshaw, big bold bird, rare head, shoulders and chest, good colour, etc.; 2, Rothwell, very nice cond., bit smaller, good shape; 3, vhc, Lowe, fine slim bird, A1 cond.; hc, Lonsdale; c, Hilton. CHAFF. etc. (6): 1, Yates, good all-round Chaffinch, in fine colour, bloom and finish; 2, hc, Aitken, good hen Yellow Buntings, former largest and best shape; 3, Rothwell, fine Chaffinch, paler breasted than winner, A1 cond.; vhc, Robertshaw, Bramble; c, Hilton. SISKIN, ETC. (10): very good class. 1, Hampson and Higham, very large, good thick-set Siskin, plenty of sound natural col., good cap, and A1 markings, fine cond., 2, hc, Rothwell, bonny Twite, good col., shape, markings and cond.; 3, Handley, equally good Lesser Poll in all points, grand cond.; vhc, Lowe; c, Hilton. LINNET (9): 1, Lowe, right stamp, A1 col., size, shape, markings and cond.; 2, Hampson and Higham, grand body, only beaten a little in head; 3, Simon, good col., but rather dull and smoky, vhc, Lonsdale; hc, Rothwell; c, Hilton. Most points, Rothwell.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Young stock show, held headquarters, June 4th. Considering what a bad breeding season it has been for the majority of the members, the society is to be congratulated upon the fine entry, and some very good birds were staged in each section. Sp. best in show went to Mr. W. H. Gardner's clear yellow Norwich, which also took the sp. best novice bird. Mr. R. Brownlie judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CHAMP. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Laccobee. BUFF: 1, Laccobee. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Laccobee. YORK, CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Fairman. BUFF: 1, Fairman. TKD. ETC.: 1, Fairman. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2 spls., Gardner. BUFF: 1, Fuller; 2, Whitling. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Gardner. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Fuller. BUFF: 1, Carter. TKD., ETC.: 1, Fuller; 2, Carter. BORD., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Humphries; 3, Williams; vhc, Joplin; hc, Hockley; c, Preece. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Joplin; 2, Ford; vhc, Humphries; hc, Williams; c, Martin. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Joplin; vhc, Childers; hc, Bartholomew; c, Preece. GREEN: 1, Joplin; 2, Martin.—Burton Bros. (Hon. Secs.).

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First members' show held June 6 at the Flying Dutchman Hotel. Mr. S. Wilcock judged the 92 birds staged, and gave satisfaction to all. OPEN YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, S. Lingley; 2, 3, W. Helliwell; 4, F. Ludbrook; vhc, J. Horsfield. BUFF (8): 1, 2, W. Helliwell; 3, 4, vhc, F. Wharton; hc, F. Ludbrook; c, J. Horsfield. A.O.V., GR. (5): 1, vhc, J. Horsfield; 2, F. Ludbrook; 3, 4, T. Elsegood. A.O.V. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, T. Smith; 4, F. Ludbrook. NOVICE, CL., OR TKD. YELL. (15): 1, 4, S. Woad; 2, G. A. Simonett; 3, G. Wilford; vhc, W. F. Symes; hc, c, Bolton and Lunn. BUFF (19): 1, W. H. Symes; 2, hc, E. Riley; 3, vhc, Bolton and Lunn; 4, H. McEwen; c, S. Woad. A.O.V., GR. (10): 1, S. Woad; 2, H. McEwen; 3, E. Riley; 4, W. H. Symes; vhc, G. A. Simonett; hc, J. C. Rhodes; c, J. R. Taylor. A.O.V. CINN (4): 1, Bolton and Lunn; 2, S. Woad; 3, 4, E. Kitson. OPEN NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, W. Plowright; 4, J. Clark. BUFF (7): 1, 2, B. Airton; 3, 4, hc, W. Plowright; vhc, c, G. Hunter. A.O.V. (6): 1, B. Airton; 2, 4, W. Plowright; 3, vhc, G. Hunter; hc, J. Clark. NOVICE NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (1): 1, G. A. Simonett. BUFF (void). A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, G. A. Simonett.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Members' F.F. show, held June 6, Blue Bell Hotel, with an entry of 52 Yorkshires. Mr. John Greaves, of Manningham, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The Novice sp. was won by Mr. H. Fretwell, who won a first and two seconds with three entries. Mr. E. W. Goodwin, with 5 entries, won 5 firsts in champion section. Points for season's prizes are now as follows: Champ., Goodwin 29, Halliday 20, Mason 18, Garnett 6, Shepherd 5. Nov., Fretwell 19, A. Spencer 16,, Booth 9, H. Spencer 8, Baxter 8, Ellis 6.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Goodwin; 2, e, A. Spencer; 3, Halliday; 4, Shepherd; vhc, H. Spencer; hc, Ellis. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, Fretwell; 3, 4, Halliday; vhc, Booth; hc, Walker; c, Shepherd. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, H. Spencer; 4, Mason; vhc, Ellis; hc, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, Halliday; 3, e, Booth; 4, Mason; vhc, hc, Briggs. MKD. YELL.: 1, Goodwin; 2, hc, Baxter; 3, 4, A. Sponcer; vhc, Mason; c, Garnett. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, Garnett; 3, Harney; 4, Ellis; vhc, Bradley. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Mason. SELL.: 1, Garnett.—Taylor and Ellis, Secs.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

F.F. show, June 2, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E. The show was in every way a success. Entries came up well and above the expected number. Forty-three birds were entered, and some beautiful specimens were staged. They were judged by four selected members, the novice judging the champions, the champions judging the novices. After the judging the judges gave their views of the specimens, and the members appeared well pleased. This show was a new feature in the year's programme, and it is hoped that it will lead to success. Young bird show, July 14; Mr. J. Robson, judge.

CHAMP.: NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp., Tomsett; 2, 3, Cole; vhc, Crawford; hc, c, Richardson. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, Cole; 3, Tomsett; vhc, hc, 4, Crawford; c, Richardson. YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp., Clark; 2, 3, 4, Clark. NOV.: NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Whiffin; 3, c, Tylor; vhc, 4, Gardner. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, sp., 2, Whiffin; 3, 4, vhc, Gardner; hc, Hodson. YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp., Pratt; 2, vhc, Gilbert; 3, hc, Cant. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Cant; vhc, hc, Tylor; 3, Pratt.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members' special sing May 30, at Commercial Hotel, Kippax, when 20 birds sung for five good prizes, 10s. being added to entries. Result: 1, W. Moulding; 2, R. Plows; 3, 4, J. Bath; 5, A. Cooper. Members' sing June 6, when 17 birds sung. Result: 1, R. Plows; 2, O. Potter; 3, J. Liversidge, who, by the way, can claim to possess one of (if not the best) time singing Linnets in Yorkshire or out.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality Linnet singing matches will be held every Saturday, two o'clock, and Sunday, one o'clock, Plasterer's Arms, Leeds. (1650)

The Leeds Linnet and Canary Club having moved their headquarters to the Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, had a most successful opening quality Linnet singing match June 7; 24 birds (most of them winning and counting in the various big Whitsuntide matches) faced the well-known judges, Messrs. T. Johnson, H. Wigfield, and N. Solomon. All birds, being in the height of condition, sang vigorously. 1, J. Bamfield; 2, H. Playforth; 3, G. Buttery; 4, J. Chippendale.—R. Ridgeyard, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, on June 2; 20 birds sang for four prizes. 1, T. Johnson; 2, Sissons; 3, Bamfield; 4, shared by Hayes and S. Johnson. Judges, Wood, Naylor, Hardcastle. June 6, 17 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Bamfield; 2, S. Johnson; 3, Stead. Judges, Wood and Naylor. June 7, 18 birds sang for three prizes: 1, W. Sissons; 2, S. Johnson; 3, Farrar. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests continued from previous page.

Quality singing held Skinners Arms, Bushingthorpe, Whit Monday, we held our annual contest; 29 birds had to face judges. Some very good singing heard: 1, Ward; 2, Roshdale; 3, King; 4, Sellars. Judges: Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Grainger. Also June 7, 19 birds competed: 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, Hullen. Judges: Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Grainger. Members' meeting will be held June 14, at 8.0 prompt; business urgent.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

Open contests for quality Linnet singing, Fox Inn, Woodhouse Fair, June 2, when 29 birds entered for four good prizes given by the host, Mr. Bowyer. Result: 1, Clark; 2, Lunn; 3, Ward; 4, Jarman. Judges: Messrs. Whitaker, Wigfield, and Johnson. Also on June 6th, when 16 birds entered for three good prizes. Result: 1, 2, shared by Binns and Ward; 3, Pyrah. Judges: Messrs. Sellars and Hart. —Wm. Lunn, hon. sec.

BLACKBURN.

Empire Hotel quality Linnet singing contest held May 30; 32 birds entered for seven good prizes. June 13 being our cup day (members only), when we expect all to attend.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

WEST CORNFORTH.

Good company assembled at Good Intent Inn on Whit Monday to hear Linnet singing. Result: 1, J. Brown; 2, 3, J. Kell. Judge, Wm. Fairless; timekeeper, R. Robson.—H. Spencer, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR

Club sing, Engineers' Arms; 57 birds sang for 19 prizes, given by the club, and some good singing was done. Judge and timekeeper gave every satisfaction. Judge, W. Wilkison; timekeeper, R. Burns. Winners in order named:—Galbraith, McGee, Briggs, Vincent, Armstrong, Nugent, Shaw, Graham, Rochester, Reay, Hills, Walker, Marley, Burns, Finn, Boyle, Armstrong, Hartley, Nugent. The sing was followed by a pleasant evening. Members would like to see Mr. Galbraith meet the Auckland man, with five birds, for a side stake, at the Club House, Engineers' Arms.—J. Nugent, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Special Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, May 30; 54 birds entered for 21 good prizes; four minutes time singing: 1, 19, Nelson; 2, 12, 18, Beard; 3, 20, Wilson; 4, 9, Procter; 5, Merrick; 6, 8, Parkin; 7, 10, Jones; 11, Pugh; 13, 15, 16, Blakeshire, 14, 17, Scott; 21, Piper. Open sing, May 31; 34 birds entered for three prizes, three minutes time singing: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Nelson. Open sing, June 1; 25 birds entered, four minutes time singing: 1, Nelson, 156; 2, C. Scott, 105; 3, Beard, 49. Club singing, June 6; 35 birds entered; four minutes time singing: 1, Nelson, 100; 2, Beard, 55; 3, Beard, 51. Open sing, June 7; 22 birds entered: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Whingum.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

The Castleford and District Linnet Club held their annual Whitsuntide special sing on May 30, when there were 45 birds entered for 15 special prizes. Winners: 1, 5, J. Liversedge; 2, J. Brindley; 3, 4, shared by J. Wainwright and J. Brindley; 6, N. Clark; 7, W. Nelson; 8, J. Williams; 9, S. Morley; 10, A. Sweeting; 11, E. Smith; 12, W. Caddy; 13, T. Parnell; 14, J. Kirk; 15, W. Ratcliffe. On May 31, 18 birds entered. Winners were:—1, J. Wainwright; 2, E. Smith; 3, A. Longfield. June 2, 43 birds entered. Winners: 1, J. Williams, 132; 2, J. Liversedge, 119; 3, B. Nelson, 81; 4, A. Longfield, 70. Weekly Linnet contest, June 6, 32 birds entered, and some very god singing was heard. Winners: 1, 3, J. Williams, 132, 77; 2, J. Liversedge, 102. After the sing a match was sung, when Mr. J. Williams' bird sang 129secs. His bird sang in three sings, 132 Tuesday, 132 Saturday, and 129 Saturday. On June 7, 19 entered. Winners: 1, J. Williams, 84; 2, S. Morley, 64; 3, H. Archdale, 52.—J. Brindley, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

The Linnet Singing Society, at the Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street, held their annual contest on Whit Tuesday, when 17 members took part, and some good singing was heard by a good attendance. Every member received a prize 1, Parlett, 59secs.; 2, Wilson, 45secs.; 3, Woodcock, 41secs. Open contest, June 7, for three minutes' singing, Linnets; 13 birds sung. 1, Woodcock, 29secs.; 2, J. W. Schofield, 15secs.; 3, Orton, 15secs.—W. Bingham, Sec.

An open to all England Linnet singing contest was held May 31 at British Oak, Carbrook Street. We had a very good attendance. Result: 1, Robson, 109 (two minutes); 2, Watson, 99; 3, Newton, 87. June 1: 1, 2, 3, Thompson. June 2, we had our club contest, and the best singing we have had in Sheffield this year. 1, Robinson, 157; 2, Thompson, 140; 3, Watson, 137; 4, Gregg, 127; 5, Thompson, 101; 6, Coley, 85; 7, Newton, 83. Very good sing June 7 when Mr. Robinson won again, doing another big run. 1, Robinson, 117; 2, Watson, 87; 3, Thompson, 80.—E. Robinson, Sec.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The following First Feather Shows have been arranged; we shall be glad to be notified of any omissions: June 13, Doncaster C.B.S., Afreton C.B.S., Longton C.B.S.; June 19, Bridlington and Driffield C.B.S.; June 20 and July 18, Halifax O.S.; June 20, Abertillery C.B.S., Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A., Oldham C.B.A., S. Birmingham O.S., Halifax C.B.S., Walkley C.B.S., Idle and Dis. C.B.S.; June 22, Torbay O.S.; June 25, Preston O.S.; June 27, Sheffield C.B.S., Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., Radcliffe C.B.S., Burnley O.S., Annfield Plain C.B.S., Wigan C.B.S., Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., North Liverpool C.B.S., Redruth F.S.; July 3, Bridlington, Driffield C.B.S.; July 4, Vale of Leven C.B.C., Burnhope C.B.S., Chester-le-Street C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Wallasey C.B.S., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Halifax C.B.S., City and Suburban A.C.B., Leeds C.B.S., Sheffield O.S., Newcastle C.B.S.; July 5, Blantyre O.S.; July 8, Windsor C.B.A.; July 11, Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S., Shettleston C.B.S., North London C.B.A.; July 18, Irvine and Dis. C.B.S., London and Counties A.C.B., Abertillery C.B.S., Windhill C.B.S., Beamish C.B.S, Birtley C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S.; July 25, South Shields C.B.S., Falkirk Good Intent; July 30, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; Aug. 1, Pelton Fell C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Edinburgh C.B.S.; August 4, Darvel C.B.S.; Aug. 29, Dunfermline C.B.S.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (A Keen Novice).—You omit to give the measurements of the depth of your aviary—i.e., from front to back, and also the height at the back. The former omission makes it impossible to calculate what amount of floor space you have. In any case, the aviary is little more than a good-sized flight cage. Had the slope been in the reverse direction, from front, rising to the back, it would have been a very great improvement. I would advise you to limit the inmates to one cock and two, or at most three, hens, in addition to the pair of Bullfinches, and to make the passage from the sleeping quarters to the wired part free to all, so that the birds can have the range of the whole space at disposal. Place two nesting sites in the sleeping part, and at least four in different secluded parts of the flight. As a nesting site for the Bullfinches, get a wicker German travelling cage, remove the water-pot and the seed box, the short bars from one end, and fix this securely on the back wall, about two-thirds of the way up, then fix up a few twiggy bushes in such a way that they partly surround and cover the cage. Be careful to supply the right kind of material for this pair, which will of itself increase your chances of success. The Canaries seem to be quite out of condition for breeding, and I doubt whether they will do anything in this line this season. Try what the following treatment will do for them. In addition to the usual staple diet allow three teaspoonfuls of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, broken groats, sunflower seeds (chopped), and gold of pleasure daily, and every second day two heaped teaspoonfuls of egg food. Give a whole plant of dandelion, cut off just below the ground, daily, and a liberal supply of the seed heads of dandelion.

NO SUCCESS (Troubled Novice, Connah's Quay).—You ought to have said how old the birds are. It is just possible that the cocks are either too young or too old to run with more than one hen each to meet with an average amount of success. Or again, I think perhaps you may interfere a little to much with the eggs and thereby cause too much uneasiness on the part of the hens, which may result in getting the eggs chilled during the process of incubation. It is the exception rather than the rule for eggs to need putting in water at this season. It is later on when the weather is very warm and dry that this is more likely to be useful. You might let the hens try for one more brood each if they are ready to begin soon, or you might mate each cock with one hen only, and that the most promising one to make a success of the attempt, and leave them severely alone after mating. Let them manage the affair entirely by themselves this time, and do not even interfere to put the eggs in warm water before hatching, and I am inclined to think that you will do much better. You might offer the hens a bath for a few minutes each day on the last three days of the incubatory period. Get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and follow its advice implicitly for the rest of the season.

DISAPPOINTING (Hard Luck, W.W.B.).—(1) Your dietary is not sufficiently generous if what you mention is all you give. It will make a very good staple. But you should give in addition a little egg or biscuit food twice a week, and on two other days a teaspoonful of mixed seeds. Also a little green food, or some sweet fruit, should be given daily at this season, and two or three times a week in winter. For the next fortnight give this bird a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, niger, teazle, broken groats, chopped sunflower seeds, and gold of pleasure seed. Instead of green food give a liberal supply of the seed heads of dandelion. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and follow this with four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight if necessary. (2) It certainly does not inspire hopes of success for the time being when a hen lays only one egg and then pitches it out of the nest. You do not say how old the hen is. If only late-hatched last season she may do better in the next attempt, but if she is several years old, my advice is to discard her for breeding. For a fortnight add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water every second day, and on the alternate days give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel. When she is nesting again, keep the floor of the cage thickly strewn with sawdust, giving grit in a tin inside cage, and then if she repeats the performance of throwing out the eggs you may save them being damaged beyond redemption, and put them under another hen to hatch out and rear the young.

STIFF HIND TOE (Straight 'un).—If the toe is dislocated, which you could tell easily enough by the apparent displacement of the joint connecting it with the foot, as it would be popularly termed, your best plan would be to ask a veterinary surgeon to reduce it by manipulation, which it would not be wise for you to attempt yourself. But if there is no apparent displacement, catch the bird and hold the foot in a saucer of tolerably hot water, but be careful to see that it is well below any scalding heat. Having held the foot immersed for a minute or so, transfer it at once to a saucer of cold water for a similar period, then go back to the hot, and again to the cold, repeating these changes from hot to cold ten or a dozen times, but finish in the cold water. Then dry foot, and gently massage it well with vaseline or olive oil. Give the bird a thin and nearly round perch, little thicker than a lead pencil, and another of the usual girth, but trimmed to a three-cornered shape, with the flat side underneath, and one of the pointed ridges, made a little blunt, for the bird to perch on.

LOST HIS FEATHERS (A. Spicksley).—You should have no trouble in keeping your birds after rearing them to the first moult, if you treat them strictly according to the instructions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you have. As regards the loss of feathers, you should first of all examine your cages closely to see if insects are the cause of the trouble, and if they are you must take the necessary steps to exterminate them before you can hope to cure the effect, which would, indeed, very soon disappear when the exciting cause was removed. If no insects are found give a morsel of bread soaked in milk, drained, and dusted with flowers of sulphur, and lastly with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, teazle, millet, broken groats, and maw seed, and add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Then miss a fortnight, and repeat the treatment for another fortnight, and continue this alternating treatment until the feathers are grown or the bird goes into its normal moult. Keep it fairly warm during treatment.

YOUNG DYING (B.E.B.).—Your feeding is decidedly wrong, as I note you had not reduced the supply of egg food when the young birds died, although they were then over two months old. I am inclined to think from your description that the cause of death was, indirectly, constipation. I do not know the book you say you are following closely, but I should think you would do well to disregard it, and get our Manager to send you "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which he will do for 7d., post free. Next time you have any young ready to leave the parents give them a constant supply of good sound canary seed as a staple diet, and place a pinch of summer rape on top of it each day. Continue giving egg food daily composed of a third-part of egg to two-thirds bread crumbs or crushed biscuit. Allow a teaspoonful per bird daily, and each afternoon give a rather smaller quantity of cracked hemp. As soon as you see by the husks in the seed box that the birds are eating canary seed freely, begin to reduce the supply of egg food until by the time they are seven or eight weeks old you have brought them to a small teaspoonful every second day, and on the alternate days give half this quantity of a mixture of hemp, niger, teazle, millet, maw, and broken groats. At this time you should also be giving a small spray of chickweed, watercress, or dandelion leaves about three times a week, or what you can get in your country that is nearest to this class of green food. Occasionally you may omit the egg food and substitute an equivalent quantity of bread and milk. Keep cage floors as clean as possible, see that all food is sound and sweet, and do not allow any scraps to accumulate in the cage to become stale, and keep floors strewn with gritty sand. Under this regime you should find no difficulty in saving the young after they are ready to leave the parents.

LIFE-SAVING EXPERIMENTS (E.M.T.).—Nature provides the necessary nourishment for the support of the chick for some hours after hatching in the egg yolk, which is absorbed into the system only a very short time before the chick is hatched. Exactly how long the chick will retain its full vigour upon this nourishment alone I am not prepared to say, but if they are kept warm by the hen, they are certainly quite vigorous twelve hours later, even if they have been fed at all, and you should have no difficulty in your experiments by beginning to feed at about twelve hours old. A good feeding hen will begin to feed just as soon as the youngsters will gape, but as a rule I fancy little feeding takes place in less than four to six hours after hatching. I cannot say I agree with you that egg is not sufficiently nourishing for them, neither do I think much of your idea of using pepsin, etc., in the attempts to rear chicks only a few hours old. My opinion is that a bird which cannot get sufficient nourishment out of good, fresh egg is not worth the trouble of rearing. By no means would I advise going still further than this and employing stimulants in the form of brandy. Altogether I would advise you to limit your food supply to the yolk of egg, hard boiled, made into a cream with a drop or two of milk for chicks so young, and as they get older add an increasing proportion of crushed biscuit, going up to two-thirds of the bulk, and after the first two or three days begin to add a little finely minced green salad to the mixture for a few hours each day. Have you tried making the soft food palatable to induce the Lizard hen to eat it more freely? If not, do so, making it with equal parts egg, crushed biscuit, and sponge cake, and sprinkle with maw seed, and then try leaving her one or two chicks to rear herself, and note result.

UNFERTILE EGGS (Yellow Tick).—Sorry, but it was impossible to get reply in last issue. It is most likely that the cock is late in coming into full breeding vigour this season, which would quite account for his failure to fill the eggs. It is quite likely that he will do better with the next round, which you may allow the hen to have. To make matters more certain, give the pair a teaspoonful of egg food with about half this quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesamo mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a whole plant of dandelion, cut off just below the ground. You may also add a free supply of the seed heads of dandelion. In the water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and follow this with six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight or so.

POOR RESULTS (M.A.).—Your feeding does not seem sufficiently generous for birds that are breeding. The staple mixture of canary and rape will do very well, but the seed mixture and the egg food are too sparing. Make a mixture of two parts, by measure, of hemp, and niger, one part each of millet and black rape, a half-part each of teazle and broken groats, and just a sprinkling of linseed and mustard seed, and give each pair a teaspoonful of this every second day when they are going to nest again, and on the alternate days give a teaspoonful of egg food in which you have mixed about half this quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily, or an equivalent quantity of other green food daily. If you begin this regime at once, I think you will stand a fair chance of getting a late brood, which will be more successful than the earlier ones. You should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free, for 7d., from our Manager. This would have prevented your making the mistake you have during the best part of the season.

YOUNG MOPY, ETC. (B. K.).—(1) The young one that sits mopy as you describe is probably not yet properly on the seed diet, and requires a little soft food daily for a little while longer. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar each day for another fortnight, and in the afternoon of each day give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp, rape, and broken groats. Give a few dandelion seed heads, or a leaf of crisp young dandelion each day. In the water you may add six drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day only. This should suffice to set matters right. (2) I am afraid this pair of birds have deteriorated in feeding qualities since the first nest was reared, and that the trouble with the later broods is simply due to the poor attention they get from the parents. Keep your eye on them when the next nest is hatched, and if you find they are not feeding as they should, transfer the young, if convenient, to a more reliable pair of feeders. If this course is not convenient, try tempting the hen with extra dainty food, give a little crisp young lettuce daily, and offer a bath in which you have dissolved sufficient common salt to make the water taste faintly saline. A crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea dissolved in the drinking water for one half of each day for three consecutive days will also help to keep the hen keen on feeding.

COCK WITH TWO HENS (E. W. K.).—Yes, as the birds are flying at liberty in the room, it is quite correct to let the cock remain at liberty with both hens whilst they are going to nest. There is no necessity to remove one hen until the other has gone to nest, and both hens may be expected to lay fertile eggs even if they go to nest simultaneously.

HIND TOES TURNED FORWARD (J. M. G.).—Give the bird rather wide perches of the usual flattened oval shape, and put on rubber rings as you may have seen described here numbers of times. To make these rings, cut rather less than an eighth of an inch off the end of rubber tubing as used for babies' feeding bottles. To put them on, catch the bird, and, holding the three front toes all together, pass the ring, which will go easier if you hold them in your mouth to moisten them, over them, and push it up over the hind toe and the leg, holding the hind toe back against the leg until the ring is nearly, but not quite, as far as the end of the toe. Then leave it there, and when you release the bird the toe will be held far back towards the leg by the ring. Leave these on for two or three weeks, then remove them, and at the same time put in the cage thin and nearly round perches, only a little thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. See that these perches are placed conveniently, and securely fixed, so as not to wobble about when the bird goes on them. Leave them in the cage two or three months, and leave them to complete the cure with Nature's assistance.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

LAYING UNSHELLED EGGS (E. K. P.).—I doubt whether the hen will be of any use for breeding this season. But you may try what two or three weeks of the following treatment will do for her. In addition to the usual seed diet give the pair of birds, which you may leave together, a teaspoonful of egg-food, in which you have mixed about half this quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and chopped sunflower seeds, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give a liberal supply of the seed heads of dandelion, but none of the foliage, and chickweed each day. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water every second day for a week, and after this give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days substitute 20 drops of gin. When the hen is about nesting again, get a little old mortar and smash it up to a coarse powder and strew it liberally about the floor of the cage, and add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinker three or four times a week until she has laid her clutch of eggs.

LOSS OF YOUNG (G. B. Gadd).—You are doubtless correct in your surmise that the young are dying from neglect on the part of the hens. As your feeding is not quite correct, try what the following method will do for you with the forthcoming broods. Give your usual egg-food when the broods are about hatching, equal parts egg and bread crumbs, at first. After the first two or three days begin to add a little sponge cake (crushed) to it, and increase this to equal parts egg, bread, and sponge cake by the time the birds are a week old, making the increase by easy stages. Give fresh food at least twice a day. On the fourth day give a morsel of crisp young lettuce, or chickweed, or the tender flowering tips of groundsel, and from this time give a little freshly-gathered green-food twice each day. When the young are eight or ten days old give a teaspoonful of cracked hemp daily, and a few days later, if there is a large brood, you may also add a heaped teaspoonful of soaked summer rape each day. I think the birds will make a bigger success of the business under this treatment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SEXING WARBLERS (Softbill).—You should have no difficulty in sexing Blue Throats as the cock and hen are quite differently marked. The hen does not possess the beautiful blue throat of the cock, there are other differences, but this alone will enable you to sex your birds. With the Garden Warbler it is not so simple, the cock and hen are practically alike, but in all birds where the plumage is similar there is the difference of carriage and bearing. Had you several you could probably select the cocks by their boldness, and slightly darker colouring, particularly in the back. I recently watched a pair feeding their young, and was able to distinguish the cock bird by his more upright carriage, alert manner, and slightly darker upper parts. These hints may assist you.

HAND-REARING (E.M.T.).—My experience has been that the longer you can leave the young ones in the nest the better they do later on. I have generally taken them as they begin to open their eyes, as one has no trouble then in getting them to gape for food, but it is possible to rear young taken at six days. Undoubtedly wild birds feed the young upon insects at all times, but more especially the first few days of existence. I can quite understand your birds doing so well upon the aphides and the little green caterpillars, but unfortunately all fanciers are not able to get a good supply. Spiders are not injurious; on the other hand, they are considered to be particularly good, and I have had cases of birds making wonderful recovery from illness when fed with them, although they have been in a very bad condition for some time. Your remarks respecting scraped raw meat are particularly interesting, and I quite agree with you that if given perfectly fresh and judiciously, there is no food upon which birds grow so quickly, but as it is a

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food that can be so easily misused, one is almost afraid to recommend it. (2) The situation and materials of which the nests are built should assist you in your identification of the birds you mention. The blunt beak and wide skull of the Bullfinch should prevent your mistaking them for any other birds. The beak of the young Chaffinch is considerably harder and more Finchlike than the Hedge Sparrow. The closely-woven compact nest of the former should also assist you, and if you linger near the site of the nest, the call of the old birds would make you quite certain.

COLOUR-FEEDING A JAY (T. McDiarmid).—I think you would do wrong to attempt to colour-feed your Jay. I cannot see where artificial colouring would improve him; the colour of the back might be slightly darkened, but the whites would take a creamy tint, and it would not in any way improve the wings, the colour of which is of great importance. I would advise you to feed him as you are doing now, so as to keep him as healthy as possible, and when the moulting time arrives, increase his insect food if you can possibly manage it, and give him about twice a week a freshly killed mouse or small bird. This will improve his plumage immensely, putting a fine gloss upon it. You should also be liberal with the bath, using rain water. Be sure to get him accustomed to his show cage in good time.

SONG THRUSH, ETC. (Nutmeg).—Your Thrush is evidently a hen bird, and you had better give it its liberty, as unless it is large and good enough for exhibition it is hardly worth keeping. (2) To distinguish the sexes is a rather difficult matter; the point that will be most useful to you is the eye stripe, which in the cock bird is generally better defined, and runs past the eye; the markings on

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Harabills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nut-shell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

the wing coverts are larger, and the white underparts whiter than they are in the hens, but these points I fear would not be of much use to you unless you had several to choose from. If you are anxious to procure a singer, why not hand-rear a brood? Keep those that warble and give the others their liberty. (3) You could probably get a Blackcap in the autumn, when they are on migration. The price would be about 7s. 6d., or 10s. (4) Softbill and Hardbill birds will not breed together.

LINNET OFF SONG (W.W.B.).—I am afraid I cannot assist you much, as your bird is in good condition, and your feeding appears to be right, but I notice you do not give him any hemp seed. You might try a spoonful of good quality twice a week, lightly cracked, and also the same quantity of mixed seeds that have commenced to germinate. Keep some damp in a warm place; they will soon begin to sprout, when it is ready for use. Do not move him from place to place, unless it is to put him outside for an hour or so on fine days. He may have had a severe fright; this will frequently put a bird off song for some time.

HEN NOT NESTING (Mule Seeker).—It is not an unusual thing for a hen to refuse to go to nest, even with one of their own kind as a partner. You cannot do better than give them a little hard boiled egg and biscuit every other day, and put in the nest pan any materials to build with. It is just possible she is a very backward hen, and may go to nest presently, when you would still have time for a good brood. (2) The fact of the Goldie not being house-moulted would not affect his breeding; field-moulted birds are quite as fertile as the others.

REARING YOUNG IN AVIARY (H. M. Pratt).—I gather from your letter that when you had your last brood of young ones you only gave them seeds to feed on. This was a mistake; you should have supplied the old birds with soft food. Boil a fresh egg for ten minutes, beat it up with a fork, and add two Osborne biscuits and the same quantity of best insectile food as given to Nightingales and Warblers; make the whole slightly damp, and well mix. This they should have fresh twice a day, and in addition a pot of soaked seeds, such as rape and teazle, also a little crushed hemp. Collect seeding grass, shepherd's purse, and chickweed, and keep them well supplied with it. This you should change as frequently as possible. It is upon this food that British birds in aviaries mostly feed their young ones. If you are anxious to succeed you must not mind a little extra trouble to induce the old bird to attend to the little ones. Do not disturb them any more than is absolutely necessary.

BIRDS IN COLD ROOM (Hardbills).—A cold room is just the right place for the birds you mention, and they are more likely to do well there than in a heated one. You must make provision for proper ventilation, but be careful of draughts, for although the birds are quite hardy, they are just as likely to catch cold when exposed to currents of air as more tender subjects.

BULLFINCH ILL (F.E.R.).—I would advise you to let your bird have an entire change of food. Soak a little rape, canary and teazle for twenty-four hours in cold water, and give him a spoonful daily. Dried seeds at present should be equal parts of canary, teazle, and summer rape. Make a mixture of equal quantities of maw, niger, dandelion, and hemp, and give a spoonful twice a week, and half-a-dozen sunflower seeds daily. Offer him seeding grass, chickweed, and dandelion seed pods and young leaves, ripe currants, and strawberries, as soon as you can get them. Before putting him on this diet give as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence, in his drinking water. See that it is properly dissolved, and give when nearly cold. Two doses on alternate days will be sufficient, then follow it with a small teaspoonful of Chemical Food fresh daily, mixed with water that has been previously boiled. (2) Probably your canary seed is not of good quality. I would advise you to purchase a little from another merchant, and try him with that.

TROUBLE WITH YOUNG THRUSHES (A. Davies).—I suspect there is something wrong with your treatment, and had you told me in your letter upon what you were feeding them I might have shewn where you were in error. You had better procure some good insectile food and feed the birds upon that for a time, mixing with it a little scraped raw carrot, chopped lettuce or occasionally some boiled potato. Give some insect life such as small caterpillars, beetles or mealworms. Offer also any soft fruit that is in season. Give a fairly strong dose of glauber salts for one day, about as much as will cover a shilling, in his drinker, repeating the dose two days afterwards. Catch the birds and hold the feet and legs in warm water, dry and rub gently with the finger dipped in Elliman's embrocation. Keep the cage clean and dry. Place your perches or at least one of them rather low, so as to encourage the birds to perch, this will exercise the legs and feet.

WHAT BIRD? (Frank Stephens).—By your description I should say the bird is a variegated Canary. The fact of there being cock Canaries in the aviary with the hens makes it almost certain that one of them is the parent of the young bird. The size of the bird is not of much importance as regards identification, as one large one in a nest is generally caused through its getting the majority of the food. Although you give me a description of the bird, you do not mention the beak. This you should compare with the other young one, which you say is a Canary. His looking black before he was feathered is not unusual with heavily variegated Canaries. These are so full of dark blood that it not only affects the skin, but the beak and toe nails, some of which are quite dark. Have you shown your supposed Chaffinch-Canary to anyone? If genuine he should be a valuable bird.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT WEAK (E.C.).—Probably age has most to do with it; but in addition to seed mixture it should have ripe fruit, any kind it will take, various nuts, crusts of stale bread, piece of plain cake or sponge cake, and also continuous access to grit and cuttlebone. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and in between put half-a-teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. Give the bird about 10 to 15 drops of cod-liver oil daily, either from the end of a feather direct to the mouth or by soaking it into a piece of cake, or crust, or piece of biscuit if it will take either of these. I certainly consider there is hope for recovery, but amendment may be slow, unless it gets worse. Report progress a month hence.

NEWLY BOUGHT (J.E.M.).—Your error has been in spraying it with cold water. You should use tepid water and care is needed that the bird is out of reach of chill winds while the plumage is wet. It is quite usual for a Parrot to spend considerable time on its toilet, but to be on the safe side, put a little quassia essence in the water with which you spray it. Add white millet to the seed mixture and give a little green food, such as lettuce, seeding grass, green oats, and other cereals. While the running continues, spray the nostrils with a dilute (one in ten) solution of glyco-thymoline; it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. Treat as above for a month and then report progress. If other adverse symptoms develop you had better write again at once. The glyco-thymoline need not be continued after the running at nostril ceases.

AILING POLLY (Polly).—There is not much the matter with your bird. Owing to climatic conditions it has caught a slight cold, which should soon pass. However, it is best to make sure, so get from your chemist a mixture of glycerine, ipecacuanha wine, and oxymel of squills in equal parts. Add half a teaspoonful of the above to the drinking

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

water daily till the trouble yields. Every fourth day put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over the boiled maize—of course, after all water has been drained off—but if the voidings should become very loose, then once a week should be frequent enough. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, put 10 drops of cod liver oil on the maize and supply the bird when it has soaked in. Do not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. As soon as we get some really warm weather, spray it twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution. If running at the nostrils should supervene, spraying it with a dilute (1 in 10) solution of glyco-thymoline should soon give relief. Keep cuttlebone, grit and wood continually in the cage; the latter will help to keep the bird occupied and amused.

GREY PARROT, YOUNG (C. W.).—As I suspected, this bird is quite a young one and on a par with the one you've lost, and it looks very much as if you'll lose this. Give it a little milk sop daily, and for three days well stir into it two drops of tincture of opium, and on the fourth day in lieu of the tincture, put in ten drops of cod liver oil and continue this for the present. In other respects treat as per our previous reply. Keep it really warm—70 to 80 degrees F. will not be too much for it, providing the air is not vitiated. If it appears to need a stimulant, give it a few sips of chilled, very weak, brandy and water once or twice during the day. I should remove and burn the voidings at once. It is quite possible that this bird has become infected by your using the same cage that the previous bird occupied without first properly sterilising it. You had better report progress in a week's time, but if this bird dies, do not get another till you have asked for directions to properly treat the cage. It is usually cheaper in the end to pay several pounds for an established bird procured only from a reliable source. But you must hope for the best with your present bird.

FOR CRYSTAL PALACE CAGE (A.M.C.).—I have called this by its proper name. It is a cage, and not an aviary. Some may breed, but most will not. Put in pairs of Zebra and Bib Finches, Gold-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, and dispose of half-a-dozen rush nests about the cage. Get our Nutshell "Waxbills," 2½d., post free from our Manager. This will tell you how to treat. Procure as soon as possible so as to get them well established during the summer months.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.—June 18, Crown Hotel, 8 prompt. Special rules for cup to be settled. Last night for entries for young show.—D. Harwood.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—June 17, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8 p.m. General business and lecture on Brit. Birds, by Mr. Fairhurst.—Charles Bailey.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—June 13, Mr. Manninghan's, 7.30. Schedules for Y.B.S. ready.—W. Thompson.

Ashington and Hirst Dis.—June 13, Anteroom, Linton Hall, 7.30. Business: Last meeting to take new members, N.F. show, and subs.—Wm. Hall.

Abertillery C.B.S.—June 15, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30. Entries taken for F.F. Show, and to settle business for show. Hope all members will be to time.—George Broome.

Ardwick and Manchester Dis. C.B.A.—June 16, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Lecture by Rev. J. W. Wragg. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S.—June 18, Price Street Schoolroom, 6.30. First N.F. show; 8 classes. Judge, Mr. T. Irons, Northampton.—Arthur Simons.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 13, Victoria Hotel, 2.30 p.m. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Taylor. Entries Friday night, from 8 to 10 p.m.—H. Bryant.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 14, ramble, meet Court Square, 1.30, for Head's Nook.—J. C. Bell.

Bradford National.—June 17, Market Tavern, 8 p.m. prompt. Important business; election of sub-committees, etc. All welcome.—S. Midgley.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 13, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8 p.m. Ordinary business. F.F. show at 2.30.—W. H. Kilburn.

Buckhaven and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, Gardeners' Hall, 6.30 p.m. Full attendance requested.—Wm. Foster.

Burnhope C.B.S.—June 13, Coll. Inn, 7 p.m. Stewards for show. Schedules ready. Subs. due.—J. W. Robson.

Camborne and Dis. F. and H.S.—June 16, Tehidy Working Men's Clubrooms, 7. Second annual N.F. show. 7 classes provided. Valuable sps. Judge, Mr. W. Kemp, of Redruth.—T. J. Uren.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 18, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Important bus. re Y.B. show, to be held in July.—E. Thomas.

Chorley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 17, White Lion Inn, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. show, very important.—J. H. Welch.

Clydebank and Dis. C.B.C.—June 18, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.15 p.m. Monthly meeting. Good attendance is requested, as matters of importance fall to be discussed.—Wm. Kane.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—June 13, The Gothenburgh, 7 p.m. Our ramble to Raith, and other important business.—A. Robertson.

Darwen F.A.—June 16, Livesey Fold show room, 7 p.m. Show; all sections.—J. F. Riley.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 16, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, 8 o'clock. Question night.—A. G. Cant.

East Ardsley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, Black Swan, 3.30. Members' F.F. show, all birds to be staged by 3. Judge, Mr. W. Mormont.—H. Cockrem.

East Ham C.B.S.—June 13, East Ham Town Hall, 4 p.m. F.F. show. Judge, J. Robson.—F. Onslow.

Garston Bird Breeders' S.—June 18, Club Room, 8. Monthly meeting.—A. T. Mullock.

Grantham C.B.S.—June 15, Headquarters, 8. Bus. most important. Open show, etc.—H. Lowther.

Great Horton O.S.—June 13, Butchers' Arms, 8 p.m. Special business. Members specially requested to attend.—J. Holroyd.

Guisbrough Priory and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, Wares Room, 7. Arrangements for table show. All members please attend meeting.—Wm. Waraker.

Halifax O.S.—June 13, 2.15 p.m. Ramble to Blackhurst Valley. Leader, Mr. R. E. Helliwell. Meet on Commercial Station at 2.15 for West Vale car. Friends invited.—Harry Clegg.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 13, Colliery Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—Geo. Vipond.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 22, White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Balance sheet for F.F. show. Members' F.F. show June 20. Judge, Mr. C. Morrison, Brighouse.—A. Lawford.

Hull C.B.S.—June 13, annual ramble to Houghton Woods. Leave Cannon Street Station, 1.20 for South Cave. All fanciers welcome.—J. L. Hesseltine.

Idle and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20, White Bear Inn, Idle. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Birds staged at 2.30. Entries at meeting, Friday night, June 19, 8 p.m.—C. E. Hylton.

Laisterdyke and Dis. B.F.A.—June 13, Railway Hotel, 2.30. First F.F. show for competitions. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey. Entries Friday night or first post Saturday.—W. H. Symes.

Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30 p.m. Arrangement for N.F. show.—J. Bostock.

Larkhall C.B.A.—June 13, Y.M. Halls, 7 p.m. Urgent business.—Allan Thomson.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 17, Hare and Pheasant, 8.30. Entries for N.F. show.—J. Hardbattle.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, Greyhound Hotel, 7 p.m.—Daniel John.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—A "smoking concert" will be held on June 17 at the "Land o' Cakes" Hotel, Lever Street, City. All fanciers are invited to attend. Will all members make a point of turning up, so that we may have a successful and pleasant evening?—F. Hayward.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—June 15, no meeting. See next issue of "Cage Birds."—W. H. Tansey.

National Green-Marked Y.C.C.—June 13, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6 prompt. Patronages and other important business.—J. Chambers.

Newsham C.B.S.—June 13, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Important business; all members try attend.—C. Snowdon.

North London C.B.A.—June 17, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Young stock table show.—P. N. Jeffries.

North Staffs R.C.C.—June 13, Evan's Cafe, 7 p.m. Lecture on Roller Canary Breeding.—J. Tomlinson.

Parkhead and Dis. C.S.—June 25, I.S.P. Halls, 7.30. F.F. show, I.S.P. Halls, Ewan Place, June 25, 7.30. Mr. McCraig, judge.—Matthew Kean.

Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 12, Fleece Hotel, 8 p.m. Entries for show, 8 to 10.30. Show, June 13; Judge, Mr. J. Chambers, Leeds. Birds staged 2.30.—Hugh Raistrick.

Penicuik O.S.—June 20, Cowan Institute, 7.30. General business.—James Weir.

Queensbury C.B.S.—June 13, Granby Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. T. Bennett. Birds staged 3 o'clock.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 17, Temperance Club, 8 p.m. To recive entries for F.F. show and other important business. Good attendance requested. Entries close at 9.30 p.m.—Wm. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—June 13, Clarke's Place, 8 p.m. Electing judge and other matters for F.F. show.—J. Butterworth.

Scotland Gate and Dis.—June 13, Social Club, Choppington, 7.30. Last meeting before N.F. show, also for new members.—Thos. Rigg.

Shipley O.S.—June 13, Victoria Hotel, 2 p.m. Members' F.F. show; judge, E. B. Denton (Windhill). Entries Friday night.—E. Grange.

Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, Wharf Hotel. N.F. show. Birds to be staged 3 o'clock prompt. Judge, S. Haigh, Esq., Halifax.—G. Mitchell.

Stanley (Victoria) F.F. and C.B.S.—June 14. Club Room, 7 p.m. Ordinary bus. and subs.—W. Elliott.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—June 16, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8 p.m. Entries for F.F. show.—W. Stafford.

Sheffield O.S.—June 14, 2.30. Ramble. Meet Park Hotel, Hillsboro', 2.30. Ramble via Greenside. Tea Norfolk Arms for those wishing it.—E. C. Job.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 16, Dartmouth Hotel, 7.30. N.F. Show. Fanciers and friends invited free. Judge, J. H. Roe.—W. G. Andrews.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13, F.F. show. Judge, Mr. R. Wilkinson. Birds to be staged at 3 o'clock prompt.—W. Chapman.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—June 15, 6, The Broadway, 8 p.m. sharp. Judging competition for young birds. Three classes: Borders, Nor., Yorks. Prizes for best bird in each class containing not less than eight entries. Will members please bring birds? Mr. R. A. Newley, final judge. Lecture by Mr. F. Easterling on "Colour Feeding." Visitors heartily welcome.—G. Griffiths.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 20, Blue Bell Hotel 8 p.m. Classification for open show, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

West Stanley C.B.S.—June 12, Corn Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Schedule for Y.B. show, and very important business.—W. Elliott.

SONGSTERS (J. W.). — All the Serins, such as Alario, Grey and Green Singing Finches, and Cape Canaries, are good songsters of the Canary type, but neither so loud nor as shrill as the domestic Canary. The Avadavat has a sweet little song, but not very varied. Still, I have never considered it monotonous. The Serins named above would best meet your case. The genus Serinus is a large one, and there are others, and all have pleasing songs. But the above are those most usually on the market. You would, I feel sure, appreciate an Alario Finch. I do not think the Waxbills and others of the "Small Ornamental Finches" would meet your requirements.

BUDGERIGARS (P. B., Suffolk).—Your flight would accommodate three pairs, providing the young were removed as soon as able to fend for themselves. You had better either take out the odd hen or put in another cock. I am afraid you'll have to exercise patience till the birds settle down. Some pairs do this quicker than others. There is ample time, for once Budgerigars make a start they breed all the year round, save for a short pause at the moulting period. You will soon know when they are really in breeding condition, as the ceres round the nostrils become bright blue in the male, and vary from dark cream-colour to ruddy brown in the female. Do not omit to supply regularly cuttlebone and grit.

PETZY'S CONURE (M. D. R.).—This is a pleasing and quiet species, not very plentiful, and I have met with but a few specimens. It was more often met with in the past than at the present time, but a few have recently appeared in the market. While it cannot be called a talking species, yet I have heard one at least that did lisp a word or two in a very small voice. A Parrot, whatever its species or size, will use its voice in natural manner at times (even Brotogerys do this), and Conures' voices are shrill; but so far as my experience goes, it is not more noisy than Brotogery's. As regards making a good pet, this is a case of individualism, and I can only say for the Petzy's I have seen, that they were tame and did not object to have their poll scratched. At the same time, a Brotogerys becomes finger-tame quicker than any other genus I am acquainted with. In addition to the seeds you name, supply ripe fruit according to the bird's taste and the season, also green food, cuttlebone, grit, and keep a piece of partly-rotten wood in the cage for it to amuse itself with.

BREEDING CARDINALS (Foreigner).—They are not what one might term free breeders in captivity, but for young to be reared is certainly not uncommon. Usually they are quite capable of constructing their own nest. When feeding young they require a regular supply of live food. Do not depend entirely upon mealworms; use live ants' eggs and gentles, all procurable at present. Supply about what they will carry to their young every two hours, and scatter a few of them about so that they will have to forage for them. Any smooth caterpillars, spiders, beetles, chrysalis, etc., the garden supplies you can scatter amid the herbage of the aviary for them. By adopting such methods you will stand a good prospect of successfully rearing the next brood.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. Heath.—Use the seeds only. In our opinion, however, this plant is not of great value; there are others we should prefer for Canaries.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. Ida M. Snodin.—Inflammation of the bowels resulting from fatty degeneration of the liver, non-infectious, so there will be no need for disinfection.

Mr. F. Victor Randell.—Goldfinch died of enteritis (inflammation of the bowels). The seed appeared to be a very fair sample, but I should advise a change of same, as it may contain impurities not perceptible on ordinary examination, and it is evident that the trouble can only arise from dietetic origin, as there was no evidence of specific infection.

Mrs. E. Watts.—Pneumonia was the cause of death, probably contracted through a chill. Your surmise was quite correct, it was a cock bird.

J. Hogg.—It was impossible to trace the cause of death; all the internal organs had undergone decomposition, which is not unexpected, particularly at this time of year, having died so long ago.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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WANTED, gramophone and records; exchange two house-moulted cock Goldfinches, two Sib. hen Canaries, large cock Linnet, hen Canary; approval: Rookes, Cotton's-buildings, Sun-st., Exeter. (1646)

WILL exchange one pair of gent's or lady's new boots or one suit length or dress length for four young Canaries, as bred, Yorkshires or Norwich, or five old hens, or 12 pigeons: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terr., Leeds. (1649)

WILL exchange homing pigeons (good strains, Orchardson's 40, E. E. Jackson's Edward VII., Bell of Badsey, How Bros.'s, etc.) for cage birds or anything useful; or sell: A. Carpentier, 381, Gravelly-lane, Erdington. (1646)

FOR sale, pair Yorkshire Canaries, nesting second time, 15/-; mitre cutting machine, to screw on table, and two clamps, 15/-; pair of field glasses, 5/-; or exchange offers: J. W. Flavell, Woodgate P.O., near Birmingham. (1646)

PIED Blackbird, fine large cock, three parts white, full song, 30/-; large cock Pine Grosbeak, singing, 8/-; good cock Hawfinch, 7/6; hand-reared cock Thrush, perfect, 6/-; nearest offer: Gibson, Sunniside, Hexham-on-Tyne. (1644)

FOR sale gramophone and records, quantity phonograph records, two Lemon-crested Cockatoos and cages, both very tame, one of the best talkers; also quantity stuffed birds; exchanges considered: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Oakworth-rd., Keighley (1651)

NOTICE, sell or exchange pair red Tumblers, 5/-; pair Bullfinches, one hen Canary, 6/6; two pairs Budgerigars, healthy birds, 7/6 pair; two Retriever dogs, three months, 7/6 each; black and white pup, make good rabbit catcher, 5/6: Chas. Hendry, near Church, Burnham Market. (1652)

TWO clear yellow Norwich hens, 6/6; very large Buff Norwich hen, 5/-; Yorkshire hen and cock Linnet, 4/6; small marked hen, 2/-; cock Greenfinch, 2/-; cock Chaffinch, 1/-; cash offer for lot; or exchange 1914 pullets or ducklings to value; giving up birds: Bellairs, Oundle. (1645)

WANTED, all varieties well-bred dogs and puppies, cheap for cash, or give good exchange; prize pigeons, Canaries, or gents.' suit lengths, value 25/- each; lady's dress lengths, value 12/6 each: J. M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (1646)

1912 HAND-REARED cock Blackbird, will rear any kind of softbill from a Wren to a Thrush, 6/-; hand-reared Magpie, guaranteed to say "Polly," "Maggie," "What next," laughs, barks, whistles, etc., only 12/-; Indian Parrot and cage, says few words, 17/6; exchange anything useful for motor-cycle; offers: Minikin, 115, Bradford-st., Keighley. (1651)

ALL to be cleared; sell or exchange rack and 20 cages, three-dome aviary, Lark cages, bird room utensils, catching outfit, box and traps, good pedigree chocolate Pom bitch wanted; wash leathers, chickens, oak or ash timber for ladder staves, white lead; make your offers; all entertained; stamp reply: Hopkins, 40, Walnut-st., Blackburn. (1647)

MUST clear to make room; pair Yellow Budgerigars, 6/-; extra large h.m. cock Bullie, winner, 5/-; another, will moult a winner, 3/-; one h.m. ditto, 2/6; two cock Linnets in breeding condition, 2/- each; one grand h.m. cock Twite, 2/6; cock Mealy Redpoll, 1/-; two Yellow cock Greenies, 1/- to clear; Yellow Norwich hen, 2/-; cash offers; good bike, cycle, tyres, or anything useful required: A. Clark, Church-st., Garmouth, Morayshire. (1646)

BILLY, large white yellow-crested Cockatoo, and cage, perfect pet, and winner, first 30/- secures; good 1913 full blazed Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid cock, lowest £1; exhibition cock Yellowhammer, beauty, 10/-; Linnet Mule, 8/6; Twite Mule, 5/6; both champion songsters; Bramblefinch, cock, good one, 3/-; open to exchange any for Muffed Tumblers, pigeons, not for show; collections of butterflies, beetles, horns, etc.; offers: Allison, Hairdresser, Blyth, Northumberland. (1648)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

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Aquarium.

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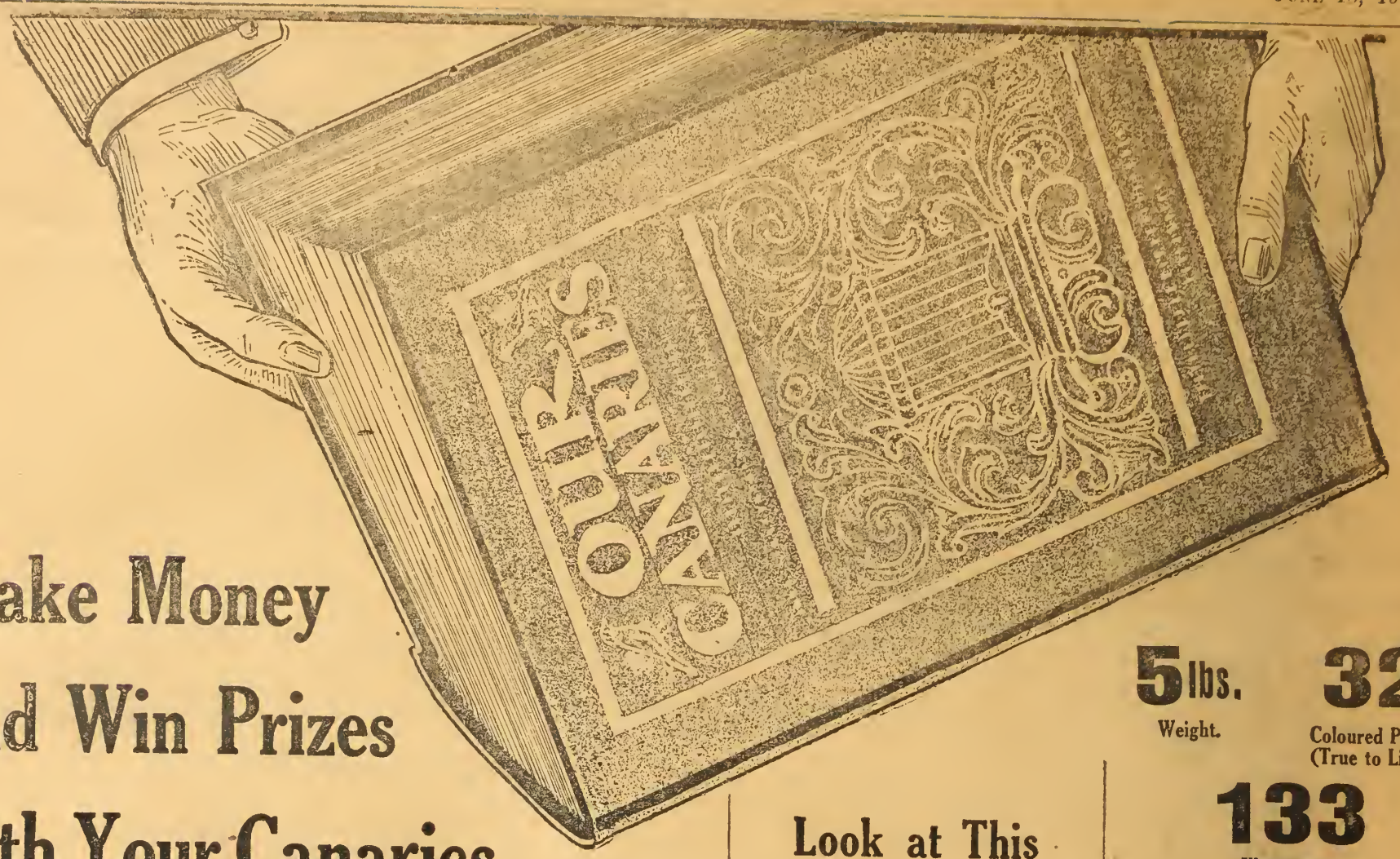

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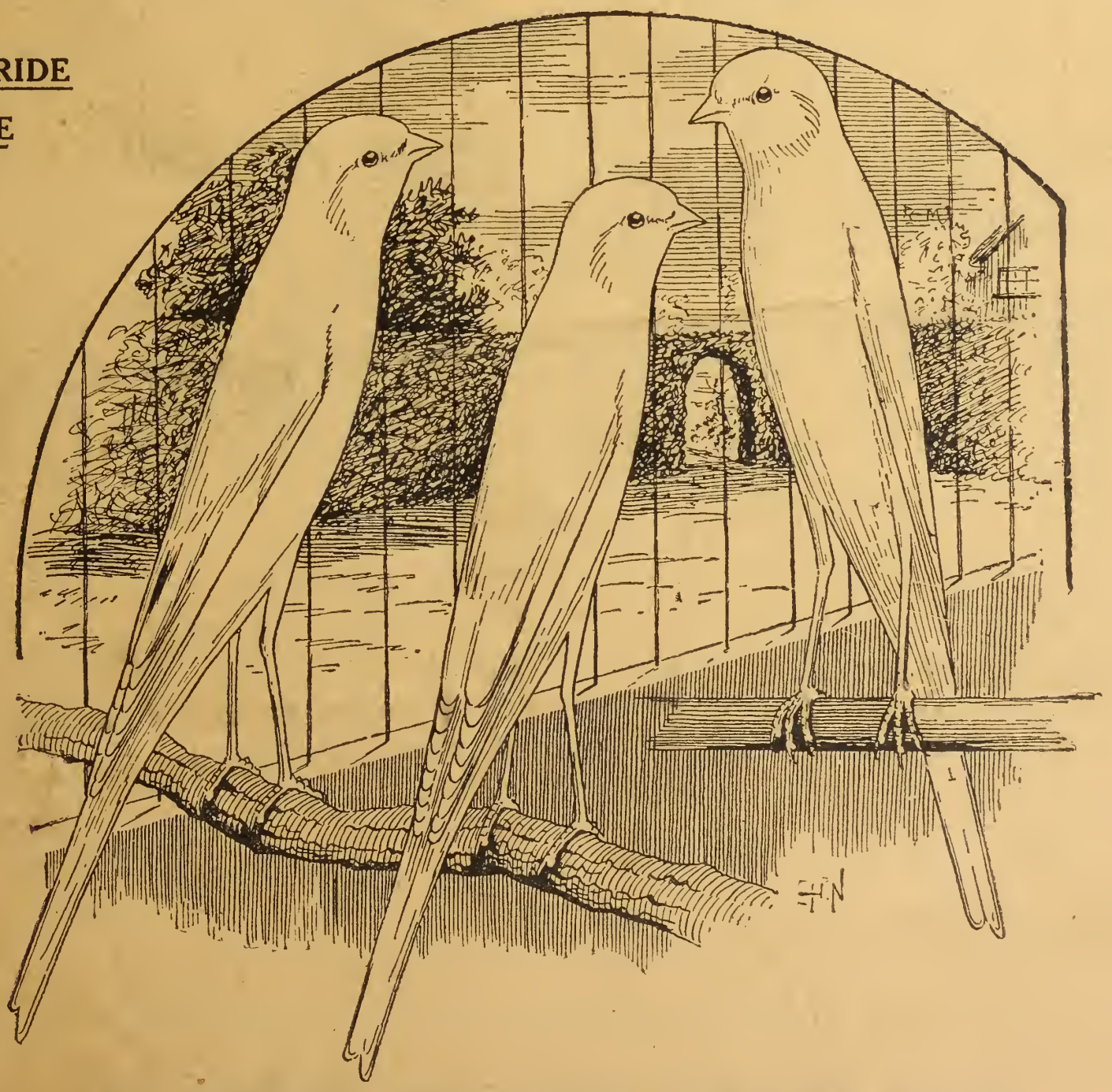

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Sing held Commercial Hotel, June 13, when 24 birds faced the timers. Result: 1, J. Bath; 2, A. Cooper; 3, J. Cooper. The singing was only of moderate quality.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

WEST AUCKLAND.

Linnet singing, June 13; Mr. Geo. Gilbey (Robin Hood) gave four good prizes; 50 birds faced the judge and some good singing was heard. 1, R. Taylor; 2, Graham; 3, Jenkinson; 4, Walker.

SHEFFIELD.

Open Linnet contest for time, June 14, 3 minutes singing, Columbia Tavern, Fornham-st.; 21 birds sang: 1, Brown, 95 sec.; 2, Parlett, 51; 3, Spottiswood, 47. A match, 3 minutes singing, resulted: Youle, 58 sec.; Parlett 32.—W. Bingham, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, June 13; 29 birds entered for three prizes, four minutes' time sing. 1, Beard; 2, Nelson; 3, Jones. Open sing June 14; 33 birds entered for three prizes, three minutes' time sing. 1, Williams; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Nelson.—S. Pugh, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Quality Linnet singing contest, at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, June 3; 30 birds entered for seven good prizes, and there was some very good singing. 1, Smedley; 2, Sissons; 3, Bentley; 4, Shaw; 5, Statham; 6, Barnes; 7, Jones. After the contest we had a very enjoyable evening.—T. Haylurst, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Castleford and Dis. Linnet Club weekly contest June 13, at George and Dragon, Bridge Street, for 4 minutes time singing, when there were 46 birds entered. The best singing of the season was heard. Winners: 1, J. Liversedge, 149; 2, E. Smith, 95; 3, J. Brindley, 91; 4, J. Williams, 90. On June 14 there were 12 birds entered. Winners: 1, 2, J. Wainwright; 3, J. Brindley.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club.—Contest held June 6 for time and quality; 6 minutes singing. Poor time was done: 1, W. Darbyshire, 81; 2, T. Knowles, 76; 3, R. Disley, 68. Quality: 1, J. Whittle; 2, W. Cowburn; 3, W. Barnes. Timers: J. Ellison and R. Disley; minuter, J. Whittle; judges, W. Barnes, Gibbon, J. W. Jones. Open contest for time and quality July 4, when we expect to see all old friends.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contests held old bird house, Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, June 14, when 19 best birds in Yorkshire competed. The singing was beautiful for the company to listen to. Result: 1, 2, shared by Ward and A. Granger; 3, Binns. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and J. Granger.—C. Clayton, Sec.

Open contest for quality linnet singing held Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd., June 13; 17 birds sang: 1, Hayes; 2, Stead; 3, Hayes. Judges, Lacy and Naylor. June 14, 24 birds sang: 1, Hayes; 2, Richardson; 3, Farrar; 4, shared by Richardson and Hollingworth. Judges, Clegg and Naylor.—Walter Nayler, Hon. Sec.

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Country Rambles

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

The scene of our annual ramble on June 2 was the Nae Moor Estate, access to which had been kindly granted by Mr. Mowbray. This gentleman also kindly allowed his head gamekeeper to act as our guide. We left Cowdenbeath station by the 7.43 train, laden with a good substantial basket of sandwiches. Having an hour to wait at Kinross for the Devon Valley train, it was decided to walk from Loch Leven to the Junction and inspect some of the Kinross fanciers' birds on the way. Arriving at Crook of Devon station, we were met by the keeper, and the company was augmented by one or two of the members who had been on holiday in that district. The first Bullie's nest was found by the treas., Mr. Menzies, and verified by the sec. It was situated in a spruce tree, and was composed of a layer of fibres of the spruce, rough grass and moss, and contained five eggs. From there we entered a stretch of moss and heather. We were indebted to our friend, Mr. Jeffray, who named many of the rare nests. It was here our two members, Messrs. Stewart and Anderson, were in their element, and had many nests to their credit. These seemed to be the Warblers', as one could see and hear them on nearly every bush. When reaching the top of the hill a halt was made long enough to permit a small refreshment. A song was called for from the vice-pres., Mr. A. Simpson, who gave us "King of the Forest Glade" in fine style. When our ramble was resumed nests were to be found in nearly every bush, bank, and tree. We arrived in due time at the place appointed for lunch, and did full justice to the sandwiches, etc.

Arriving again at Crook Hotel, the vice-pres., in the name of the C.C.S., thanked Mr. Mowbray in his absence for his kindness towards the society in throwing his estate open to them for the day. Arriving home in Cowdenbeath about half-past eight, the party were tired, but well pleased with the day's outing. We are looking forward to the next ramble on June 20, which takes place at Raith Estate, kindly granted by Mr. Munro Ferguson, leaving Cowdenbeath by the ten o'clock train a.m., when we hope to meet all fanciers and friends who wish to accompany us.—A. Robertson, Sec.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT, AND BINGLEY O.S.

Joint ramble took place on June 6th, the weather being rather dull and cold but this did not prevent those present from enjoying themselves. About forty-two fanciers, their wives, children and friends turning up. The Great Horton fanciers took the tram at Foster Square and we met the Bingley fanciers at Cottingley Bridge. After the preliminary greeting was over we made for the woods, taking along the Black Hills; and we were not long before we were among the birds, these being fairly plentiful. The first nest was a Thrush's empty, next we discovered a Chaffinch's nest with four lovely youngsters, and, my word, didn't one or two of us long to take them to hand-rear. Going further into the woods we came across a fair number of Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc. Some with full nests of young, but, alas! most of them were empty. I fancy the lads had been before us. We next went along the river side and a few of the fanciers thought they would go boating. We now wended our way to replenish the inner man, tea being provided at the Bingley Co-operative Store's Cafe, and a splendid tea it was. After tea we wandered along the river side, some of us to wander up the lovely hill sides, while a few spent their time in boating. I must not forget, the ladies we had to push through a hole in the wall, the stiles were too narrow for them to get through. After spending a little more time here we had to be thinking of home, so we wended our way towards the tramcars; everyone having enjoyed himself to the full, and hoping it would not be the last outing of the kind we should have. I am sure we owe our best thanks to the Bingley fanciers for meeting us and taking us round. I may say that some of them seemed quite envious of the way the Good Intent wives looked after their husbands. Well, all I can say is the next time we meet you bring your wives along with you.—A. Firth, Sec.

LOCHGELLY & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Took place to Blairhill Estate, kindly granted by Mr. A. P. Haigh, the proprietor. Leaving Lochgelly by char-a-banc, we commenced our journey. A splendid run through a beautiful district, by Scotlandwell and Kinross, around the northern shore of Lochleven, brings us to the foot of the Ochil Hills, which we skirt all the way to our destination, Rumbling Bridge Hotel. Ten o'clock not having yet struck, we betake ourselves to the hotel grounds, and before leaving have a look at the golden eagle, which has been kept there in an open aviary for many years. Passing through the lodge gates we enter Blairhill Estate and commence our search. A clump or two or rhododendrons are drawn and Mr. Georgie Raith claims first find, a Blackbird's nest with four eggs. Mr. Wm. Grewar discovers a Blackbird which lays bare her homestead, occupied by four eggs. We proceed cautiously, noting the presence of a number of Grey Wagtails, a pair busy feeding on a stone in the burn. A hawthorn hedge provides a Chaffinch nest with four eggs. The river bank gives fine shelter for warblers, etc. A Dipper is seen—great excitement—most of us having never seen this species before. Almost a mile of river is travelled, and we begin to give up hope, but what is this under the ledge of rock, all moss and water weeds? The nest of a Dipper without a doubt, but no eggs. Macgregor's watery rings out next. From an oak tree a Chaffinch with three eggs. A hole in a tree supplies the Blue Tit element, and Archie Kirk counts 16 gaping mouths. The parents fly around the while. A Greenfinch is next reported, four youngsters. Song Thrush, also four young, two of which are taken as possible exhibitors. All too soon the day draws to a close and we return, happier and wiser men, after what is acknowledged by all as the crowning success in our ramble history. Much thanks is due to Mr. A. P. Haig for his great kindness in granting the freedom of his estate for this, our third and most enjoyable ramble.—R. Muir, Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

First of a series of rambles, held May 31st, to Kirkby and Simonswood, 33 members and friends taking part. A start was made at Walton Church, the party first viewing the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society's show ground. The party were entertained by the Brothers Stockley, two local "white hopes," aged 8 and 10 respectively, with a boxing exhibition. Mr. Broadbent fixed up a "sweep," to be awarded for the rarest nest found. The morning was cloudy and cold, and rain commenced to fall, but this did not damp our spirits. Getting to the outskirts of Fazakerley, the society's premier British bird enthusiast, Mr. Ted Williams (known to his intimate friends as "Welshie"), took the lead. Several nests were located around here, the first being a Greenfinch's, with eggs, also another with young; Thrushes and Blackbirds were very plentiful. Nearing Kirkby, a halt was made for friend Nowlan to photograph the group. All the party by this time were keen on finding nests, but up to now nothing rare had come along. At Kirkby we adjourned to the Railway Hotel for lunch. Travelling through the woods afterwards, we were in our element, and here Wilkins was in big demand, all anxious to record their finds. Mr. Holden found a Great Tit's nest, which proved to be the best find of the day. Leaving the woods, we again crossed the fields, under the care of Farmer Hesketh. Passing Kirkby Delph, this was thoroughly examined for nests, but nothing good was found here. We were met here by Mr. Aspinall, of Kirkby, who very kindly took the party through the by-roads to Simonswood Moss. Here the Cuckoo was seen and heard, also the Wheatear. We again posed for the photographer amongst the bracken, Mr. Holden taking Mr. Nowlan's place at the camera. Passing along the lane we were soon amongst the peat moss, and saw how it was harvested. I heard one of the members explaining that it was largely used in the manufacture of tobacco. I noticed one of the members was very free with his cigarettes after this. Turning around for home, we took to the main road. Stopping at the first farmhouse, we refreshed ourselves with new milk. It was here Metcalf, jun., the hero of the Wallasey ramble, explained to the farmer's wife how his father was initiated into the fur Fancy. We covered close on 19 miles in 9¼ hours, all agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable outing.—A. E. Wilkins.

REPEATING ADVERTISEMENTS.

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

July 15-16.—**Bath.**—(Wm. Dutch, The Red House.)
Oct. 5.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.). J.W.M., W.B.
Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)
Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.
Oct. 10.—**Crewe O.S.**—(N. L. Croft, 28, Cemetery Rd.) C.H.
Oct. 13-14. **Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)
Oct. 16-17.—**Burnley C.B.S.**—(G. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.C.B., C.A.H.
Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)
Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.
Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.
Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St., Oxford.). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 46, Woodhead Rd., Birchenshead, Hanley.)
Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.
Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)
Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 31, Bexley St.). H.N.
Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).
Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.
Nov. 3-4. **Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(G. Griffiths, The Yews, Merton Park, (Surrey). J.R., H.N., H.P.
Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.R., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.
Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)
Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)
Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)
Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L.
Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.
Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).
Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 6, Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings.)
Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).
Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.
Nov. 19.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)
Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).
Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.
Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.
Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Tayler and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 24-25.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopton, Bristol). G.G.
Nov. 26, 27, 28.—**London C.B.A.** (Jas. Bray, Jun., 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.) J.T., E.J.R., A.C., R.L.C., F.E., J.R., A.S., C.P., J.D., A.J.M.
Nov. 26.—**Grantham C.B.S.** (H. Lowther, 44, Cambridge St.) W.P.B.
Nov. 27-28.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(H. Whitney, 10, Brook St.) A.H., E.B.
Nov. 28.—**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—(Sampson and Moore, Cracken Moor, Deepcar.) J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(W. A. Broadley, 12, Clayport St.)
Nov. 28-30.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(G. Siddown, 45, Lower Granby St.) W.V., C.H.
Dec. 2.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terr., Butterknowle.) W.M.
Dec. 2-3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.) J.R.
Dec. 3. **Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan). H.W.B.
Dec. 4-5. **Bradford Nat. C.B.S.**—(S. Midgley, 10, Victoria St., Clayton, Bradford.)
Dec. 4-5.—**Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.**—T. Parnaby, 14, Dent St.).
Dec. 5.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.) A.H., J.J., T.D.
Dec. 9-10.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—G. J. Kirton, 110, Londesboro' Rd., Southsea).
Dec. 10.—**Selby and Dis. C.B.S.**—(J. Cliff, 78, Brook St., Selby.)
Dec. 12.—**Burslem C.B.S.**—(L. James, 48, Croft St.)
Dec. 18-19.—**Gateshead C.B.S.** (W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.).
Jan. 9.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.
Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(W. Harrison, 45, Darlington St.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L., R.W., J. McL.
Oct. 16-17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Scots. Fancy and Belgians, J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen; remr., R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mt. Florida, Glasgow.)
Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)
Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)
Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)
Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).
Oct. 31.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison St.)
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans, Bo'ness.)
Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120. Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.
Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton, 25, Orchard St.)
Nov. 14.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.) T.M., H.W., J.R., J.V., J.A., J.S.
Nov. 20-21.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.)
Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(G. M'Ardle, 28, Sydney St.).
Nov. 21.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place) G.C.T.H., D.H., C.M., J.L., A.F., J.H., J.M.
Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)
Dec. 5. **Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirriemuir.).
Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.
Nov. 18-19.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Cradock St.).
Nov. 25.—**Pontypridd F. & F.S.**—(A. A. G. M'Lucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.)
Dec. 3.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Richards, Cardiff Arms Hotel, Treorchy.)
Jan. 12.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) J.R., H.N.

Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)
Dec. 4-5.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street.)
Dec. 9-10.—**Dublin S. County C.B.A.**—(D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr. N., Kingstown.) G.W., J.W.

Club Reports.

DERBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The First Feather show will be held at the Normanton Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, June 27. Birds staged 2 p.m. The second show of F.F. classes, July 25; time and place will be announced later. Judges, Mr. J. H. Drakeley, and Mr. J. Pegg.—T. W. Jordan, Hon. Sec.

SHEFTLESTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting John-ton's Hall, on June 10th, Mr. S. F. Wood presiding. Four new members enrolled, Messrs. Blair, Houston, Cochrane, and Mains. Mr. Young, Rutherglen, will judge our F.F. show, to be held in the Good Templars' Hall, judging to commence at 3 o'clock.—A. Berry, Sec. (No date given.—Editor.)

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Meeting held June 6, White Lion Hotel. Decided to have our N.F. show on July 11. Specials will be given for most entries and best young bird. Judge, R. H. Dixon, Houghton. Classes as follows: 3 Nor., 1 Cinn., 3 Yorks., 3 Borders, 2 Crest or C.B., 1 Lizard, 1 Mule or Hyb., 3 Brit., 1 For. Decided to invite Hetton-le-Hole members to exhibit at this show, so we hope fanciers will get togetber a good entry.—R. H. Dixon, Sec.

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEYS.

Agreed at last meeting that we accept the 21 members' classes. That Mr. Castrie shall judge members' show. Stewards elected: Mr. Baker and Mr. Escott. Carpenter, Mr. S. F. Stone. Show Manager, Mr. A. H. C. Legg. Charge for entrance to show, 3d. Tickets left in the hands of Mr. S. F. Stone. Mr. S. F. Stone will move that we have a money club for a trip to the Crystal Palace Show, 1914.—J. Shephard, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting and F.F. show, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, June 27. Mr. J. R. Reid, Cowdenbeath, will judge. There are two 5s. sps., 5s. most points champ. section, 5s. most points novice section; also medal for best novice and champ. bird, also a large number of other spls. Birds to be staged at 3 p.m. prompt. Our patronage will be allocated for at this meeting, so that any society that wishes same might let me know at their earliest; classification for patronage shows is the same as last year. Subs. now due. Wm. Price, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

At the Royal Oak Hotel, June 24th, the Pres., Rev. J. M. Paterson, will deliver his farewell lecture on British and Foreign Birds. The chair will be taken at 8.30 by the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor E. Armitage Hocking). The second of the shows will be held the same evening, at 7.30 punctually. As I anticipate a big entry, will members kindly send their birds down early? As this will be the last opportunity for members to hear Mr. Paterson, I hope to see a grand attendance. All members, I know, deeply regret losing their president, and for his final lecture there must be a big rally.—Irene Kirk-Bullock (Hon. Sec. and Treas.).

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, June 9, Mr. T. Dawn presiding. There was an exceptionally large turn-up of members. Final arrangements for N.F. show made, also details of the great all-England show to be held in November, which points to even being greater success than ever. We are again paying full prize money in every class, if only one entry, so it will pay exhibitors to keep the date in mind Special prize fund for N.F. show has turned out a great success, and will include spls. for best bird, most points and most entries in each section in addition to fixed prize money. Don't forget the date, July 4. Schedules will be posted in due course. Table show of song birds (Canaries), amateur For. and amateur Brit. followed, 7 classes in all, which brought a good number of birds before the judge, Mr. G. Browning, who gave entire satisfaction.—J. A. T. Woodale (Press. Corresp.)

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held June 4. Mr. Cattell presided over a good attendance. Following new members elected: M. Nattrass, W. Crowther (Bishop Auckland), R. Havio (Blaydon), F. Coulson (Millom), J. Lumsden (Benwell), C. W. Gregory (Jarrow), J. Marmion (Newcastle). Club's patronage granted to Newcastle, Oct. 23 and 24; West Hartlepool, Nov. 7; Blaydon, Nov. 13, 14; Haltwhistle, Nov. 20, 21; Gateshead, Dec. 18, 19; Sunderland, Jan. 16, 1915. Challenge cup and Ramsden cup will be competed for at Gateshead show. Mr. Cattell and Mr. Crawhall kindly proposed to give two valuable spls. to be competed for in Yorkshire classes at Newcastle N.F. show, July 4; Mr. Cattell's spl. for best bird bred by a member in champion classes: Mr. Crawhall's for best novice bird if more than one competitor; if no competition in novice, spl. to go for most points in Yorkshire classes, winner of Mr. Cattell's spl. debarred. Points gained at this show to count for Secretary's cup. Mr. Cattell is giving a pair of slippers, value 5s., for most points table shows, this spl. to go to opposite section to cup winner. Next table show, July 2; judge, W. Mather.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle-on-Tyne, June 10. Mr. J. Ford Maling (Pres.) presided over large meeting. Letters read from Newcastle, Blaydon, Bradford National, Gateshead, Sunderland, for patronage. Decided to give three medals to Newcastle and three to Blaydon, one for the best old bird, one for best young bird, and one for the best novice; three to Blaydon, one for best old bird, one best young bird, one best novice bird; only one bird to win one medal at these two shows. Mr. Hutchinson is giving two medals, one to Newcastle and one to Blaydon. Decided to give cup patronage to Gateshead on Dec. 18 and 19; cup and gold medal for best old bird, and a silver medal for best old bird in each class; also a cup and gold medal for best young Crest, and a cup and gold medal for the best young C.B.; also silver medals for best bird in young classes that are in the tickets of the winners. Mr. Ford Maling promised gold medal for best bird at Sunderland show, also Mr. Geo. Dobson silver medal best novice bird at Sunderland show. Mr. Geo. Dobson elected club judge for N.C.C., and will judge at Gateshead. Members present sorry that they could not grant the patronage to Bradford National, but promised to help them all they could. The N.C.C. are not running a show this year, although they have had two successful shows, as it does not seem advisable. In making presentation to Mr. J. G. Hutchinson (late secretary) of clock and ornaments, and an umbrella and gold ring for his wife, the President said we were all indebted to Mr. Hutchinson for his valuable assistance in the past, and were deeply sorry that, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he has been compelled to resign the post of secretaryship, but sincerely hope that club will not lose his esteemed co-operation in the future. We all wished him long life, health, and happiness. Mr. Hutchinson thanked members on behalf of his wife and himself.—Geo. Dobson, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH & TEES-SIDE.

Meeting held Crown Hotel, June 6. Mr. Watson presided over a good number of members. Re hall for annual show, etc. Ramble arranged for June 21 by brake to Hutton, Rugby, leaving headquarters at 9.30 a.m. Usual refreshment and knife-and-fork tea at Hutton, Rugby. Will members who are desirous of going and have not given their names, will they please do so as early as possible? F.F. show arranged for July 4, at Crown Hotel. Birds staged at 2 p.m. Judge, Mr. A. Wake. Will members bring as many entries as possible, as birds will be competing medals points? Members are not having the best of luck this breeding season. There are no very good results reported yet, but are looking forward to better results from next round. This was a good meeting, about twenty members being present.—C. W. Watson, Vice-chair

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Country Rambles—Continued.

NORTHAMPTON (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.

Annual outing held June 13. Meeting at their headquarters, Mr. A. E. Dunkley's, The Old House, at Home, Wellingborough Road, at 3 p.m., brakes and horses being supplied by Mr. R. Frisby, Northampton. A start was made en route for Olney, Bucks., a large number taking advantage of the outing, and the weather was simply glorious, Olney being reached soon after 4 o'clock p.m. Some of the fanciers' rooms were at once inspected, and a few nice specimens were at once spotted out, and no doubt we may hear more of these later on at the shows. Five o'clock being the time for tea, we adjourned to our old esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hinde's, The Queen's Hotel, Olney, where a capital meat tea was in waiting, to which the members did good justice. After tea, a stroll round was made through the fields, some to enjoy a cricket match, others sorting the hedgerows, looking for some of the British birds they love so well. 6.30 being the time appointed for a little harmony, our host and hostess, finding us a good pianist, some good songs were enjoyed, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hinde for their kindness. A start was made for home, our headquarters being reached just before eleven, all proclaiming that it was the best outing we had ever had.—A. W. Law.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual ramble June 13, through Lord Bute's Dumfries House estate, permission kindly granted by his lordship. It was delightful weather for a ramble, and starting point was from the Auchinleck Gate House. We had as our guide one of his lordship's keepers. We first went through a plantation where nests were in abundance, and we saw some young Mavises flying about. We next proceeded to some hedges, where again we found many more nests—Chaffinches' this time. We came across two Reed Buntings' nests with four and five egg respectively, and from here we went along the water of the Lugar to Mill Affleck; here we found a Bullfinch's nest. We made our way to our turning point at Ochiltree, so we left here after having a short rest and a bit of lunch. We wended our way to the Big House Policies, and got nests of almost of all the different varieties, from the Wren to the Wild Duck and Water Hens. We went past Lord Bute's mansion, which is a beauty spot and a sight to see with flowers of nature all abloom, so from here we made for our starting point, but came across a nest with five eggs, which caused a bit of an argument which kind it was but most of them came to the conclusion that it was a Willow Warbler's. We made for our tea, which was a welcome sight, and everyone gave it ample justice too, so after tea was over Mr. J. Hainey, our worthy president, was called to the chair to make a short speech, and secretary was instructed to thank Lord Bute for granting permission, and also a letter of condolence to Mrs. Tannoch at the loss of her husband, who was one of our vice-pres.; and to another of our members, Mr. Gibb, on the loss of his wife. All agreed they had enjoyed a great day's outing.—J. Nutt, Treas.

LEITH O.S.

Annual ramble took place June 13, at Carberry, Musselburgh. The company left their headquarters in two brakes at 3 o'clock. The drive down to the coast was just lovely, the fresh breeze from the sea tempering the heat of the sun, and put everyone in the best of spirits. After a drive of about an hour we reached the entrance of the Estate, where we left the machines and proceeded on foot through the beautiful grounds. Nests were not so numerous as on former occasions, the season having been so good in the beginning of April the first nests were all grown. We came across a lot of nests with eggs just about due to hatch, mostly Thrushes' and Hedge Sparrows'. On the company looking into a Thrush's nest which contained one youngster, the parent bird resented our presence by flapping her wings and opening her mouth, screeching for all she was worth. After about three hours' tramping through the Estate we got to the other side of it, where our brakes were in waiting to take us down to Musselburgh Arms, where we were met by several of our members and friends who could not be with us earlier in the day. After having satisfied the inner man with a bite and some "pop," an impromptu concert was held for about an hour and a half. The company thanked Mr. Whitelaw and Mr. C. Sykes for their kindness by accompanying us during the afternoon. At 9.15 time was called to enter the machines for home, which was reached at 10 o'clock. All over the outing proved a great success.—G. W. Brown, Sec.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. Young (New Brighton) is judging Garston B.B.A. show, July 4, and Ebenezer Cum-y-glo (Wales), Oct. 31.

I thank you for your promptness in sending CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is a very handy and useful book indeed.—J. Cliff, Sec. Selby and Dist. C.B.S.

At South Birmingham O.S. Young Bird show, June 20, at Marlboro' House, Small Heath, besides a fine list of specials the handsome silver cups of the Society are for competition at the show, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, the sec.

The following gentlemen have accepted appointments to act as judges at Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A. show, Nov. 20 and 21:—Crests, Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); Plainheads, Mr. A. Sloan (Glasgow); Borders, Mr. G. Hyslop (Stirling); Yorkshires, Mr. R. Heggie (Glasgow); British and Foreign, Mr. Jas. Gentleman (Avonbridge), and Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart).

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. Ward (Aldershot).

I regret to inform you of the death of a very promising member of the Reading Society, writes Mr. O. C. Smith, the sec., in the person of Mr. J. Ward, Queen's Road, Aldershot, who died in Guy's Hospital, on June 6. To Mrs. Ward and family every member will extend their deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Ward will be compelled to part with all her late husband's birds (Yorks.) and appliances, and judging by prizes won, they must be very good ones.

Mr. R. L. Smith (Roslin).

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, sec Loanhead C.B.S., of the death of Mr. Robert L. Smith, Roslin, one of our members, also a member of B.F.C.C. He died on June 8th, and was buried in Roslin Cemetery, when there was a good turnout of local fanciers. Mr. Smith was only 38 years of age, and it is only about four years since he entered the Fancy, but last year he won at a number of our open shows. I am sure the sympathy of all will be extended to his widow and four young children in their sad bereavement.

Mr. A. C. Askew (Clapham).

It is with great regret, writes Mr. A. R. Coe, of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., that I have to report the death, on June 9, of Mr. A. C. Askew. He had been ailing for about six months, and died at Charing Cross Hospital, after having undergone an operation. Mr. Askew was a very valuable and energetic member of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., which Association is not only indebted to him for his services as its secretary during 1909 and 1910, but also for his ready and experienced help so ungrudgingly given at later open shows, as show manager. As a fancier he was very versatile, as in addition to exhibiting Yorkshire Canaries, he kept a large stock of British and bred several Hybrids. One of his most remarkable feats was to breed Skylarks in a cage. He leaves a widow and family, with whom his many friends and fanciers in general will, I am sure, feel the deepest sympathy. Mr. Askew also was a valued member of the committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

The Robin and the Piano.

Two Robins have built their nest in the beams of Nursling (Southampton) Infant School, says "The Standard," and one bird takes part in the morning singing lesson. When the piano ceases the bird stops too.

A London Society in Luck.

The City and Suburban A.C.B has been presented with a handsome cup for the best Hybrid bred this year, also a guinea for the best young self-coloured Norwich Green to be won outright at the young bird show, taking place on July 4th writes Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. sec. These have been presented by our esteemed lady member, Miss G. Knott.

It is an undisputed fact that Ramsden's Peppers for 1914 are the finest ever imported—such depth of bright colour, flavour and quality have rarely, if ever, been seen before. Not only are Ramsden's pure peppers used by the majority of experienced fanciers for colour-feeding cage-birds, for each day brings orders from the leading chefs for these peppers on account of their wonderful colour and aroma. The Hot Cayenne for 1914 has never yet been equalled. Sold only in canisters with Ramsden's label and coupon. No guarantee if a trader opens the canister before sale.—(Advt.)

Bird Nest Soup.

Chinese birds' nests for soup-making may be seen just now in a Piccadilly shop window. The price is ten shillings an ounce.

Nearly 60,000 Birds Marked!

Nearly 60,000 wild birds have been caught, ringed and released in England during the last five years, it is stated.

Lizards for the Colonies.

Pleased to say I have sent a pair of Lizards and a Yorkshire hen to Mr. C. I. Jeffrey, of Montreal, Canada, writes Mr. John Rukin (Rawtenstall). This is the second lot to this gentleman. The pair of Lizards comprise clear cap silver cock 1st Manchester, etc., and my best gold hen. I have also an inquiry from a gentleman in Victoria, British Columbia, for some Lizards. Thanks to CAGE BIRDS for past favours.

Blackbirds' Battle with Rats.

In walking along the side of a Derbyshire trout stream recently, a local naturalist was surprised to see a large water rat making an effort to secure the eggs of a Blackbird from a nest built at the bottom of a willow. "For some time," he states, "I watched the rat being attacked by a couple of irate 'Blackies,' and each time he swam towards the nest he was attacked by the birds, whose angry cries aroused the whole of the birds in the adjoining plantation. I examined the nest later in the evening, and I found that the whole of the eggs had been removed. There can be little doubt that in this particular case the Blackbird had been defeated by the rat, and those who believe that this little waterside animal is more useful than otherwise are mistaken in their belief."

A Poetic Appeal.

The show's arranged in such a way it's certain to attract;
We want to please our patrons, while their money we extract.
We avoid the word that may offend, with stewards full of tact;
And ye'll not be pressed to buy nowt, let me tell you for a fact.

Arranged inside are the finest birds that have come from every part.
Don't hesitate, come right inside, ye'll not know where to start.
We've got some lovely Hybrids, quite the rarest in the land;
So come and sport a "tanner" on the show that's simply grand.

The above very appropriate, if not exactly classical lines, greeted visitors to the Miners' Hall, Sunderland, on the occasion of the society's last annual show. They were attached to a large board 5 or 6 feet square, covered with CAGE BIRDS coloured plates, hung over the main entrance. The author of the lines does not wish his identity to be disclosed, having no desire to be nominated for the Poet Laureateship, as his poetic instincts can only be awakened by such an occasion as a big bird show.

First Feather Shows.

IMPORTANT OFFER.

We have decided again this year to accept advertisements of First Feather (young bird) shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present a **special prize** of a bound volume of "Bird World," illustrated magazine, or two handsome specially mounted plates, to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns.

Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

THE MOULTING SEASON.

The problems of the moulting season will very shortly be confronting all bird breeders. A successful moult is essential to every bird; to the show bird it is of supreme importance.

Are you prepared with that expert knowledge which alone can ensure that your stock will come through the moult in vigorous condition, with plumage fitting with wax-like tightness, and glossy as finest satins and silks?

A bird that lags behind in the moult and is weeks longer than it ought to be in getting rid of the old plumage and growing the new, is surely sapping its vitality and can never brighten its owner with cheerful song during the autumn and winter months, while its success in the breeding-cage the following season may even be prejudiced.

This period is even more critical for the show bird, and especially the bird that must be colour-fed—"red hot," too—to stand any chance of success.

Luckily every bird breeder has an expert guide at hand. Turn to page 503 of this issue, and you will find an announcement of a book which will solve every problem for you, and teach you to moult your birds with a quickness, certainty and success that even the cutest old hand can hardly exceed. Write for your copy of "Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds" *to-day*, and be prepared; don't let the moult beat you! A free gift of an expensive and instructive model of a Canary awaits every purchaser. Write to the Waverley Book Co., Ltd., 7, 8, and 9, Old Bailey, London, E.C., and mention CAGE BIRDS when doing so.

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not. June 21, Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S. to Hulton Rugby, 9.30 a.m. from headquarters. June 20, Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S. to Harden Beck. Meet at the bottom of Sunbridge Road, 2.15, for Allerton car. June 20, Bradford West C.B.A., to Luddendenfoot. Meet at Four Lanes' End, 2.30 p.m. Edinburgh C.B.S. and Juniper Green F.A., June 27, to Riccarton Estate. S. Shields C.B.S., June 28, to Morpeth (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.). Southampton C.B.S., July 15 to Rufus Stone, New Forest.

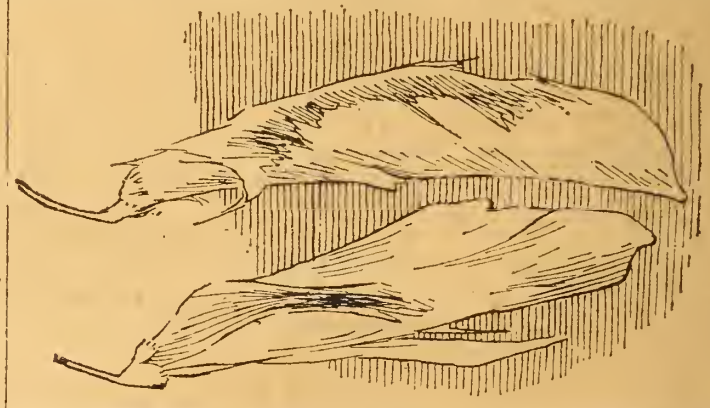
Wild-Bird Life.

Hawfinches among the Peas

After quite a period of drought we have been fortunate enough to get a sprinkle of rain in the night. Looking at the Starlings quartering the meadowland, one can easily see how they appreciate the change. A wet night causes the worms and slugs to come to the surface, where the birds easily secure them. During a long time without rain many insectivorous birds fare badly, for although they do not starve, they miss their staple food, and have to turn their attention to anything that will form a good meal. Every little corner in one's garden that is at all likely to be damp is diligently searched by the larger birds, and where one is in the habit of watering a few seedling plants, the birds dig deep holes in search of worms and slugs, and any kind of fruit is raided by the boldest. It is very doubtful if the smaller Warblers feel this stress, during a long period of drought, for although many of these birds feed upon small worms and caterpillars, yet insect life forms their chief food, and this is generally more abundant in fine, warm weather than during a rainy time.

The young Hawfinches have been busy among my neighbour's peas. Not being a birdy man, he attributed the damage to the Blackbirds and Thrushes. If one has once seen examples of the Hawfinches' work it is not difficult to recognise it again. One may wonder how the birds know that the toothsome peas are hidden within those long green jackets; there is nothing to indicate the kind of food enclosed. It is just possible they test the green pods as looking like something to eat, and thus find the contents, or they may be taught by their parents. Few birds are so shy as the Hawfinch, and it is generally in the very early morning when he visits the peas. It is doubtful if any of our homestead birds are so little seen as this bold fellow with the big beak. Many an orchard contains a pair, all unknown to the owner of the land, and it is fortunate that it is so, or Hawfinches would soon become as extinct as the Dodo.

H. NORMAN.



Pea-pods which have been damaged by Hawfinches.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

CAGE BIRDS suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary, any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Goftbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to each sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

My Fuscous Honeyeaters:

This article is No. 44 of the new series entitled "Through a Birdroom Window," being personal birdy experiences.

Related by the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page 392.*)

SOME time ago I one morning received a letter from a birdy friend, telling me that he was at Port Said with a big consignment of foreign birds, and that if I wanted any I was to mark the list enclosed in his letter, and return it at once to London, where it would await his arrival. I gave a goodish order, and, among others, I marked some Fuscous Honeycaters, on the principle that though exceedingly rare they were absurdly cheap. Ten shillings the pair! I wondered how it could pay my friend to import them, as the food would cost nearly this sum.

I solved the problem by concluding that he was probably a philanthropist! I had not the least idea what they were like, whether big or small, pretty or plain. I only cared that they were rare. My friend assured me that they had never been imported into England before, and so being like the Athenians of old, always fond of some new thing, I determined to try my hand on Fuscous Honeyeaters. What their future would be, I did not stop to consider. It is really safer, if you have to walk on a tight rope across Niagara, to imagine that the Falls are not there. It's only by shutting my eyes, and going on day by day, that I get on at all.

Expectation and Realisation.

After about a fortnight, I got word that the birds were in the London Docks, and that I might expect them at any moment. Excitement ran to fever heat at Micklefield, and when one morning a porter was announced at the back door with a big cage of "live things" (this was the housemaid's way of putting it), I was not long in opening the store cage to see what it contained. I found out the Honeyeaters by the process known as elimination. There were two pairs of them; they seemed in the most perfect health, and in excellent plumage considering the long voyage from Australia.

My friend told me that they had been fed on some soft mixture during the voyage; but I was rather sceptical as to how long they would have continued to live had it been prolonged. I put them into a big box cage all to themselves, and gave them a nice roomy bath. They at once took the treat with great apparent thankfulness, and were soon busy making their toilet, and seemed all the better for it, as they were rather messy after their long journey.

My next care was the food. I had no idea what Honeyeaters lived on in Australia, save that I had read in some book that they haunted eucalyptus trees when in full bloom, but as eucalyptus trees were not indigenous to Yorkshire I had to consider ways and means. I was not at all troubled. I have muddled through so many tight places somehow, like the British Army. I had never been in such a tight place before, except when I got a consignment of Musky Lorrikeets; but I said to myself, I'll wedge through somehow, like a cat through a chink in a barn door. The Honeyeaters looked something like Zosterops; so I thought I would try them with egg flake. They went for this fairly well: but they did not keep as tight in feather as I like my birds to be. Next, I tried bananas. They appreciated these up to a point; but still I knew the food did not quite suit them.

What's in a Name?

I then thought of their name—Honeyeaters! But then I had read such sad accounts of what honey did to birds that I hesitated to try it. However, I thought, it's practise not theory that works, perhaps practise is better without theories, better than theories that are never practised. Having settled this much I sent one of my children down to a college where they keep bees, with a request for a jar of their best new honey. In fear and trembling, I hung a small glass phial on the bars of the cage, and it was really laughable to see the way in which the poor little beggars went for the sweet stuff. They were down almost before my hands were out of the cage, as much as to say: Why in the world didn't you think of this before?

As I filled that little jar with honey I really quaked with fear. Suppose that I killed them; there were no more Honeyeaters to be got to replace them! I said to myself, now, my friend, remember Cranmer, or whoever it was, who said in the flames, "Play the man"—and I did it. Now, honey is the only food they care for. They have egg flake, but it is despised; banana, but it goes untouched. It is a pretty sight to see first one and then another settle on the jar and insert their long tongues in the savoury mess.

I was so elated at my success that I actually dared to dream of a nest; but romance is like the rainbow, always a little way from the place where you stand. Unfortunately it was so in this case, as you will hear later.

Most people would, if left to themselves, write off to all their birdy friends to come and see their latest novelty. It is a great mistake. Never press your aviaries on other people. Nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of every thousand don't care twopence for other people's birds, though they may all pretend to out of politeness. The thousandth will find his way to them and be much happier going round them alone. It was so in the present case.

A Friend to Cherish.

I happened to be out one day when a friend called, and being a privileged person he did not await my return, but went and spent a happy hour looking at my aviaries; and when I got home I found him standing in rapture before the Honeyeaters, and he would not rest content until I had registered a solemn vow that if ever I did want to sell a pair I would give him the first refusal. My friend is one of those rare spirits that can rejoice in another's success.

"There are werry few in this world," as Mr. Brown said, "as wouldn't rather 'ear of your troubles than of your good luck; why it's 'uman nature to 'ate everyone to be better off than yourself." My friend was the exception. I am sure he was quite as pleased to see those Honeyeaters in my possession, as if he had owned them himself.

After I had kept the Honeyeaters for quite a long time, misfortune overtook me, for one morning when I went to the birdroom to feed, I, to my great sorrow, found one of the birds lying, as a delicately-minded lady once said "lying on the front of its back." What had caused the death there was nothing to show. The body was fat and well nourished, and every feather in place. I could only bring in a verdict of death from natural causes. After all, people sometimes die; why not birds?

The three remaining birds were in beautiful condition. They went all through a long and bitter winter in a perfectly cold room where the water in the cage froze each night into a solid mass of ice, but they did not appear to suffer a bit. I rather feared they would all go off, as they are very thinly covered with feathers. We had 25 degrees of frost.

They are wonderfully tame little things, and reminded me of the man who was asked if he did not fear. "Fear," he said, "I don't know him." They will let me put my face quite close to the bars of the cage, without attempting to stir. I think this is a very high testimonial to my good looks!

Regular Water Nymphs!

In shape they are very graceful, and about twice as big as Zosterops. The back is yellow, tipped with rose colour, the eyes dark brown, encircled with a little yellow rim; the legs and feet are lead colour, the head, back, wings, and tail a pretty soft sort of olive green. Under the wing butts is a patch of saffron, darker in the cock than in the hen. Each of the birds has on the cheek a little bunch of side whiskers. Their call note is peep, peep, peep, repeated rather rapidly. They are intensely fond of bathing; and the moment they get dry they take another plunge and begin everything *de novo*.

You will remember that one of the Honeyeaters died. This left me with a cock and two hens; always a very awkward combination. The two hens reminded me of the young lady, who when she heard of St. Paul's uninspired opinion, that those who were married did well, but that those who remained unmarried did better, answered that she did not want to do better—but well! The cock, I think, would have been quite happy with both, but this I knew was out of the question. If they were left together, I foresaw what actors call "a short scene." When the weather got fairly warm I determined to turn the birds out in a small garden aviary in company with some Zosterops I happened to have at the time. The Zosterops had been out all the winter so I felt no great fear about the Honeyeaters. How they did enjoy themselves that first morning among the growing shrubs, and how every branch and leaf was tested for the hidden nectar.

In the cage the Honeyeaters had behaved like Darby and Joan; they were always sitting side by side and snuggling up to each other with little nudges, just like an engaged couple at Scarboro', but in the aviary all was different. Nothing that that cock could do or think of was right; the hen became a veritable little fury.

THE HOOPOE.

The Hoopoe is a graceful, quaintly-marked species, its crest, erected and depressed at will, being a conspicuous feature. The flight of the bird is curiously butterfly-like. The Hoopoe is a frequent visitor to our shores, and examples are often exhibited at the shows. It has nested with us on several occasions, which would have been far more numerous but for the deplorable way in which it is usually shot on sight.

They say that marriages are made in Heaven; but I often think of what an old man I know remarked of a married neighbour, who was a harassed, worried-looking person. Some one spoke of marriages being made in Heaven and Job remarked that the idea allus bested him when he saw such a couple as Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So. But after a few minutes thought his face brightened with a sudden idea. Mayhap, he said, the Almighty was looking t'other way. I think it must have been so in this case, or else by mistake I had chosen the wrong hen. At any rate nothing would give that poor cock a minute's rest; so I caught her ladyship and turned out her rival.

The Chicks that take longest to hatch.

The cock at first seemed afraid to trust his good fortune, and came up towards the new arrival, soft as the wife when the baby has just dozed off to sleep. Day after day I watched these birds flitting gaily about their enclosure; but I could see no signs of a nest anywhere. Of course, I didn't dare go inside and look; but one can generally tell without doing that if one has experience. Perhaps I was anxious; as Mrs. Poyser said once, "It's your dead chicks that take the longest to hatch."

About the time when I thought they ought to be nesting it came on to rain in torrents. To the statement "that a dripping June puts all in tune" should be exempted the plain person's temper. My temper fairly gave out. What chance would a flimsy little nest have in such a torrential downpour, even if it existed? Hope in an aviary is almost as helpful a companion as certainty; but there are limits even to hope, and when it went on raining day after day for about a month my hopes sank to zero. Of course, I knew too late what I ought to have done. I should never have turned these birds out, but kept them in a nice dry birdroom. There is no easier way to cure foolishness than to give a man leave to be foolish. And the only way to show a fellow that he's chosen the wrong business is to let him try it.

One's Time and Trouble.

Too late, I saw my error. I caught up the birds and replaced them in the birdroom, but after their many drenchings they seemed to grow sarcastically resigned to what I felt they regarded as my mismanagement; and as a punishment they utterly refused to attempt to perpetuate their kind. A friend came to see me about this time and I told him of my trouble. I got no comfort. "Why," he said, "it's been such weather that you wouldn't meet a Christian out of doors, unless he was a Snipe or a dispensing doctor." What could I say? I felt like Lord Melbourne. Being pressed to do something for a journalist on the ground that he always supported his lordship *when in the right*, Melbourne replied: "That's just when I don't want his help. *Give me a fellow who will stick by me when I am in the wrong.*"

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Photographed on the occasion of the annual country ramble.

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The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 478.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

IF this device fails, then the young should be placed in the next compartment, and the wire slide placed between them and the hen, or if this is not convenient they may be put into a small cage, and hung on the front of the breeding cage; the hen will continue to feed them through the wires. Egg food, water, and a little crushed hemp, or crushed groats, should be placed fresh each day, or oftener if required, in the cage with the young birds. While the hen is finishing with the young birds she will also be busy with her new nest, and the cock should be placed with her again, to remain until she commences to sit, or only for a short period each day as previously advised.

When the youngsters have ceased crying to be fed, they should be put into a large cage, until they are able to crack rape seed easily, then they can take their places in the flights amongst the older youngsters. It is not advisable to place them immediately from the breeding cage into the company of older birds in the flights, because the last named probably will not have their egg food so rich as the younger ones, further, they would not get a sufficient quantity of food, as the older ones would be "top dog."

When they lose Mother.

The food required for the young birds when removed from the hen to the large cage will be egg-food; this should be given at first three times a day, morning, noon, and night, in such quantities that one lot will be cleared up by the next feeding time. Fresh clean drinking water must be given daily, either inside or outside the cage, in the same manner as supplied to them before they were removed from the breeding cage. If used to inside drinkers, continue with them, and also hang one on the outside of the cage until they are conversant with its use, then discontinue giving it inside the cage. A small quantity of crushed hemp and groats should be prepared fresh each day. A hopper containing rape seed can also be hung on the cage front. This will help to get them used to the head-holes.

The beginner in the Roller Fancy will learn to distinguish the majority of the cocks from the hens sooner than he would do in those varieties which have a distinct buff and yellow in both sexes, or again, where it is customary to colour feed while in the nest. Of course it should be understood that cases will crop up that puzzle the experienced Roller Canary breeder in distinguishing the sexes, as he is not infallible. Instinct is often brought to bear on the subject, there is that unexplainable something about some birds that enables the fancier to discriminate, when all outward signs such as colour, size, shape, and carriage may be at variance.

I do not trouble to sex my youngsters before they leave the nests, then I rely chiefly on the colour as a guide, as at this age many young birds of both sexes will commence a low warbling song. This is not so sure a sign as it will be when they get a bit older, say about ten or twelve weeks old, then there is a difference in the birds' attitude when going over the song. The cock sings with his head raised and straight forward, showing plenty of neck, whereas the hen sits with her head, so to speak, between the shoulders, and just raises the head to sing a short song of two or three notes, with the call note often intervening, and ending the attempt, then she lets her head fall back again.

When they are about three or four weeks old there will be, to an experienced eye, quite a contrast in the colour of the sexes, even in the light-coloured birds. It may be fairly safe to sex as cocks those showing the deepest yellow colour, especially on the head, neck, throat, breast feathers, and on the flanks or sides. Here the hens are, as a rule, very pale in colour. The feathers on the lower part of the breast and stomach in the cocks often shade to a paler hue; but the feathers on the hen's rump will often be as rich in colour as those around the head of a cock bird.

Arriving at the Sex.

In the variegated birds the feathers on the head and neck, etc. of the cock will be a deeper colour, and any lighter coloured feathers intervening, which go to make the term variegated, will be yellow, standing out quite conspicuously against the brown and pale buff feathering in the hens. The self-coloured dark birds are the most difficult to sex from a colour point of view. In these green cocks (we call them green, yet it is a poor tone to the lover of the Yorkshire or Norwich Greens) the body colour is more solid, often with a tinge of yellow showing, either throughout the body, or only in those places named in the clear and variegated birds. The hens resemble the colour of a young Linnet before it shows that nutty brown so much admired by the Linnet fancier.

When about six or seven weeks old the birds should be eating the rape seed freely, and the crushed hemp seed can be gradually reduced, until it is excluded from the diet. A few crushed groats, say half-a-teaspoonful to each bird, can be given twice a week, until they are able to break the whole ones. Then the quantity found in the mixed seed, which will be given to them a few times a week, will be quite sufficient.

Up to this time the young birds have been receiving egg food composed of four biscuits to an egg, and where it is convenient, say in the case of the number of birds being over thirty, the egg food can now be reduced in quality to five bisenits to the whole of an egg. My aim throughout has been to recommend the simplest methods, consistent with efficiency and economy. But in the event of a smaller number of birds it would be advisable to continue with the old method, or it would mean a waste of food, as it would become stale before it could be used. Neither is it advisable to give larger quantities than those laid down, as too much egg food is likely to upset the stomachs of young birds.

When they are well on seed, which means when they are eating the rape seed freely, and the crushed hemp has been excluded from the diet, the birds can be transferred to the flight cages. The quantity of egg food previously allowed can now be gradually reduced with safety until each bird is receiving barely half-a teaspoonful per day. This quantity can then be allowed to each bird of both sexes, right up to the time of completing the moult.

To Prevent Confusion.

It is advisable for those who discriminate between the sexes by the colour to place the cocks and hens into separate flights. If this is not convenient the hens can be marked either by an open ring, or a coloured celluloid ring. This is to prevent any confusion taking place afterwards, as the light coloured plumage in many of the hens undergoes a change during the moult, becoming more yellow and equal to that of many of the cocks. The hens can remain in the flights in the breeding room until they are required in the breeding cages the following year. The flight cages containing the young cocks are better out of the breeding room, as it would be detrimental to the earlier bred ones to hear for any length of time the song of the stock cocks, or a singing hen. It is not unusual for hens to sing when finishing feeding a nest of youngsters, and before going to nest again with the next clutch of eggs.

After transferring them to the flights I place the cocks on a staple diet of rape seed, varying the allowance to each bird by half-a-teaspoonful of condition seed and one half a teaspoonful of mixed seed three times a week; in addition I give a bare half-a-teaspoonful of egg food to each bird once per day, substituting a small piece of bread and milk—say a piece about the size of a sugar cube to two birds—for the egg food once per week. The young hens are treated exactly the same as the young cocks, with this exception, their staple diet consists of canary and rape. A little care should be exercised in giving baths to young birds; one may be given beneficially on fine warm days, and then as a precaution the chill should be taken off the water. The young birds can be kept on this treatment until the moult is nearing completion, which can be ascertained by the pen feathers around the head and neck, as the feathers on these parts are usually the last to be moulted.

A Recipe for Egg Cake.

For various reasons I discountenance the use of a substitute for egg food while the hens are feeding the young, my chief argument being that young birds thrive better on boiled fresh egg, mixed with crushed biscuits, but now the youngsters are in the flights, a little home made sponge-cake can be given occasionally in place of the egg food. A wholesome and nutritious cake can be made by adding to the weight of an egg equal weights of sugar, flour, and butter. Blend all the ingredients well together and bake in a sharp oven for ten minutes. When cold it can be crumbled, and be kept in a good state of preservation in an air-tight tin for a couple of weeks.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

The Mating of Canary with Bullfinch.

SIR,—For the last two or three years I have been trying to get fertile eggs from a large British hen Bullfinch and cock Canary. In the season of 1912 the hen laid 19 eggs, all unfertile, and last year 17, again all unfertile. Since the beginning of this year, I have had a large young cock Canary (bred 1913) in with the hen, and this morning she has laid her third egg. Both birds are in good health, agree well, and the cock is the best singer I ever had. The cock has been with the hen all the time. I should be glad if any of your numerous readers will kindly tell me if I should stand a better chance of getting fertile eggs if, now the hen has laid, I take the cock away and only run him in with her occasionally. Any other hints will be greatly appreciated.

NOVICE.

An Experience with a Peregrine Falcon.

SIR,—Reading in CAGE BIRDS recently of a reader's experience with a Sparrow Hawk, it may interest your readers to know of mine with a Peregrine Falcon. While on the outskirts of Liverpool (Walton) watching some bird catchers at work, I was surprised to see in the distance a pair of Hawks. Knowing the Sparrow Hawk well, I knew these to be something different. I watched them for a considerable time. They at times seemed to be almost stationary in the air. They passed to the other side of a small plantation. A few minutes afterwards I was surprised by the sweep of a pair of big wings past me from the back, the bird making for the nets, and pouncing upon the cage of a hen Chaffinch. I shouted and threw my stick at it. It still clung to the cage until I was almost on top of it. The catcher having got over his amazement pulled the line on it and came running up. He made a pounce upon it in the excitement of the moment, and was rewarded with a sharp jab in the fleshy part of the hand. The Hawk was fighting and tearing away at the nets. I eventually held it down by the head, and caught it by the flights and tail. It made bold attempts to reach my hand. It was a very fine specimen, measuring about 18 inches. I believe a lady in the neighbourhood has it at present, and that it has become a great pet, coming out of its cage on her finger. The Chaffinch was none the worse for its experience.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS.

A Remedy for Colds in Parrots.

SIR,—I note that this appears to be a very trying time of the year for Parrots catching cold, but I have never seen you advise my remedy. I have had and lost a dozen parrots, but to one I had a specialist, and a stiff price I paid him; for an extra 2s. 6d. he gave me a bottle one inch long with a sprinkler. Well, as soon as I smelt it I knew what it was. It now costs me 2d.! It is creosote, or oil of tar. I put twopennyworth on the sand and cover the cage over with an old skirt at night, and next day the Parrot is all right. Any one is welcome to know this. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. Please don't think I am trying to teach you your business, but I have thoroughly tested this.

E. GREENAWAY.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Trophies.

SIR,—Can I trouble you for space to ask when the officials of the above society intend to award me the cup won, as second prize, for last year (1913)? I have seen the report published in CAGE BIRDS some time ago that the other cups had been given out, and that I was to have an oil painting. I wrote to the secretary, asking for a cup, as per rules, at the same time pointing out that I had honestly competed as an amateur abiding by the M.C.Y.C. Club Rules, and asking that the officials might do the latter. The rule distinctly states that a cup shall be awarded to the member with the most points, also that a cup of less value shall be given to the second highest, and a medal for the third prize. I consider it is an injustice to offer an oil painting without knowing if the same was acceptable to the member or not. As mentioned before, I have written to the secretary, but he has never replied.

G. SALT.

Late Song of the Cuckoo.

SIR,—There must be hundreds of observers in the British Isles who record the earliest appearances of immigrant birds, such as the Cuckoo, the Swallow, and the Nightingale; but, judging from the meagre response in your columns re the Nightingale, very few who record late dates for the songs of such of these birds as sing. When does the Cuckoo cease to utter his call? Two late records I have in my diary are July 6, 1907, and July 7, 1909, on the latter of which dates his utterance of the word "cuckoo" was distinctly broken.

REV. G. H. RAYNOR.

The Song of the Nightingale in Captivity.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, "Philomel," re Nightingale's song, a great deal depends upon circumstances as to when the song ceases. Generally speaking, the song is over by the end of the first week in June—that is, as soon as the young are hatched. Adult hens go to nest a week sooner than young hens, consequently the song ceases a week sooner. Nightingales sing at their best during incubation, as by that time the food becomes more plentiful, and the birds are in better condition. Nightingales only have one nest, providing it is not disturbed, but should the eggs be destroyed or taken, they will as a rule go to nest a second time, and in that case the bird will sing to the end of June or first week in July. I know of two cases at the present time where the eggs have been taken by egg collectors, and the birds have gone to nest again. I was in a district recently where there are dozens of pairs, and have made them my special study for twenty years.

J. JEFFREY.

SIR, -In answering your correspondent re the singing of 'Gales at largo, on which I have had a fair amount of experience, I essayed my opinion on the song in captivity, with which I have had no experience, although, as stated, I am hoping to.

Mr. Bent says I am only speaking for myself, but this is not so, as in this district a good number are annually trapped and the percentage that sing again would not reach higher than I stated. I do not need the salt Mr. Bent mentions to accept his statements, as my respect is great for opinions different from my own, and although it seems remarkable that Mr. Puck never fails to get them to sing within seven days of being caught (very different indeed from my own experience), yet I can accept the statement without being at all sarcastic.

I notice Mr. Williamson finds them very difficult to get on song, also what does our British expert and adviser, Mr. Norman, say on page 482, col. 2 of the last issue? "You are particularly lucky if you get one to sing moderately well; in confinement many refuse to sing at all." This must read funny to Mr. Bent, also Mr. Puck, who have been treated to so much song!

As I have stated, a large number are caught here and in giving my opinion I have taken into consideration the number that die from various causes, and I don't know if Mr. Bent obtains his 'Gales first hand or on food, but I should like to ask him this question: Why do experienced soft-bill trappers seize the chance to sell their cock 'Gales at 2s. or 2s. 6d. each directly they are caught rather than keep them ten days and make 7s. 6d. or 10s. of them?

We are all after money more or less, and I can easily answer the above question from a much wider range of experience than my own. The same trappers can and do keep their other birds such as Redstarts, Shrikes, etc., and make a fair price of them, but I have found it the same with 'Gales, as after treating exactly as advised by Mr. Puck the best of results do not always follow. I have not kept nearly so many at a time as Mr. Bent owing to lack of time, two being my limit, and the only difference is in my belief, luck; some fanciers can do nothing wrong, others try all their lives with little success; but "Nothing venture, nothing have" is my motto.

ARTHUR G. LEWIS.

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A Pure White Hedge Sparrow.

Sir,—I have pleasure in writing to your valuable paper, Cage Birds, about a wonderful bird I got on the 10th June, viz., a pure white Hedge Sparrow, or "dikie," as it is called here. Can any other fancier come up to this? The bird is still doing well.

George Cathcart.

[A white Hedge Sparrow was exhibited at several shows last season, and we have heard of a number of others from time to time.—Editor.]

Peace and War.

Sir,—Of the Sparrow Clubs in Newmarket and District, the Isleham branch, the meetings of which are held at the Griffin Hotel, has only been opened about three weeks, and we have a good record already. In the first week we killed 165 dozen, in the next fortnight we killed 300 dozen, a total of 465 dozen Sparrows in three weeks, and we are still killing them. Mr. J. Fenn, the well-known bird catcher, of Isleham, has shown the club many points which they have thanked him for. At our concert last week we were all very pleased our worthy host, Mr. George Sheldrake, had engaged Mr. Harry Allen (Leeds) to entertain us. Mr. Allen is a humorist second to none, and fairly brought down the house. Altogether Mr. Allen sang nine songs. We were also pleased with our talented piano player, who gave selections during the evening. It was the best "smoker" ever held at Isleham, and all are looking forward to our next.

G. S.

Song Thrushes Breed Under Curious Circumstances.

Sir,—I have a place of business, No. 383, Harehills Lane, Leeds, and it is open all day up to 11 p.m. In the cellar directly under the shop I reared four Thrushes last year from nestlings. They are so tame that they even allow my dog to pass about them when they are on the floor and never take the least notice. This season I noticed the two hen birds taking bits of rag, straw, etc., up on to the iron girder so I placed some damp clay in a heap on the floor and other likely material for them to build with. They have both built and one had three eggs. I sold the cock bird from this pair and the hen straightaway forsook the nest. The other hen is, however, sitting on the nest, and the cock bird sometimes takes a turn on the nest. His favourite place is on the gas bracket on the wall and when the gas is lit at night it never seems to affect him in the least. I should like to hear if it is an unusual occurrence for them to breed in captivity. I am willing to allow anybody interested to see them. Since writing the above the eggs have hatched, result three young ones.

J. Boddy.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

Sir,—"Yellow Green's" reply is just what I expected from him. He has answered neither my question nor my arguments, and weakly retorts that he fails to see how the closed ring is to put down dishonesty. Both he and "Buff Green" are careful to inform us that they are anxious to prevent fraud, and if this be the case it passes my comprehension to understand why they are against the rings. Admit if you like that some fanciers buy birds in the nest, but no one will argue that they can pick winners in the nest. "Yellow Green" in his former letter states that he cannot pick his winners until they have moulted, and all sensible fanciers will agree with him. There is no doubt at all that the closed ring will prevent a member of the club from buying or borrowing a good bird which he discovers in a fancier's room, or at a show, and thereafter exhibiting it as his own breeding. This exactly meets the case of the Musselburgh dealers quoted by "Yellow Green," and also the man referred to by "Sunny Leith." Can either of these parties deny it? And yet "Yellow Green" prates about his anxiety to prevent dishonesty! It is a poor argument to state, which "Yellow Green" practically does, that the rings are useless because they will not discover all cases of dishonesty. They will prevent 90 per cent. of these cases, and for this we should be thankful. The remaining 10 per cent. who are determined to cheat at all costs will have a good deal of trouble to grain their end, and, what is very important, no certainty of gaining it. They may require to buy twenty young birds in the nest, and perhaps not a winner after all. This practice I think, they will soon tire of.

Buff Green No. 2.

Sir,—"Buff Green No. 2's" reply to Mr. Allison is quite to the point. Further, as I said in one of my previous letters, some will get the lesson that "Sunny Leith" has learned before the season is out. Like "Sunny Leith," I fail to see how the closed ring scheme is to put down dishonesty. That is the very point I would like made clear to myself and others. The reply that "Buff Green No. 2" gives does not enlighten me a bit. He says "If John Smith exhibits a bird with a ring issued to Tom Jones, it does not require much perception to arrive at the conclusion that there has been some fraudulent practice." That is all very well if the S.P.C. will have every bird handled, and its number taken, then it is quite simple to know who rung the bird. I hope they do this, but it will be a serious business unless they employ an expert (not some of these chaps who put themselves out as experts). I hope the committee will make it known to the members who is to handle the birds, then members will know what to expect. It is no use putting our Norwich Plainheads on the same level as Crests, as far as handling goes, for no doubt "Buff Green No. 2" knows as well as I do that Crests are accustomed to being handled regularly, which, of course, makes all the difference. I shall endeavour to be present when the club show is judged, so I can learn what at present I do not know. I got an eye-opener when I read "Yellow Green's" letter, that only 40 voted out of a membership of 160. Surely something needs rectifying. Did the secretary let the whole of the members know the result of the voting; if not, why not?

Buff Green.

The Treatment of Live Stock by Railway Companies.

Sir,—I wish to call the attention of the Fancy to the callous way in which live stock is treated by the railway companies. On June 12th I sent an Airedale puppy, sold through an advertisement in Cage Birds, to a gentleman at Blackwood, Mon., where it arrived almost dead, after being on rails just 25½ hours without water. The journey could have been managed easily in eight hours; but no, the animal could not speak, neither could it "tip," hence it is left to scorch in the sun and nearly die from thirst. Could not your readers help by petitioning the local members to introduce a bill penalising the companies for every hour they are over the ordinary passenger time in the transit of live stock? I consider the rate is quite high enough now to ensure more promptitude.

James Ferrabee.

Rushden.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

Sir,—I ask your indulgence to correct Mr. Allsopp. He appears to mistake my meaning. If I remember aright I used the words "to humour the novice, cajole him, but don't scold him." There is nothing cryptic in the sentence, nothing that need reduce Mr. Allsopp to that state of mind that is "too delightfully funny for words." I used the word "humour" in its verb active sense, but he appears to have read it in its substantive sense. To humour a novice doesn't necessarily mean that one must treat him humorously. What I mean to say, and what I think everyone but Mr. A. would have understood me to say, was that a novice should be led rather than driven. There is a certain element of obstinacy or mulishness in us humans, and when it comes to a matter of hobbies we refuse to be driven; we prefer to be led, to be humoured. But Mr. A. resorts to scourging, not with whips and scorpions, but with bitter satirical criticism. In other words, his medicine—to apply his own metaphor—is a form of forcible feeding, while mine would take the form of "humouring" their palates with the choicest viands. There is a difference between being humorous and humouring people. I would like to avail myself of Mr. Allsopp's kind invitation to Cardiff, but his reference to the possibility of my not getting back suggests that the Welsh people have a way of treating offenders of their dignity in a manner that isn't either "sweetly simple" or "too delightful for words," but irregular and highly effective. He needn't be afraid for me. All they want is humouring. I know the Welsh! I sleep with one!

T. Johnson.

Sir,—This correspondence is now becoming very interesting, and should be of great value to the genuine novice who, notwithstanding all Mr. Allsopp's arguments, is still the backbone of the Fancy, as it exists to-day. We all know the hoary-headed novices Mr. Allsopp has in mind; they were flourishing long before Mr. Allsopp came to Cardiff. In the words of Kipling we shall have to take him as we find him, and let this kind of novice go on striving for the legs of mutton, etc., until the butcher tumbles, or he is given the go-by and compelled to come out in the open if he is over 16 (which he was, perhaps, about 40 years of ago). The great question is: Can a man who is always prepared to sell his best specimens at a long price, with justice throw bricks at the novice who wants to win a leg of mutton (this is not meant as a conundrum). Personally I have bred and exhibited a few good birds that were able to win practically when they were asked, but never have sold a bird that could win. I always had too much love for same, in spite of tempting offers.

Old Fogey.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

I don't know what happened to that one, John. But the cat got in here yesterday
I think this thrush must be dead, dear. He would n't eat any of his seed
SEED!
Tommy let those out for a fly in the garden I think
-!!?!-
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The newsagent did n't send 'Cage Birds' and now he says he's sold out
This is too much
E. T. Humphreys 1914

What happens (?) in the Bird-room when you leave home for the week-end.

What is the Secret of Keeping Goldfinches?

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent George Lofthouse I would say at once that there is, in my opinion, no secret. You want in the first place to get hold of healthy birds and not too young; a lot die from this cause alone. The best time to buy is the latter end of October or during November. Then also they will be fairly coloured. Put them in small "box" cages at first until steady and then in larger ones; being active birds they require plenty of room. The food should consist of canary and teazle in equal proportions with, say, half the quantity of hemp and niger (inga), and a little rape; and in winter add a little linseed. Once or twice a week to each bird a teaspoonful of wild seed mixture (you will see it advertised week by week) and now and then a very little maw seed. Green food in season ad lib, such as groundsel, wild chicory, cress and even lettuce leaves. Given healthy specimens they should thrive and do credit to their keeper if kept clean—floor sanded with sharp gritty sand, and not forgetting the bath.

Admirer of this Perky Finch.

Sir,—Kindly ask Mr. George Lofthouse, a correspondent re Goldfinches, to write to me, and I will try and fill his needs. I wish Cage Birds every success; it deserves it. I read "C.B." every week, and have done so for the last four years.

R. Worth.

11, New Pilgrim St., Murton Colliery, Durham.

Sir,—As a fancier and lover of the Goldfinch, I take the opportunity of replying to Mr. George Lofthouse. Of many birds I have caught this year I selected one dozen, and have not lost one. The majority I caught in February, as I do not believe in caging young. I feed on two parts hemp and one canary, always crushed. Groundsel I give liberally every day, and a small stool of young dandelion, as soon as you can get them in the spring, every two days. I like a cage 14in. by 12in. by 7in. The bath is most essential; some birds, of course, will not take it. Then spray them. After the birds have been caged a few months, put them on to a good Finch mixture, but add extra Canary. I feel confident if "G.L." follow this, he cannot go far wrong. He will always find something useful in your valuable, I might say indispensable, paper, Cage Birds.

Hubert Burchett.

What Can Its Parentage be?

Sir,—I see in last week's Cage Birds that some one claims in the Query Columns to have bred a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid. I have an outdoor aviary and in it a Canary reared hen Chaffinch. I have now a young bird which I believe to be a Canary-Chaffinch Hybrid. I had a hen Canary sitting on five eggs and she hatched out three young. I saw the birds when hatched and did not see them again for about a week, when to my surprise I found one of them nearly ready to fly although the other two had only the feathers sprouting through the skin. I might say this young Hybrid left the nest last Friday, June 12th, and the other two are still in the nest and not quite fully feathered yet. The colour of this young bird is, head dark brown, neck and breast yellow, back brown, shoulder of wing dark green with a few white feathers like those of the Chaffinch and a little lower down a row of feathers cinnamon colour, flights black edged on inside with green, and tinged at ends with cinnamon colour, and the last two flights in each wing quite white, beak rather dark on top, yellow underneath.

W. Watson.

[We have recently heard of yet another reputed Chaffinch-Canary (the third) bred this season. We trust one or other of them may prove authentic.—Editor.]

One or two letters unavoidably held over.
—Editor.

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HENLEY AND DISTRICT F.S.

Monthly meeting, Oxford Temperance Hotel, June 2, Mr. F. Macqueen presiding over a fair attendance. Decided to hold next show (which will be open to a 30-mile radius) Nov. 25.—G. Machin, junr., Hon. Sec.

N. LIVERPOOL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held June 3, Mr. Holden presiding before a good attendance of members. Final arrangements made for N.F. show, June 27th. Mr. T. Rowlands will judge Yorkshire varieties and Mr. J. W. Metcalfe other varieties. Show open from 6 to 8 p.m., admisson 2d. ea. Messrs. Chambers and McNulty were elected members. Next meeting, July 1.—Edgar S. Broadbent (Hon. Sec.).

CRAGHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held June 6, Mr. J. H. Elliott chair. N.F. show to be held Aug. 1, Mr. J. Calvert judge, South Moor. Annual show Jan. 30th, 1915, Mr. J. Stanger judge. Stewards for N.F. show, Mr. J. Anderson, J. Robson, G. Bates, D. Bloomfield.—Alf. Dawson, Sec.

[If secretaries wish reports to appear in CAGE BIRDS and POULTRY WORLD they must send in duplicate copies.—Ed.]

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, June 6. Decided that Mr. Davidson's gift of gold medal for annual show be for best bird in hall. Arrangements for F.F. show decided upon, same to be held July 4, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 4 p.m. Classification to be: Crests, 4 classes; Plainhead, 4 classes; Borders, 5 classes; Yorks, 4 classes; 1 class each for Norwich, Greens and Cinnamons. Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow) has kindly consented to judge same. Several valuable spls. handed in. Vote of thanks to Chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

BIRTLEY, CHESTER-LE-STREET, AND PELTON FELL (Amal).

Meeting held at Dun Cow Hotel, Chester-le-Street, June 6. Result of table show in connection with same. Mr. R. Wilford judged.

CAN., A.V.: 1, 3, Stanger; 2, hc, Ward; vhc, Robinson. YORKS YELL.: 1, Stanger; 2, hc, Ward; 3, vhc, Robinson. NOR. BUFF: 1, Lindsay; 2, Redpath; 3, hc, Stanger; vhc, Robinson. CREST: 1, Redpath. Next meeting Birtley, June 20, when a table show will be held for the following classes: Nor., Yell., Cinn., Buff, C.-B., Border Yell.—R. Ward, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Ramble to Riccarton, Juniper Green, in conjunction with the Colinton and Currie O.S., takes place June 27. Travel by trains leaving Caly or Merchiston stations about 2.15 or 2.30. Party leaves Juniper Green at 3.15. Through the kindness of Mr. Napier, the general sec. of Colinton and Currie O.S., arrangements have been made for the party having tea, after ramble is over, at a very moderate charge. Members of Edinburgh Norwich Club invited, also other fanciers. All who intend going to the ramble might kindly drop a P.C. to Sec., when arrangements will be made with Mr. Napier regarding teas. —J. C. Charlton, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held June 11, Mr. Havenhand (chair). This meeting was to have included a table show for novices. As we had insufficient entries, however, owing to our novices doing badly early in the season, we persuaded Mr. Browning, who should have judged, to give us a few hints. He took for his title, "Breeding Troubles," and a very interesting discourse it proved. Both the short lecture and the discussion that followed were very interesting and instructive. If it did one thing above another, it proved conclusively that as long as a man goes on breeding Canaries he must, to some extent, own to breeding "troubles." If he did not, the fascination of the hobby would lessen and the value of its product would become very small. A hearty vote of thanks, suitably responded to by Mr. Browning, terminated a pleasant meeting.—E. Johnson, Sec.

L.C.B.A.

General meeting, the "El Vino," June 9, Mr. John Robson (chair). Unfortunately the sec., Mr. Jas. Bray, jun., was unable to remain during the meeting, and Mr. Wallington ably took his place. Decided to hold the young bird show on July 11, at St. Margaret's School, Westminster, birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. Mr. John Robson judge. Silver-plated teapot for most points gained at the young bird annual, and pair show, presented by President, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Judging competition will also take place at this show. Mr. Wallington gave a lengthy report of the Federation dealing with their proposed scheme for formation of sub-committee in the provinces. Mr. C. Broughton nominated for membership. Chairman called upon Mr. Easterling for his lecture on the Yorks. Canary. He dealt most fully with this charming variety. Messrs. Wallington, Johnston, Dewhurst, Robson and Sayer ably assisted with the discussion which followed. Vote of thanks to lecturer closed a very interesting meeting.—F. Knight (Press Corres.).

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Roebuck Hotel, June 10; Mr. Filkin chair, pro tem. Vote of sympathy accorded to Mrs. Ratcliffe and family on the loss of her husband. Pro. by P. Barker, sec. by S. Dale, that Mr. Filkin become chairman in place of the late Mr. Ratcliffe. Pro. by S. Dale, sec. by Mr. James, that Mr. Davies become Vice-Chairman in place of Mr. Walker, who is not able to get to meetings. Pro. by Mr. Davies, sec. by Mr. Leese, that Mr. Leadbeater becomes a member. Will all members kindly attend next meeting, June 23, as it is very special; giving prize money and specials, and deciding about changing headquarters? F.F. S. held June 13, headquarters, Roebuck Hotel, 60 birds in all being staged, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality, Messrs. Davies, Lockett, Leadbeater and Barker putting down some very fine British birds; Mr. J. Weaver, of Wolverhamptou, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, sp, 3, 4, Leese; 2, vhc, hc, Filkin. BUFF (10): 1, sp, 2, 3, hc, c, Leese; 4, James; vhc, Davies. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hale. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Locket. MULE (2): 1, Davies; 2, Locket. NOR. (old birds) (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Filkin; 4, Davies; hc, c, James. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Locket. GOLDF. (7): 1, Locket; 2, vhc, Davies; 3, Leadbeater; 4, c, Barker;; hc, Perrins. LINNET (10): 1, sp, Barker; 2, Perrins; 3, Leadbeater; 4, hc, Locket; vhc, c, Davies. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Barker, 3, Davies; 4, Leadbeater. A.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Leadbeater. MULE or HYB. (Odds (3): 1, sp, Davies; 2, Locket; 3, Leadbeater. Spls. were won by the following. Mr Leese, best young bird in show, best young buff Nor. and best 4th young bird; Mr. Barker, best Linnet, best 4th British in show; Mr. Dale, best yell. Yorks. young bird, and Mr. J. Davies, best Mule.—P. E. Barker, Hon. Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Monthly meeting and first table show, held June 5, Mr. Sutton (chair). Mr. W. Hayes elected member. Decided to have N.F. show July 4, Mr. I. Hamsom, of Penketh, judge. Entries to be made at next monthly meeting, July 3. Awards of table show were in the hands of Mr. J. W. Jones (Yorks.), and Mr. Boots (Nor.), and we heard no grumbling. Most points were gained by Mr. Boots (Yorks.), Mr. Jones (Nor.), champion section Mr. Bate, and Mr. Pool in the novice section. Mr. Boots won the sp. for most entries.—E. Rone, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Monthly meeting held in Laidlaw's Hall, Leonard Street, June 8, Mr. A. Borrie (chair). N.F. show was moved by Mr. Carstairs and Mr. Crawford to be held June 27, at 2.30 p.m., in Laidlaw's Rooms; entry money 4d. each bird. Following classes: Nor., Buff, Crest, C.-B., Border Yell., Buff, Scotch Fancy, Yell., Mules and Hybrids, Brit. bird, Goldf. or Bullf., Linnet or Greenf., small Brit. Club show to be held Oct. 24, in Good Templars' Hall, King Street. Mr. Fullarton elected new member. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to Chairman.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

CINNAMON C.C.

Annual general meeting held Blackburn, May 21 and June 4. Present: Messrs. Bentley, Dorner, Roberts, Hartup, Tweddle and Sced. First item on agenda to be considered was resignation of Sec., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, who was compelled to give up the duty owing to pressure of business. Mr. Seed elected Sec. pro tem. We cannot see our way to guarantee classes at Bristol Exhibition Show, the distance being rather too great for the majority of our members. Decided to give patronage to Manchester, Plymouth, and our club show, Bradford National. Balance sheet passed as read. Thanks accorded our late sec., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe for services rendered. Mr. Alexander Macdonald, of Aberdeen, elected a member. Spls. offered by Mr. S. Wilson, of Aberdeen, accepted with thanks. Voting papers will be sent out to all members for election of officers. I shall be very pleased to receive a few more applications for patronage, seeing we have only got three. Surely there are a few more show committees who would like to classify for us; all our members are willing to support where our patronage is given.—W. E. Seed, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Committee meeting, Market Tavern, Bradford, June 13, Mr. W. A. Gowgill (president) in the chair. Mr. J. Sykes (Leeds), and Mr. F. P. Terry (Bradford) admitted members. Following gentlemen elected on committee as representatives of the club for their respective districts: Mr. W. H. Hamlyn (Harrogate), Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury), Mr. T. Slater (Keighley), Mr. W. T. Furness (Sheffield), Mr. C. E. Hall (Leeds), and Mr. E. Stobart (Sowerby Bridge). Messrs. G. Snead and T. Tidswell elected auditors, and Messrs. S. Binns and S. B. Grayshon scutineers for the coming year. The club's patronage granted to following shows:—October 4, Halifax and Dis. C.B.S.; October 10, Bradford East O.S.; October 24, Shipley O.S.; October 30-31, Manchester and N.C.O.S.; November 6-7, Sheffield O.S.; November 14, Tong and Dis. C.B.S.; November 21, Bradford West and Manningham Amalgamated Show; Dec. 4-5, Bradford National; June 9, 1915; Gt. Horton O.S.; and sec. authorised to take one more show if applied to in good time. Decided that the competitions be run on similar lines to last year: Champion section, amateur section (in champion classes), and junior novice in novice classes at all Y.U. shows where the necessary Green-marked classes are provided.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, June 15, the items including the arrangements for young bird show, July 6th, a judging competition, and a lecture on colour feeding. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and there was a very good attendance. Three new members elected, and on the recommendation of the committee decided to again become affiliated to the London Federation of C.B. Societies, which has recently been reorganised, and to leave the appointment of delegates to the committee. The schedule for the young bird show, drafted by the committee, was adopted without alteration. For the judging competition which followed the birds were divided into three classes, Borders, Nor. and Yorks., the latter having no fewer than 21 entries. Mr. R. A. Newley was the final judge, and a silver spoon was gien for the best bird in each class, provided not less than six entries were made. The awards were as follows:—

BORD.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Pegg; 2, c, Gossling. NOR.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Birch. YORKS: 1, Davis; 2, vhc, c, Heath; 3, Smith; hc, Clarke. Eighteen members took part in the competition, and the points won were as follow:—Mr. C. E. Nash, 21, Pegg and Whiting 20 each, Harris 18, Smith 16, Bailey and Mrs. S. Farley 15 ea., Rogers 14, Mrs. Griffiths and P. Rorke 11 ea., Easterling 10, Alexander 9, Birch 7, Clarke and Davis 6 ea., Cooper 2. Following this competition Mr. F. Easterling gave the lecture on "Colour feeding."

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties V.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Northern Norwich P.H.C. (closing date June 27), F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., T. H. Inman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern V.C.C., R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Green Canary Association, F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Waverlree, Liverpool; National Green-marked Y.C.C., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; closing date, August 1. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, W. Priest, 6, Orchard Street, Partick. Northern British, Mule, and F.B.C., W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne; closing date, Street, Glasgow Crested C.C., J. Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, S.W.

The Shows.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show held headquarters, Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey, when Mr. R. Wilkinson placed the cards to the satisfaction of all.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Crowther; 2, Chapman; 3, Crowther; 4, Riley. BUFF: 1, 2, Chapman; 3, Ormondroyd; 4, Hanson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Hanson; 2, Chapman; 3, Thornton. BUFF: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, W. Crowther; 4, J. Crowther. CINN. MKD.: 1, Chapman.—W. Chapman, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

First Nest Feather show held June 13 at Wharf Hotel. There was only a poor entry owing to our members having a bad first round, clear eggs and dead in shell being the chief trouble. Mr. S. Haigh, of Halifax, judged.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Mitchell. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Walker. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Parker; 2, Sutcliffe. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Parker. Sp. for most points was won by S. Parker with 7 points.—G. Mitchell, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

First of three table shows for the three members gaining the most points in all the three shows for three prizes, held June 10. There was an excellent muster of members present. We had four classes: Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., and Mules. There were not as many birds there as there might have been considering the quantity of members we have. Mr. R. Davies, of Leigh, judged, and his awards, which were as follows, gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 3, Ordish; 2, hc, Collier; vhc, c, Taylor. YORKS: 1, 2, Hulme; 3, vhc, hc, c, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hulme.—R. Charleson, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

First members' show, held June 13th, Railway Hotel. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and gave every satisfaction to all.

OPEN YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Swainc; 2, Varley; 3, Chippindale; 4, hc, c, Gledhill; vbc, E. Padgett. BUFF (18): 1, hc, W. H. Symes; 2, Orme; 3, Varley; 4, Wharton; vbc, Chippindale; c, Riley. GREEN (9): 1, Chippindale; 2, Symes; 3, 4, vhc, Hodgson; hc, c, Parker. CINN. (4): 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, Padgett; 4, Parker. NOV., CL., or TKD. YELL (4): 1, 3, 4, Sykes; 2, G. Pownall. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Sykes; 3, Pownall. GN. OR CINN. (2): 1, Sykes; 2, Pownall (No. 307).—W. H. Symes, Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show, held June 13, Hare and Hounds Hotel, when 57 birds faced the judge, Mr. Luther Varley, whose awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL: 1, sp., Sawley; 2, Slater; 3, E. Middleton; vhc, Scaife; hc, J. Middleton; c, Judson. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, 3, J. Middleton; vhc, Slater; hc, Mitchell; c, Burnett. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Burnett; 3, E. Middleton; vhc, c, J. Middleton; hc, N. Jeffrey. A.O.V.: 1, Leach; 2, J. Middleton; 3, Town; vhc, Slater; hc, Fawcett; c, J. Middleton. NOVICE, CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Harrison; 2, J. Moore; 3, Farrar; vhc, c, Harrison; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, Moore. A.O.V.: 1, Moore; 2, Smith; 3, Harrison.—C. W. Town (Sec.).

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

First show for the season, June 13, Victoria Hotel, when 67 birds were staged for Mr. J. Taylor to judge, who gave satisfaction to all. Spl. for best bird in show was won by Mr. P. Mason. The novice spl. for most points was won by H. Bryant.

CL. YEL. (12): 1, Bryant; 2, Goodwin; 3, Spencer; 4, Abbey; vhc, Fretwell; hc, Shepherd; c, Dykes. BUFF (17): 1, Goodwin; 2, Fretwell; 3, c, Dykes; 4, vhc, Hall; hc, Abbey. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 4, Bryant; 2, Fretwell; 3, Dykes; vhc, Spencer; hc, Oldrieve; c, Powell. BUFF (8): 1, Mason; 2, Goodwin; 3, Oldrieve; 4, Cotterill; vhc, hc, Shaw; c, Dykes. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Goodwin; 2, Smith; 3, Mason; 4, Ellis; vhc, Abbey. BUFF (11): 1, c, Mason; 2, vhc, Powell; 3, Smith; 4, Cotterill; hc, Walker. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, Smith; 2, Aldred; 3, Dykes; 4, Ellis; vhc, Goodwin.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL CORNWALL.

The Royal Cornwall Association held its annual show this year at Fowey on June 10 and 11. The cage birds had a nice marquee, but we were very sorry to see so small an entry; the smallest, in fact, for years. One regrettable thing occurred, the birds did not have any water until 2.30, and then were given this by the fanciers who came to see them. We were sorry to see one of the team of Hybrids shown by Mr. Collins looking very sick and sorry through want of water, but Mr. C. luckily came in time to doctor it. This is a serious thing, as fanciers who send their best exhibits from a distance ought to have them well looked after, and especially with regard to water in the summer-time, as they are very delicate. The special for best bird went to Messrs. Stephens and Gaved, with a Chough, shown in the best possible form. Mr. S. Tickell (Bodmin) judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, sp., Andrew, good type and quality, nice wings and tail, good colour; 2, Stephens and Gaved, close up, good head and neck. TKD. (4): 1, 2, Andrew, good colour and quality, nice condition, 2 nice head, good wings; 3, Stront, varieg., nice type and qual., good cond.; w.c., Pascoe. CL., BUFF (7): 1, 3, Hill, two good birds, nice type; 2, Stephens and Gaved, good type and quality, good condition; vhc, Davies; hc, Andrews; w.c., Pascoe. TKD. (4): 1, sp., Hill, grizzle head and wing, good type and qual., nice wings and tail; 2, Pascoe, good head and neck, lovely mealing, good quality and condition; 3, Uren, heavily varieg., good type and qual.; vhc, Andrew. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Allen, well braced wings, good length, stands well, good colour; 2, Boundy, good wings and tail, nice legs, neat head; 3, Wells, well carried wings and tail, good colour and quality; vhc, Craven; hc, Thomas. CL. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Boundy, lovely wings and tail, stands well, good quality; 2, Allen, well up on leg, good wings, nice size and quality; 3, Andrews, well filled neck, nice quality and condition; vhc, Thomas. TKD (7): 1, c, Boundy, yell., grand colour and qual., well braced wings, stands like a guardsman; 2, Andrew, yell., good wings and tail, nice neck; 3, Craven, Buff, tkd. head, nicely mealed, well carried wings; vhc, Wells, mkd. wings, lovely quality and type; hc, Thomas. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, sp, Hobba and Son, Goldy-Bully, nice colour and qual., rather small; 2, Muscott, nice Goldy. Buff, tkd. wing, also small; 3, vhc, hc, Collins, well known 6-point Goldy and Light Greenfi., both shown in the pink. DARK (4): 1, 2, Stephens and Gavid, Buff Goldy and Yell. Greenf., good colour and qual, nice condition; 3, Collins, Jonque Twite Mule, good markings and size, nice colour; vhc, Hobba and Son. GOLDF. (12): 1, sp, Found, grand blaze, good underent, nice moons and buttons, lovely chest; 2, Rescorla, good moons and buttons, grand chest, good blaze, very close up; 3, ex. 3, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, three good birds, nice moons and buttons, good cheats, very neat blazes, well shown; hc, Cheney; c, Strong. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, Collins, Hawfinch, leading, grand size, bib and colour; 2, Bramble, lovely colour and sprangling, both in good condition; 3, c, Cheney, Bully, good cap and breast colour, nice size and condition; vhc, Sladdon; hc, Howard. SOFTBILL (Small) (3): 1, 3, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, leading, good colour and condition; 3, Blackcap, well marked head, nice size, good condition; 2, Stephens and Gaved, Redstart, nice colour and size, not looking its best to-day. LARGE BRIT. (3): 1, sp, 2, Stephens and Gaved, Chough, leading, grand sheen, lovely legs and bill; 2, Wax wing, lovely wax, good size and colour, grand bird; 3, Spear, Waxwing, badly shown. GROUP (4): 1, sp, 2, Howard, variegated Norwich, we preferred 2, same owner, clears, good type, and quality, will be heard of later, all young birds; 3, Wells, Yorks, very nice lot; abs., Pascoe. FOR. (Large) (4): 1, sp, Muscott; 2, Stephens and Gaved; 3, Woolcock; we missed this class. SMALL (4): 1, Stephens and Gaved, Weaver, nice eyes, markings, good colour; 2, Muscott, Gouldian Finch, lovely colours and cond., not a feather out of place; 3, Dunstan, good colours, well marked. SELL., 15s.: 1, Boundy; 2, Uren; 3, Thomas. 10s.: 1, Davies; 2, Hill; 3, Thomas.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

First members' show, held June 13, Fountain Inn. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, of Shipley, judged, and gave satisfaction to all. Entries were very small, but some good youngsters were staged. Mr. W. Sparks won sp. for best bird in show.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, sp., 2, sp., Sparks; 3, Close; 4, vhc, Wilcock. BUFF: 1, Pearson; 2, 4, hc v. Stebbings; 3, vhc, W. Sparks; c, J. Close. MARKED: 1, Close; 2, 3, Pearson; 4, Wilcock.—Sam Wilcock, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL EAST C.B.C.

First nest feather show, held June 9, headquarters, Glass House Hotel. There was a good attendance. Some splendid young Yorkshires were staged. The judge, Mr. C. Osborne, was well pleased with the quality, and competition was so keen that he had great difficulty in placing the awards as follows.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp., Kendall; 2, 4, Norman; 3, Hiscox; vhc, hc, Jas. Freke; c, Hale. BUFF: 1, sp., Flook; 2, Kendall; 3, Hiscox; 4, Freke; vhc, hc, Hale; c, Norman.— W. J. Norman (Sec.)

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Usual monthly show at headquarters, June 10th, Mr. C. Pearson judge. Only four classes were made, that for 1914 Canaries A.V. drawing 15 entries, some very good youngsters being shown.

CAN., A.V.: 1, 3, Wall; 2, c, Absolon; vhc, Dandridge; hc, Roast. BRED 1914: 1, vhc, c, Wall; 2, Dean; 3, Dandridge; 4, Oakshott; hc, Morrish. BRIT., A.V. (Field-moulted): 1, James; 2, Morrish; 3, sp, Dean; vhc, Farncombe; hc, Firth. Cage-moulted: 1, James; 2, Roast. Spl. for best British shown by 1914 member, B. J. Dean. Mr. C. Pearson gave a washing exhibition during the evening, giving the novices a chance to see how to prepare their birds for exhibition.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Show was held at the Black Swan Hotel, June 13th, only British birds turning up, but they were a grand lot, some of the Leeds winners repeating their victories. Special mention might be made of Mr. Pyrah's Goldfinch, Linnets, and Twite, and Mr. Burnell's Greenies and Chaffinches. Mr. W. Morement, of Bradford, judged and gave entire satisfaction.

LINNET: 1, 3, Pyrah; 2, vhc, hc, Burnell; c, Cannon. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp. best in show, Goldfinch, Pyrah; 2, Burnell; 2, Summers; vhc, Cockrem; hc, Carnon; c, Crossley. GREENF.: 1, 2, Burnell; 3, Summers; vhc, Crossley; hc, Cockrem; c, Cannon. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Burnell; vhc, hc, Summers; c, Cockrem. A.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, vhc, Burnell; hc, c, Summers; 3, Crossley, Bramble. SOFTBILL: 1, Cannon.—W. Morement.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S

F.F. show held June 6th, Three Tuns, Eastwood. Although the exhibits were not very numerous, quality was first-class. Mr. W. Vardy judged to the satisfaction of everyone. Mr. B. Simpson won sp. best Norwich open, and Mr. W. Harrison best novice Norwich. Mr. G. Lees won sp. for best Brit. with a fine Goldfinch, also sp. for best dark Mule. Our host, Mr. James Taylor, provided a splendid tea, and members and friends had a jolly time together.

OPEN NOR., CL. BUFF: 1, Simpson. GREEN OR HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Simpson. NOV. NOR., YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, Redfern. BUFF: 1, Booth; 2, Harrison; 3, Redfern. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, W. Kirk. SELL., 5s.: 1, Simpson. MULE OR HYB. (Young): 1, Williamson. OLD: 1, Lees; 2, Redfern; 3, Bradley. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Lees. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Smith. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Lees; 2, 3, Smith.—Smith and Lees (Joint Secs.).

UPPER RHONDDA C.B.S.

First members' N.F. and British Bird show, held June 11, at the Cardiff Arms, Treorchy. The show was well patronised by the public, but entries were poor, many of our members not having a youngster to stage. Sp. for best Norwich was won by Mr. E. Richards, Mr. E. J. Jones winning sp. for best Yorks., the same bird also gaining sp. best bird in show. Mr. W. Davies won sp. for best Brit., also sp. best young mule, also members' bowl. Mr. R. L. Brown, Cardiff, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. (4): 1, 4, Richards; 2, E. Jones; 3, Beese. YORK. CL., OR TKD. (8): 1, sp., Jones; 2, 4, Beese; 3, c, Curtis and Son; vhc, hc, Richards. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, c, Richards; 2, Jones; vhc, Beese; hc, Beese. VARIEG. (6): 1, Curtis and Son; 2, 4, Watts; 3, Richards; vhc, Dl. Thomas. BUFF (6): 1, Beese; 2, 3, Richards; 4, Curtis and Son; vhc, hc, Dl. Thomas. BORDERS: 1, 2, Richards. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, 4, Davies; 2, Curtis and Son. GOLDF. OR BULLF: 1, 3, Davies; 2, vhc, Beese; 4, Curtis and Son; hc, c, Jones. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Davies; 3, hc, Jones; 4, Curtis and Son; vhc, Beese. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Curtis and Son; 2, 3, W. Davies. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Jones.—E. Richards (Sec.).

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

YOUNG BIRDS ILL (Anxious Beginner).—Your method of feeding is scarcely correct, and is doubtless the cause of the young not thriving so well as they ought. Try the following method, and I think you will find them do better. Give a piece of stale bread the size of a walnut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. In addition to this give an unlimited supply of good sound canary seed in the seed-box, and on top of this put a pinch of summer rape each day. Give separately a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp, niger, teazle, and broken groats every second day, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and a small spray of seedy chickweed, or seed heads of dandelion, shepherd's purse, grass, or half ripe plantain stalks, if you can get the latter yet. Do not soak any of the seed, and instead of such succulent articles or green food as watercress, substitute a little banana if the things mentioned above are not obtainable. In the water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one day only, and after this give twenty drops of Chemical Food daily for a week or so.

ALL TOES DEFORMED (P. D. R.).—Had you been handling the birds much, or trying to put rings on whilst they were young? If so, I should imagine the cause of such wholesale deformity in one nest was due to unskilful work of this description. Beyond this I can only suspect it is a congenital defect, in which case you might expect to find a similar effect in other broods from the same pair. All toes being affected in front makes treatment on any usual lines scarcely possible, so the best thing you can do is to remove the perches, and having bound the toes gently but securely to a small piece of card in a natural position, as you will find illustrated in Part 5 of "Our Canaries," let the birds hop about the floor for a fortnight in this condition, then remove the cards from the feet and put in a kind of cone-shaped perches, placed rather low down, and as conveniently placed as possible, taking care that they are securely fixed, and do not wriggle about when the birds attempt to go on them. To make these perches, make first a strip of soft wood half inch square, then trim off two adjoining angles so that you have a triangular strip; just shave off the sharp edges of these, and blunt the apex of angle a little, and the perches are ready to put in cage. Put them in with the wide part of the triangle downwards, and the apex pointing upwards for the birds to perch on. When these have been in a month or so, begin to remove them one at a time, and put in their places the round thin perches you have often seen described here, and later on gradually revert to the usual type of perch. Do not make the changes too quickly. It may be necessary to keep to these special perches over a period of six months or so in all.

AS FRESH AS NEW-LAID (D. F.).—The cause of the eggs appearing quite unchanged after being sat upon the full period of incubation was that they were not fertilised. The cause of this may be due to so many things that it is useless to speculate about it without full particulars of treatment, feeding, etc., and you give no atom of information on these points. The cock may have been out of condition temporarily, or the lack of fertilising power may have been due to no other reason than a sudden snap of cold weather occurring just at an inopportune moment. You should feed up the pair a little prior to going to nest again, by giving a little egg-food every day for a time, a little of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, chopped sunflower seeds, and broken groats, every second day, and give a young stem of growing dandelion fresh daily, or, in lieu of this, you may give a good supply of the seed heads of this plant. To prevent further mistakes get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d. post free.

TWO EGGS MISSING (E. Matthews).—Sorry, but I really cannot explain the mystery of the eggs' disappearance beyond saying what are the usual known causes of such phenomena. If a hen has access to nesting material after she has commenced to lay, it is not uncommon for her to go on adding material to her nest until all the eggs are laid, and, in consequence, one or two of the first laid eggs are buried out of sight in the bottom of the nest. You might carefully examine the nest to see if this is what has happened in your case. Then an egg may be flicked out of the nest when the hen leaves it at any time, especially if she flies direct off the eggs, as some hens do, instead of hopping on to the side of the nest first, as a quite careful hen will do; or they may be tossed out if the cock continues to "drive" the hen after she has commenced to sit. In either of these cases you would find the eggs, or the remnants of them, on the cage floor. If whole and apparently undamaged, return them to the nest, and probably no harm will accrue from the accident. Lastly, in exceptional cases both the cock and the hen are known to eat the eggs sometimes. This can only be proved beyond doubt by careful and patient watching. If the cock is the culprit, the remedy is to remove him and leave the hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself. If the hen is the delinquent, the only remedy is to transfer the eggs to another hen to be hatched out, and the young reared by her.

A THIRSTY SUBJECT (Novice, Leicester).—In addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of banana daily instead of green food, and withhold the latter for a time. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this daily for a week instead of plain water. After the first week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight. If bird is not quite well in that time write again, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further.

A RASPING VOICE (Mr. Arthur).—All cock Canaries are not born to shine as songsters. The purity and timbre of the voice with them varies in individuals just as it does in the human race, and I should say that your bird is just one of those that are not endowed by Nature with a fine voice. As he has never sang, and yet remains in good health, as is shown by him filling clutches of eggs, it is not likely that any treatment will have any effect on the quality of his voice, so you had best be content with him as Nature has made him and not inflict useless treatment upon him.

WILL NOT SING (Downhearted Novice). Your feeding is not quite correct, and red millet is not at all suitable for Canaries. When millet is advised for any purpose, it should always be the white that is given. The constant moulting also points to the birds being kept either in a draughty situation or one where the temperature fluctuates a good deal, and either or both of these causes must be removed before you can expect the birds to be any better. Keep them in a bright and cheerful place, where the temperature is as equable as possible, which, in your situation, will be at a good distance from the fireplace. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of egg-food with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, cole, and broken groats. Give a small growing stool of young dandelion daily, cut off just below the ground, and give to the birds whole. You may give a supply of the seed heads in addition to this. When giving dandelion seed heads, gather when the seed in them is well formed, and still in the milky stage, cut off the downy part with a pair of scissors, break the head in halves, and throw in the cage. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel, every second day for a fortnight or so. It is useless treating the birds for lack of song. The song should come naturally soon after the moulting is stopped, and the birds are in good condition again, but it is doubtful if this will occur now until the birds have moulted properly for the year. It is also quite useless expecting them to breed whilst in this condition.

YOUNG BIRDS DYING (M. Sweetman).—I have no doubt that the cause of the young dying was the hen wanting to start nesting again too soon, and she was also evidently plucking the quills from the young. As the cock has been with her each time you should have removed him when she began to sit this time, and tried her alone. Many hens succeed well enough by themselves, even when they make a hash of things if they have the cock left to assist them. Remove him now if the young are not yet hatched. Give plain canary seed for staple diet. When the young are hatched begin giving egg and sponge cake in equal parts at first, and gradually alter this by easy stages until by the end of the first week you are giving soft food composed of equal parts egg, crushed sponge cake, and stale bread crumbs, and continue with this until the young are reared. Give only moderate quantities of soft food at a time, and supply fresh at least twice a day—three times would be better now the weather will be getting warmer. On the third day give a morsel of fresh green food—lettuce, watercress, chickweed, or the flowering tips of groundsel—but do not give any dandelion, and from this stage continue giving a little green food freshly gathered each morning and afternoon. When the young are eight or ten days old give a teaspoonful of cracked hemp daily, and a few days later you may also add a similar quantity of soaked rape daily, but see that the latter is not allowed to get sour. If the hen appears to flag in her duties offer her a bath in which you have dissolved as much common salt as will make the water faintly saline, dissolve a small crystal of sulphate of soda in the drinking water for a day or two, and add a pinch of maw seed to the soft food.

YOUNG YORKSHIRES MOPY (W. Farnes).—You do not say how you are feeding the birds, nor whether you have taken them away from their parents, though I take it you have done this, and in all probability the trouble is due to you either soaking seed for them or trying to wean them off soft food too suddenly. See reply to "Anxious Beginner" in this issue, and treat your youngsters in the same way, and I think you will find them improve in condition. Separate them from the parents, if you have not already done so, and keep in a moderate-sized cage until they are more active and lively.

A QUESTION OF MANAGEMENT (T. H. W. B.).—(1) Yes, you have done quite right in putting the young birds into a nursery cage, and returning the cock to the hen. As the young are three weeks old, and consequently well able to do without the hen, except for feeding, this was much better than leaving them in the breeding cage and introducing the cock among them. He may, or may not, have been spiteful towards them, but it is better to avoid any possible chance of such risk when the youngsters are as old as these. Keep a little egg food in the nursery, and also a box of canary seed, with a pinch of summer rape on top, so that they can learn to pick up for themselves. It is not very likely that the hen will wholly neglect them, and if she did the cock will probably see that they do not starve. As long as they are on the breeder they will doubtless be all right so far as getting enough food to keep them going is concerned. If they get a little short sometimes they will take no harm, and will learn to pick for themselves all the quicker. (2) No. 1 hen is not likely to be so long this time before going to nest again as she was with the first nest, but if she has not laid her clutch of eggs before it becomes imperative to mate up the second hen, you must allow the cock to run with each hen for one half of each day. Change him from one to the other at mid-day each day, and none of the eggs will suffer in fertility. Yes, the fertilising of the first clutch of this hen was rather quick work, but not at all exceptional when birds are in good breeding condition when mated.

SUCCES AT LAST (N. E. C.).—Am very glad to learn that by following advice given the Rollers are now doing so well, and truth the brood will be safely brought to maturity. (1) It is quite correct that the eyelids remain closed for some time after hatching—a week or so. The exact length of time depends upon the vigour of the birds and rapidity of development, but in all ordinary circumstances the eyes will appear somewhere between the sixth and tenth day. You are mistaken in thinking that they should appear almost at once after hatching. (2) It is quite safe to give nasturtium flowers to the birds when they are moulting. It is often done under the impression that it improves the colour of the new plumage without resorting to the orthodox method of colour feeding. (3) If the hen shows no signs of beginning to nest again you may allow the cock to remain with her until the young are out of the nest and beginning to make attempts to pick for themselves. Then remove the nest and all nesting material, which will tend to remove any desire to nest again on the part of the hen, and the birds may all be left together until the young can feed themselves, provided the hen does not ill-treat them. In the latter event, and also if she shows definite signs of wanting to nest again, take her away and leave the cock with the young to complete their rearing, which he will doubtless do quite well after they have left the nest.

ENCOURAGING (E. M. T.).—(1) Thanks for your letter. I am very glad to know that the Lizard has at last given you so much encouragement. As she is evidently of rather a fickle mood, I think it most likely that she shows partiality to the chicks that seem the strongest in the brood, which might easily account for her rearing only the two. All you can do in this matter is to endeavour to get all the eggs to hatch out in the shortest space of time, so that one has no unfair advantage of strength over the others. To do this you can only trust to removing the eggs as laid each morning, and keeping them properly stored in a small box of bran in a cool dry place, and giving them a half turn each day. Return them all on the evening of the third day. When the next brood is hatched, if she appears to neglect one or two of them, so that they perceptibly lose size, either hand feed these chicks once each morning and evening for a time, or give them to another hen having a brood about the same size, if such a one is available; the latter method for preference. Beyond this interfere as little as possible. (2) You may try putting a light cover over part of the cage front of the Roller hen that stays off her eggs for half an hour at a time. The extra seclusion and quietude may keep her more closely to her duties. You can do nothing else to prevent her gadding about if she is inclined that way. Still, you should always allow such hens to sit on their clutches the full time, as you will frequently find that after all the exposure has not been detrimental to the success of hatching out.

POOR LUCK (F. H. E.).—You certainly appear to have been unfortunate in your attempts at breeding so far, but if you followed closely the instructions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," as you say, you should have met with more success than this, provided you have healthy stock to work with, and the lack of this does not appear to be the cause of your failure, so much as the loss of the young after they have reached some age, which should certainly be avoidable, if you followed the advice in the book as to general feeding and management. I am rather hampered by lack of details, as you should have given fullest particulars of your general treatment, and any symptoms shown by the birds prior to death. Try the following method when you transfer the next brood to the nursery, and if the birds then go wrong, write at once, and give all particulars, when I will advise you. After placing them in nursery continue giving the parents the usual egg food, and hang the young on the front of the breeder in such a position that the parents can reach them conveniently to feed them. Also keep a shallow box of egg food, mixed rather dry, in the nursery, for the young to pick at themselves, and renew this each afternoon. As soon as you see that the young are picking up a little of this food for themselves, add a box of canary seed, on top of which add a little summer rape, dry, each morning. Give nothing else in the nursery until you find the young beginning to eat the rape or canary; they will probably begin with the rape. Then add a water vessel with pure fresh water, for an hour or so for a few days, and gradually increase the time, until by the time they are ready to take off the breeding cage you can leave it on the cage altogether. When feeding freely on the seed continue the canary with a pinch of rape on top as staple; give a heaped teaspoonful of egg food for a brood of four twice a day, and in the afternoon a teaspoonful of cracked hemp. In a fortnight or so gradually withdraw the egg food, and add a little of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp, rape, teazle, niger, and broken groats. When well on the seed diet, not before, add a half-ripe plantain stalk, or spray of seedy chickweed, seed-heads of dandelion, shepherd's purse, or grass, daily. Keep the cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and see that the food and water vessels are quite sweet and clean always. Beyond this adhere closely to the instructions in the book as to feeding and management, and I feel sure you will not have such wholesale losses in future.

A TRIPLET (A. M. C.).—(1) You should wait a few weeks now—until the end of the breeding season—before buying birds for next season's breeding. From November to February would be as good a time as any. Then, as you are quite ignorant of the subject, your best course would be to look up the addresses of some of the most prominent breeders of Rollers, which you would find in "Cage Birds Annual," select any one you prefer who has a reputation to maintain, and place yourself in his hands to make a suitable selection of stock for you, saying at the beginning what you are prepared to spend, or asking for a quotation of price for a given number of stock birds which will meet your requirements. (2) In doing up cages and filling cracks, you must be careful to do the work thoroughly, so as to leave no chance of the cracks re-opening, or of any being overlooked, and thus affording harbour for insect pests. It is a good plan to use putty softened with copal varnish, and work it well into the bottom of the cracks, and allow time for this to dry before proceeding further; then, if the putty cracks in drying, it can be retouched before applying enamel. Any good enamel, such as Aspinall's, is suitable, but if you do not mind the extra expense of bath enamel, there is no objection at all to its use. There is no risk whatever in employing any of these enamels if you allow it to become thoroughly dry and hard before introducing the birds. (3) No, the smell of a cage washed out with Izal would not do birds the slightest harm, even if introduced immediately the washing was completed.

CANARY QUERISTS

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BULLFINCH-CANARY (E.M.T.).—I am particularly interested in your doings with the Bullfinch and Canary. Why not let the hen sit on the eggs herself and, if any young, rear them? I say "if any young," because our experience is that the cock Bullfinch is not a fertile breeder when in captivity, or if so, only very occasionally. If any young are hatched give the hen hard-boiled egg mixed with stale sponge cake and a little best quality insectile food, the whole made slightly moist, also soaked seeds, green food, etc., as advised to F. E. N. in this issue. If you are successful I should esteem it a favour if you will kindly drop me a post card.

FAILING TO REAR (Edith Pearce Brown).—It appears to me that your want of success is caused through not supplying some form of insect food, although kindly remember that our British Finches are not to be relied upon to incubate and rear their young ones, even in an aviary. Before the young ones are hatched I would advise you to supply the parents with a little hard-boiled egg, stale sponge cake, and a little best quality insectile food. When the little ones arrive add to this a few live ants' eggs and green fly. For seeds supply canary, rape, teazle, hemp and sunflower. Soak daily a little rape and teazle, and give in a separate vessel. Collect seeding groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse and all the various grasses, a good bunch of this food should be given daily, also supply them with currants, strawberries, raspberries, etc. If you cannot get them to rear upon this diet I fear you will have to try a foster mother another time, either a Canary or pair of Greenfinches, for of all the British birds these are the most likely to succeed.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (V.B.).—In an aviary the size you mention you would be able to keep a couple of dozen Finches and Buntings. I would advise you to commence with the following, which you can procure in the Autumn, and then add to your numbers when you have had some experience. All should be cock birds. Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Twite, Redpoll, Chaffinch and Siskin; the Buntings should be a Yellow, Reed and Cirl. All these would live upon a seed mixture with suitable green food. I think your ideas of construction are quite admirable. Do not make the roof too steep, or in the summer the hot sun will melt the tar, so that you will have it constantly dripping. Have the roof to come well over the front, and board up a foot or so at the bottom, as this will assist in keeping the floor dry in the winter. Your door in the partition should be a sliding one (not on hinges) and workable from the front; with this you will not have to go inside the aviary so frequently.

LINNET-CANARY WITH COLD (E. Greenaway).—Try the following remedy for your Hybrid. Take equal quantities of glycerine, whiskey, and lemon juice, and give 20 drops, in the drinking water. Three days a week offer a small quantity of bread soaked in hot milk, with three drops of cod liver emulsion on it. If he is very fat, reduce it with a dose of Epsom salts, and feed freely upon green food and wild seeds. Put him in a large cage, and let him bathe freely, and keep in a fairly even temperature, free from draughts.

HAND-REARING WOODPECKER (Woodman).—Yes, it is quite possible to hand-rear and keep Woodpeckers in captivity. When first taken they must be fed on a mixture of hard-boiled egg, home-made spongecake, and ants' eggs (live ones if possible), if not the best quality dried ones, soaked in warm milk, moisten the mixture with milk, and

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feed the young ones every hour. Do not cram them, but see that they have just sufficient to last them until the next feeding time comes round. A little experience will soon teach you how much to give. Feed as early as possible in the morning, and up to sunset, when they should have their heaviest meal. You should commence to feed them at the same time each morning, not early one day and late the next. Occasionally add a pinch of fine grit to the food, and keep the young and nest (which will be a handful of hay) as clean as possible. As they grow, add a little best quality insectile food to the mixture. In addition to this food, they should have some insect life of some kind—cut mealworms, baked or scalded gentles, small beetles, caterpillars, and any flies you can get hold of. When feeding themselves, insectile food will be their staple food, and if you encourage them when quite young to eat soft fruit, it will greatly assist in keeping them in health. A box cage with some pieces of Virginia cork fastened on the back and sides is the proper one to keep them in.

NAME OF SEED (J. Webb).—The name of seed sent is teazle, a most useful seed for all the Finches. It is a capital sample, well ripened and full. For Linnets you could mix two parts of it to three

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1): "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nut-shell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them." No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

parts of canary; for Goldfinches equal quantities. A little of it soaked in cold water for twenty-four hours makes a capital pick-me-up for birds slightly out of condition.

GOLDFINCH AND CANARY (B.S.J.).—Do not apologise; we are always pleased to assist our readers. To commence with, your cage should have a sliding partition, so as to be able to shut off the perch when the hen is expected to lay, or he will most likely destroy the eggs. Perhaps you can procure a small cage to run him in, which will do equally as well. If the beak of the Finch is clear—that is, not black stripe down the upper mandible, he is in breeding condition, and he should occasionally sing to the hen. Give them a nestpan, some moss, and cowhair to build with, and when the nest is completed, shut off the Finch over night. If the hen has laid, in the morning take the egg away, placing a dummy one in the nest; you could then return the Finch until night, when remove him again. When the hen has laid three eggs, put them all back again, and do not interfere with her any more. On the thirteenth day give a little egg and biscuit, and crushed hemp. If she is a good mother she will feed the young upon this food, with a spray of watercress, dandelion leaf, lettuce, or chickweed. Your feeding appears to be about correct, excepting that I would advise a spoonful of crushed hemp twice a week, and half-a-dozen sunflower seeds daily for the Finch. If you are unable to procure green food, you should place a little rape seed in some shallow dishes, and keep them damp and warm, when they will soon commence to germinate. You can then cut out a wedge and give to them (but not while the hen is sitting, she should have canary seed only). If you have two or three trays going, you can keep up a constant supply, but vary it with other green food if possible. (2) A little of your home-made sponge cake would be quite the correct thing to give them.

REARING FINCHES (F.E.N.).—To rear your Finches, if any are hatched, supply the old birds with hard-boiled egg and stale home-made sponge cake, and as you say the hen will eat greenfly and ants' eggs, these should also be given. In a separate vessel supply soaked rape and teazle, and a spoonful daily of crushed or lightly cracked hemp. The same food would do for the Bullfinches. Up to the present we have found nothing so useful as hard-boiled egg for rearing purposes, and although the authority you quote says it causes blindness, it has not been my experience, and I have reared some hundreds of all kinds, egg being the main ingredient. For green food, supply seeding food rather than green leaves. You will find they will do far better upon it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

RED AND GREEN PARRAKEET (L.J.N.).—I am not at all sure of the species of your bird, and I think it would be better if you send colour of beak and examine its tongue and ascertain whether it is quite smooth, or if it is brush tipped, and let me know. Again, it is a young bird and not yet in adult plumage. It is most likely that the loss of feathers on the head is occasioned by the bird's wildness. It ought to begin to show signs of settling down now, but you'll have to persevere on this point. Be very quiet and still when in the vicinity of its cage, especially when renewing food supplies, etc. You must continue the sop for the present, and give it a seed mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts. Also offer it a little of whatever ripe fruit you happen to have about. It will ultimately take to it. For the next two months put a few drops of cod-liver oil on to the sop daily, and put one-third of a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water, for some little time to come. The bowels should be kept moving freely, but the voidings should not be watery. Whenever the voidings are at all stiff, a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia should be put in the water in lieu of the phosphates, for one day, and repeated as may be necessary to secure free movement without undue looseness. You must not use a metal drinker when giving drugs. Keep cuttlebone and grit in the cage. Report progress a month hence.

AILING BLUE-FRONT (E.H.).—I suspected you had been indulging the bird in unwholesome items. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery loose. On the intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water. Diet: A little boiled maize (about a tablespoonful) daily, boil till soft, drain off all water, then add ten drops of cod liver oil, and supply to the bird when cool. Seed mixture: Two parts each canary, white millet, and oats, 1 part each wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds, half part shelled nuts, well mix and keep supply in cage. Also give, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit ad lib, dry crusts, biscuit, plain cake, and various nuts. Keep cuttlebone and grit, and a piece of half-rotten branch of a tree continually in the cage. Before commencing to give the phosphates, give three doses on consecutive days of bromide of potassium; dissolve three grains in a little syrup, and stir this into the drinking water, repeating it three days running. If the bird gives any signs of the attacks coming on, having recourse to the bromide treatment may ward them off. Treat as above and report progress in fourteen to twenty-one days, but if it becomes worse write at once. If it should die, send the body for post-mortem examination to Mr. Yates.

GREEN PARROT, ETC. (Collier Boy).—One pint each canary, white millet, and oats, half a pint each hemp, sunflower, maize, wheat, and shelled nuts; well mix, and keep a supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, shelled nuts, plain cake, biscuit, stale crusts, and keep cuttlebone and grit continually in the cage, also a piece of a half-rotten branch for it to exercise its beak upon. As it has been deprived of water for a time, you must only supply this at interval—that is, let it have a drink and take it away again, three or four times a day; in about a fortnight it should be quite safe to leave it in the cage altogether. Re Budgerigars, when out of breeding condition there is not much difference between the ceres of the sexes, but that of the cock is invariably the darker blue. The hen in breeding condition has the cere varying from dark cream colour to ruddy brown in respective individuals. Providing the hen is not quite young or moulting, if there is no change in a month, I should exchange one of them for a hen in breeding condition, as indicated by the cere.

NERVOUS PARROT (Polly).—The nervousness will pass; it is merely a matter of time. Continue the treatment till the bird is quite well. As regards the tiresome performance, whenever this becomes too pronounced, cover it up, but do not throw cloth over in a manner likely to scare it. At other times interrupt it by talking to it, etc., and as it gets more advanced and increases its vocabulary, the other may be gradually unlearned. The thing is, whenever it makes the objectionable noise cover it up or interrupt, but not in a way to occasion a scare. Settling down is merely a matter of time, patience, and kindness, and varies with respective individuals.

WILL IT PAY? (Mowgli).—I am afraid those who make foreign bird keeping pay are few and far between. Most aviarists find their hobby costs them something per annum. I fear you can't do much with an aviary of the size you name, though it is a handy size to fill with one gregarious species. If you have space for several of them, one could be given up to five pairs of Yellow Budgerigars, another up to the same number of Green Budgies, yet another could be given up to a pair each of Red-rump Parrakeets, Cockatiels, and Black-faced Lovebirds; others could contain three pairs of Zebra Finches and one pair Bib Finches, pairs each of Ruficauda and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Gouldian, Parrot, and Diamond Finches. I must say, though, that except for Budgerigars, Zebra Finches, and one or two others, foreign species are very

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

erratic as to breeding, doing well one year and nothing another, or trying one's patience sadly before they make a start. With ordinary luck, Budgies, Zebra Finches, Black-faced Lovebirds, Red-rumps, and Cockatiels should pay their way, though with the exception of Budgies you may get no result the first year. Consider this reply, make up your mind definitely what you will keep, then query me on any doubtful points.

SUGARBIRD AND GOULDIANS (T.W.M.).—The Y.W. Sugarbird moults and goes out of colour in the autumn, becoming green with a few blackish feathers in wing, etc., resuming the gorgeous black, purple, turquoise, and yellow in the spring. Goulds will also moult in late autumn. Diet for Sugarbird—milksop, prepare so: two pieces of spongecake about one inch cube, one teaspoonful Nestle's milk, one teaspoonful honey, about three tablespoonfuls of boiling water, and well stir together, if not sloppy add a little more boiling water. Also supply ripe fruit; some specimens like a couple of mealworms daily, others will not touch them, but all will take small flies and spiders. Re the Gouldians, keep them in a cage by themselves for a while, so that they get a restful and quiet time. Put them on a course of Dinneford's Magnesia and hynophosphates; give the Dinneford's every fourth day, and the phosphates in between, half a teaspoonful of either in the daily supply of drinking water. Supply greenfood, principally seeding and flowering green at this season. If the Goulds will take a little milk it will do no harm. Take the water away for a time, and then give them a little chilled milk, containing one drop of brandy or whisky to each tablespoonful. When the bird has had a good drink, take it away and replace the water, offering this once a day if the birds can be induced to take it, it will certainly help.

CRYSTAL PALACE AVIARY CAGE (A. Porter).—You have two of the compartments occupied, I gather, by Canaries and Budgerigars, so that you have only one available for the foreign Finches. Presumably the division is about 18 inches square—really only breeding accommodation for one pair, or half-a-dozen mixed birds. If you have the mixed lot, add a pair of Gold-breasted Waxbills (4/6 pair), and hang up three rush nests to the top of cage as song sleeping quarters for them. If you want to breed otherwise dispose of your Waxbills, and get a pair of Zebra Finches. They are on the market at the present time at 10s. per pair. Your Orange-cheek was a newly imported bird, and most probably died from exhaustion following thereon. Get our Nutshell "Waxbills," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, and treat your birds as advised therein. At the present juncture, you could put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water each Sunday and Wednesday for two or three weeks, and on other days the same quantity of syrup of phosphates. Give them some tufts of flowering grass and other weeds to pick over.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton and Dis.—June 20, Red Lion, 7 p.m. Monthly meeting postponed from last Saturday on account of first N.F. show, and make arrangements for next show.—G. Beardall.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—June 20, Jolly Gardeners', Rotherhithe New Road, 4 p.m. Young stock show; fanciers invited.—R. Jackson.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—June 20, Assembly Rooms, 2.45. F.F. show. Birds staged 2.45. Judge, A. M. Craven, Shipley.—H. Shaw.

Bishop Auckland and Dis. C.B.S.—June 24, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30 p.m. Business: Report of table show and other important business.—R. Elliott.

Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S.—June 27, Calderwood Arms, 7 p.m. Replies from judges, and general business.—Jas. Stirling.

Bradford East O.S.—June 20, Park Chapel Schools, 2.30. Members' show, F.F.; birds staged 2.30 prompt. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Entries Friday night, from 9 to 10; show closes 5.30.—W. Cruise.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 20, Ramble to Luddendenfoot. All members and friends are heartily invited to meet at Four Lane Ends, at 2.30 p.m.—W. H. Hillman.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 20, Flying Dutchman, 8 p.m. prompt. Sp. business, alteration of classification for open show.—W. Helliwell.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 27, The Rotunda, Montpelier Street entrance, 4 p.m. Annual summer show.—A. S. Treasure.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—June 27, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7 p.m. F.F. show business. Will members please attend and bring all ticket money from above show.—Smith and Lees.

Chopwell C.B.S.—June 20, Club Hall, 7. Decision of show date. Resignation of secretary.—W. Tomlinson.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—June 22, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Orders taken for colour food tickets, ready for young stock show, and other business.—H. Saunders.

Coventry O.S.—June 24, Sydenham, 8.30 p.m. prompt. Young stock show, distribution of tickets and schedules, etc.—A. Green.

Crewe and Dis. O.S.—June 23, Burton Hotel, 8 p.m. prompt. Ticket money N.F. show.—N. L. Crop.

Derby and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20, Normanton Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Meeting; business, selection of place for July F.F. show; general.—F. W. Jordan.

East Ardsley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 27, Black Swan, 7. Lecture to be given by Mr. E. Norton on Canary. All members and friends invited.—H. Cockrem.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—June 24, at the usual time, meeting (instead of June 27th).—W. Clarkson.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.—June 23, Masonic Halls, 100, West Regent Street, 8 p.m. Election judges annual members' show, also lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. A. Maxwell.—A. K. Chalmers.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—July 4, Grange Schools. F.F. show; all birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt. Judge, Mr. T. Tidswell.—A. Firth.

Green Can. Assoc.—June 25, Oldham Hall. N.F. show. Usual classification. Full classes British, 1 Mule class.—F. Handley.

Halifax and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20, King's Cross Band Room, adjourning Trafalgar Inn. Birds staged 2.30 p.m. Judge, H. Sutcliffe, Esq., Shipley. First N.F. show and meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Halifax O.S.—June 20, Plummet Line Hotel, 2.30. N.F. show. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday, Shipley. Entries taken before staging. Also meeting to decide tenders for colour food during judging.—H. Clegg.

Idle and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20, White Bear Inn, 2.30. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries and meeting Friday night, 8 p.m. Schedules same time.—C. E. Hylton, Sec.

Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.—June 23, White Swan, 8.30 p.m. Entries for N.F. show.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 24, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Schedules and entry forms for N.F. show. Orders for colour food to be given in.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—June 24, Headquarters, 8 p.m. prompt. Entry night F.F. show; good attendance requested. Entries close 9.30 p.m. Subs. to be paid at this meeting. Jno. R. Windle.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 20, Oldham Hall, 5 p.m. N.F. show. Judges, J. W. Metcalfe and W. Jones.—J. Lloyd.

Middleton C.B.S.—June 22, Old Boar's Head, 8 p.m. Special meeting for F.F. show. All members turn up to avoid unnecessary notification, and make show a success.—Jas. Hulton.

National B.B. and M.C. June 25, The Feathers' Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8 p.m. General business.—J. P. Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S. June 23, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpenbury, 8.30 p.m.—A. Colley.

Northern Norwich P.C.—June 27, Mr. J. Mackenzie's, High Friar Street, 7.30 p.m. Allotting of patronage, etc.—F. W. Laidlow.

Openshaw Goston and Dis. C.B.S.—June 24, Alhambra Clubrooms, Higher Openshaw, 8 p.m. Lecture, Breeding for Colour, by Mr. T. Harrison.—Arthur W. Newton.

Poplar C.B.S.—June 25, All Hallows, E. India Docks Rd., 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. A. E. Leech on The Norwich Canary.—F. H. Marhoff.

Portsmouth and S.C. C.B.S.—June 24, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Final arrangements for young bird show, fixed for July 8.—G. T. Hall.

Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S.—June 25 and 27, Headquarters, 7 p.m. Show business.—John Shephard.

Radcliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—June 24, Headquarters, Wareing's Dining Rooms. Entries for First Feather show, and other business.—G. Lord.

Redcar and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20, Crown and Anchor, 3 p.m. First N.F. show.—C. L. Mallory.

Sale and Dis. C.B.S.—June 24, Excelsior Club, Suttou Road, 8 p.m. General business. Members please note change of meeting night.—H. Whitney.

St. Quintin's Park Kensington and Dis. F. and F.S.—June 25, Headquarters, 8 p.m. sharp. Judging competition.—A. J. Foy.

Southern Border F.C.—June 22, Guildhall, Wardsworth Road, 8 sharp.—F. W. Burton.

South Moor and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20, South Moor Hotel, 10.30. Members N.F. show. Birds to be staged at 10 a.m. Judge, Mr. Wm. Reid.—Chas. Davison.

So. Shields.—June 20, "Cyprus," 7.30. Business important.—W. L. Smith.

Stanley (Victoria) F.F. and C.B.S.—June 21, Club Room, 6.30 p.m.—W. Elliott.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—June 24, "Eagle." Evening show. Separate classification for 1914 bred. Three valuable "points" sps. Entries close Monday, June 22, to A. Wasey, Sec., 18, Buxton Road, Stratford, E.

Swindon and Dis. F. and F.A.—June 24, The Baths, 8 p.m. Table show of cage birds bred this year. Fanciers heartily invited.—W. J. Moran.

Tong and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20. First members' show. Birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. Judge, Mr. F. Self, of Clayton.—W. Walker.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—Ramble. Meet headquarters 10 a.m., Bidston Church 10.45 a.m. All fanciers cordially invited.—W. Hodgkiss. (No date given.—Ed.)

Wandsworth and Dis. F.S.—June 25, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8 p.m. Important business of the open show.—W. Lightfoot.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—June 22, Cambridge Park Hotel, Wanstead, 8 p.m. General meeting. Prizes and specials won at May show will be awarded.—H. S. Lofthouse.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.—June 25, Blue Bell Saleroom, 8 p.m.—E. M. Nelson.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 20, Blue Bell Hotel, 8 p.m. Classification for open show, also balance-sheet for members' show.—Taylor and Ellis.

WHAT ARE THEY? (A. Abbott).—I am quite at fault from your description. Please try again at a description, and if there is any one spot of distinctive coloration, carefully name. Also compare them both as to size and form, with some well-known bird. While I do not recognise them from your description, it would almost appear from same that they are different species. Could you make a very rough coloured diagram? If not, give me information asked for above, and I'll have another try. Am keeping your query by me.

PHEASANTS, ETC. (R.H.W.).—You will have little or no luck with several species of Pheasants in the same aviary. Again, you must not keep either Tree-pies, Blue-pies, or Hangnests in an aviary containing Weavers and Whydahs, or similar sized birds. The Pies would also be sure to steal the Pheasants' eggs, also to dine on the newly-hatched chicks if they got the opportunity. Again, the definition of "finest" is an open one. Some would apply it to gorgeous species, and others to beautiful species of a quieter hue. As regards the former, there is the well-known Golden Pheasant, and as regards the latter, the exquisite Peacock Pheasant. You will do better to put in a cock and several hens; single hens are often killed by the ardour of their mates. Here are a few: Gold, Lady Amherst's, Elliot's, Peacock, Monaul, or Impeyan, Silver, Reeves, and Swinhoe's. I do not care to give values on the spur of the moment, as it is very variable. Peacocks would be costly, and Monaul more costly still, excepting perhaps the Gold and Silvers none are cheap. These two would vary from (approx.) 40s. to 60s. for a cock and three hens. The others mostly very much more costly. I certainly only advise one species. I think in Foreign Bird advertisement column some handsome species were advertised in our issue of June 6th. You should look it up and write for details and prices.

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AVIARY QUERIES (J. W. R.).—You give me no idea of size of aviary, so I can't express any opinion as to whether you are overcrowded or not. Diet is about right—it's a case of the idiocynerasies of individual pairs. All you have to do is to exercise a little patience and they'll settle down to nest; even November is not too late for them. Cutthroats like a little live food when they are rearing young. Live ants' eggs and gentles are the best, but I have reared many on dry ants' eggs, seed, and green food. If you keep a few pieces of broken biscuit about while the Rosellas are feeding young, that is all that is necessary in addition to the usual menu, and they may not take these. Keep a separate tin of white oats in the aviary at this period. Re the Cockatiels, sometimes they have very large broods, but eight is a heavy drain on the parents. Supply oats and crushed oats to assist them. The soaked household bread should be squeezed almost dry before giving to the birds. I never give it; prefer to use broken biscuit.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. T. Easton.—We have forwarded your letter, for which, by the way, you omitted to enclose postage.

T. Eaton.—We consider it has been clearly established, in at least one case, that Mules have bred. It is an exceptionally rare occurrence, as is only to be expected.

A. S. Colne.—The opening of the catching season varies in many counties and districts, as do the birds which are protected all the year round. You should send two penny stamps to Messrs. Wyman, Printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and ask them to send you a copy of the Wild Birds' Protection Act for whatever county you require.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Bailey.—Splenic apoplexy, a disease arising from the introduction of poisons in the blood, either generated in the system, or introduced as ptomaines. It may occur as part of another disease (this was not evident). A history of the case, however, would have been beneficial.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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WANTED, cock Ortolan Bunting, hen Waxwing: Peschemaker, Ringmore, Teignmouth. (1659)

CHAMPION Melba Finch, 1st, spl. Newcastle, 1st Bradford National, 1st, spl, Carlisle, etc., magnificent specimen, thoroughly acclimatised, £3: F. Howe, 54, Thomas-st., Wellingborough. (1664)

IF you want a genuine Talking African Grey or Amazon Parrot, let me know before deciding to purchase elsewhere; also exhibition and breeding Budgerigars, etc.: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

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FOUR Crown Cranes, £35; Airiel, 3 Spotted-beak Toucans, Black Mongoose, 25/-; Mongoose, 18/- pair; Bush Cat, 40/-; big Chimpanzee, £35; Crested Cardinals, 5/-: Amazon Parrots 18/-: Hayter, Naturalist, Importer, Southampton. (1663)

SHAMA in full song, 45/-; Golden-fronted Green Bulbul, 50/-; one pair Himalayan Crested Black Buntings (Melophus melanictorus), £3; one pair Petz Conures, 35/-; one pair Cuban Conures, £3 10/-: Cross, Menagerie, Liverpool.

ACCLIMATISED pairs Sidney Waxbills, 35/-; Yellow Sparrows, 20/-; Red-headed Finches, 12/6; Emerald-spotted Doves, 20/-; Crested Cardinals, 6/- each; hen Olive Finches, 7/6; Whitewinged Whydah, 10/-: Yealland, Binstead, Wight. (1665)

FOR sale, brood of 15 Californian Quail, six weeks old, singly or otherwise; pair Olivo Finches, reared young this year and last; pairs Red Billed Weavers, Spice Birds; cocks: Silverbills and Bib Finches; all from garden aviary: Montgomery, Hornsea, East Yorks. (1660)

FROM outdoor aviary, Gouldians, nesting, 25/- pair; Zebra Finches, on eggs, 9/6 pair; Budgerigars, Green, 6/6 pair; Yellow, 8/6; Ringnecked Parrakeet, fine big pet bird, 30/-; Crimson Lory, beauty, 60/-; White Javas, 8/6 pair; must be cleared, all guaranteed: Haddon, 32, Douglass Villas, Fairfield South, Kingston-on-Thames. (1659)

BEAUTIFUL Alexandria Parrakeet, whistling, make good talker, 10/-; large cage, 3/6; cock Cutthroats, 2/- each; Madagascar Lovebirds, 4/6; Cutthroats, 3/6 per pair; outdoor aviary, acclimatised; massive cock Skylark, in large bow-fronted cage, 6/-; singing day long, genuine. C. Read, Bingley.

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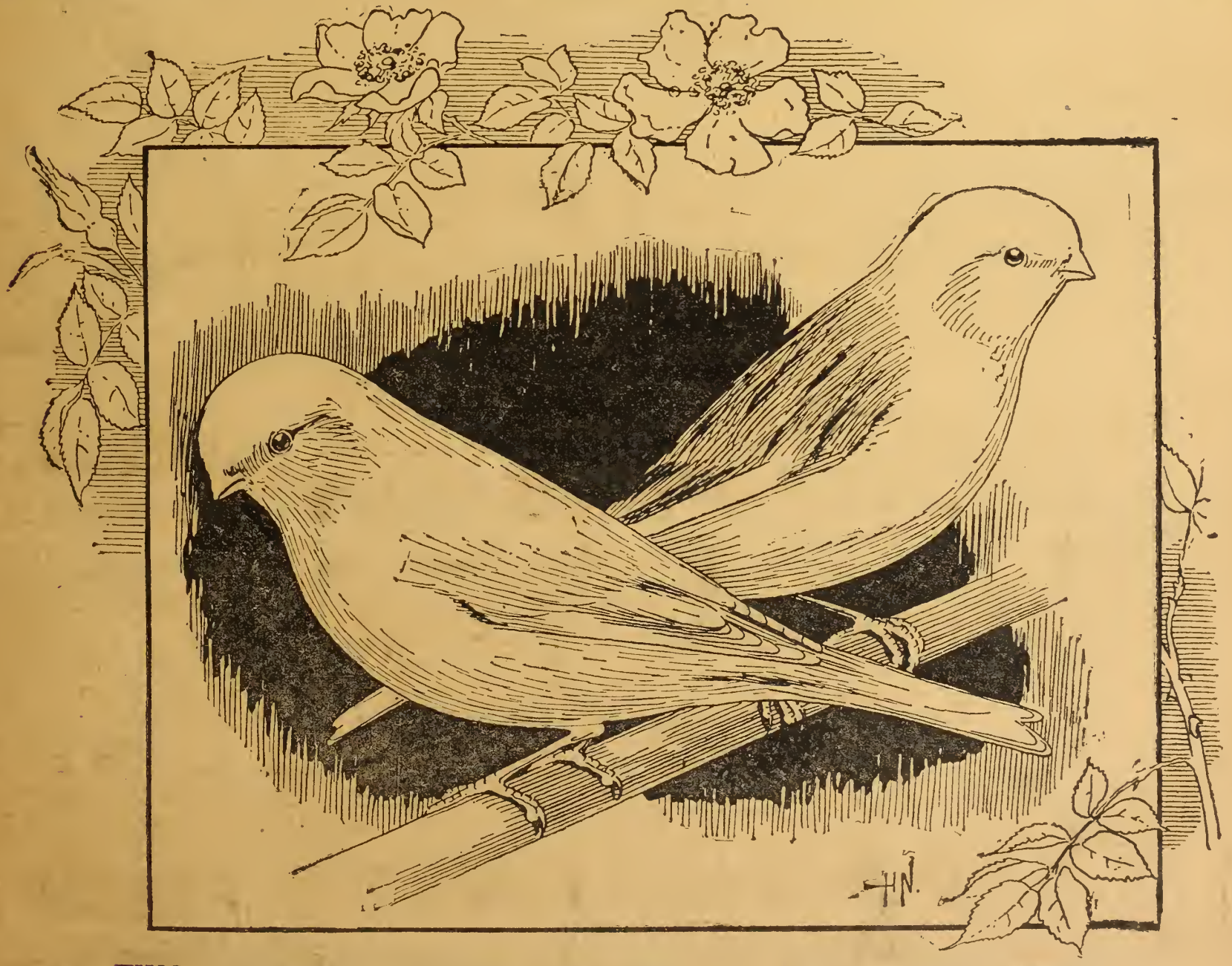

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EAST HAM AND DISTRICT F.S.

Third monthly show, June 11. Mr. G. Gardner, judge.

YORKS.,: 1, Potter. NOR.: 1, 2, Turner; 3, res, Wells; vhc, Wadsworth. GOLDF.: 1, Wadsworth; 2, res, Bosher; 3, Wells; vhc, Potter. A.V. HARD BILL: 1, sp, Richmond; 2, 3, res, Wadsworth; vbc, Bosher.—W. Kite, Hon. Sec.

IDLE C.B.S.

First show of season, White Bear Inn, June 20, Mr. C. A. House judged, and had only a small number to adjudicate upon, but they were a good little lot, the novices doing well all through, and seeing that they were showing among the champions they came out with flying colours, Mr. B. Baxter, a novice, winning special for best bird, also most points.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, he, Thomas; 2, Sparks; 3, 4, Baxter; vhc, Chippendale; c, Pearson. BUFF (11): 1, Chippendale; 2, Pearson; 3, c, Pitts; 4, Baxter: vhc, Major Hall; he, Thomas. EVEN, ETC. YELL. (4): 1, 2, sp, Baxter; 3, 4, Pitts. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Pearson.—C. E. Hylton, Sec.

TONG C.B.S.

First members' show of season June 20, Haud and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Sixty birds were staged, and were judged by Mr. F. Self (Bradford), who gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. CL. OR TKD. YELL (9): 1, Casey; 2, 3, Gledhill; 4, Atkinson & Firth. BUFF (14): 1, L. Hodgson, sen.; 2, Padgett; 3, Wright & Son; 4, Pacey. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Gledhill; 2, Padgett; 3, Jennings. BUFF (10): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, L. Hodgson, sen.; 4, Casey. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL (7): 1, 2, Wardman; 3, 4, Jowett and Robertshaw. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Jowett and Robertshaw; 2, Russell; 4, Wardman. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Russell; 2, Aspden Bros.; 3, Holt Bros.; 4, Wright. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Russell; 3, Preston; 4, Wright.—W. Walker, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Annual members' F.F. show, June 20, headquarters. 75 birds were staged. Mr. H. W. Walsh, Halifax, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Quarmby; 2, Mosley; 3, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, Gledhill; he, Rhodes; c, Gee. BUFF (14): 1, Shanks; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Townend; vhc, Seedhouse; he, Cartwright; c, Quarmby. MKD. YELL. (12): 1, he, Radley Bros.; 2, Cawtheray and Son; 3, vhc, F. Sykes; c, F. Ellis. BUFF (25): 1, 2, F. Sykes; 3, Shanks; vhc, Atkinson; he, Radley Bros.; c, Wood. CINN. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Cawtheray and Son; 2, Cox; 3, Gledhill; 4, Morris. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, Wood, Norwich. A.O.V. YELL. (4): 1, Morris; 2, Battye; 3, vhc, Skinn. BUFF. (6): 1, vhc, Cawtheray and Son; 2, Morris; 3, Battye; he, c, Skinn.—A. Lawford, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First feather show, June 20, Park Chapel Schools. 64 birds were staged. W. A. Cowgill judged and gave general satisfaction.. G. Northrop won first for most entries; W. Laycock and S. Woad tied for second most; W. Stables, G. Northrop, W. Laycock, and C. E. Walker, in champions, and G. Bousfield, J. Verity, W. Walker, and W. Wheelwright, novices, were winners of most points.

CL. YELL. (8): 1, Stables; 2, Laycock; 3, Farrar; 4, Northrop: vhc, C. Walker; he, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Woad. BUFF (11): 1, Northrop; 2, Laycock; 3, he, c, Wilkinson; 4, Woad; vhc, Hill. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Northrop; 2, Laycock; 3, C. Walker; 4, vhc, Farrar; c, North. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stables; 3, 4, he, C. Walker; vhc, Northrop; c, Laycock. EVEN, ETC. (14): 1, Stables; 2, c, Northrop; 3, he, Laycock; 4, vhc, Woad. NOV. CL. YELL. (4): 1, W. Walker; 2, Wheelwright; 3, 4, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, W. Walker. TKD. YELL (3): 1, Bousfield; 2, W. Walker; 3, Wheelwright. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson and Son. EVEN, ETC. (7): 1, he, Bousfield; 2, 3, Verity; 4, Wilkinson and Son; vhc, Wheelwright; c, Hargreaves.—Wm. Cruise, Sec.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

First annual N.F. show, June 20th, South Moor Hotel, one of the nicest rooms we have yet come across, any amount of size, grand light, and absolute freedom from draughts. For a first attempt the show was a capital one, and as the enthusiasm of the members appears to be unbounded, there is every prospect of a fine future for this promising society. They are well led by that keen Border enthusiast, Mr. G. Bates, who as chairman leaves nothing to be desired, and he in turn is well supported by the vice chairman, Mr. J. Teasdale. The hon. sec., Mr. C. Davison, appears to thoroughly understand his duties, and all his work was carried out without the slightest hitch, while his courteous and kindly manner deservedly entitles him to the esteem and respect in which he is held by all the members. A hard-working committee is composed of Messrs. J. W. Robson, W. Laxton, J. Lowerson, J. Biggs, A. Dawson, and A. Roxborough, and one and all did their best to make the show a thorough success. We understand the members have not been blessed with a very good breeding season, yet a fairly good entry turned up, about 70 birds facing the judge. The Canaries were a nice lot, with the Borders predominating in point of quality, several really classical birds being staged in this section. British were also very nice, most of the birds being well up in feather and condition. The show was well attended, and there is every prospect of it being a financial success. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

NOR. YELL., 1914 (3): 1, Cant and Glendenning, medium size, nice col. and best of qual.; 2, J. Robson, fine size, lacks the col. of leader. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Anderson, cl., nice shape and size, good col and qual.; 2rd, cl., nice type, but not so massive; 2, Mason, var., nice shape, lovely qual.; vhc, Cant and Glendenning; he, c, no name. YELL. OLD BIRD (3): 1, Davison, grizzled wing, grand col., nice head, lovely feather; 2, Robson and Dawson, variegs. smaller, yet a nice one for shape; 3, Wheatman. BUFF (1): 1, Barron, nice shape, col. and qual. YORKS. YELL, 1914 (3): 1, Shelly, wing tkd., nice length and pos., good col., well drawn; 2, Bentinck, cl. shorter; 3, Cresswell, wing mkd. BUFF (3): 1, Bentinck, cl., nice one all over, good length and pos., well up, nice col.; 2, Cresswell, wing mkd., nice length and pos., beaten in wing carriage; 3, Shelly. BORD. YELL., 1914 (2): 1, Davison, cl., nice one, well rounded, nice col. and qual.; 2, Biggs, cl., nice shape. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Bates, two nice ones, leader fine shape, lovely col. and qual.; 2nd, equal shape, not quite the col.; 3, Lowerson, lovely feather, not far behind leaders; vhc, Biggs; he, Davison; c, Lowerson. YELL., OLD BIRD (2): 1, Bates, grand cl., lovely shape and col.; 2, Davison, cl., nice shape. BUFF (4): 1, Bates, cl., model, grandly rounded, nice col and qual.; 2, Davison, shade heavier in build, fine col. and qual.; 3, Robson and Dawson, wing and eye mkd.; 4, Biggs. A.O.V., 1914 (1): 1, Davison, nice size, shape and col. A.O.V. OLD BIRD (1): 1, Davison. MULE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, vhc, Peart, well-known team, leader Goldie-Greenf., needs no comment; 2nd, good Siskin-Can., fine size and shape, grand col. and condition; 3, Cresswell, lightly-marked Goldie-Can. LINNETS, H.M. (6): 1, Dawson, big and shapely, lovely col. and polish, well pencilled; 2, Bentinck, equal in size and shape to leader, but not the col. and polish, and a bit damaged in one wing; 3, Robson and Dawson, smaller build, nice shape and pencilling; vhc, Anderson; he, Cant and Glendenning; c, Barron. F.M. (4): 1, Dawson, nice shape, lovely col. and condition, best of feather; 2, Anderson, good one all over, but not the high condition of leader; 3, Robson and Dawson, good shape and pencilling; vhc, Bentinck. GOLDF., ETC. (4): 1, Mason, nice Goldf., well flushed face, nicely tanned, fine cond.; 2, Cant and Glendenning, another nice Goldf., not the rich col. of leader; 3, Robson and Dawson, medium-sized Bullf., nice col., bit rough in feather; vhc, no name. GREENF. (3): 1, Bentinck, nice size, lovely shape and col., good head; 2, 3, Peart, hardly so short and dobby as leader, but well up in feather and condition; 3rd, similar in shape, loses in size. REDPOLL (3): 1, Robson and Dawson, Lesser, lovely col., fine cond. and feather; 2, Davison, Mealy, nice size, good col., nice cond., bit unsteady; 3, Dawson, Lesser, better pencilled than leader, bit lacks the col. and condition. A.O. HARDBILL (4): 1, Bentinck, Yellowhammer, nice size and col., lovely feather and cond., steady; 2, Davison, Bramble, plenty of size, nice col., should make out well; 3, Mason, Bramble, medium size, runs rather light in col.; vhc, Barron. SISKIN, ETC. (1): 1, Peart, nice exbibit, and grand condition. FOR. (1): 1, Davison, nice cond. and feather.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

F.F. show, Crown Hotel, June 20. Judge was Mr. E. Godley (Rishton), who gave general satisfaction. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Hirst; 2, Crawshaw. BUFF: 1, Crawshaw; 2, Hirst; 3, Hartup. CINN.: 1, Hartup; 2, 3, Riding. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Crawshaw. BUFF: 1, Crawshaw; 2, 3, Hirst. NOV. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Harwood; 2, Parkinson; BUFF: 1, 2, Parkinson; 3, Harwood. YELL. YORKS.; 1, 2, Harwood. BUFF: 1, 2, Harwood; 3, Waddington. A.O.V.: 1, Hartup; 2, Riding; 3, Crawshaw. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Riding; 2, 3, Walsh. FOR.: 1, 2, Crawshaw; 3, Walsh. The Harold Baker challenge cup was won by A. Hirst, runner-up W. Crawshaw. Special for three best novice birds, W. Parkinson.

CREWE O.S.

Annual N.F. show held Co-operative Hall, June 13, when about 100 birds were staged. Mr. T. Harrison ably judged. A pleasing feature of the show was the success of the younger members, and the old hands will have to look to their laurels or the novices will wrest the Victor Willliams cup from them this year. There was a good attendance, which augurs well for the open show to be held in October. Awards:

NOR., BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Heaton. YORKS., CL.: 1, Potts; 2, Lawton; 3, Potts. TKD., VAR.: 1, Walker; 2, Elks; 3, Potts. BORDER. CL. BUFF: 1, Heaton; 2, 3, Croft. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Heaton. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Walker. BORDER, Green: 1, 2, Croft; 3, Lawton. MULE: 1, Potts; 2, Dunn; 3, Elks. GOLDF.: 1, Morgan; 2, Long; 3, Lawton. LINNET: 1, Morgan; 2, Gunning; 3, Jaycott. BULLF. and GREENF.: 1, Lawton; 2, Morgan; 3, Lawton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Heaton; 2, Jaycott; 3, Potts. CHAFFI.: 1, Betteley; 2, Dunn; 3, Jaycott. FOR.: 1, Elks; 2, 3, Grimes.

ALFRETON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First N.F. show held June 13. A good number of visitors turned up and great interest was taken in the various classes, which were well filled. There were about 50 birds entered and competition was very keen in most of the classes. This Society has amongst its members some of the best fanciers in the district. Two new members were made during the evening, and several others have promised to join. Mr. Simpson, of Pye Bridge judged, and gave every satisfaction in the unavoidable absence through illness of Mr. A. Wilson.

CLASS 1: 1, Vardy; 2, Shepherd. CLASS 2: 1, Smedley; 2, Vardy; 3, Shepherd; 4, Vardy; 5, Adnitt; 6, Smedley. CLASS 3: 1, Smedley; 2, G. W. Shepherd; 3, J. Aditt. CLASS 4: 1, Beardall, Class 5: 1, Vardy; 2, Beardall. Class 6: 1. Beardall. Class 9: 1, Vardy. CLASS 10: 1, Beardall; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Beardall. CLASS 11: 1, Green; 2, Holland; 3, Holt; 4, Green. CLASS 12: 1, 2, 3, Green. CLASS 13: 1, 2, Sawer. CLASS 14: 1, Andrews; 2, Abbott; 3, Andrews. CLASS 17: 1, Adnitt; 2, Herrott; 3, Holt. CLASS 18: 1, Adnitt; 2, 4, Holt; 3, Herrott. CLASS 20: 1, Newton.—G. Beardall, Sec.

BEDFORD & BEDS UNITED C.B.S.

First N.F. show, headquarters, June 18, Mr. J. Irons (Northampton) judged. Some very choice specimens were on view, notably those of Messrs. Osborn, Keech, and Valentine. These, providing they take the right turning during moult, will doubtless be heard of again.

YELL. NOR. (7): 1, c, Osborn, excels in head, grand cond.; 2, vhc, he, Keech, good type, shade longer than winner; 3, Corrie, excellent col. and type, beaten in head; 4, Beanland. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Osborn, typical, good head, rich col., rare cond.; 2, 3, Keech, rich quality beaten in shs.; 3, bigger bird, nice type, pale in col.; 4, Corrie; he, c, Beanland. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Osborn, nice short cobby one, correct type; 2, he, Keech, large mkd. bird, good shs., close up; 3, Corrie, nearly all gr., rare big one, good type; 4, vhc Beanland. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Keech, typical, good shs, nice qual.; 2, 4, vhc, c, Corrie, 2nd fine big bird, well made throughout; he, Osborn. MULES: 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Wright and Mayo, first three, dark Goldfinch, winner the biggest bird, the remainder Siskin Mules, quite young; 4, Mobbs. YELL. NOR. NOV. (6): 1, 3, Valentine, big slashing bird for a yell., a credit to a novice; 3rd another good one of nice quality; 2, Crawford, smart and typical, wants a bit more shs.; 4, Hudson; vhc, he, Fowler. BUFF (10): 1, he, Valentine, bonny big bird, rare type, lovely qual.; 2, 3, Hudson, nice coloured birds, beaten in body properties; 4, c, Crawford; vhc, Mobbs. JUNIOR CLASS: 1, 3, Crawford, jun., heavily marked yell., nice stamp: 3rd mkd. buff, good type; 2, 4, Thompson, nice mkd buffs.

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Table show, Station Hotel, Birtley, June 20. NOR. YELL.: 1, Redpath; 2, Lindsay; 3, vhc, Stanger; he, Redpath. BORD.: 1, vhc, he, Redpath; 2, c, Robinson; 3, Stanger. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, he, Redpath; vhc, Stanger. Decided that 1s. per class for N.F. shows be taken from society's funds. Members may pay their annual sub. of 7s. 6d. by 2s. 6d. at each N.F. show. No entries for such shows will be accepted unless the 2s. 6d. is paid, so that the annual sub. must be paid up prior to third N.F. show. First N.F. show at Chester-le-Street, July 4, when a good turnout is expected.—G. Lindsay, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

N.F. show, June 13, Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, with an entry of 65.

CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Clegg; 2, he, Wellock; 3, vhc, Whitley. BUFF: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Whitley; 4, Midgley; vhc, Bennett; he, c, Wellock. UNEVEN: 1, Bennett; 2, Wellock; 3, he, Midgley; 4, c, Kirk; vhc, Whitley. CIN., TK. or VAR.: 1, 2, Whitley. HEAVILY VAR. GR. or CINN.: 1, Midgley; 2, Bennett; 3, Kirk. NOV. CL. or TK. YELL YORKS.: 1, Smith; 2, 4, McEwen; 3, Terry; vhc, Ackroyd; he, c, Craven. BUFF: 1, 3, McEwen; 2, 4, Neesom; vhc, Terry; he, Askroyd; c, Craven. UNEVEN: 1, McEwen; 2, vhc, Terry; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Neesom; he, c, Butterfield. CIN., TK. or VAR.: 1, 2, Terry; 3, 4, Gordon. HEAVILY VAR. GR. or CIN.: 1, Neesom; 2, Terry. E. Clegg won special for best buff bird, and T. Smith for best yell.—W. H. Kilburn, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

F.F. show of Canaries and Brit. birds, June 13, in the Town Hall, East Ham. The exhibits were admirably staged and Mr. J. Robson's judging gave great satisfaction.

CHAM. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bennet. NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor; vhc, Perry. AMATEURS: YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Farmer; 2, Wilkins and Son; 3, he, Fox. BUFF and VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Farmer; vhc, Wilkins and Son. NOR., BUFF and VARIEG.: 1, Dalton; 2, Fox; 3, Manning. BORDERS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Potten. NOV.: YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Collinge; 2, he, Wadsworth; 3, Baxter; c, Pask and Webb. BUFF: 1, Blackmann; 2, vhc, Collinge; 3, Thomas; he, c, Carlton. VARIEG.: 1, Collinge; 2, 3, Major: vhc, Baxter; he, Blackman; c, Marsh. YELL. NOR.: 1, Ferridge; 2, Wadsworth. BUFF: 1, Wadsworth; 2, 3, Moore; vhc, Gedge; he, Burrows. VARIEG.: 1, Burrows; 2, Stopher; 3, Mrs. Stopher; vhc, Gedge; he, Ferridge. YELL. BORDER: 1, 2, Onslow. BUFF: 1, Kybert; 2, 3, Onslow. VARIEG: 1, 3, he, c, Daw; 2, vhc, Kybert. MULES: 1, Manning; 2, Mrs. Ballard. GOLDF.: 1, Parker; 2, Dalton; 3, Wadsworth; vhc, c, Ferridge; he, Walker. BULLF., ETC.: 1, 3, Parker; 2, Walker; vhc, Wadsworth. LINNET, SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Wadsworth; 2, Ferridge; 3, Parker; vhc, Wadsworth. WHINCHAT: 1, T. Walker.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

First annual N.F. show Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate, June 13. Entries were very good, 67 in all, and quality was better than for years past. Visitors attended from the surrounding districts. Mr. J. Warrender (Hoyland) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Brotherton took most points, but Messrs. Smith and Bagnell ran up very close. Mr. Taylor carried off most points in Norwich, Mr. Griffiths second, Mr. Bagnell third. Mr. Brotherton also took most points in British, Mr. Jones second, Mr. Allott third. Mr. Webster's noted bird, Bronscio, was on exhibition, not up to the usual form, no doubt from having a heavy breeding season.

CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, 2, Bagnell; 3, 4, vhc, Brotherton. TKD. OR MKD.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, 4, Brotherton. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Brotherton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Brotherton; 4, Bagnell. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Hunt; 2, Taylor; 3, Griffiths; 4, Webster; vhc, Turner. CLASS 6: 1, Griffiths; 2, Bagnell; 3, Hunt 4, Stafford. CLASS 7: 1, Griffiths; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Stafford; vhc, Turner. TKD. BUFF NOR.: 1, Griffiths; 2, Taylor; 3, Hunt; 4, Bagnell; vhc, he, Jones c, Stafford. A.O.V. YELL. NOR.: 1, he, Bagnell; 2, vhc, Webster; 3, Stafford; 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, vhc, Turner; 2, Webster; 3, Taylor; 4, Bagnell. GOLDF.: 1, Jones; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Brotherton. BULLF.: 1, Jones; 2, 4, Bagnell; 3, Allott. LINNET: 1, 3, 4, Brotherton; 2, Allott. REDPOLL: 1, Allott; 2, 4, Jones; 3, Turner.—Taylor and Bailey, Secs.

HALIFAX O.S.

F.F. show June 20 at Pluminet Line Hotel. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged. 85 birds faced the judge, which was considered very satisfactory considering another F.F. show was being held in the town at the same time. The judging appeared to give satisfaction to all, and several outstanding birds were to be seen, which, without doubt, will be heard of later in the season. A good array of British birds were present. Competition was keen, and seems likely to create interest throughout the series of shows. for the champion specials were tied for by Messrs. Burdekin Bros., S. Wilkinson, and D. A. Macpherson, with 13 points each, and novice specials by P. Child and C. Craven with nine points each.

YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (21): 1, Lloyd; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, Craven; he, c, Ogden. BUFF (19): 1, Townsend; 2, Speak; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Wilkinson; he, Child; c, Horsman. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Horsman; 2, Speak; 3, Holroyd. BUFF (5): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Horsman; 3, Child; vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; he, Woodhead. FOUL MKD. (6): 1, Child; 2, 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, c, Sladdin and Baldwin; he, Pilling. YELL. GR. (7): 1, Woodhead; 2, Sharp; 3, vhc, Thornton; he, c, Scruton. BUFF (3): 1, Sladdin and Baldwin; 2, 3, Sharp. NOR. YELL.: 1, Clegg; 2, 3, Corney. BUFF (8): 1, Ball; 2, c, Craven; 3, Corney; vhc, he, Clegg. MKD.: 1, Clegg. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Macpherson; 2, c, Mottram; he, Helliwell.—H. Clegg, Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

N.F. show, June 16, Dartmouth Hotel. Owing to poor breeding season numbers in Canary classes were down, although quality was to the fore. Mr. J. H. Roe judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Taylor; 2, Viles. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Barnsly and Palmer; 2, Taylor; 4, Viles. MKD. (1): Viles. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, 4, vhc, Beck and Digger. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, 4, Beck and Digger. MKD. (4): 1, Andrews; 2, 4, Beck and Digger; 3, Clay. GOLDF. or BULLF. (8): 1, 2, 3, c, Tonks; 4, vhc, he, Barnsly and Palmer. LINNET or GREENF. (3): 1, 2, Tonks; 3, Barnsly and Palmer. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Barnsly and Palmer; 2, vhc, he, Tonks. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Tonks; 2, 4, Barnsly and Palmer. NOV. BRIT., SISKIN, ETC. (2): Amos. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Povey; 3, 4, Amos.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

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PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY, AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First members' show of season held June 13, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entry was not over large, which was due to the bad breeding season we are experiencing in this district. Forty-one birds were staged in 6 classes. Mr. J. Chambers, of Leeds, placed the cards in a very able manner. Most points were gained by Messrs. W. Winn (19), E. Marsh (19), and A. Noble (18).

CL. TKD. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, 2, Marsh; 3, Noble; 4, Taylor; vhc, Winn; hc, Towler and Hargreaves; c, Page. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Winn; 3, A. Noble; 4, c, Allott; vhc, Marsh; hc, Wood. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Noble; 2, Bracewell; 3, Winn; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Page. BUFF (6): 1, Towler and Hargreaves; 2, Page; 3, Bracewell; 4, Marsh; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Taylor. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Wood; 2, Taylor; 3, hird abs. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Wood.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, held June 11th, Duke of York, which proved very successful. Mr. F. J. Weaver officiated. Mr. J. Gibbons brought forward motion re joint membership. After lengthy discussion, adopted. For the future, should two members exhibit jointly and keep their birds at one residence, their yearly contributions will be 7s. 6d., instead of 10s. Date for annual N.F. show, July 18th. Messrs. W. G. Andrews and G. Baker elected to judge. Judges for July 2nd evening show, Messrs. J. Gibbons, J. Millicamp, Hall, and Tinton (Nor.); and Messrs. Robinson, Hampton, Rowley, Louch (Yorks.); Messrs. F. J. Weaver and J. A. Tonks elected as master judges, that is, in the event two of above not coming to terms over an exhibit.

NORWICH, CL. (9): 1, c, Loach; 2, 4, Hampton; 3, vhc, Robinson; hc, Weaver. TKD. (4): 1, Robinson; 2, Hampton; 3, Weaver; 4, Ball. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, Ball; 2, c, Hampton; 3, vhc, Weaver; 4, Loach; vhc, Rowley. VARIE. OR GREEN (4): 1, Loach; 2, Robinson; 3, Hampton; 4, Weaver. YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, Gibbons. TKD.: 1, 2, Gibbons. MKD.: 1, Gibbons.—J. Gibbons

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

First members' N.F. and British bird show June 20, Cwm Assembly Rooms. The show was fairly patronised, many old exhibitors from around the district being present. Entries were not so many as previous year, many of our members not having a youngster to stage, but I hope they will make up at our next show, held July 18. Norwich were not numerous, but a few nice quality birds were amongst them. Mr. F. Selby doing well in the novice classes. Yorks were a good lot, some promising birds were staged by J. Pritchard. Also some of Mr. A. J. Salter's birds should be heard of again. The Borders were a fine lot and turned up very well, some good birds being staged by G. T. Jones, W. Cooper, and W. Lapworth. In the British, Mr. D. Edwards had best bird in show with a noted Goldie in fine bloom, some nice birds also being shown by H. Mortimer and J. Meredith. Spl for most points in Norwich was won by Geo. Broome: Yorks, J. Pritchard; Borders, G. T. Jones; and Brit. and Mules, H. Mortimer. Mr. A. E. Moule judged Canaries, and C. Lewis British and Mules, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Broome. MKD.: 1, Broome. NOV. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Selby; 3, 4, Morton. MKD.: 1, 2, Selby; 3, 4, Morton. YORKS CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Pritchard; vhc hc, c, Russell. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Pritchard; vhc, hc, c, Russell. NOV. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Salter; 2, 3, Terrett. MKD.: 1, Terrett; 2, Richards. BORD. CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 2, 4, Jones; 3, vhc, hc, Cooper. MKD.: 1 vhc, Lapworth; 2, 3, c, Cooper; 4, hc, Jones. MULES (YOUNG): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Mortimer. GOLDF.: 1, spl, 2, Edwards; 3, Mortimer; 4, Meredith. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 4, vhc, Meredith; 2, 3, Mortimer.—Geo. Broome, Sec.

HAYLE F.A.

Annual show, June 18, entries came up well considering that breeding is in full swing and there was a record entry. Norwich were good, especially the young class, 21 entries, and after the moult many will be heard of again. Yorks were a very fine lot, the young birds were champion, the class containing 22 entries; the winner is a gem of the first water. Hybrids and British class were the best seen in Cornwall for a long time, and well worth going a long way to see; the winner in the Hybrids, Palace winner, was a grand specimen of the Redpoll-Bullie, good size and col., Goldies were a nice level lot, the winner being a gem. We cannot speak too highly of the committee who are all genuine fanciers, and looked well after the interest of the exhibits; the Hon. Sec. is the right man in the right place. The Local Silver Cup for best three birds was won by Messrs. Rowe and Richards, and the Challenge Vase for most points was a tie between Messrs. Rowe and Richards and F. Collins with 94 points. Mr. W. J. Medlin (Falmouth) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, sp, Collins, good type and qual., nice head and wings, good tail and col., claimed; 2, Silk, good head and neck, very level col., nice cond.; 3, Strout, variег., good type and qual., nice wings and tail; 4, Ferrill, good col. and quality, nice type, good wiugs; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Sherman; c, Stephens and Gaved. BUFF (13): 1, Collins, grand type and qual., well mealed, lovely wings, and tail, good cond.; 2, Silk, good head and neck, nice level col.; 3, c, Hill, mkd. head, good type and qual., good wings and tail; 4, Pascoe, lovely cond. and qual., not the largest; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; hc, Sherman. BRED 1914 (21) grand class: 1, sp., Uren, mkd. head and wing, yell., good head and neck, nice wiugs; 2, Howard, cl., good type and qual., well proportioned; 3, Collins, yell., good head and neck, nice col.; 4, Andrew, another yell., nice wings and tail; vhc, Hill; hc, Cock and Son. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, sp., Boundy, good back, lovely wings and tail, sound cond.; 2, Julian, well up on leg, good col., well carried wings; 3, Andrews, good back, wings, and tail, nice legs; 4, Harris, very good type, well carried wings; vhc, Craven; hc, Oatey; c, Peters. BUFF (12): 1, Boundy, lovely col. and qual., well mealed, good legs; 2, Peters, nice back, wings, and tail, well up on leg; 3, Hoskin Bros., variег., nice qual., good back and wings; 4, Julian, good head, well packed wings; vhc, Ellis; hc, Craven; c, Harris. BRED 1914 (22): 1, sp, Boundy, yell. champion, lovely wings and back, grand legs; 2, Boundy, buff, very good col., nice legs, good tail; 3, Oatey, var., nice type and qual., grand back, well up; 4, Peters, yell. mkd. wings, good head and wings, stands like a guardsman; vhc, c, Ellis; hc, Craven. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, 2, c, Collins, yell. and buff cion., well known winners, in fine form; 3, Sherman, buff cinn., good type and qual., nicely carried wings; 4, Rowe and Richards, variег. Scotch Fancy, carries tail well under; vhc, hc, Kelynack, Crest and C.B., two good birds. LIGHT MULES AND HYB. (9): 1, sp, 2, c, Collins, noted team Redpoll-Bullie, 6-point Goldie buff, 4-point Goldie yell., all good cond.; 2, Hobba and Son, Goldie-Bullie, good col. and cond.; vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards. DARK (11): 1, 3, 4, c, Rowe and Richards, yell. Goldie, leading, good col. and size; 3, yell. Greenie, nice size and col., 4, another yell. Goldie, all shown in fine form; 2, Collins, buff Goldie, good blaze, nice size and col.; vhc, hc, Stephens and Gaved. GOLDF. (13): 1, sp, Polkinghorne, grand blaze, well mooned, good buttons, lovely chest; 2, vhc, c, Coombe, another good one, lovely blaze, good undercut; 3, Found, nice blaze, good col., well mkd.; 4, Evans, very sweet bird, nice blaze, good moons; hc, Polkinghorne. BULLF. (11): 1, 4, Rowe and Richards, two good birds, grand caps, lovely breasts; 2, Cock and Son, good cap and chest, nicely mkd.; 3, vhc, c, Polkinghorne, grand birds, all shown in the pink; 4, c, Cheney. GREENF. (15): 1, Howard, yell., grand size, good wings, lovely col.; 2, Hobba and Son, buff, nice wings, well mkd., nice size; 3, 4, vhc, Rowe and Richards, all good birds, fine size, col., and markings; hc, Coombie; c, Collins. BRIT. BEN (8): 1, vhc, Coombie, grand Hawfinch, good size, nice bib; 2, hc, Collins, Siskin, well mkd. flanks, nice size; 3, 4, Rowe and Richards, Siskin and Greenie, well mkd., god col. and size; c, Howard. HARDBILL, SMALL (11): 1, 4, vhc, Rowe and Richards, yell. Buntings, good markings and col., nice size; 2, Cock and Son, Bramble, good size, col., and markings; 3, hc, 3, Snowbunting, good whites, nice size and cond. A.O.BRIT. (9): 1, sp, 2, Stephens and Gaved, leader Clough, lovely col., bill and legs shining like satin, 2, lovely Waxwing, in good form; 3, 4, vhc, Collins, Yellow Wagtail leading, Hawfinch, and Blackcap, all well shown; hc, Hill and Payne; c, Rowe and Richards. FOR. (10): 1, sp, 4, Rowe and Richards, Silky Cowbird, shining like satin; 2, vhc, Dunstan, lovely colours, well mkd. in fine form; 3, 4, Stephens and Gaved, Weaver, well mkd. eyes, nice col.; 4, Love-bird; c, Woolcock.

BRIDLINGTON, DRIFFIELD C.B.S.

First N.F. show, Assembly Rooms, Driffield, June 19. Mr. G. A. Hunter judged, and his awards met with the approval of everyone. He had a difficult task to choose the winners, for the youngsters were one of the finest lots ever put down in a First Feather show; some of them will take beating in the coming show season. The buffs, both in Yorks. and Nor., were nearly double the entries of the yellows. British birds were a treat, ten species on view, some of them big winners last season. The greatest disappointment of all was the terrific thunderstorm, which lasted during the time the doors were open for the public. The result was a very poor gate, and a financial loss to the Society.

BUFF YORKS.: 1, 3, Dixon; 2, 4, Watts. YELLOW: 1, Watts; 2, 3, 4, Dixon. BUFF NOR.: 1, Clayton and Smith; 2, 3, Pressey; 4, Mallinson. YELL.: 1, Clayton and Smith; 2, 3, 4, Mallinson. BRIT.: 1, Mallinson, Bullf.; 2, Strickland, Goldf.; 3, 4, Clayton and Smith, Greenf. and Bullf. A Nest Feather show is to be held in Bridlington (The Mart), July 3rd: same classes as above. We hope for a fine day this time. Will intending members please communicate with Sec. Subs. due.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Meeting June 13, Druid's Arms, Bentley, Mr. Blanchen presiding over a good attendance. Classes for second N.F. show decided: Yorks Yell., Buff, Nor. Yell., Buff, A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb. (old birds), ditto (young birds), Goldf. or Bullf., Greenf., Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O. Hardbill, Softbill. Birds staged at 2; fee 1s. Judge, Mr. G. A. Pogmore. Members elected: Messrs. Evans, Cook, and Bates. First nest feather show, 54 birds were staged, some nice Yorks and Norwich were put down by Messrs. Norman, Freeman, Twine and Evans. British classes filled well, and some toppers were benched by Messrs. Bescoby, Tonkinson, Blanchon, Simpson and Cook. Mr. F. Barker judged, and gave general satisfaction. Special for best bird (a gold medal value 10s. 6d., given by Mr. W. Marshall) was won by Mr. Blanchon with his noted winning Goldie.

YELL. YORKS: 1, 3, Norman; 2, Whittington; vhc, Lumley. BUFF: 1, 2, Truman; 3, Norman; vhc, Whittington; hc, Poppleton; c, Lumby. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Twinc; 2, Evans; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Truman. BUFF: 1, G. Evans; 2, E. Simpson; 3, hc, Flint; vhc, J. Simpson; c, A. Smith. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Blanchon. MULE OR HYB.: 1, G. Evans. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 3, Blanchon; 2, vhc, Ball. GREENF.: 1, Cook; 2, Tonkinson; 3, vhc, Blanchon; hc, Ball; c, Pogmore. LINNET: 1, 2, Ball; 3, Smith; vhc, Pogmore. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Bescoby; 2, vhc, Pogmore. A.O. HARD: 1, hc, J. Simpson: 2, 3, Tonkinson: vhc, Bescoby.

HALLAM AND ECCLESALL.

After a lapse of two years cage birds were again introduced into the schedule of the Hallam and Ecclesall Agricultural Society, and a fairly good entry was received. The show was held in Endcliffe Park, Sheffield, June 18. Our old friend, Mr. R. Colton, was steward in charge, and right well did he attend to his duties. Some of our most noted northern exhibitors of British and foreign birds supported the show, thus, while the entry was not great, quality was splendid right through. Mr. H. J. Chick judged.

YORKS (3): 1, 2, 3, Cray, neat, shapely, stylish, close feathered variег. buff hen, and two stylish lengthy yells. NOR. cancelled. BULLF., ETC. (10): 1, Parlett, smart, clean cut Goldie, rich col., good blaze, checks and chest, very fit; 2, 3, hc, Fletcher, lovely rich glossy capped Bullie, sound chest, rare shape and cond.; 3rd very fine feathered Greenie, rich col., nice shape and size; vhc, Walsh; c, Leadbeater. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Fletcher, rich nutty brown Linnet, lovely feather, beautifully marked, rare shape and style; 2, Parlett, rich glossy coloured Twite, grandly mkd., in rare form; 3, Caunt, well laced, sound coloured Siskin, good cap, capital feather; vhc, c, Leadbeater; hc, Walsh. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Caunt, large, well feathered Hawfinch, splendid bib, capital head, lovely back and wings; 2nd grandly mkd., close feathered, rich coloured Yellow Bunting, splendid cond.; 3, Walsh, very smart Chaffinch, lovely head and breast, grand markings and feather; vhc, Parlett; hc, Leadbeater. SOFTBILL (6): 1, McLally, nice shaped Skylark, beautifully spotted breast, grand colour, very showy, grand fettle; 2, 3, Fletcher, beautifully marked Meadow Pipit, grand breast, rich col., lovely feather, very steady; 3rd well feathered Nightingale, grand shape, size, good col.; vhc, Walsh; hc, Williamson; c, W. L. and J. W. Drabble. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 2, 3, Fletcher, beautifully marked, rich coloured, close feathered Barraband, splendid head and throat; 2nd gorgeous coloured King, nice shape and size, well shown; 3rd grandly marked, gloriously feathered and coloured Brazilian Hangnest. SMALL (10): 1, c, Colton and Dawn, rich coloured, finely marked pair of Black-headed Gouldians, lovely heads and chests; 2, W. L. and J. W. Drabble, very handsome Green Tanager, rare colour and feather, splendid fettle; 3, vhc, Hibberson, very prettily marked, rich coloured, neat feathered St. Helena Waxbill; hc, Simpson.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Young stock table show, June 17. Mr. H. Sweetman judged to the satisfaction of all. Entries totalled 28 from ten members.

NOR. (6): 1, 2, res, A. Hammond; 3, hc, Grindley; vhc, Trevallion. YORKS. (15): 1, res, Salter; 2, 3, hc, c, Tolfree; vhc, Castell; c, Dr. Huggins. BORD. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Salter; special for most entries, Dr. Huggins. There was a good attendance. Members are requested to make their entries for young stock show, July 11th, early, and to make the show successful by giving their full support.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting and N.F. show, June 11. Some extra good birds were staged, especially in the British section, which looks like being the strongest section of our shows this year. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe and J. Jones, of Garston, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL. (13): 1, vhc, T. Handley; 2, 3, Greatrex; hc, Morton; c, Evans. BUFF (12): 1, T. Handley; 2, 3, Greatrex; vhc, Skilling; hc, c, Evans. GREEN (7): 1, Maxwell; 2, Skilling; 3, T. Handley; vhc, Mandley; hc, Evans; c, Plunkett. BUFF (7): 1, Plunkett; 2, 3, vhc, Evans; c, T. Handley. YELL. (3): 1, Vogel; 2, Maxwell; 3, McMahon. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Vogel; vhc, McMahon. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, vhc, Hartley; 3, Beatherton. GOLDF. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Hartley; 3, Simons; hc, Simons; c, Robertshaw. BULLF. (3): 1, Rothwell; 2, Hartley; 3, Robertshaw. LINNET (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, 3, Simons; vhc, Rothwell. GREENF. (4): 1, Hartley; 2, 3, Rothwell; vhc, Huyton. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, hc, Rothwell; 2, Robertshaw; 3, c, Bratherton; vhc, Simons. BRAMBLE or CHAFFI. (6): 1, Robertshaw; 2, vhc, Rothwell; 3, hc, Lloyd; c, Simons. A.O.V. (3): 1, Lloyd, Buuting; 2, Lloyd, Hawfinch; 3, Robertshaw, Hawfinch. HEN BRIT.: 1, Lloyd, Bramble; 2, Sioms, Bullfinch: 3, Robertshaw, Goldfinch; vhc, Huyton; w.c., Robertshaw.—J. Lloyd.

CARDIFF.

First of two young bird shows June 17 at Naish's. Entries were down owing to the wretched breeding results locally, some of the oldest hands even not being able to stage a bird. Not a single British bird or young mule turned up, although only a few years back this section at our members' shows was quite equal to many open events. Norwich were a nice level lot, but with one or two exceptions nothing particularly striking. Special for best novice Norwich in open classes fell to Mr. Phelps with a typical var. yellow of some promise. Yorks were a disappointment—at least in the champion classes. Not so, however, in the novice classes, for here was found, amongst other good ones, a slashing clear buff at present almost faultless, belonging to Mr. Charles, quite a young member, whom we congratulate on his achievement. This bird won special for best novice Yorks in open classes and also the 10s. 6d. spl for best bird in show. Borders were not so strong as expected, seeing we have now more members breeding this variety; a couple of lovely quality youngsters were amongst the winners. Spl for best novice Border was won by Mr. Raymond with a smart little buff. Mr. E. J. Banks judged Yorkshires and Mr. E. J. Davies the remainder.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Allsopp, not the largest, but good head, chest and cone; 2, James and Wells, another nice cl., better feather, not quite the type and col.; 3, Townsend, very chubby eye tkd., trifle thick at waist; 4, Maggs; vhc, hc, E. Thomas. BUFF: 1, Maggs, cl., very typical, nice size, col. and qual.; 2, Allsopp, cl., close up, not quite so clean behind; 3, James and Wells, cl., extra cobby, grand feather, well shown; 4, Thomas; vhc, James and Wells. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, James and Wells, leader heavily mkd., Norwich all over, extra good neck and chest; 2nd cobby bird, good chest, failing to winner in neck; 3, Phelps, short and typical, wonderful col., bit harsh in feather; 4, Allsopp. BUFF: 1, Allsopp, chest mkd., beautifully moulded and finished, very nice one; 2, Townsend, extra chubby, good feather, fails bit in coue; 3, James and Wells, nice subs. and cone, hardly looking his best; 4, Thomas. NOV. YELL.: 1, Townsend, tkd., good type and qual. BUFF: 1, Rev. Jolliffe, capital all round bird on small side. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Phelps, heavily mkd., nicely proportioned; 2, Rev. Jolliffe, nice type, lightly var., inclined to cross wings. BUFF: 1, Townsend, grand type, trifle loose at waist. YORKS YELL.: 1, R. L. Brown, small but neat, good qual. and stand; 2, 3, James and Wells, tkd., good length, but fails a bit in wing carr.; 3rd cl., good head and neck; 4, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, James and Wells, good shape and qual., very neat, 2nd fails only to winner in wing carr.; 3, Brown, not quite so long, but all there; 4, Raymond; vhc, Brown. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, James and Wells, good qual., wing mkd., erect, plenty leg, very taking; 2, Brown, neat head, stands well, but not shape of winner. BUFF: 1, Brown, nice length, stands well, neat head, should moult well; 2, Brown, good bird, but fails in length to winner; 3, James and Wells, good shape and length. NOV. YELL.: 1, Palmer, wing tkd., good head and shoulders, nice qual. feather, stands well; 2, 4, Pedler, good head and wings, fails only in qual. to winner; 3, Charles, neat, good head and stand, smaller; vhc, Raymond. BUFF: 1, Charles, cl., wonderful qual., great length of body, grand wings and tail, perfect head, clever legs; 2, Pedler, smaller bird, but excellent qual., stands well; 3, Charles, very neat upstanding bird, good head and wings; 4, vhc, hc, Raymond; c, Charles. VAR. YELL.: 1, Palmer, really good qual. mkd. yell., would take some beating in a crowd of youngsters. BUFF: 1, Charles, neatly mkd., good length, stands well, nice head, back and chest, nestmate to winning buff; 2, Deere, Cinn. mkd., not so long, but nice taking bird, good stand; 3, Stockin, looks like nestmate to 2nd, fails only in length; 4, Pedler. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Wiseman, head mkd., grand type and qual., sweet waist; 2, cl., nice col. and qual., fails to winner in head and throat. BUFF: 1, 2, Wiseman, cl., good all round, excels in taper; 2nd another cl., close up only for carrying one wing bit high; 3, Pearce, neat tkd., bit short; 4, Raymond. VARIEG.: 1, Pearce, very sweet head and wing mkd. yell., taking exhiblt; 2, Raymond, nice, but fails to winner in head and neck. A.O. BORD.: 1, Pearce, buff Cinn., sweet type, qual., col. and finish; 2, 3, Wiseman, yell. Cinn., again good, but not quite the qual.; 3, Green; grand col. and qual., trifle long. MULE OR HYB. (any age): 1, 2, Ball, Canary-Bullie, well known winner in new hands, hard lines to be beaten for best in show; 2nd equally well known light Greenf.-Can., marvel for quality.

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Twitterings.

On account of shortage of entries at Redruth Cage-bird Show, write Messrs. Opie and Kemp, the time of closing is extended to Sunday morning's post.

Mr. A. Wood, hon. sec., writes that Mr. Walton (Leicester)will judge Burton-on-Trent summer show, July 18, at the new headquarters, New Inn, Station Street.

Islington F.A. schedules for members' show, July 11, have been sent out. Anyone overlooked should send postcard to the hon. sec. Geo. Wainwright, 23, Tibberton Square, Islington, N.

Will members of Beamish and Dis. C.B.S. note there will be no meeting or table show on June 27, as our neighbours Annfield Plain are holding their young bird show on that date. We hope they will have a good show. —J. Elliot, sec.

Mr. J. Hayhurst, Burnley, will judge our N.F.S., June 27, writes Mr. G. Whitaker, hon. sec. Burnley O.S. Show will be held at Star Inn, from 3 to 7.30; admission 2d. There will be a meeting June 26, when entries close.

Three classes for cage-birds are provided at the Fordingbridge Horticultural show, July 15. Prizes are 3s., 2s., 1s., and fee 3d. Mr. J. F. L. Warburton is judge, and entries close July 8 to W. A. Smith, West End, Fordingbridge.

Mr. R. Lile, sec. Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby, writes that Messrs. G. Fulton (Patrick), J. Hendry (Glasgow), J. Pringle (Selkirk), and J. Park (Govan), have been engaged to judge at the annual show in Buccleuch Parish Halls, Sept. 26.

I was much surprised and very pleased to see the sketch of my ticked yellow Yorkshire on the front page of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. J. Heath. It does your artist, Mr. H. Norman, great credit; please convey my best thanks to him.

We hear from Mr. R. Rennie, sec. Falkirk C.B.S., that the judges at the annual show Oct. 31, will be: Norwich, Mr. J. McLay; Borders, Mr. F. Findlay; Brit. and Foreign, Mr. W. Sharp. Mr. James Jeans (Camelon), and Mr. Alex. Eadie (Falkirk) will judge at the first feather show, July 11.

If any member of Newcastle C.B.S. has not received a schedule for nest feather show July 4 in Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook, and will inform me, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, sec., I will gladly forward one. In future meetings will be held in Purve's Cafe, Clayton Street, opposite Bird Market.

Sunderland C.B.A. members are having a ramble to Corbridge on June 20; train leaves Sunderland at 12.43; members meet at north end of station five minutes before train time. If any fanciers or friends would care to join us, writes the hon. sec., Mr. J. Peacock, we would be pleased to give a look out for them at the stations en route.

First Feather Shows.

IMPORTANT OFFER.

We have decided again this year to accept advertisements of First Feather (young bird) shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present **a special prize** of a bound volume of "Bird World," illustrated magazine, or two handsome specially mounted plates, to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns.

Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

We have received a sample of Mr. W. Errington's (Bradford) "X.L. Red Feed," as offered in our advertisement columns, and find it very good indeed—rich and bright in colour, palatable, and ground to just the right degree of fineness. It has also the merit of being most reasonable in price.

Sparrow in the Bedroom.

A Sparrow has laid three eggs in a nest it has built on the top of a venetian blind in an occupied front bedroom at the house of Mrs. Atkinson, Chesham Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

Another Record.

At the young bird show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., to be held July 4, we note there are to be 52 classes (Canaries, Hybrids, and Brit. and For. birds), while the special prizes total already no fewer than 64. The latter, we understand, is a record for the society (we should think, too, for any young bird show) and speaks well for the enthusiasm of the members. Truly the genial hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn, travels from triumph to triumph.

A Thrush's "Anvil."

One of the most recent acquisitions to the natural history department of the Royal Scottish Museum at Edinburgh is a Thrush's "anvil," found at Aberlady by Mr. William Evans. The well known Song Thrush feeds largely upon snails, and breaks their shells upon some selected stone in order to reach the dainty morsel within. The stone and all the snail-shells shown in the exhibit were actually collected by the donor, and by the aid of a photograph, which he also supplied, the whole group has been arranged so as to reproduce the "anvil" and its surroundings as accurately as possible. A bird has been mounted in the act of breaking a shell. All the snails in the collection belong to one species, the common Helix nemoralis (garden snail).

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. Herdman, Pelton Fell.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Jas. Stanger, that I have to inform you of the death of my partner, Mr. John Herdman, who died June 18, in his 69th year, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Errington, at Preston, North Shields. Poor Jack and I have been exhibiting together for over 25 years, and I can safely say no more enthusiastic fancier was to be found in the North of England, until a couple of years ago, when, owing to failing health, he was unable to get about as formerly. His chief hobby was Crests, and older fanciers will remember, amongst others, his champion yellow "Cock of the North," which in its day was undoubtedly the best of its kind seen up to that time. He is survived by a widow and grown-up family, to whom I feel sure all who knew him will extend their sympathy.

Swan's Seven Cygnets.

A week or two ago a correspondent raised the point as to whether seven Cygnets were not an unusually large number: Mr. H. J. Fulljames tells us that whilst on holiday recently he had the pleasure of seeing a Swan with seven bonny Cygnets in one of the beautiful reaches of the River Wey—they made a most charming picture.

A Treat at Newport (Mon).

By the generosity of Mr. W. R. Lysaght, J.P., who is giving prizes to the amount of £150, the 4,000 workmen employed by the well-known firm, of which Mr. Lysaght is the head, will have a rare treat on July 18. On the football ground in Somerton Park there will be held a show of flowers, fruit, vegetables, examples of handiwork, live stock of all kinds, etc., and, in addition, there are to be athletic sports (25 events) and an air-rifle competition, and dancing on the green. There are 14 classes for cage-birds (confined to employees of the firm), judge Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, so that this section should be not the least interesting part of the function for readers of CAGE BIRDS who may be able to attend.

Curious Case Under the W.B.P.A.

A peculiar anomaly of the Wild Birds Act was made apparent at Beverley on June 15, when two youths, Robert Long and John Wilkinson, were charged with shooting a Thrush. There was a further charge against Long of firing a catapult on the highway. The offence, which was admitted, was reported by Sergeant Jackson, of the East Riding police, who found the injured bird fluttering on the ground. The Chief Constable pointed out a curious anomaly in the Act, as for the offence with which they were charged the Act provided that for a first offence they should be dismissed with a caution, whereas if they had taken a bird's egg they would have been liable to a fine of £1. The magistrates dismissed the case with a caution, and ordered the defendants to pay the costs between them.

Skylark's Remarkable Nest.

A Lark has built its nest on the cricket ground, writes Mr. B. Elford, M.A., Headmaster Allendale School, Rochester, to the "Daily Mail," within 5ft. of the centre of the pitch, and refuses to desert its nest, in spite of the fact that the boys play daily. As soon as the game is over the bird returns to the nest. Needless to say, it will be allowed to remain unmolested. The nest contains four eggs.

Fanciers' Society Takes First Prize.

I beg to thank you for the posters, etc., for the decoration of our car for the local hospital carnival, writes Mr. Harry G. Whibley, sec. Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A., and to say that we were fortunate enough to secure first prize (two guineas). The car was made up of wire-netting pens of poultry, pigeons and rabbits on grass runs, with an aviary of British birds (festooned with foliage, etc.).

Comedy of a Town's Swan.

No such Swan as that which Bury St. Edmunds has just acquired for its public gardens is to be found in any other gardens in the world. Still, strange to say, the town is not proud of its Swan. In fact, it is doubtful whether the public will ever be permitted to see the bird, and it will probably be surreptitiously murdered with a hammer. Until recently a pair of Swans sailed majestically on the pond in the public gardens. Then the male bird died, and the female was left a widow. The tender heart of an alderman was touched by her mournful solitude, and he discussed with his colleagues the question of finding another spouse for her. Shortly afterwards he received word that a fine Swan, the very bird for the council's money, was to be sold by auction. A note was sent to the auctioneer instructing him to purchase, and the bird was knocked down to the alderman. What he said when it reached his house is not recorded. It proved to be a swan constructed years ago for a bicycle carnival. It is doubtful whether it would even float. A local photographer and the Duke of Grafton have come to the rescue, and although the town will never flock to the gardens to see the record Swan, it now possesses a pair of birds. To mention a Swan to an alderman is to receive a haughty stare!

"Referring to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS offering Linnet Mule in exchange for Bullie, I have had so many replies from all parts of England and Ireland that I have not been able to reply to all. Please thank all who responded to my advt. The first one (from London) was delivered at my house only a few hours after the publication of CAGE BIRDS."—R. PALMER (Great Yarmouth),

"Re my advert of Roller Canary. Owing to the enormous amount of answers to above, I am unable to reply to them all by post. I am astonished at the number of enquirers after the bird. Now I know what a wonderful advertising medium CAGE BIRDS really is, I shall certainly send all my adverts. to CAGE BIRDS, and I wish you every success."—F. J. SMART (Dinas, Rhondda),

Wild-Bird Life.

The Home of the Hawk.

The Kestrel and Sparrow Hawk are frequently met with in the writer's district, and a pair almost daily soar round the large trees in the old park; these probably nest among the pines just outside the village, an almost ideal spot for such birds, commanding a good view of the surrounding district. Another pair have made their home in a more wooded district, where birds of all kinds are plentiful. Their haunt is a small wood almost adjoining a narrow by-road, beloved of cyclist and pedestrians. It was quite by accident the writer located them. While resting about half a mile from the wood, a Hawk was seen soaring. Presently it was joined by its mate, which had to pass to get to the wood; as it went by it was seen to be carrying something. This one dropped into the wood, its mate flying off in another direction.

Upon our next outing we determined to seek their home. Leaving the road, we skirted down the side of the wood until we found a convenient opening; a pair of Doves overhead were "talking," and a Nightingale occasionally opened at the further end; a noisy Chaffinch greeted us as we moved on, his nest one could plainly see fixed securely against the bark of an ancient elm, supported by a few slender twigs. Carefully searching every large tree, we at length found what we were seeking. In the upper branches of a stately oak a huge collection of sticks had been brought together; this we suspected was the home of the Hawks. We had hardly found it before one of the old birds appeared settling upon a branch about a dozen feet away; she was evidently suspicious, and remained perfectly motionless for some time, and then, taking wing, shot upwards high above the tree tops. We found it impossible to reach the nest, but by taking advantage of another tree, we could manage to get a better view of it. It was very bulky, probably one used for several seasons. We could see bits of feather and white down scattered among the sticks, and something occasionally moving, which we had no doubt were young ones. The Sparrow Hawk is a bold, dashing flier, and there is no more fascinating sight than to see it chasing a smaller yet strong-winged bird; the Hawk never swerves from his course, no matter how many birds there may be about, nor how much the quarry twists and turns. He seldom fails when he hunts in earnest.—H. NORMAN.

Nest Built in Train.

A Song Thrush which built her nest in a railway carriage is an interesting incident in bird life reported from Limavady. The railway carriage travelled each morning to Derry at 11.35 a.m. and left Derry again at 4.50 in the afternoon. Here the Thrush built her nest, and engaged in hatching four eggs. The nest was built on the top of the steam heating pipe under the carriage seat, and the bird travelled with the train.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

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A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

THE SUCCESSFUL BREEDING OF NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

A South-country champion exhibitor gives his views.

(Continued from page 494.)

A lecture by Mr. J. Hodder (London, E.C.) before the members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S.

DON'T get disheartened with your birds because they are not perfect, but strive to improve them each year. But you must have something to improve them with, so get a bird each year as fresh blood, but be sure it is in advance of anything you possess, or your money will be wasted. Don't waste your money by buying birds here, there and everywhere.

There is one more thing to deal with while on the subject of the bird as he should be, and that is quality of feather. I touched on this just now. I am indeed afraid if we do not soon wake up we shall find the quality of feather in the Norwich greatly deteriorating. More and more the tendency is to pass by the question of quality. As I said, we go to extremes on one point and forget others quite as essential to the make-up of a good bird.

Do you know that a bird with excellent quality of feather always moults out a much better colour than the coarse-feathered specimen? It is a fact that the colour food has a ten times better chance of showing its effect in feathers of silky texture, and you have a beautiful mealing in your buffs that glistens like frozen snowflakes in the sunshine on a clear winter's day. There is nothing that gladdens the heart of a true lover of the Norwich more than to see a beautiful undercolour bursting through, as it were, this mealing. If you want to breed birds like this you can only do so by studying to keep the richest quality of feather in your stock, and have the feathers of a boxy nature, close and compact.

The Carriage Makes all the Difference.

You have it said at times that such and such a bird has too much feather. Now I respectfully submit that no bird can have too much feather, if properly carried; that is the point. The more feather the better, only be sure that in the case of one of each pair it is close and compact, each feather falling into its proper place, and the better the quality the more likely it is to show to best advantage on the bird's body.

There is another kind of feather which seems to lie on the bird's body quite properly but is not so pleasing to look upon as this boxy feather. I mean the wavy feather, undulating on the surface. You will no doubt understand what I mean. This may be of good quality but does not look so nice; and a bird with this kind of feather, however well carried, cannot, in my opinion, beat a bird with the solid close firm feather, if only equal in other points. There is no need to discard these birds, but be careful in pairing them. This brings me to the question of correct pairing.

No breeder of Norwich Canaries can hope to do much on the show bench unless he pays great attention to the mating of his birds. It is really no use going haphazard. An old book says, "Men do not gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles," and it is equally as difficult to breed winning Norwich from wrong mating. You cannot, for instance, pair up a bird with the V-shaped head to another with the same defect, and hope to have in the progeny birds with good full skulls, and the same applies in regard to shape, feather, wings, tail, colour, etc. All these matters need the most careful attention.

A Double-Bufting Problem.

Some fanciers are keen on double buffing. They say it broadens and deepens the chests of the birds, so, for this reason I suppose, a good deal of double buffing is indulged in at the present time. A novice said to me not so long ago, showing me two birds he intended pairing up (they were buffs), "Do you think I shall breed something worth possessing from these?" I looked them over carefully, then told him he would have bundles of feathers if he persisted in pairing those two together. They were both loose woolly-feathered birds of altogether the wrong texture to produce the desired effect.

Perhaps some of you may have handled birds bred from this kind of stock. When you take hold of them your hand closes in on them as you endeavour to discover if there is any bird on which the feathers grow. In double buffing the utmost caution should be taken to avoid this sort of pitfall in Norwich breeding. If I were going to pair up two buffs I should select a cock with a tight-fitting jacket; one of those we term red buffs, with firm feather, buffs that have only just escaped being yellows, a bird with some solidity about him, and I would have a hen with the finest quality and well mealed over with a glistening frosting, as I said just now, but she, too, I would take care carried her feathers as close as possible. From this kind of mating I would expect the desired results without losing but little, if any, of the colour, especially if the cock were ticked.

A Question of Highest Import.

I believe many have retired from the Fancy because they have not given the time and attention they should to this question of pairing. They find that headway has not been made, so they lose heart. They forget that Rome was not built in a day, and it is equally as true that first-class Norwich are not produced without a great deal of patience, plodding, and hard work. Now let us consider for a few moments the question of colour. Let me say at once that no amount of colour-feeding will be of much use unless we are careful to keep the colour pigment in the bird's blood. It is a well-known and often discussed fact that the bronze-green carries the best and deepest colour, but I would warn any inexperienced breeder not to overdo it by using too much green. One or two green birds should suffice, then get clears to pair to them. Get the colour well diffused through all your stock.

If you commence with two or three green birds, and an equal number of clear birds you should have enough green blood to last you four years in a small stud. By pairing ticked or marked birds to clears you breed the colour well into your stock.

(To be continued.)

The Scimitar Babblers are lively and engaging birds, deservedly popular with many British aviculturists. The species here figured by Mr. Goodchild, our artist, is that known as the Rusty-cheeked. These Babblers have very short wings, and "loose" plumage, also they have the habit of holding pieces of food in their claws while devouring it.

The Nightingale: Its Keeping and Hand Rearing.

By E. A. BUSH (Worthing).

AN account of my experiences with Nightingales may be of interest to the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS. The Nightingale was the first Softbill I kept, and well I knew it. Nothing seemed to go right, and when at last I gave it away, I was quite glad. But a little later a friend, hearing of it, came to me to find out the cause. After hearing my plaintive tale, he laughed; but he gave me a piece of advice I have never regretted taking. This was to take in CAGE BIRDS every week—truly a grand piece of advice.

Since that time I have never been without a Nightingale or Blackcap in my possession. Neither is difficult to keep; indeed, with a little care and attention they will become more tame and trustful than a good many Finches. Both birds are Softbills; that is, birds that eat mostly insects, worms, fruit, berries, and other "soft" foods. Several of these Softbills are resident with us all the year round, while some come over in the spring and depart in the autumn, and others visit us in the winter and depart again when spring begins to make its presence felt. The Nightingale, of course, is one of the spring visitors, usually arriving in this country about April, when the woods are gay with flowers. He departs again in the month of August.

Advice about Food.

As regards food, a very good stock mixture can be made of the following: Ants' eggs, two parts; ground biscuit, two parts; and dried flies or silkworm pupae, one part. Sufficient raw carrot, boiled potato, or chopped green stuff should be added to make the daily portion "crumbly" moist. A few mealworms or gentles should be given now and again, and a little hard-boiled egg or desiccated yolk may occasionally be added to the food. A first-class packet insectivorous food, made by one of our well-known bird-food dealers, will be welcomed by the birds for a change. My method is to give them the food I have recommended for the first half of the week, while for the rest of the week I give them the packet mixture. No fancier should think of keeping Softbills unless he is prepared to supply them with really good nourishing food. I have found it is useless trying to keep them otherwise, even the bigger Blackbirds and Thrushes, and other large birds, must be well looked after and cared for; and for the small delicate species the best food obtainable is necessary.

As I have said before, the Nightingale is a spring migrant and everybody who takes an interest in this splendid songster is early on the watch for his coming. If a certain wood or plantation once becomes the haunt of a 'Gale, it is almost certain to be visited by one each succeeding year. It is to these haunts the birdy man should make his way; if the birds have arrived he will not have to wait long to hear their song. To catch this fine songster at his best one should, if living in the country near the woods, wander into the woods at sunset. One may then both see and hear the musician. Once listen to those rich, wild notes, and I do not think you will say that his song has been overrated.

Soon after their arrival they pair up for the breeding season, and after a little while begin to think of setting up housekeeping. While the cock cheers his mate by his song the hen begins to build a nest. This is placed upon, or near the ground, among the thick undergrowth, where it is practically hidden from sight. The nest is chiefly made of dried grass, moss, and a few small dead leaves; it is usually lined with very fine roots and horsehair. The eggs are four to six in number, and are of an olive-brown colour.

Hints on Hand Rearing.

If one wants to try his hand at rearing these birds, I should not advise him to take the birds too young, but to leave them with the old birds as long as it is safe to do so, for every day they are fed by their parents is to their advantage. If one does not intend to take the whole brood, pick out the largest and brightest looking birds only, as these will most probably prove to be cocks. They should be placed in a basket, with a little hay in the bottom and a piece of blanket round the sides, for warmth is needed if they are to thrive and get on.

I should give them their first meal about 5.30 a.m. But do not feed early one morning and late the next. Their first meal in captivity should consist of egg that has been boiled for ten minutes. Grate the egg, both white and yolk, very finely. Mix it with good ants' eggs (good ants' eggs should be greasy to the touch), a little crushed biscuit and a few shreds of raw, lean meat. Mix well together, and give to the nestlings just damp; they must have two or three drops of water after feeding.

They should be fed at least every two hours. Do not force them to eat a lot; "a little and often" is good advice. I always keep my birds in the nest as long as possible, as they thrive and do a lot better there than on the perch. When the young first commence to feed themselves I find they should be watched carefully, as they are so very likely to over-feed. I lost several good birds through this before I found out the reason.

When the young birds can feed themselves thoroughly well, they should be put into separate cages. The young cocks will soon commence to warble, but one must not, of course, expect them to sing well for quite a time.

Hand-Reared Birds for Breeding.

If one cares to try and breed, these hand-reared birds are just the ones for the purpose, as they get so tame. My Nightingale aviary is 9 feet long, 5 feet high, and 3½ from back to front. I run one cock to two hens, to give the cock a choice, and when he has paired up with one, I take the other hen out and leave the pair together in the aviary. The floor is turfed over, with ivy growing up the back, and thick brambles, etc., on the turf. I have never yet been successful in rearing young ones, but I hope soon to be able to record it. Nightingale breeding is a very interesting hobby, and if the birds do have some young ones the bird fancier will be amply repaid for his time, care, and trouble.

Adult Nightingales are obtainable in the spring, which should be done as early as possible, before they have paired up with the hens. These fresh caught birds require very careful handling. Up to the time of catching, the wild Nightingales have been feeding on insect life generally, and on being caught they must be fed as near as possible to their wild food.

The bird lover will have to be fairly liberal with live food, and he must be sure to give his captive a good supply of mealworms and gentles. He will have to feed his bird on these for the first few days, also giving the bird all the live insects he can lay his hands on. After the first few days he had better put a little stock mixture under the mealworms, and after a time, when the birds have settled down to cage life, and appear fairly contented, the number of mealworms must be gradually diminished, and the quantity of the soft food must be increased daily.

When they are Tamed.

These wild caught birds soon become tame and familiar. I put my Nightingales, when they are tamed down, into a box cage about twenty inches in length, with a door in the front, and also one at the side. The food and water vessels are placed inside, near the bottom of the cage, where the bird can see and get at them easily. The Nightingale is very fond of bathing. He should be allowed to do so, at least once a day, but care should be taken not to give the bath too late in the day, as it is desirable that the birds should be quite dry when retiring for the night.

A house-moulted Nightingale has no particular song season. He will sing at all seasons, but, of course, the spring and summer are his best periods. Some wild caught Nightingales very often will not sing in captivity, while others will sing freely.

In choosing a Nightingale for show, the main points to be considered, are excellence of size and richness of colour. They should have a good full eye, and their wings should be carried very tightly. They must also be in the best of health and feather, or otherwise they will stand but little chance of success.

THE CORNCRAKE HAS ARRIVED!

Extracts from an "appreciation" of the voice of the Corncrake which appeared in a recent issue of "Punch."

THE Corncrake has arrived. As I turned in at the gate last night he reported himself in the usual way. So now we are in for it. The priceless boon of silence in the hours of darkness will be denied to us for many weeks to come.

I do not know how to describe his utterance. It could not without extravagance be called a note, still less a chirp, and least of all a song. It is not a bark—not quite. It is hardly a growl or a grunt or a snort; I should be sorry to call it a bray or a yelp. And yet I am not going to admit that it is a quack or a bleat; and it isn't a screech or a squeal or a sob. Nor is it a croak, though now we are getting nearer to it. The puzzling thing about it is that it was clearly meant by Nature to be an interjection. Uttered once, suddenly, from the far side of a hedge it would admirably convey such a sentiment as, "Hi!" "What ho!" or "Here we are again!" But in practice it is the one sound in the whole landscape that never interjects. It is a monument of barron reiteration.

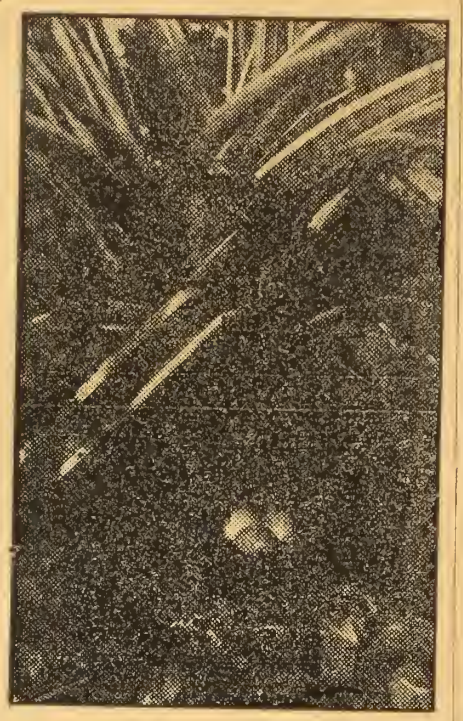
An Unmusical Monologue.

I wonder why he does it. No doubt he has some end in view. He must get something out of it—some bodily ease or mental stimulus or spiritual consolation. But he must surely have been born with a prodigious passion for monotony. It may surprise you to learn that in the course of the season he will make that same remark over two million times. I have worked it out. Two million is a conservative estimate. It only allows for eight hours' work out of the twenty-four, for a term of six weeks; so that it is well within the mark.

Our Corncrake—I don't know what the usual standard may be—does ninety-eight to the minute. He is as regular as the ticking of a clock You can't hustle him and you can't wear him out. At times when I have thought he might be getting tired or thirsty I have imagined that he was slowing down; but he never gets below ninety-six. At short measured intervals he punctuates the night with his dry delivery, unhasting yet unresting, his sole idea to get his forty-seven-thousand up without a break before the morning.

At first I used to throw things at him out of the bedroom window—hair-brushes and slippers and books and all sorts of odds and ends. I had to go round with a basket after breakfast collecting them. But it was no good; he never dropped a beat. Then I deliberately devastated the garden, with a view to deprive him of cover. I had all the bushes taken up and the flower-beds removed, and I laid down, just under my bedroom window, a wide expanse of tar-macadam, as bald and flat as a mirror—a beetle couldn't have hidden himself on it. (I had to call this a hard tennis-court for the sake of appearances).

There is nothing more that I can do, and it is only fair to admit that the whole thing is my own fault. When I built my house six years ago I might have shown a little common foresight in this matter. I got everything else right as far as I could. My rooms are well placed for sunshine and they have the best of the view. The water-supply is good; there is plenty of fall for the drainage system; we are well out of the motor dust. But I omitted one precaution. I should have had the ground surveyed for Corncrakes.



A NEST IN A FLOWER BASKET.
Robin builds in a hanging basket in a conservatory. See letter from Mr. Purvis on next page.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS' EXPERIENCE OF CAGE BIRD KEEPING.

A Lecture by Mr. F. Wraight before the Members of the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.

(*Continued from page 478.*)

My system of feeding is so similar to others that it is hardly worth mentioning, except that of late I have moistened the egg food (egg and Osborne biscuit) with a little water, believing it is easier for the hen to disgorge when feeding the young.

Touching on the question of egg binding, I have not had a case for the last four or five years, and I attribute my freedom to the fact that during the time of laying I always use a drop or two of cod liver oil with the egg food, and give plenty of maw seed, with an occasional pinch of niger. In cases of inflammation of the bowels, which, as you know, or probably soon will, is a great scourge with youngsters, I would suggest that instead of painting with turpentine you try Elliman's embrocation, as it is not quite so strong, and is quite effective. These few details are perhaps distinctions without much difference from what Mr. Ellis told you last month, and if you keep his directions by you, as I do, you cannot do better than follow them.

The Latest Love.

I have perhaps wandered a little from the heading of my paper, so will at once get on with the last four or five years of my experience, which brings me to the subject of my latest love (in the bird way), the Yorkshire Canary. In this breed, as in nearly every other since I started 35 years back, there have been great alterations of type, though it is interesting to notice that, as far as the printed standard existing in 1879 and 1880 is concerned, there is very little alteration from that of 1914, which I will refer to later.

The Yorkshire is one of the varieties that has stood the test of time, as, together with the Norwich and the little Border Fancy, it occupies the greater part of the Canary Fancy of the country to-day. Lizards, Belgians, Coppies, Cinnamons, and Crests are declining, while the London Fancy has practically disappeared, and has, perhaps, never been seen by many here to-night. At the time I first visited the Palace there were well-filled classes for all these varieties, and the smaller numbers this year, except the Yorkshires, which, I believe, contained more entries than ever before, speaks louder than anything I can say for the popularity of my favourite bird.

Shape is the Essence.

As you probably know, I was first announced, or billed, to give a lecture on this variety, but I felt it presumptuous, in view of the short time I have kept them, to attempt to teach members who are old hands, so that I shall state nothing beyond what I believe should be avoided, and what encouraged.

In selecting your stock for breeding show specimens we should aim at producing a bird of which shape is the essence. There are, of course, other points to consider, but that is the first to aim for. How shall we do it? Suppose we start in the recognised way of mating, i.c., buff to yellow. Let us be careful to obtain hens that conform to the following description, for like produces like, as a general rule.

The head should be round, narrow in the skull, without having any browing, which gives a sour look, and tells seriously against a bird when being judged. The neck should be long and straight, the shoulders round, and not showing any prominence (which tells of the Belgian cross). Wings, tip to tip, long and taper, with the flights tightly tucked away at the end of a long narrow back, which should be well filled, and show no hollow or spout, while the tail should be long, and shut so closely as to give the appearance of a flat pipe. If a pencil is laid on the back of the bird it should show nothing that requires either filling up or cutting away. The breast should be round, without frill, and from the breast downwards the bird should taper away gradually till it ends in a fine waist, where there should be no loose or fluffy feathers, the whole body of the bird being, so far as appearance is concerned, like wax.

Aiming at the Ideal.

This body should be supported on legs, straight and long without being stilty, and the bird should stand as upright as possible, any disposition to stand across the perch being sure to throw out a bird in good competition. Combine these points with length and size, and you have practically an ideal bird, and this is what we aim at producing. "Yes," you say, "but who has birds like this?" Well, not many of us here perhaps. If we had good Yorkshires would be plentiful and cheap, so we must make the best we can of the materials we have in hand.

We see the principal thing to keep in view when selecting our stock is to secure shape, style, and length without corners. We can generally find shape and neatness in the smaller birds, but our difficulties are likely to begin when introducing the size which we must have as well. I have found it comparatively easy to breed small, neat birds, but directly I have tried for size coarseness has shown itself. As, at the same time, it is no good breeding from two small birds, I try to select as shapely and neat birds as I can get hold of.

Putting in Size.

I prefer introducing size on the side of the cock, as I have invariably found he gives size to the youngsters, while a neat, shapely little hen will help to give them the style and polish we aim at. I would, as far as possible, avoid pairing two birds both showing frill on their breasts, as it is an obstinate fault to get rid of, and I would avoid putting together birds which each show the same faults; for example, if the cock bird is flat on the head, try to counterbalance this by having a hen with good head properties, and so with wrong carriage and other points, though there is one point which I try to avoid in both birds, and that is a broad tail, however good they may be otherwise. I trust many good Yorkshires, as near the ideal as possible, may be bred in Hastings this year, and at our next show may there be strong competition for the cup, and may the best bird win.

Mr. Wraight here read the old and new standards for judging to which he had referred earlier, and concluded as follows: In spite of the apparent lack of any difference, I don't think the Yorkshires of 35 years ago would stand much chance on the show bench to-day, nor, for that matter, would the Norwich, the Crested, or the Cinnamon.

Correspondence.

Six Hens in One Nest.

SIR,—Respecting the above, a like experience once befel me only mine was years ago when I first started poultry-keeping. I built a little wooden hut, bought three broody hens, also three ducks, and set them with ten eggs each. On entering the hut next morning I was greatly surprised to find the whole six on top of one another in a hen's nest in the corner. I tried everything within reason to make them stop on their own nest, but without success. Then I thought of a bright idea; why not make one large nest in the magic corner and let them sit in it to their hearts' content. No sooner thought of than done. Talk about a sight for a circus! Fancy three hens and three ducks sitting on sixty eggs, all in one nest! Thinks I, I'll bet there's a game on here when they hatch out. At last the great day arrived. Out jumped 27 ducklings and 25 chickens. What a sight. Still more remarkable, when the young grew up the chickens used to go "quack-quack," and the ducklings went "cock-a-doodle-do!"

Ashington. J. LOCK.

Did Birds Spring from Reptiles?

SIR,—If I were to read from some of our professors of modern thought that the cosmic scheme was only an accidental concourse of atoms; that Cleopatra's intercourse with Anthony was purely platonic; that Nero wasn't half as bad as he has been painted; that George Washington never told a lie—I could read all such without turning a hair; but at this piece of temerity I was astounded: "That the bird has been evolved from the reptile is a baseless assertion which has never been proved by any scientific body of men." In these days, when we are so prone to swallow all these scientists tell us, it is as refreshing as an east wind in the Highlands to see a writer courageous enough to oppose opinions based on purely theoretical conjecture. Nowadays, it is only necessary for one of the professors of science who has passed years of discretion to launch a theory and all his followers embrace it with both arms and it is accepted as an established fact. He doesn't support his conjecture with even problematical evidence. If a professor says so, it is so; and we accept his statement with the approving air of a couple of Sparrows surveying a dish of chicken meal. Mr. McLean's letter has pleased me very much, and surely if the theorists have a grain of indisputable evidence in support of their conjecture they will bring it forward. T. JOHNSON.

The Fancy in Aberystwith.

SIR,—I was in Aberystwith during Whit Week in connection with the Oddfellows A.M.C., and was fortunate in meeting Mr. Tudor, a Welsh fancier, who kindly showed me his birds and room—he had eight pairs and eighteen young. We then visited Mr. Williams, who has had no luck with eight pairs, having only four young, but several hens sitting. Mr. Evans, a Roller breeder, had forty young on the sticks, and a large number in the nests. This fancier is about the most successful I have ever met. Mr. Meredith had five pairs and twenty-seven young, also two Goldies (Welsh), one of which is the largest and best I have ever had the good fortune to see. I am surprised that with the considerable number of fanciers in the town, a club cannot form, for some reason or other; although they can combine to make some very successful shows. I wish to record my thanks for the hearty welcome given me by Mr. Tudor, and to express my appreciation of his kindness in introducing me to the local fanciers, as far as time allowed.

THOMAS G. CRUTCHER.
Vice-President Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.
Vice-Chairman London Fed. C.B.S.

ARE SPECIALIST CLUBS IN DANGER?

SIR,—This is a question I am interested in and really meant to have dealt with before. Mr. Crisp has suggested that the Fancy is on the wane, there being, he says, a shortage of recruits. I am not convinced there is any evidence of the latter in my district, but would admit that the present high prices of seeds have a deterrent effect—that is as certain as that the last rose of summer blooms before the 1st of October. Anyone suggesting that the Fancy is on the wane must have a shock when they see the enormous quantity of advertisements in CAGE BIRDS. Lethargic in exhibiting? Of course, no one denies that; but the specialist clubs are in part to blame. Fanciers not in the running for the cups simply lose interest, and either refrain from showing or send their birds to a show where they are likelier to make their expenses. I make that statement at the risk of being called "mercenary" by the club sentimentalists, but I think I am writing not only for myself but for the bulk of fanciers. A great majority are working men, and they can't afford to overlook that point which is a great factor to the success of exhibiting—expense. Mr. Ley is an exhibitor of Crests, and his reference to the half-prize-money rule reflects more on the exhibitors—or, should I say, the non-exhibitors—in those classes than in any other. I think I shall be within the mark if I say that Crest classes throughout the country the last show season have averaged about six entries. Now, although a good bird can win in a large class as easy as in a small one, we must admit that a medium bird has a better chance of getting in the money in a class of six than in a class of twenty-six. And we must also admit that a fancier with a medium stud has a better chance of making ends meet when exhibiting in half-prize classes than he has in large classes. Four 3rds in half classes are better from the expense viewpoint than four v.h.c's. in large classes. And that is what is making the Fancy lethargic. Where a specialist club's patronage is given, competition is so keen that the fancier with his medium team can't get in, and he can't afford to merely patronise shows unless he has a big banking account. He thinks he has done enough patronising when he has paid his subscription.

There is no one who admired Mr. Tey more than myself for his courage when he launched his scheme of a few seasons ago for the benefit of the Crest Fancy, and it must have been the means of him having to dip pretty deeply into his cheque book; but even he must admit that the Crest Fancy is not exactly so robust as it might be with such stalwarts as himself to support it. His scheme of giving most points for reserve, and so on, even if Utopian, is better than the existing one; but he will find that those fanciers who are making the hobby into a business will not relish his scheme. What they are out for are the cups and trophies for advert. purposes. A few shillings in prize-money are of no consequence.

Mr. Spillman's suggestion of altering the rules will not obviate the danger; that is, not the rules he wants altering. Mr. Cole has set out a scheme which is as the radium to cure the cancerous growth. I like it, too, because it is first cousin to the one I advised in your columns not long before, which provided for the specialist club to give two extra prizes at the tail end of the cards to their own members; and although my letter didn't bring forth any comments, either for or against, perhaps when the Fancy sees such an able writer and enthusiast as Mr. Cole advocating it, they will hang on to it. His is a scheme to give the specialist clubs a new lease of life, the elixir which will keep them at their zenith.

Mr. Cole's other remedy is a very much needed one—that of different judges for each show. I think I am right in saying that one judge officiated at nearly all the S.N.P.C.'s shows, and if our judges were any of them infallible, we could say nothing against it; but each has his own particular fads, and I don't suppose this one is the exception which will prove the rule. Speaking of Norwich, I am reminded of two birds which were recognised by experts to be as near an approach to the ideal as have been bred—Mr. Davies' well-known Buff cock, winner of diploma at the Crystal Palace Show for best Norwich, Dewar Challenge Shield and Aitken Cup at the Scottish National Show, and many other prizes under as many different judges; only once was he beaten that season. The other is Mr. Sam Cook's (unflighted) Yellow hen, also only beaten once that season, and it fell to the lot of the same judge to keep her out. The judge who enjoys the distinction of being the only one not to have noticed these birds' good points is a well-known Southern judge. Of course, he must be right, and all the other judges wrong.

SUB ROSA.

The Colour of Nets.

SIR,—Would any of your readers kindly tell me the best colour to have nets that are set on grass land for Linnets, etc. Any information would be gratefully received.

PONCY.

A Motherly Cock Canary.

SIR,—I have a very interesting pair of Norwich Plainheads. The cock bird did a share of the "sitting" or hatching of eggs by day, and from the time young were out of shell he commenced feeding them. But this evening he has gone still further, as upon going into room at 10 p.m. I find him "brooding" the five small young in nest, with his wings spread, and the hen asleep on perch. Never before have I seen a cock Canary do so much "house work." In fact when I saw this cock sitting on the eggs the greater part of day I thought he had "chilled" the lot, but all five eggs hatched, and young doing well.

E. OLLE.

Robin's Nest in a Conservatory Flower Basket.

SIR,—I have taken CAGE BIRDS since it came into existence, and take pleasure in forwarding you the enclosed photograph of a Robin's nest, which may interest my brother fanciers. This was taken by Mr. Carless (one of my young masters) of Simpson Croft, Hepscott, who is a keen nature lover. This Robin has built its nest in a flower basket hanging in one of the conservatories of the house. It has now five eggs in it (three when photographed) and though the plants in the basket are watered every day by one of the gardeners, along with the other flowers in the place, the birds, both cock and hen, take not the slightest notice, nor of the passers-by. They seem quite at home and happy.

JOHN W. PURVIS.

Truant Mules that Returned Home.

SIR,—I thought this might be of interest to the great number of readers of CAGE BIRDS; I have been one myself for a great number of years. I go in for British birds, and I have in cages Goldfinches, Bullfinches Linnets, and a Siskin Mule, also brown Linnet Mule. Well, sir, last Monday I had them all hung out of doors, and to my great surprise as I passed by the cages about three o'clock in the afternoon, I found the cage doors of the two Mules open, and the birds gone. You can imagine how I was vexed about it. I left all the birds out, and the empty cages hung up, thinking the truants might come back. I then went on with my work in the garden. Presently I saw both flying about the garden enjoying themselves. Night came on, but no birds; so next morning I put all the others out in their usual place, and took a walk round the garden, when I saw my two Mules on the ground. I went in and had breakfast. After this I go out to my work in the garden and lo and behold my Siskin Mule is back in his cage, with the door open. Of course, I shut the door and made sure of him. About 12 o'clock, too, sure enough the Linnet Mule was also in his cage helping himself to food. How can it be cruel to keep birds in cages if, when they have had their liberty for a day and a night, they come back to the old home again? I am a real lover of dumb animals.

M. G. ELDRIDGE.

Fife C.B.S. League.

National Appeal for Railway Concessions.

SIR,—The final conference in connection with the above scheme was held in the rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday, June 20. All the delegates, with the exception of the Perth representatives, were present, there being Messrs. Gibb and McLean (Glasgow), Watson and Drysdale (Edinburgh), John Brown (Galashiels), Peter Arnott (Alloa), Thomas Arnott (Kirkcaldy), and R. T. Campbell (Dunfermline). Mr. McLean (Rowhill) was called to the chair. The delegates tabled the suggestions from the various district conferences, while the secretary read a communication containing a copy of the petition used by the English societies in their appeal for similar concessions some time ago. The delegates expressed the great satisfaction they felt for the interest taken and the hearty support they were receiving from the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, sent by their esteemed secretary, Mr. Birch. Each point raised by the delegates received due consideration, and the concessions we are likely to ask through our petition were considered reasonable in the extreme. Messrs. Gibb and McLean were asked and kindly consented to frame the petition. This in turn will be forwarded to each delegate, then placed before the Fife Cage Birds' League at their conference, to be held in Coaltown of Wemyss, July 4 and finally (with the consent of the Editor) we hope to circulate the said petition to the Fancy through the medium of CAGE BIRDS. We were more than delighted to have such a satisfactory return of signature sheets; still, it was thought advisable to again appeal to each secretary to forward us a postcard only, containing the name of his society, along with the signature of the president and sec., and the total number of members on his books. This, we are convinced, will bring up the total considerably. I make this appeal to my brother secretaries in the hope of receiving their full support, for only by better facilities in travelling our stock can we hope to keep, far less increase, the entries at our exhibitions.

ROBERT T. CAMPBELL, Sec. pro tem.
19, Rolland Street, Dunfermline.

How Canaries Beautify Society Functions.

Ascot Race Meeting Sets the Fashion.

SIR,—The hiring of Canaries is an innovation, but I hear it is increasing. The birds are hired for many purposes, though as a rule for giving a homely appearance to the surroundings. Theatres and musical halls often hire birds for a time, and so do other exhibitions. At the recent Horse Show, at Olympia, a number of Canaries were obtained on hire for the ten days during which the exhibition was open. The cages were hung round the old baronial buildings. At the last race meeting at Ascot all the ladies' retiring rooms, and the first-class refreshment rooms had birds in them for the first time. Cinematograph firms hire birds also in depicting scenes of home. It is said that the change of surroundings affects the birds so that they do not sing much, but as they are only obtained for appearance this is not a drawback from the hirer's point of view. The plan of hiring the birds instead of purchasing them outright is not due to a desire to save money, but to save trouble. A couple of dozen birds are required. The hirer sends a note to this effect to one of the dealers, and receives the birds at once. When there is no further need for them the dealer is informed and sends for them and hands in his bill. Ascot is, so far, the only race-course that has hired birds, but now that the ball has been set rolling no doubt other fashionable race-courses will follow suite. In some cases the value of the birds is more than paid for by the charges made. The dealer takes all risks, I suppose, and can make no claim in case of the death of, or injury to, his birds.

D. G. RICARD.

The Mating of Bullfinch Hen and Cock Canary.

SIR,—Many thanks for inserting my letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS. The hen laid her fifth egg on June 15, and to-day (22nd inst.) she has laid the first egg of the second round. Unfortunately she will not sit above a day. The five eggs were dropped from a very low perch, and I have set them under a hen Canary. She had, however, made a rough nest in half a cocoanut shell. This round she has laid in the nest, and will, I think, continue to do so. The cock has fed and been with her all the time. Do you think the hen Bullfinch laying again so soon causes the eggs to be unfertile?

NOVICE.

[The "hasty" egg-laying need not necessarily mean that the eggs will be unfertile. —EDITOR.]

The Song of the Nightingale in Captivity.

SIR,—I am glad to note from Mr. Lewis' remarks in your last issue that he respects the opinions of others. I did not give an opinion, however, but stated my own experience. I may mention that I have kept Nightingales off and on for nearly forty years, of course with varying experiences, as birds differ in their individuality the same as human-beings; there are scarcely two alike in their behaviour. Some are shy and nervous and will never make pets, do what you may to try and tame them, and only experience can teach you what kind of bird to select when caging a freshly-caught one. I would much rather give a very wild bird its liberty than cage it, but if you hit upon the right sort of bird and obtain him immediately upon arrival, before he is mated, and give him the proper kind of food mentioned in my last letter, the bird will not only "sing moderately well," but repay you with its full song, the same as when at large, as they have invariably been doing with me. The reason why Softbill trappers sell their freshly-caught 'Gales at low prices is not far to seek. In the first place very few of them will go to the trouble of properly steadying down a 'Gale. It takes too long for their purpose. If several are kept in a cage together for some time, they will only damage each other by fighting and knocking about, so that their chances of singing, when caged off separately afterwards, are in most cases spoilt for that reason. In the second place the food bill would not only be heavy but live food in quantity would be needed, for many difficult to procure, and I think for that reason alone trappers are anxious to get them off their hands. In conclusion I think if Mr. Lewis pays attention to proper selection he will be convinced that it is not a question of luck, but that he will meet with the same success as I have always done. Of course he must not keep two birds in the same room if they should happen to come into song at the same time; one is sure to "drown" the other, and one bird will stop singing altogether.

OTTO PUCK.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Light Linnet Mules Bred at Longton.

Another Side to the Case.

SIR,—I hope you will pardon me for drawing your attention to a little matter that I think should be ventilated. In last week's issue I noticed an advertisement under "Mules" from a Mr. Perrins, of Longton, offering for sale the parents of two "clear Linnet Mules," and saying "see CAGE BIRDS of June 13th." I remembered the letter in your issue of that date, announcing the birth of these "Mules," but my recollection was that the writer described them as "almost clear"—not clear. On looking up the letter I found that this was so, and that the writer was a Mr. T. Bown. So presumably Mr. Perrins bought the two birds (the parents) he himself offers from this Mr. Bown. Now my point is that Mr. Perrins' remark "see CAGE BIRDS of June 13th" would lead readers to assume that you had in some way or other vouched for these "Mules," and would lead them to think they really were "clear Linnet Mules." I need hardly point out to you, sir, how this kind of thing might even be deliberately "worked," though I do not for one moment suggest anything of the kind happened in this instance. We all know, however, how frequently in the past young "clear Mules" have been announced, especially by novices, which have afterwards shown themselves to be nothing but Canaries. Now I hear from a Longton correspondent, who is a competent judge, that these "Mules" of Mr. Bown's are really Canaries, i.e., that the breeder has by some means fallen into error. If this is so, what is Mr. Perrin's responsibility to your readers, to whom he may have sold the Linnet and the Canary as being the parents of "clear Mules"? What do they think of it?

INTERESTED.

SIR,—The two "clear Linnet Mules" mentioned in your paper as being bred at Longton I went to see, and they are only young *yellow* Canaries.

E. TAMS.

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

SIR,—However much Mr. T. Johnson intends to support his contention that some of our novices require their palates humouring with the choicest viands, I am going to say plainly all the time that if there is a successful breeder and exhibitor who is thriving upon anything else but his own grit and dogged determination to succeed, I shall be glad to learn of him. Incidentally, if there is a more reliable backbone in the Fancy than that which is composed of such fanciers, novice and champion, then let me hear about it with all speed. When the good, plain, wholesome fare, which the Fancy always provides, is pushed aside in preference for a diet all "bubble and squeak," depend upon it there is some dyspepsia knocking about; which I expect really accounts for the perverted views entertained by many sufferers, whose backbone gets a nasty kink in it even if I only look at it. I observe he does not enthuse much in respect to my invitation to Cardiff, and seems desirous of diverting my attention to his sleeping partner, but somehow I prefer to keep awake a bit longer in an endeavour to serve the best needs of our novices, many of whom I always admire, and some of whom I don't and have said so. The only matter I wish to touch upon in the letter of "Old Fogey" is the statement about always being prepared to sell my best specimens. Such is very far from truthful, which many would-be buyers can well support. No money has yet tempted me to part with a Plainhead intended to take its place in my stud. Otherwise, no matter how good, I sell them at a price, as their retention to form one of a team merely for exhibition purposes plays no part in the scheme of joy and happiness which I have long since mapped out and followed, though I do not claim that my measure of joy and hapiness is one whit more than the pleasure of "Old Fogey," or even the exhibitor who would sweep the deck.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

A Pure White House Sparrow.

SIR,—Perhaps it may interest you to know I had a young fully fledged House Sparrow, pure white, with pink eyes; but it only lived two days.

J. MACK.
Walthamstow.

A New Use for the Fil-up Feeder

SIR,—For those who have birds that will not bathe and possess no spray, a good plan is to fill the Fil-up feeder with water, and by placing the finger lightly on the end a good spray is obtained. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for several years, and find it most instructive and interesting. I always recommend it to anyone making a hobby of birds. Wish it every success.

W. J. LANGDON.

The Treatment of Live Stock by Railway Companies.

SIR,—I have been treated in the same manner as Mr. James Ferrabee. On May 4, through an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, I sent four birds to Byfleet, Surrey, by the 8.26 p.m. train from Caerphilly. On May 5, at 7.14 p.m., I received telegram stating "birds not arrived." On May 6 I received postcard stating "Birds arrived safe, one a bit mopey." Now these birds were kept about from Monday night until Wednesday morning. It is a mystery how they lived. I sent one bird in April to the same place, and after being delayed for 24 hours, it arrived dead. I got another order for three cock Canaries to be sent to the same place (Byfleet). I was a bit nervous about sending, after the way the others had been treated, and I made sure that they should not suffer in the same way. I arranged with the buyer for me to take birds to Cardiff and send them on from there, while he would be at Paddington Station to meet them. Those birds arrived safely. I should like to see some alteration in the way the public are treated by railway companies (re live stock), and hope some abler pen than mine will take the matter up.

DAVID T. WALLEN.

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

Fanciers are welcome to join in any of these rambles, whether members or not. Edinburgh C.B.S. and Juniper Green F.A., June 27, to Riccarton Estate. S. Shields C.B.S., June 28, to Morpeth (time and place of meeting not given.—Ed.). Southampton C.B.S., July 15, to Rufus Stone, New Forest. Huddersfield O.S., July 4, meet top of King St., at 2.0 (destination not stated.—Ed.).

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties Y.C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Northern Norwich P.H.C. (closing date June 27), F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., T. H. Inman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Y.C.C., R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Green Canary Association, F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool; National Green-marked Y.C.C., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; closing date, August 1. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, W. Priest, 6, Orchard Street, Partick. Northern British, Mule, and E.B.C., W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne; closing date, Street, Glasgow. Crested C.C., J. Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, S.W.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The following First Feather Shows have been arranged; we shall be glad to be notified of any omissions: July 18. Halifax O.S.: June 27. Sheffield C.B.S., Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., Radcliffe C.B.S., Burnley O.S., Annfield Plain C.B.S., Wigan C.B.S., Leicester, Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., North Liverpool C.B.S., Redruth F.S.; June 28, Portsmouth and S.O. C.B.S.; July 3, Bridlington, Driffield C.B.S.; July 4, Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., Vale of Leven C.B.C., Burnhope C.B.S., Chester-le-Street C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Wallasey C.B.S., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Halifax C.B.S., City and Suburban A.C.B., Leeds C.B.S., Sheffield O.S., Newcastle C.B.S.; July 5, Blantyre O.S.; July 8, Windsor C.B.A.; July 11, Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S., Shettleston C.B.S., North London C.B.A.; July 18, Irvine and Dis. C.B.S., London and Counties A.C.B., Abertillery C.B.S., Windhill C.B.S., Beamish C.B.S., Birtley C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S.; July 25, South Shields C.B.S., Falkirk Good Intent; July 30, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; Aug. 1, Pelton Fell C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Edinburgh C.B.S.; August 4, Darvel C.B.S.; Aug. 29, Dunfermline C.B.S.

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Club Reports.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting June 13, Mr. Cresswell chair. Messrs. J. W. Callway and T. Johnston were made members. Entrance fee 6d. per cage for Y.B. show June 27, Mr. Flanagan's club room. Meeting will be held after show.—W. Thompson.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting June 13, Mr. H. Barron chair, with a good turn-up of members. Stewards were picked for young bird show. G. Dawson, H. Barron, J. Robson, G. Bates, C. Davison, H. Edgar, J. Lowerson, J. Skivington, A. Herdman were elected members. Any member who has not got a schedule for young bird show, July 4, please apply for one.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting, 81, Kilbowie Road, June 18, Mr. McGown presiding over a good attendance. Mr. McGown gave a report of the meeting held in Glasgow in connection with the Fife C.B.L. in regard to approaching the railway companies. Mr. Sheridan's motion was brought forward, and after some keen discussion it was agreed that the sec. write the other clubs in Dumbartonshire and find if they were favourable to it. Letter read from Mr. Rennie, Falkirk, in regard to the testimonial to Mr. Hugh Morland, and a sum of money was collected for this worthy cause.—Wm. Rane, Sec.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Meeting June 17, Station Cafe. Mr. T. Harrison presiding over a good attendance, who were very anxious to hear what Mr. W. Fairhurst would have to say to them in reference to British birds, and members were rewarded by hearing some very good advice and valuable hints; the novice members especially should find it of great assistance. Time unfortunately curtailed much that Mr. Fairhurst would have liked to say. At the close he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Next meeting July 1st, Station Cafe, at 8. Lecture on colour breeding and colour feeding by Mr. T. Harrison.—C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

First N.F. Show, June 20, in the King Cross Band Room, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Shipley, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The judge, in his remarks, said although there was not a large entry, what was short in this respect was made up for in the quality. Some very good birds were shown all round, and with a good moult will be heard of again. Mr. E. Benson, novice, won sp. for best clear or tkd. bird with a nice clear yellow, quite a typical Yorks., and a credit to the owner.

OPEN CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Walsh; 2, Priestly; 3, Savile. BUFF: 1, 2, Stobart; 3, 4, Savile. EVEN, ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Priestly; 3, Stohart. BUFF: 1, Walsh; 2, Priestly. NOV., CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp, best cl. or tkd. bird, Benson; 2, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 3, Gelder; 2, Benson; 4, Corney. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Corney. BUFF: 1, Benson.

This, the first show in connection with the society proved a success. Next N.F. show, July 4, when it is hoped that members will then have more birds ready to exhibit.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec., 46, Hammond-st., Halifax.

SOUTHERN YORKS C C.

Tenth annual general meeting held at the El Vino, Piccadilly, April 30, President Mr. R. L. Crisp in the chair, with a good attendance. The balance sheet was adopted. The prizes were presented to members present, the greater part having been sent prior to the meeting. The result of the ballot for the election of officers, etc., was:—President, Mr. R. L. Crisp; vice-pres., Messrs. W. G. Elsmore, A. E. Pattrick, J. Robson, F. Easterling; committee, Messrs. H. Smith, P. Rooke, J. Carson, J. Dewhurst, H. Jones, J. Hawes, H. Knight, Capt. Fellowes, L. Bousfield, E. Holliday, Col. Roath, F. Tebbs; treas., Mr. R. L. Crisp; sec., J. W. Rennie; auditors, Messrs. H. Smith and J. Tyson. The President explained the case of Mr. Granville, and it was decided that the win should not count. Notice of motion that in the event of any tie, the member who takes most prize money wins. To this there was an amendment that the specials should be divided. The amendment met with the approval of the meeting, which recommended it to the committee to adopt. Notice of motion to amend novice teapots, etc., was lost. Notice of motion that nomination papers be only sent to four or six of the committee was carried. Mr. W. G. Elsmore very kindly offered a £5 5s. cup for unflighted birds, also Mr. R. L. Crisp a £2 2s. cup for novices with unflighted birds. Mr. Skinner also offered a dozen table knives for first year champion, also a special for the novice member making most points. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—J. W. Rennie, Hon. Sec. (The above report reached us on June 24.—Editor.)

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Meeting June 22, Assembly Rooms, Market, Carnarvon. Present: Chair, Mr. James Jones; Mr. John Wynne Parry, Mr. Edward Jones, Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. J. O. Parry, Mr. Richard Hughes, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. H. J. Williams, and R. E. Griffith, Sec. Mr. James Jones (chairman) and the Sec. wished to resign, but eventually agreed to stand for another year, the Sec. hoping that the new committee would attend meetings more regularly than the old committee. Mr. Edward Jones was elected hon. treas., and Mr. R. Lloyd Jones auditor. The committee are:—Chair, Mr. James Jones; vice-chair, Mr. John O. Parry; hon treas., Mr. Edward Jones; committee, Messrs. J. W. Jones, R. Green, John Wynne Parry, George Jones, Richard Hughes, R. H. Davies, John Hughes, Howell J. Williams, Harrison Morris, W. R. Roberts, and Sec., R. E. Griffith; the presidents and vice-presidents being held over till next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the late committee for kind services during 1913 and 1914. We have fixed Dec. 26 for next open show; the challenge cups will be up again. The entrance fee for membership is 1s., and I beg fanciers of North Wales who intend to join to send on postal order for 1s. We have only the small balance of 1s. 4d. in hand, and fanciers may help by joining at once, so that we may have funds to carry on our efforts to have a grand open show again. If any fancier would like to support us in any way we shall be very thankful for any little cash or special. We shall have no members' show this year, only an open show. The cup presented by Mr. Herbert Jones (present holder, Mr. James Jones) will be competed for at the open show for points with unflighted Canaries shown by members only: it has to be won twice in succession or three times in all. Committee meetings in future will be held every Monday at 7.30 at Assembly Rooms.—R. E. Griffith, Sec., Balaclava Road, Carnarvon.

SOUTH CO. (Dublin) C.B.A.

A young bird show will be held July 25 in the Court House, Town Hall, Kingston, confined to members. Eight classes each for Yorks and Nor. Fee 6d. Birds staged 3. There will also be a British bird section for juveniles, fee 2d. Mr. Barclay will judge Canaries and Mr. Carroll the juvenile section. Will members who have not yet sent in their annual subscription kindly do so at once, so that they will be able to take part in the first young bird show run by the association.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, headquarters, June 20, Mr. Farrer presiding. Sec. read a letter from the N.C.C. stating that Mr. J. Ford Maling was giving a gold medal for best bird, and Mr. George Debson a silver medal for best novice bird, both confined to members of the N.C.C. exhibiting at our open show, which kind offers were gratefully accepted. Decided to have a ramble to Corbridge on June 27, train leaving Sunderland at 12.43, all invited. Second N.F. show, July 4, at Headquarters, at 6.30; Mr. Connaughton, of the Empire Aviaries, has kindly promised one stone of seed for most points at this show. Mr. W. Tallantyre's election to membership was confirmed. —J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

BATH.

Table Show, June 18, at Mr. Taylor's camp, Canaries unfortunately were absent, undoubtedly owing to the breeding season, but Brit. were good in quality. Mr. S. E. Jones judged. GOLDF. or BULLF. (9): 1, 2, 3, sp., Russell, two good Goldies, leading, 3, a real good Bullie, with a moult will want stopping. GREENF., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Jones, Siskin leading, correct type, good qual., and 2, Leseer Redpolls. A.O.V.: 1, Russell, F.-M. Bramble, good feather and steady; 2, Wise, Yellow Bunting, credit for novice; 3, Taylor, ditto. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Jones, staged in the usual way. FOR, SMALL: 1, sp, Mabony, charming pair Budgerigars. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Taylor, two good Amazons and Cockatoo.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, Maskell's Hotel, June 18. Mr. Allsopp presided. After some discussion re judges for the Young Bird Show in July, Mr. E. J. Banks was elected to judge Yorks, and Mr. E. J. Davies remainder. Resolved that entry fee be 6d., and no birds to be removed before 9.30. Messrs. Wiseman, Peace, Charles, and Raymond, to act as stewards. Specials promised: 2s. 6d. by Mr. Allsopp, for best bird shown by a novice in the open classes; sp., value 10s. by Mr. Banks, best bird in show, bred 1914; Mr. Townsend. 2s. 6d. for most points in novice Yorks.; Mr. H. C. Smith, 2s. 6d., most points in novice Nor.; Mr. E. J. Davies also promised a special. Mr. Banks raised the question of holding a members' show in October; decided to deal with this at next meeting. Prize money won at Young Bird Shows will be paid at next meeting. Subs. now due.—E. Thomas, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

The above society held a very successful smoking concert at the Land o' Cakes Hotel, June 17; about thirty members and friends were present. Our chairman, Mr. Fulcher, occupied the chair, and, with his usual ready wit, kept the company in a very good humour. The artistes were numerous, and their songs, etc., were of very high merit. We were surprised to find such a lot of hidden talent amongst our members. The evening's entertainment opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr. A. Butler, who also accompanied the various artistes throughout the evening in a very masterly style. The following gentlemen sang in fine form, and many encores were called for and given:—Mr. Butler, Mr. Riddlesworth, Mr. Massey, Mr. McKail; Mr. Griffiths gave several grand concertina solos. Mr. Brown proposed a toast, "Our President," which was ably supported by Mr. Robinson. Mr. Moorbey proposed "Our Society" in a few well-chosen words, and was ably supported by Mr. McTurk. We were very pleased to see our friend Mr. Atkinson present. A very enjoyable evening was terminated by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."—F. Hayward, Hon. Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Meeting, Cossars Tea Rooms, June 5, President A. Moffat in the chair; classification was gone through for annual show; agreed to have 13 classes for Norwich, 12 Borders, 19 for Mules, Brit., and For. Judges: Norwich, Mr. T. Morrison, Burnbank; Borders, Mr. W. B. Smart, Loanhead; Mules, Brit., and For., Mr. J. Livingstone, Bathgate.—A. Hoyle, Sec.

NEWTONGRANGE C.B.S.

At a recent meeting the auditor's report was submitted and approved. Sec. stated that the income had been £62 2s. 3d., and expenditure £44 1s. 4½d., leaving a balance of £18 0s. 10½d. This was considered satisfactory, as there were various necessary items of expenditure which will not occur the following year. Mr. George Nelson and Mr. James Smith were appointed trustees. Office-bearers appointed:—Pres., Mr. A. M. Gardiner; vice-pres., Mr. W. Thomson; sec. and treas., Mr. W. Bryson. A committee of management was also appointed. Decided to have a first feather show Aug. 1. Classes: Two Nor., two Borders, one A.O.V., one Mules or Hyb., and one Brit. Agreed to solicit the services of Mr. Steele (Dalkeith) as judge. The date of the open show is Dec. 19. Agreed to give guarantee of advertisement to CAGE BIRDS. Next meeting June 20, at 3, for nomination of judges, to consider the classification, and any other competent business.—A. M. G.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest for time, June 14, British Oak, Carbrook-st., Attercliff. Mr. Austin gave three prizes, and some good singing was done. 1, 3, Watson; 2, Coley. June 21: 1, 2, Coley; 3, Robinson.—E. Robinson, Sec.

Linnet contest, June 21st, Columbia Tavern, Fornham-st., 18 entered for three prizes, given by Mr. Schofield. 1, Woodcock, 81; 2, Brown, 51; 3, Woodcock, 41. March between Booker and Spottswood, Booker was an easy winner, 76.—W. Bingham, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members sing, Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, June 22, 21 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, R. Plows; 2, 3, J. Bath. Open sing, June 27, first pair lung 3.30 prompt. Don't forget.—A. Tomlin, Sec.—(Advt.)

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality singing, Fox Inn, Woodhouse-st., Leeds, every Saturday and Sunday. Hon. Sec., Mr. Lunn.—(Advt.)

Quality Linnet singing, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd., June 20. 18 sang for 3 prizes: 1, 3, Hayes; 2, Wigfield. Judges, Bott and Naylor. June 21, 24 sung for 4 prizes: 1, 4, Stead; 2, Farrar; 3, Wood. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Clegg.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary Club; two contests, June 20. First contest, 25 birds: 1, Johnson's (Musical Box); 2, Chippindale; 3, Kendall; 4, Ridgeyard. Judges, C. Lorriman, S. Butterfield; time-keeper, Alf. Lorriman. In the second contest several members of other clubs entered, and we heard some very good quality singing. 15 birds: 1, Bell; 2, Fairer; 3, Playforth. Judges, C. Lorriman and J. Clark. June 21, 26 birds: 1, Johnson; 2, Kendall; 3, Chippindale. Judges: C. Lorriman and J. Clark; timekeeper, N. Soloman. After contest two matches were held, Jack Chippendale beating H. Wigfield, and W. Ridgeyard beating A. Holgate. Judges, J. Clark and C. Lorriman.—R. Ridgeyard.

Quality contest for Linnets, held Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe. We had friends from outside districts, June 21, to hear some of the best quality singing ever heard: 1, Binns; 2, Rosindale; 3, Blackburn. Judges, C. Clayton and Kibbles. —C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

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Country Rambles

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.

A good muster of members and friends went for a ramble through Epping Forest, June 13th. The weather was delightfully fine, and bird life was in abundance. Leaving the station and skirting the right hand of the lake we turned into forest and glade, and a more enthusiastic lot of seekers it would have been difficult to find; we were soon rewarded for our trouble by bringing to light a nest containing four bonny young Linnets about 5 days old; we also found young and eggs of the Blackbird, Thrush, Robin, and another which, after some discussion we had to write down as unknown On arriving at The Owl we all did full justice to a splendid meat tea, after which we wended our way homeward to the merry song of the Thrush, Blackbird, Chaffinch, etc., just before they retired for the night. It was with a feeling of regret that we realised another grand outing had come to a close.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Annual outing, June 20. The Mecca was, as in former years, Pitreavie Estate, Mr. Henry Beveridge having kindly granted permission to the members and their friends to view the beauties of bird life in the estate. The main party left by tramcar at 1.30, joining a few of the country members at Halbeath. Passing down a beautiful shady lane, we came to the boundaries of the plantation, where we were met by Mr. Oswald, the forester, to whom we are greatly indebted for assistance, which went far to help the success of the ramble. The first nest found was a willow warbler's, discovered by Mr. Scobie. Although nests were discovered galore, the next strikingly interesting thing was when Mr. Cumming found a squirrel's nest. He was fully compensated for his stiff climb, as on examination, the nest was found to be lined with the skins of five young squirrels. Soon after this a Wood-pigeon's nest was found by Mr. Allister, but the climax was reached when Mr. Penman discovered a young Horned Owl, sitting on a tree a little from the nest.

The company then adjourned to Mastertown, where they were entertained to tea by Mrs. Oswald, after which a business meeting was held, but owing to the importance of the matters on the agenda, they were remitted for discussion and disposal to a later meeting. The company was then conducted over the grounds of Pitreavie Castle, including the beautiful rock gardens, and were also shown the interesting model railway at the back of the castle. To say that it was a success is to say the least of it, although we all missed the cheerful company of Mr. Campbell, the society's enthusiastic secretary, who was unable to attend, as he had to be present at a West Fife League conference in Edinburgh. The attendance numbered about twenty.—J. Anderson, Asst. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Members Spend a Day Amidst Beautiful Woods.

On awaking on Sunday, June 14, all eyes were turned heavenwards to see whether fortune would favour us on this great day. I say great day because it had been looked forward to for months, and has been the talk of all since the 1914 programme was formed. None of the members forgot the glorious time we had in the same district in 1913, and for that reason everyone was very keen on being present. What a glorious day! Fortune had again favoured us, the sun was shining in the heavens hours no doubt before the majority of those participating were astir, although some were up betimes looking after their birds, so that they might have the afternoon clear to enjoy nature to the full. We met at the Park Hotel, Hillsboro', and a glorious meet it was; the numbers present eclipsed all expectations. The route was through the famed Bulley Woods, through Greno Woods on to Norfolk Arms Hotel for tea and home. About five hundred yards from the Park Hotel we reached Bulley Woods. The beauty of the district is that in ten minutes we are in the depth of the woods, no matter which route we take. Nature was absolutely at its best, after the rains of the early part of the week, the trees, grasses, and flowers, had, as it were, put on their very best attire to greet us. Over-head was a Woodpigeon making love to his better half, while she was looking after her duties of incubation; immediately after a Blackbird with young was discovered, Friend Milne said he found a Nightingale. A lovely Tree Pipit would indeed have held its own in the strongest competition. Bird life appeared more abundant than I have seen on any previous walk through these woods. We keep on to the paths in the woods for about four miles, but then have to take to the road for about a mile and climb a steep hill, with a burning sun overhead, not altogether to the liking of all. We kept trudging on, however, and eventually were rewarded by once more entering the shade of the wood, where the soft grass was like carpet to our feet.

Making headway to the "Halfway House" in the centre of the wood, an ideal spot was selected for refreshments, and this necessitated a rest of about half an hour, during which time our photographer got to work. Here we found our genial treasurer, Dr. Craig, awaiting us. After we had refreshed and rested we commenced the latter half of our journey, this half being by far the most interesting. The woods are literally alive with ants, and therefore with Softbills. Our guide was in his glory here, for the last forty years he has traversed the paths in the woods; he knows every nook and corner. His particular forte is "ants and their habits"; he thinks nothing of putting his hand in the midst of a nest with thousands of ants running about, carrying their eggs to what they consider a place of safety.

We cannot stay too long on this interesting little spot as tea is ordered for six o'clock, so we make headway once more. The Softhills were in abundance hereabouts, Redstarts, Tits of all kinds, Wrens, Gales, etc., etc. A brake to our left in the woods was overgrown with thistles, a few Goldies were hereabout, but it is a little early for them to find their favourite seed. There is a magnet in front, just on the top of some trees which lie before us, as we are now on the descent, we see the tall white chimney stack of our hotel, some say they smelt the ham and eggs, at any rate, we were all ready for it, and everyone did justice to it. After tea we had an official photograph taken outside the hotel.

Forty-one sat down to tea, a nice little muster, and at the conclusion of tea our chairman pointed out what the society aimed at, and how we tried to encourage the Fancy. This was the means of making ten hon. members and four ordinary members, not bad for a ramble. After tea some of the party, not having had sufficient of the woods, made another journey in them. The roll call for home was made about 8.30, and home was reached about ten o'clock, everyone having spent a most enjoyable time. Our next ramble, July 12, via Cardwell Valley, is being looked forward to already, for everyone knows the beautiful scenery Derbyshire can give us.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

Great Discovery!

This article is No. I of the new series calling "Cage Birds" readers attention to a remarkable Holeproof Cloth that will not tear.

Related by T. H. Winbrook.

A REAL GOOD TIP! CLOTHES BILL MORE THAN HALVED!!

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Readers of a serious turn of mind—those who think—yet not deeply, must recognise the remarkable changes made in every industry—the outcome of scientific study and research. The result of years of experimentation frequently gives to the world the most simple invention—so very simple, yet which in a few months scraps all old methods and appliances, and results in a better article at half the price for the public. The changes in methods in all businesses are simple yet remarkable for their results, yet to think that science has given us a cloth absolutely untearable—and of such hardwearing qualities that the manufacturers willingly guarantee it, no matter how hard it is worn, for at least six months and at the same time offer clothing at half the price of that made from ordinary tweeds is certainly most astounding.

The Cloth.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TWISTING FEATHERS (Yuakey's Houses).—Your query is really too vague for me to give you any definite advice. Is what you describe as something like a fur close to the skin a scurfy substance, or simply a short downy kind of feather? You should also have given full particulars as to how you feed the bird, where it is kept, and how long it has been affected in this way; if it appears otherwise in good health, and its probable age. Try the following treatment for two or three weeks, and if there is not a considerable improvement in that time, write again, and give the fullest particulars you can. Keep bird in a bright, healthful position, and the cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and allow bird to bath freely. In addition to the seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give in the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice. Do not forget to give a little green food in moderate quantity, and of a varied kind.

TO CURE ASTHMA (Anxious).—When well established asthma may be regarded as incurable. Treatment is only palliative, and can only be so when the exciting causes are removed, and the bird kept under healthful conditions. But you ought to have described the symptoms, and given full particulars how you feed the bird, and where and how it is kept, as it may not be suffering from asthma at all. Anyway, try what the following will do for it. See that it is kept in a bright and healthy place, free from direct draughts, or great fluctuations of heat and cold, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. During the first week limit the diet to plain canary seed, supplemented with a liberal supply of green food in variety, and add to the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. For the next fortnight after this give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, and shake well together. If not well in this time, write again, and give particulars as named above, and I will advise you further.

TO MAKE HIM WHISTLE (Novice).—I'm afraid I cannot tell you how to make a cock sing if he does not want to. But any healthy, vigorous cock Canary that has not commenced his moult, should be in song long before this time. As it has only sang a month in the last eighteen months, I should, unless he gave very strong proof in that short time to the contrary, be inclined to doubt his sex. As the moulting season is very nigh, I doubt if he would in any case begin to sing now until after he has moulted. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece. Allow it to bathe freely, and give a liberal supply of seed heads of dandelion, shepherd's purse, mouse-ear, and seedy sprays of chickweed. If this does not have the desired effect, write again, and refer to this reply.

SITS RUFFLED UP (Tango).—If, as I assume, the bird was in good health and lively up to three weeks ago, and has gradually fallen off to this listless condition, I do not suppose there is anything more the matter than the moult about to commence. Possibly the bird may have commenced to shed feathers by this time, in which case there will be no more doubt. If this is the case all you need do is to keep the bird fairly warm, and out of direct draughts, give a little egg food, or any substitute you may prefer, three times a week, and on the remaining days give a little seed mixture (in case you do not feed on a mixture as staple), and a fairly liberal supply of varied green food and wild seeds as mentioned in reply to "Novice." If it appears that this surmise is not correct, treat the bird generally as advised in that reply, except that in your case you must omit the medicine in the water, and give instead ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and after this four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

A WATERY BLADDER (Mrs. Strickland).—A small sketch, no matter how crude, to show the position of the substance, would have been useful, as I cannot decide from description whether it is on the abdomen or the root of the tail. If in the latter position, you might try painting it with tincture of iodine twice, allowing an interval of three days to elapse between the paintings. If this does not cause absorption, and there is any kind of a "head" to it, prick with a clean needle, after bathing for a few moments with warm water gently press out the contents, wash clean, and anoint for a few days with Lanocyllin ointment. If the substance is anywhere on the abdomen, do not interfere with it, but treat as follows and report result. For one week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day, and after this dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half this size, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give this in place of plain water for drinking every second day for a fortnight.

BREAKING UP (S. A. M. James).—(1) If the cocks were removed when the hens commenced to sit, and the hens are bringing up the young broods by themselves, there is no difficulty whatever in breaking up the pairs for the season by simply withholding the cocks from any further access to the hens. In a great number of cases the hens will make no further attempts to nest again this season, but in those few cases where they do, the removal of the nest and all nesting material, where nest is not still occupied by the young, will be a sufficient deterrent to stop them going on. Very prolific hens may lay a casual egg or two, or in exceptional cases a full clutch, but it will be better to destroy these than to let them attempt another brood of young, and turn the hens altogether into a large flight cage as soon as they are quite freed from the necessity of feeding the young. If the cocks are with the hens helping to bring up the broods, then, as soon as the young are well free of the nest, if the hens show any signs of beginning another nest, remove them and turn them into the flights, being careful to see that no nesting receptacle or material is about for them to play about with, and leave the cocks with the young to finish the weaning of them. In all cases, as soon as the young are well out of the nests and do not return to it, remove it, and do not allow any scraps of nesting material to be about the cages. The mere absence of the latter is, in most cases, sufficient to stop breeding efforts at this season. It is not essential to keep the cocks out of sight of the hens, but this acts as an extra deterrent in the case of prolific hens which are anxious to go on breeding. Cocks may be kept together in one flight, and hens in another. Only very belligerent specimens need be caged separately. (2) I see no objection to breeding with the hen with the hind toe turned forward next year, if she is otherwise robust and in good health. As you were too late to use a rubber ring you might yet do something for the toe by modifying the perches for a time, as advised to "P.D.R." in last issue.

LOST ITS VOICE (D. Newman).—It may be too late now to do much in restoring the Roller's voice prior to moulting, as it is very near the time when you can only expect it to be silent on this account. See that it is not exposed to direct draughts, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. Apart from draughts, keep it in a bright and airy place. In addition to the seed diet, give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 15 drops of a mixture of equal parts glycerine, honey, and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. After giving this a fortnight, miss a week, and then resume, and give it for another fortnight. If the voice does not return soon after the moult is finished you had better write again, and refer to this reply.

DIED YOUNG (F.P.).—Your dietary is decidedly at fault, and is doubtless mainly responsible for the loss of the young. Also, from your remark as to supplying the soft food in a glass on the floor of the cage, I surmise you have not a proper breeding cage, and this may possibly have contributed somewhat to the loss. The actual cause was clearly that the hen did not feed them, and you do not say whether the cock was with her or not. If he was, try removing him next time the hen is beginning to sit, and leave her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. Give a staple seed diet of plain canary seed, and add a pinch of summer rape on top of it each day. When the young are due to hatch, give the egg food in small quantities, and fresh at least twice a day, three times would be far better if the weather is very warm. If the hen does not seem to begin to feed well by the second day give a tiny leaf of crisp young lettuce at once, otherwise begin to give it on the morning of the fourth day, and give a little either lettuce, chickweed, flowering tips of groundsel, or watercress, fresh each morning and afternoon. At the end of eight days or so you may give a little soaked rape daily, but be careful not to allow this to remain to become sour, and a few days later add also a little cracked hemp daily. Do not interfere with the arrangements more than is quite unavoidable, and with this method of feeding I think it likely you will do better next time. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you, post free, for 7d. It would save you making many mistakes.

EGG DRIED UP (Wm. Charters).—The egg you sent arrived quite smashed, so it would have been useless to return in any case. The condition is quite a common one, and is caused by the egg substance drying up in the shell during incubation. Such eggs are probably unfertile in most cases, but the chief reason of drying up is undoubtedly an imperfect condition of the structure of the shell. When the hen is going to nest again keep a little smashed old motar strewn about the sand on the floor of the cage, and add a teaspoonful of lime-water to the drinking water every second day until the eggs are laid. This may prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

RECORD OF UNFERTILITY (A. P. W.).—It is not possible to be dogmatic about the real cause of the unfertility of which you send record. In the case of the first nests it is not at all uncommon to find the whole of the clutch unfertile, and these to be succeeded by clutches of fertile eggs for the remainder of the season, and this is most likely to occur when the birds are mated early, and the weather is more or less unfavourable; or it may be from the birds not being in a sufficiently forward condition for successful breeding, though they may be in quite good health; or again, it may be owing to the birds, one or both, being more or less out of health, or in a low, run-down condition. The fact that every egg in the second and third clutches of No. 1 hen proved fertile, whilst those of No. 2 hen again all proved unfertile is not so peculiar as it may seem at first sight, as it may be due to this hen being out of condition; or she may be older; or it may be simply due to a lack of affinity between the two birds—or, as it is often put, they do not "hit." If you try this hen again this season you should mate her with another cock, one in good song and vigorous health, to see if this alters her record of uselessness. If you do this, leave the new pair together permanently until the clutch of eggs is laid, when you can either remove him or let him remain to assist in the bringing up, as you have found to work best with this particular hen.

MORE EGGS WANTED (Rather Anxious).—Sorry I cannot tell you any infallible way to make a hen lay more eggs in a clutch which has laid only two in each of three successive clutches. Small clutches may be natural to her, just as abnormally large ones may be to unusually prolific hens. You do not say anything about the age of the hen, so I cannot even tell you whether she is likely to do any better next year or not, beyond saying that if she is a last season bred bird it is not at all unlikely she will lay clutches of the full normal number of four or five. To assist towards this end you may, when preparing her for breeding next spring, feed her up rather liberally, avoiding, of course, making her in any way fat; add a sprinkling of yellow mustard seed to her mixture of seeds, and in the egg food add a small pinch of crushed mustard seed and a few chopped sunflower seeds. If this method of preparation does not result in bringing about larger clutches you may give it up as a bad job, and either replace her with another hen, or rest satisfied with her small clutches. If the hen is several years old your best plan is to discard her without more ado as a stock bird. I do not advise you to try her again this season, but judging from your experience of her idiosyncrasy this season you would do well to always take the cock out of sight and ear-shot each time she begins to sit on a clutch of eggs.

NO RESULTS (G. Watts).—You should have given me some idea how old the birds are, and also said whether all the empty eggs have been obtained from one hen, or whether both hens are equally barren of results. Anyway, you may put the idea of the heavy traffic being responsible for the unfertility out of your mind, as there is not the least reason for supposing that this is the cause. Neither is the fact of running two hens with one cock likely to be the cause of it. If these two hens have only had two nests each, and are anxious to begin again quickly, this is supposing both hens are responsible for a share of the unfertile eggs, you may let them have another try, and feed them as advised to "Rather Anxious" in this issue. Also, before beginning to feed them up, dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water for three consecutive days. A staple of plain canary seed, or at most a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape would be much better for breeding birds than a more elaborate mixture.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FOOD FOR SOFTBILLS (A. W.).—Although one is able to make up a good mixture to feed the Warblers upon, I have found that it is quite as economical to purchase a good brand of food from some reliable maker ready mixed for use. The following would perhaps suit you, the ingredients for which could be purchased separately; but be sure you procure all of them of the best quality Powdered Osborne biscuits 4 parts, best ants' eggs and dried flies 2 parts each, powdered silkworm pupæ one part, meat meal half a part. This should be mixed dry, and the quantity required for the daily consumption made damp with scraped raw carrot or a little chopped green food, also encourage the Warblers to take soft fruit; it is a very valuable food for them. In addition to this they will, of course, require a fair amount of insects, mealworms, flies, caterpillars, beetles, etc.

THRUSH OUT OF CONDITION (John McBride).—Although the food you are giving your bird is no doubt a good one, it does not evidently quite suit him, so you had better give him a complete change. Either buy a good brand of insectile food or make your own, following the receipt given to "A.W.," but using six parts biscuit meal instead of four parts, which would make a nice food for a Thrush. I would also advise you to give him as much Glauber Salts as will cover a shilling, dissolved in his drinking water for one day, then miss a day and repeat. Discontinue giving him earthworms, for although birds will almost live on them in a wild state, they do not appear to agree with them when in captivity. They can be given occasionally, but then only select the small ones. You had better rely upon mealworms, caterpillars, beetles, gentles, and an occasional garden snail. If the bird is really blind in the one eye you can do nothing for it; but if the eye is simply sore or inflamed, bathe it with warm water in which has been dissolved some boracic powder, in the proportion of a spoonful to a cup of water. Keep cage and perches perfectly clean, and let him bathe on every fine day.

THRUSH WITH COLD (J. Lally).—I am not particularly fond of either of the foods you mention as a staple diet. They would do nicely for a change, but you would do better by using a higher grade mixture. Read the advice given to "John McBride" respecting food, and treat your bird in a similar manner. A piece of bread dipped in hot milk is good for them occasionally; but if used continually would be inclined to cause looseness of the bowels. Make up the following mixture: 2 parts honey, 1 each of whisky and fresh lemon juice, and give a small teaspoonful in the drinking water. Use warm water so that it mixes properly. When he regains his voice let him have a course of Chemical Food, half a teaspoonful to two tablespoonsful of water, or you can mix it in a little of his soft food.

SEXING DOVES (Alpha).—The birds you describe are not Ring Doves, but Turtle Doves. The Ring Doves have a white patch on the side of the neck. They are the big Wood Pigeons and are resident with us the year round. The Turtle Doves are migratory, arriving in the South of England in the latter part of April and May. There is no distinguishing marks denoting the sex, the hen being generally rather duller in plumage. This is quite distinguishable, even in dead specimens, so you should have no trouble in sexing your birds, providing, of course, that you have some of each. The birds without the ring are young ones, so no doubt the one you name as "B" is of the female sex. The only way you can settle the sex of "A" is to compare it with "B," and if you can place it in a cage close to the other, its behaviour would convince you. (2) Any of the birds you mention would eat a fair number of flies, but I should think the Chaffinch would suit your purpose as well as any. Some of them will consume quite a quantity, particularly when they have been caged a year or two. The Canary is not much of an insect-eater, although one will sometimes nibble at a mealworm and chase a stray fly round its cage, but it is all done in the way of "sport," or something to do.

CANARY-BULLFINCH (A.P.).—In your letter you ask if there are any Bullfinch-Canary Hybrids about. I presume you mean Canary-Bullfinches, as this is the way this Hybrid is produced. It has now been bred by various fanciers for a number of years. The fancier you mention possesses a splendid example, which has won for him a number of first and special prizes, against all comers, it is probably the best bird of the kind in the world at the present time. The exhibitor was the fortunate breeder.

GREENFINCH-CANARY HYBRIDS (F. Cole).—If your two clear birds are genuine Greenfinch-Canary Hybrids they are valuable for exhibition purposes, that is, of course, providing they are large, of good shape and feather. The dark ones are not of much value unless exceptionally good. When they grow up you should recognise them by their beak being heavier than the canaries, and also by an indescribable Greenfinch appearance. You could further make certain of distinguishing them by marking them with Canary rings; these are advertised in our columns and are made to fit upon the leg of the bird. They are numbered and are easily put on and taken off. You should procure some and put one on at once. If your birds are quite clear they would be called "Clear Greenfinch-Canary Hybrids," but should either of them have a small mark it would then be a "Ticked Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid."

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (T. B.).—Yes, the autumn would be the best time to stock your aviary although you should watch our advertisement pages and see if you could pick up some hand-reared specimens, if so you would find them much more tractable than freshly caught ones. When first procured wild birds should be fed upon soaked canary-rape and teazle, a little cracked hemp, and wild seed mixture, and gradually brought along until they can do on hard seeds only. The mixture you mention would do admirably as an occasional tit-bit, but your stock mixture would have to be made up to suit the most delicate birds. It is a very good plan to have a three-compartment self-feeding seed hopper, containing canary summer rape, and teazle, and give mixed seeds every other day, with sunflowers daily, and wild seeds and grasses as often as possible. When you procure your birds, perhaps you will write again if you need further advice.

BULLFINCH WITH DIARRHŒA (C. J. T. Mobbs).—There is evidently one of the seeds in your mixture that does not agree with the bird. I would advise you to discontinue the linseed until the autumn and winter, when a little is good for them. Offer a pinch of maw seed daily until the bird is

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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well. Give a few sunflowers daily. For one day dissolve as much glauber salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water. In future let all his water be boiled before use, and add to it a small teaspoonful of chemical food. When the diarrhœa has ceased gradually commence to give green food and fruit, this is a seasonable diet and should assist in keeping him in health. (2) In the seed mixture for your Linnet omit the linseed and hemp for the present, and give plenty of wild food, being careing, etc., rather fully, so would advise being careful to select the seeding tops of groundsel, chickweed, shepherds purse, and grasses. Make a mixture of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian, and put half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, let him have this for a week, when no doubt he will have recovered.

GOLDFINCH ILL.—Your bird is certainly far from well, and although you say he has had just the same treatment as the others, I fear in this way you have made a mistake, because my experience has been that no two birds thrive well on exactly the same treatment. When a bird develops an abnormal appetite it is a sign that he is not doing well. First catch the bird and see in what condition he is in, if fat give him two or three doses of glauber salts, missing a couple of days between each dose. Dissolve as much as will cover a sixpence in his drinking water. If in only fair condition do not give the salts, but offer the bread and milk every other day. Make a mixture of equal quantities of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian, and give half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonsful of water, daily for five or six days, follow this up with a course of chemical food. Soak a spoonful of summer rape and teazle, and give on the days you are not giving the bread and milk. Offer sunflower seeds daily, a little lightly cracked hemp three times a week, also maw seed and niger. Try to procure a good wild seed mixture for him; but if not able to do so you could purchase dandelion, thistle, and gold of pleasure, these you could make into a mixture, and offer when you are not giving the maw and niger. Collect seeding wild food, such as chickweed, groundsel, various grasses, particularly one that the country children call "Tinker Tailor, etc." Finches are specially fond of this. Place the bird in a large cage, keep him out of draughts, and let him bathe on fine days.

CONCERNING A YOUNG STARLING (Mowgli).—It is not unusual for hand-reared Starlings to develop the manners you mention. I would advise you not to let him out quite so frequently, but talk to him and handle him as much as possible, do not tease him, or you will possibly make him spiteful. They want very careful management when young, or they acquire habits that are not at all nice. (2) If you have a good feeding hen you could remove the eggs from your Bullfinch hen and let her rear them, if not you must give the Bullics a chance, although they are not to be relied on. You will have to supply them with soft food, etc., to feed on, or I fear you will not succeed. If you look up last week's CAGE BIRDS you will see I answered this question to two readers: Edith Pearce Brown and F. E. N. I went into the feeding, etc., rather fully, so would advise you to follow the advice given to them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS (C. W.).—Whatever the cause (this somewhat obscure), it would be better to cage the two affected birds up separately, away from their fellows, till in condition again; treat as follows: One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water daily, till the bowels have been well moved, when this occurs, once a week will suffice afterwards, and on the intervening day put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the water; continue this till the birds are fit again. Supply the usual menu, plus as much seeding and flowering grass and chickweed as they will eat. When catching them up examine closely to see if there are any parasites, and if so, either wash the birds thoroughly with a quassia solution, using a camel-hair mop brush; or blow pyrethum powder or similar insecticide into the plumage. Watch them carefully, and not if they are abrading the plumage against cage anywhere. Report progress a month hence.

SHOW QUERIES (A. J. M.).—You did not comply with the rules for a reply per post. Assuming that you have given me full class headings, I should class as small common the following:—Cordon Bleu, Firefinch, Cutthroat, Zebra, Spice, Red-headed, Cuba, Olive, Alario, Bib, Lavender, Saffron, Striated and Sharp-tailed Finches; Red and Green Avadavats; Orange-cheeked, Gold-breasted, Grey, and St. Helena Waxbills; Bronze, Black-headed, White-headed, Magpie, and Tricolour Mannikins; Pin-tailed and Paradise Whydahs, Red-billed, Orange, Grenadier, Crimson-crowned, Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers, Cape Canary, Grey and Green Singing Finches, and Java Sparrows. It all depends on the scope given by the wording of the schedule—really in point of numbers in which they have come over. Gouldian and other Greenfinches, also such as Superb, Scarlet, Black Tanagers, etc., come within the scope of "common." As regards the rarer kind, we can only name a few: Rufous-backed Mannikin, Violet-eared Sydney, and Black-cheeked Waxbills; Dufresne's, Melba, Fire-tailed, Cherry, Parrot, and other Finches; Zosterops, Sugar and Sunbirds; Black-throated, Black-cheeked, Festive, Necklace, and other Tanagers, and many others. If you have given me a definite wording of the classification, I think it is a case in which a definite query should be put to the secretary, as to whether certain species, e.g., Gouldian Finches, costing above a certain amount, though imported in some numbers, are to be accounted as rare or common. It is not possible to deal with your query fully in this column.

WHAT IS IT (R. H. M. S.).—It is a Common or Grey Waxbill, which, is usually upon the market in good numbers and obtainable very cheaply; in fact, it is one of the most freely imported of foreign species.

WHAT COCKATOO? (X. Y. Z.).—Your description appears to me to describe the Slender-billed Cockatoo, unless it is larger than a Grey Parrot, it must be that species; if so, the upper mandible is much longer than the lower. If the beak of the bird is of the normal type, then it is probably the Bare-eyed Cockatoo, which species would also fit your description as to size and colour. If the former, the value is about 20/- to 30/-; if the latter, 30/- to 40/-. The bulk of both species do not make much of talkers, but cases turn up of really talented talkers of almost any and every species, and a few others of varying merit.

WHAT SHALL I DO? (New Year).—The simplest and best thing to do is to procure a hen Zebra Finch and give them a nest receptacle (small box, husk, or rush nest), and supply a little nesting material, and they will probably go to nest. Zebra Finches have been rather scarce on the market this year, but a few are to be had now if you look out at once. Of course, if you only want a few pretty birds in the cage, then you could put in with him three or four other cocks, say, the Goldfinch, a Green Singing Finch, and an Alario Finch.

AFRICAN WEAVER (L. N.).—How can I answer your query when you neither tell me how you feed nor where you keep. The African Weavers are almost legion, but most of them do well on canary, white and spray millet, green food, an occasional live insect (mealworm, etc.), grit, cuttlebone, and water. The chemical food will do no harm, neither will making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day; the chemical food may be given for a month or longer.

EGG-BINDING, ETC. (F. E. N.). — You cannot compare Foreign Finches with Canaries; the latter have been domesticated for years, and breed freely as a rule, though some fail with these. Foreign Finches, however, are quite as ready to nest as our own wild Brit. species; in fact, compare very favourably with them in this respect. Owing to the freak climatic changes we are subject to in this country, no one is immune from losing hens from this annoying complaint, but my losses out of doors in a garden aviary are very small. The season lasts longer with these Finches than with Canaries, and under the artificial conditions of bird-room life, I should advise keeping the sexes separate, out of hearing of each other, and not mating (turning them loose into room) them up till May. Supply green food ad. lib., and do not use any hen for breeding that is not in perfect condition. Budgerigars, White Java Sparrows, Bib Finches, Magpie Mannikins, Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Grey Singing-finches, may all be termed fairly free breeders flying loose in a room or outdoor aviary. I think you can let the birds choose; I think you'll find they'll eat greenfly freely; the others not much. Do not offer them blight from laburnum, lilac, elder, or laurel.

COCKATEEL (Simpson).—The substance sent me was simply an imperfectly formed egg, which probably gave the bird some trouble to get rid of, and it is rather surprising you did not lose her. It would be well to keep this bird separate for a time, say, for a month at least. Sopped bread is not needed; Canary, millet, oats, crushed groats, green food, grit, and cuttlebone, is all they need. If you wish to give them anything extra when feeding young, supply a small pan of dry broken biscuit or stale dry crusts of bread, or both. If the hen referred to will eat either biscuit or stale bread, give her a small piece daily, first soaking into it about ten drops of cod liver oil. Also put a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into her drinking water twice a week, and on the other days half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates.

AMERICAN BIRDS (A. Monroe).—If by America you mean the United States, I believe you are not allowed by the bird laws to keep either in cage or aviary any native bird; and you will be reduced to the necessity of falling back upon South American or some other Foreign species, and a visit to the nearest bird emporium would be your best course,

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ascertaining when you make a purchase all details as to how it has been fed, and treating it accordingly. If this does not meet your need, please repeat query and state wherein your inclination lies—seed eating or insectivorous species. A query to your nearest Zoo Soc. would secure you the information if any species of United States bird may be caged; I understand not.

BUDGIES, LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (G. W. P.).—(1) You have got either aged or ricketty stock, and I do not consider them worth trying to improve, and I advise you to have them mercifully chloroformed and procure fresh stock, and see that you get large-sized birds, in perfect feather and clear of eye. Get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our manager, and treat any new stock as directed therein. If you had given your county and stated size and aspect of aviary, and how you acquired your stock, also how long you have had them, I could possibly then have formed some idea of cause. (2) Some pairs of Cockateels act just as yours do, other are just as prolific, and bring up brood after brood without trouble, and I should get rid of them and try another pair. There is one reservation, however: Have mice access to the log or barrel, and is this the cause of their giving up?

CUTTHROATS NOT INCUBATING (Cuttbroat).—I do not think you'll do any good by separating them; both sexes take part in incubating and brooding the young. Some pairs are both bad sitters and feeders, others just the reverse. Most probably by the time this appears the birds will be busily incubating the eggs; if not, remove the eggs about 14 days from the laying of the last. I should leave them pretty well to themselves, except when feeding or attending to cage. It might be well to examine the husk, if you have to remove the egg, and see if there are any parasites therein; if so, well soak it in boiling water, dry in open air before replacing it. If any young are reared, the nest should be examined as soon as they leave it, well cleaned, and then treated as above with boiling water. Give ants' eggs and a few mealworms or gentles when they are feeding young, in addition to ordinary diet.

COCKATOO (Halloa Billy, Seacombe).—It is a Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, so far as I can gather, but you do not state the colour of the body plumage. Treat the bird as follows:—Continue the boiled maize, but after draining off the water, soak into it ten drops of cod-liver oil, and then dust with flowers of sulphur daily. Keep a tin of seed in the cage, also cuttle bone and a piece of a half-rotten branch, with the bark on preferably, for it to bite at. Continue to give the fruit, crust; also give pieces of biscuit and a few shelled walnuts. Keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings should not be continuously watery; a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water once a week should suffice, and half a teaspoonful of hypophosphates in the water on the other days should assist in toning her up. Treat as above for a month or five weeks, and then report progress.

PEKIN NIGHTINGALE, ETC. (T. H.).—Soft food (any good make), ripe fruit according to season, and live insects, mealworms, and any garden pests you can capture, such as spiders, etc. If it cares for it, a teaspoonful of canary and millet-seed can be given twice a week. They are very fond of bathing, and should have a daily bath. As regards the Java Sparrows, they are not hard to please, either a travelling cage (perches, front wires, and other fittings removed), rush nest, husk, or small box. A canary nest-bag will do for building material, or loose hay only and half-dry grass.

IS IT LARGE ENOUGH? (S. Potter).—I have seen pairs of Budgerigars kept in cages no larger than the one you send a sketch of, and they did fairly well therein, and you should meet with a like result, especially if, as soon as the birds are tame enough, the birds are allowed a fly round the room, they will return to cage of own accord when hungry. Of course, a cage half as large again, or double the size, would be much better. If these birds are new to you, you had better get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," and read it up before procuring your birds; it is 2½d. post free, from our manager.

MEYER'S PARROTS (J. C.).—I should keep the birds in a cage for a week, putting the cage outside daily a little for the first few days, then keeping them in the cage for a few days longer with the cage hanging or standing in the shelter of the aviary they are to occupy, but if their wings are cut, or they cannot fly, it will be better to keep them caged till they can do so. When the times comes for letting them out, simply open the cage door and leave them to find their way out unaided, food, of course, being first placed ready for them. Whatever they have been brought over on continue to supply some of this for a time. Seed mixture: Three parts each of canary and white millet seeds, two parts oats, and one part each hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep supply in cage. Ripe fruit, piece of biscuit, dry crust, shelled nuts (walnuts are best), will keep the diet varied. Only supply water and grit with caution at first, till they have become accustomed to them again. Keep cuttlebone in the cage.

RED-RUMPS NOT BREEDING (Frederick George).—It's a mere case of capriciousness in an individual pair, and you'll have to possess your soul in patience till they choose to do the right thing. Your case is not at all uncommon, but once they settle you'll have no further trouble with them, but you'll be wise to remove the young as soon as they are quite independent of their parents. I should keep the odd hen out of sight and hearing of the mated pair. My opinion is that they'll go to nest before the summer is over, but if they should not, then keep the cock as a bachelor during the winter, and do not let him see the present hen he is mated to during the whole period, then about March, or even February, put him and No. 2 hen in cages side by side for a couple of weeks before turning them into the aviary. However, my opinion is your pair will nest before the season closes; even September is not too late; you can be sure of one thing, if you do not get impatient success will ultimately come your way. I have known aviarists who have kept a pair three years before they went to nest, and other pairs which did so the first year.

NOT PROPERLY FEATHERED (Speed).—It may be a case of old age and consequent weakness. In addition to the diet you name, give this bird any kind of fruit it will take, also a little of some good make of insectile mixture and moisten this with a small quantity of cod-liver oil. If the bird will not take this, then put ten drops of the cod-liver oil on a piece of sponge or Madeira cake; they usually take this. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on other days half a teaspoonful of hypo-phosphates. In addition to mealworms, give it any spider, small beetle, smooth caterpillar, etc., you can capture. Putting a mealworm or two in the insectile mixture might cause it to more readily eat the mixture. Let me know how you get on in inducing the bird to take various foods and drugs.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—July 2, Crown Hotel, 8. General bus.; payment of prize-money.—D. Harwood.

Alfreton C.B.S.—July 11. Nest feather show.—G. Beardall.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—July 1, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8. Receive committee's arrangement of classes for members' N.F. show. Lecture on colour breeding and colour feeding, by Mr. T. Harrison.—C. Bailey.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 4, Albion Street, P.S.A. Rooms, 3 p.m. F.F. show: Nor., Yorks., Mule and Hyb. Judge, Mr. W. E. Blaydon. — J. Whitehead.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—June 27, Social Club, 7.30. Proposed alteration of N.F. show date, etc.—H. Seely.

Barrow C.B.A.—July 1st, Gardner and Rickard, 7.30. Entries for N.F. show.—(Notice unsigned.—Ed.).

Beckenham F.A.—July 2, Co-op. Hall, Penge. Lecture by Mr. H. W. Webb, Orpington. Schedule for summer show will be ready.—F. Shorter.

Birmingham (City of) C.B.S.—July 1, Crown Hotel. N.F. show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. Fanciers and friends heartily invited. Admission free.—J. H. Jones.

Blaydon C.B.S.—July 6, Co-op Library, 7.30. Consideration of annual schedule and other important business.—G. Havver.

Bramley O.S.—June 26, Carnival Rooms, 8. Entries for members' show; price list.—F. Page.

Bristol C.B.S.—July 1, City Hotel, 8. Table show of young birds and British. Mr. York, judge.—B. L. Pool.

Chorley C.B.S.—July 1. White Lion Inn, 7.30. Final arrangements for F.F. show.—J. H. Welch.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 29, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Election of judge for old bird show.—J. Southworth.

Cramlington and Dis. C.B.S.—June 27, 7. Address by Mr. R. Tindale, Newcastle. Fanciers welcome.—J. R. Chestney, Sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 1, George Hotel, 8. N.F. show, and other business.—H. Todd.

Dundee (City of) C.B.S.—July 1, Doig's Rooms, 8. Important club show business.—A. Law.

East Bowling B.F.A.—June 27, St. John's School. First F.F. show, birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey, Sandy Lane.—L. Booth.

Edinburgh Norwich and Mule-Breeders' Society.—July 4, Buccleuch Hall, 2.30. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Dewar.—J. Stormont.

Fife C.B.L.—July 4, Gothenburg Hall, Coaltown of Wemyss, 5.30 p.m. Report from supreme conference: general business; lecture by Mr. Storrar.—Jas. Cordery.

Halifax C.B.S.—July 2, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, 8. General meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—July 1, St. George's, 8. Business important.—Pyman and Thornton.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.—June 30, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Entering up for N.F. show.—A. Roberts.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—July 1, King's Head, 7.30. Classification cup shows and other important bus.—A. Graham.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 27, Colliery Hotel, 7.30. Entries taken for F.F. show and other important business.—G. Vipond.

Highgate Hampstead C.B.S.—June 29, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Lecture on the "Diseases of Birds." Mr. F. Easterling. Fanciers invited.—J. Hyde.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 6, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show young birds. Judge, Mr. G. Cartwright. July 4, ramble; meet top of King-st., at 2; all welcome.—A. Lawford.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—June 30, No. 2, Goth, 6. General business.—A. Dickson.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—June 28, Mr. Fuller's, Glossop, 2.30. Patronage; trophy scheme for 1914 and 15. General business.—J. Rukin.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 27, Lockhart's, 7.30. Show business.—H. Best.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 27, White Swan, 2.30. Nest feather show; admission free.—A. Freestone.

Linton and Woodhorn C.B.S.—June 27, Social Club, 7.30.—J. Anderson.

Long Eaton C.B.S. — July 4, Sawley Road C. Schools, 6. F.F. show; classes for Brit., birds staged 6. Judge, Mr. Gutteridge.—G. Baines.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—July 2, Daybrook St. School, 7.45.—H. Hall.

Manchester Salford Amalgamation.—July 1, Mr. Robinson's Shop, 8. Meeting of delegates; audit last show accounts.—J. Spencer

Manningham C.B.A.—June 27, Headquarters, 2. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Self. Entries, June 26.—H. Grange.

Middleton C.B.S.—June 29, Old Boar's Head, 8. Special meeting, arranging classes for young bird show; will all fanciers turn up to avoid unnecessary expense in writing.—J. Hulton.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—July 2, Purvis Cafe, Clayton St., opposite Bird Market, 7.30. Members' classes for open show; final arrangements for N.F. show, Co-operative Hall, Darnbrook, July 4. Table show, under patronage of specialist societies.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—July 2, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E., 8.30. Show of young birds. Judge, Mr. E. Meakes. Fanciers invited.—Admission free.—Burton Bros

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—July 1, Pillar's Cafe, 8.—M. C. Potts.

Northern British Mule and F.B.C.—June 29, Mr. Mackenzie's, 8. Allot patronage.—W. Curry.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 27, Trinity Schools, Beresford Square, Woolwich, 4. Young stock show; a large entry is expected. Judge, Mr. Robson.—F. Botell.

Perth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S.—June 27, Headquarters, 7. Show business.—John Shephard.

Provincial Roller Canary Club.—No meeting in June.—A. Percival.

Rotherham C.B.S.—June 27, Mail Coach Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. Toulson (Barnsley), "British Bird Management." Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—Taylor and Bailey.

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—June 29, St. John's Hall, Richmond. Final arrangements F.F. show.—W. Nichols.

Rochdale O.C.—June 29, Clarke's Place, off Penn-st., 8. Show business.—J. Butterworth.

Runcorn B.B.A.—July 3, Old Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Mr. Boot's paper on "Colour Feeding."—E. Rone.

Sheffield C.B.S.—July 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show; fixed prize-money, see syllabus. "Line Breeding," by Mr. Beven.—A. Hobson.

Sheffield O.S.—June 30, Headquarters, 8. Committee meeting; very important business, and final arrangements N.F. show.—E. C. Job.

Southampton P.P. and C.B.A.—June 26, Bedford Hotel, 8.30. Selection of judges; summer outing; revised rules.—G. J. Slade.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 27, Commercial Hotel, N.F. show, birds staged 3; judge, Mr. L. Dykes, Bolton Woods. Entries close June 26.—S. B. Grayshon.

Stirling C.B.S.—July 4, McDonald's Temperance Hotel, Arcade, 8. Business important.—J. Gillies.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—July 2, Little Regent Inn, 7. F.F. show.—J. W. Lowes.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—July 1, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8. General meeting; lecture on "Cage Birds," by Mr. F. Wraight. Discuss advisability of holding annual show.—H. G. Whibley.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—June 27, Cardiff Arms' Hotel, 7.30. Select judge for F.F. show. Classification for open show.—E. Richards.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 27, Club Hall, 7. Special business; consider young bird shows, etc.—A. Teasdale.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—June 30, Village School-room, Alexandria, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show.—A. H. McLean.

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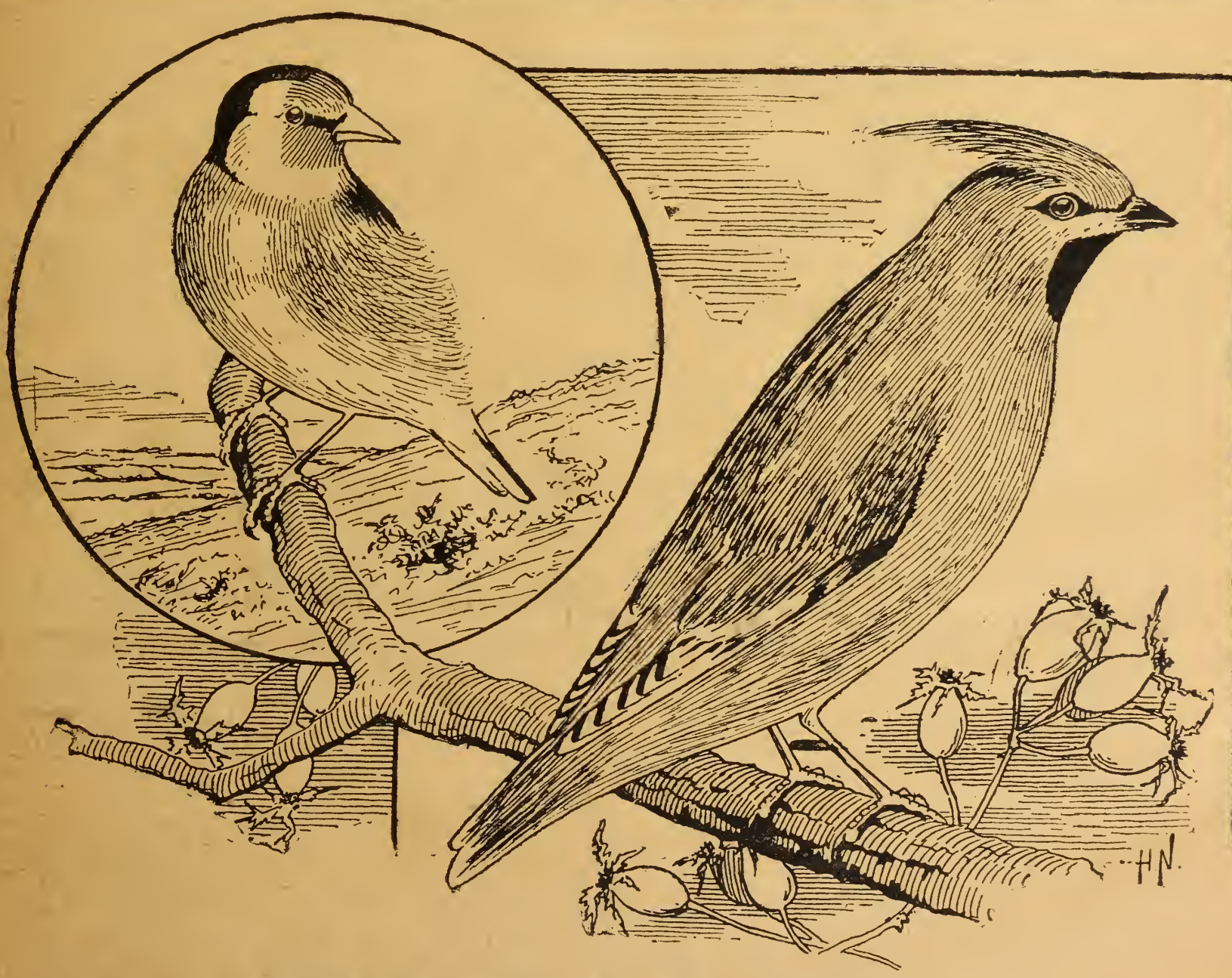

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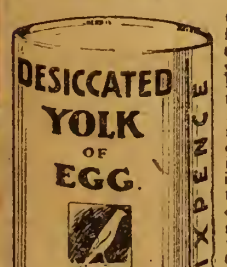

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Club Reports.

NORTH-WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting June 25, when entries closed for summer show at Stag's Head Hotel, Hawley Road, N.W. Exhibits must be at show room not later than 9 a.m.—W. Sutton, assist. sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. Norton, of Leeds, June 27, on the Yorkshire Canary. After the lecture Mr. Norton kindly answered questions, and the meeting was brought to an end with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.—H. Cockrem.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Meeting June 25, All Hallows School Room, East India Dock Road, the general business being the young stock show at above, July 25. This bids fair to be a success, there being a good array of specials. Birds must be nominated at this show to compete for three of the ten cups which the Society now has. Poplar C.B.S. is getting a move on. Mr. Leech was called on to give his lecture on the Norwich Canary, which was listened to with attention and well digested, as the various questions put to the lecturer showed.—F. H. Marnoh, Hon. Assist. Sec.

RUGBY F. AND F.S.

Meeting, Wine Barrel Hotel, June 12, for the purpose of discussing Young Stock Show. Mr. T. G. Hough presided. It was decided to hold a Young Stock Show of 20 miles radius, July 15, in the Town Hall. A good classification has been arranged, and should be the means of bringing some good young birds onto the show bench. Prizes will be 8/-, 4/- and 2/- for classes with eight or more entries, besides numerous specials, and with such able Secretaries as Messrs. Easton and Chadwick and a good working Committee the show should prove a great success, if only exhibitors will do their best and send entries along; by so doing they will be helping forward the Cage Bird Section in Rugby and district. Look out for show advert. in this paper.—C. H. Webb, 7, Charlotte-st., Ruby.

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEYS.

Meetings, June 25 and 27, at headquarters. These were good meetings, and as one was the half-yearly meeting, a good many settled their cards. Will those who did not do so kindly do so at next meeting? Prize cards were selected, and other matters re young bird show arranged; entrance fee is 6d. per bird. Prizes on sliding scale. Mr. John Shephard's resignation was accepted, and Mr. J. S. Jones elected new sec.; all matters relating to the above society should be sent to Mr. J. S. Jones, 53, Highland Crescent, Treiarog Road, Porth. Decided that no charge be made for admission to show; entries to be in by July 4. Sec. to write all members re the variety and number they wish to enter. Mr. D. Escott was elected treasurer. Anyone wishing to join or help in any way should attend our next meeting at Tramway Depot, July 4.—J. S. Jones, Sec.

YORKS. C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting and F.F. Show, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram-st., Glasgow, June 27, 42 birds being staged. Mr. J. R. Reid, Cowdenbeath, judged. During judging we went on with meeting. Proposed and seconded to membership, Messrs. S. Ferguson and D. Marley, Larkhall; S. Wood, Tolcross; C. Tansey, T. Fraser, J. Heriston, Wm. Findlay, Glasgow; T. W. MacReady, Stranraer; J. Cullen, Stirling; S. Arnott, Kirkcaldy; Wm. Ross, Govanhill; D. Weatherhead, Strathburgh. The following members handed in specials; Heggie, Park, Martin, Reilly, Gray, Johnston, Crighton, which were allocated as follows: Best 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th; 5/- for most points Champion, and 5/- most points Novice. Decided that we extend date of closing patronage. The following societies have been granted our patronage: City of Glasgow, Buckhaven, and Glasgow and District. Other societies wishing our patronage must apply for same before August 6. During meeting Mr. Reid had got through with judging, and his awards were well received.

CL. YELL.: 1, Steel; 2, Pinnock; 3, Martin; 4, spl, Gray; 5, McLellan; 6, Anderson; 7, Park. BUFF: 1, McLean; 2, 4, Martin; 3, Anderson; 5, Reilley; 6, spl., Jeffrey; 7, Park. TKD. YELL.: 1, Pinnock; 2, 4, Martin; 3, Park. BUFF: 1, spl. medal, McLellan; 2, Martin; 3, spl., Gray; 4, Reilly; 5, spl., Jeffrey; 6, McLean; 7, Anderson. VAR. YELL.: 1, Jeffrey; 2, spl., Steel; 3, 4, Gray; 5, Anderson; 6, Park; 7, Sinclair. BUFF: 1, McLean; 2, 4, Gray; 3, McLellan. 5/- spl. champion most points, won by C. Martin, 31 points; J. Gray runner up, 28 points. 5/- Novice most points, Wm. Steel, 13 points. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Reid for judging and Mr. Park for presiding brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.—Wm. Priest, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Second F.F. Show at the Royal Oak Hotel, June 24. There were over 40 birds. Mr. J. Stevens, the judge, considered the show extraordinarily good for the time of year, especially considering the drawbacks of the early part of the season.

NOR., CL.: 1, Mrs. Crofts; 2, Turner; 3, Whiffin; vhc, he, Olle; c, Cragg. TKD.: 3, Pennells. MKD.: 1, Mrs. Crofts; 2, W. Turner; 3, he, Whillin; vhc, Cragg. YORKS., CL.: 1, he, Veness; 2, c, Slack; 3, vhc, Morris and Son. TKD: 2, Veness. MKD.: 1, Veness; 2, 3, Morris and Son. BRIT.: 1, 2, he, Rev. Paterson; 3 vhc, c, Relf. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Rev. Paterson.

The Mayor (Councillor E. Armitage Hocking) presided at the subsequent lecture. He confessed that he had not made a study of ornithology, but he was sure the study of bird life must be most interesting. It afforded him the greater pleasure to come when he remembered the kindly interest which the Society took in the opening of the aviary in the Alexandra Park. The aviary was a splendid advertisement for the town. (Applause). The Rev. J. M. Paterson, who was formerly in India, and is returning to that country, gave an interesting lecture on birds of Northern India. For some years he had had very happy associations with the society. He hoped they would get new members. He would help them to get one new member, who had the finest collection of foreign birds he had ever seen. He thanked Mrs. and Miss Kirk Bullock for the tremendous push on which they gave to the society. He personally thanked them, and hoped they might long continue. The Rev. J. M. Paterson having presented the prizes, the Mayor made to him the presentation of a large framed photographic group of members of the Society. He expressed the hope that it would recall the happy days in Hastings, and that some time the Rev. J. M. Paterson would come back to them. The Rev. J. M. Paterson feelingly responded. Miss Kirk-Bullock said it was the first time a Mayor of Hastings had taken a prominent part in regard to the society. She sincerely hoped it would not be the last. The Mayor replied, and assured Mr. Pennells that he had kept a canary for 11 years. Thanks were accorded to Miss Kirk-Bullock, on the proposition of the Mayor, for the splendid way in which she carried out the duties of hon. Sec. and Treas.

The President's farewell lecture was the finest we have heard him deliver. It has caused the deepest sorrow to all members that it must be Mr. Paterson's last lecture. He has proved himself to be a grand president, and we deeply regret losing him. We all wish the President and Mrs. Paterson a safe journey across the seas, and God-speed in their new home.—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND Y.C.C.

Meeting held June 24, Mr. J. Nixon chair, with a poor attendance. Members elected, Mr. T. Harrison, Mr. J. Nicholson, Workington; Mr. J. Smith, Whitehaven, and Mr. J. Nichol, Maryport. Decided to hold young bird show July 8, in the school room, Furnace Road, birds staged by 6, Mr. J. Nicholson judge, when we hope to have a good entry. Secretaries please note, we have patronage for other two shows to dispose of yet; if any society desires it, please apply early.—J. Huntington, Hon. Sec., 19, Nelson Street, Maryport.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, headquarters, June 22. Mr. R. A. Newley in chair, and a fair number present. Sec. read a letter from the Rev. H. A. Soames, offering one guinea cash or plate for most points in green or cinnamons at the patronage shows. The offer was accepted with much enthusiasm, and sec. was instructed to write, thanking the donor for his generosity. No meeting until the fourth Monday in September, unless anything of importance should necessitate a special meeting being called. Will members who have changed their address and have not notified the sec., kindly do so at once, so that their correct address can appear in the club year book?—F. W. Burton, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON P.P. AND C.B.A.

Meeting Bedford Hotel June 26, Mr. S. Stables chair. Judges were selected for open show Nov. 4 and 5. Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton to judge cage birds. The £5 limit of previous show was discussed, and it was decided to have no limit at forthcoming show. Mr. J. W. Beer who is organising the summer outing reported that all arrangements re brakes and tea had been made. The outing will be to Paulton's Park (by kind permission of Capt. Sloane-Stanley), tickets 2s. 6d. inclusive. Rules as revised by committee were read, and it was proposed to cancel old rules and adopt new, but a month's notice being considered necessary they will be brought up again at next meeting.—G. J. Slade, sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

At last committee meeting the following shows were given our patronage for next winter show season: Skelmanthorpe, Oct. 17; Shipley, Oct. 24; Sheffield, Nov. 6-7; Tong and District, Nov. 14; Bradford West and Manningham Joint show, Nov. 21; Bradford National, Dec. 4 and 5; Huddersfield, Dec. 12; Windhill, Jan. 2, 1915; Doncaster, Jan. 9. Nine shows in all; we could do with one more, and any Society holding a show on dates other than the above, and who will provide 4 open classes for Cinn. Mkd. Yorks., may have our patronage if they write me before July 11. I am having our Year Book printed, but have lost list of alterations of addresses during last year; will members who have previously given notice of alteration of address drop me a post card? Books will be forwarded as early as possible. Members please pay subs. early, and thus lessen my work. Members joining before July 11 will have names in book; sub. 1s. 6d. per year. Three competitions, open, amateur and novice, for prizes value £25: all information from R. Garnett, Sec., 22, Carr Lane, Windhills, Shipley.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S.

Meeting, "Club Room," Alhambra Building, June 24. An important lecture was given by Mr. Harrison, of Altrincham, before a good attendance, on "Colour Feeding and Breeding for Colour," stating six different ways of improving the colour of our Canaries. Mr. Harrison dwelt very much on the advantage of double buffing and the disadvantage of dark double buffing. He also gave us six different reasons for Greens, pointing out the advantage and disadvantage of breeding with green capped birds. When colour feeding, Mr. Harrison does not believe in taking away the seed boxes, or keeping the birds in semi-darkness, but advised keeping a blind partly drawn over the windows. He also does not think it necessary to colour feed every day during moult, as some overdo colour feed. At the close of lecture many questions were asked, not only on the subject of the lecture, but such as breeding season difficulties, seeds, making of good milk sop, colour foods, etc. All were very ably answered by Mr. Harrison and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. Schedules and tickets for F.F. show, July 18, were given out. We are expecting a good show, as some have very good luck this season: a light Goldfinch Mule is expected to make its debut.—W. Hathaway.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

St. Albans (Herts).—10 miles' radius. July 23. Judge: G. A. Billett. 7 classes: Nor., Yorks., Sell., Mule, For., 1 ea.; Brit., 2. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close July 16, to F. Mayle, 1, George Street.

Little Common (Sussex). Aug. 5. Judge: H. M. Stevens. 6 classes: Nor., 2; A.O.V., 1; Mules, 1; Brit., 1; For., 1. Prizes, 4s., 2s. 6d., 1s. Fee 1s. Ent. close July 25, to F. C. Robarts, Gilbury Cottages, Cocden.

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Singing Contests.

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SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest for time, June 28, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street. 14 sang for three prizes, given by Mr. Schofield: 1, Woodcock, 64sec.; 2, Spottswood, 49sec.; 3, Woodcock, 40 sec.—W. Bingham.

KIPPAX.

Members' Sing, Headquarters, June 27. 35 birds entered our open sing. We were pleased to see some Leeds fanciers. The winner provided some good singing, doing 78 secs., and was run close by another belonging to same fancier, Mr. Liversidge; 3rd, Plows. Half an hour's discourse terminated a pleasant afternoon.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, June 20. 24 entered for three prizes and some good singing was done, four minutes time: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Beard. Open sing, June 21. 29 entered for three prizes, three minutes time: 1, Beard; 2, Liversidge; 3, Radcliffe. Open sing June 27. 45 entered for three prizes, four minutes time: 1, Piper; 2, Dyson; 3, Nelson. Open sing, June 28. 33 entered for three prizes: 1, Proctor; 2, Jones; 3, Beard.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, June 20. 38 birds entered for four minutes' time singing, for three prizes. Some very good singing was heard. 1, Liversidge, 135; 2, Smith, 92; 3, Morley, 84. June 21, 19 entered for three prizes: 1, Morley; 2, Wainwright; 3, Bath. June 27, 23 birds entered for four minutes' time singing for three prizes: 1, Morley; 2, Wainwright; 3, Brindley. June 28, 12 entered for three prizes: 1, Brindley; 2, Bath; 3, Morley. General meeting, July 5, at 7.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe, June 28. 19 birds competed: 1, Binns; 2, King; 3, Ward; judges, J. Sellars, J. Granger.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, June 27. 16 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Hayes. Judges, Madden and Naylor. June 28, 19 sang for three prizes: 1, Chippindale; 2, Farrar; 3, Wood; judges: Sissons and Naylor. General meeting will be held July 5, at 8.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing contest, Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, Leeds, June 27. 12 picked birds tried to beat T. Johnson's (musical box) but failed, although there was some extraordinary singing: 1, Johnson; 2, Chippindale; 3, Kendall; judges, A. Lorriman and N. Soloman; timekeeper, T. Chippindale. June 28: 1, Johnson; 2, Chippindale; 3, Lunn. 18 birds competed; judges, J. Clark, A. Lorriman, and N. Soloman.—R. Ridgeyard, Sec.

The Shows.

CHATHAM F.S.

Half-yearly show, Old Barn, High Street, June 26; Mr. Wickham judged.

NOR. (5): 1, sp, vhc, Smith; 2, Pankhurst; 3, Covington; hc, Hinkley. UNYLIG. (2): 1, 2, Smith. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Covington; 2, Hinkley; 3, Homewood. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Pankhurst. A.O. FINCH: 1, 2, Covington; 3, Fry. MULE or HYB.: 1, Pankhurst; 2, Homewood.—J. Jolley, Sec.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

F.F. show June 10 in Y.M.C.A. Hall. Mr. W. Messenger judged. YORKS YELL: 1, 3, Nattrass; 2, Brownson and Hornsby. BUFF: 1, Brownson and Hornsby; 2, 4, Crowther; 3, Nattrass. NORVELL.: 1, Burn and Collingwood; 2, Brownson and Hornsby. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Ross; 2, Burns and Collingwood; res, Swinburne and Crawford; vhc, Ogden. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Ogden. MULE OR HYB., Any Age: 1, 3, Ogden; 2, Swinburne and Crawford. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Swinburn and Crawford; vhc, Wilson; c, Howe.—R. Elliott, Sec.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

F.F. show, Conservative Club, Church-st., June 27. Judge, Mr. Boothman, Manchester. The room is a very suitable one for a Cage Bird show, being well ventilated and plenty of light. The outstanding bird was a yellow ticked York., the property of Mr. Spiby, Farnworth. We had a fairly successful show considering the breeding season we have had, and there will only be a slight loss.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Spiby. BUFF: 1, 2, Spiby; 3, Pickup. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Spiby; 3, Williams. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Wm. Pilling. TKD. OR VARIEG. ROLLER: 1, Britton; 2, Ogden; 3, Hickton and Ollier. GREENF.: 1, Jeffries; 2, Ogden; 3, Williams. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Grimshaw; 3, Allan. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Grimshaw; 2, Jeffries. FOR.: 1, Grimshaw; 2, Lord; 3, Bolton.—G. Lord, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Second N.F. show, Oldham, June 20, 118 birds being staged the largest number for some time. Excellent young birds were shown by Messrs. Plunkett, Greatrex, Maxwell, and Corbett in Yorks., and Messrs. Woods and Vogel in Norwich. Mr. Lloyd showed a bird which is supposed to be a variegated Bullfinch-Canary, which is meeting with a lot of comment; some say it is only a variegated Canary, but a number of British bird and Mule men agree that it is a Mule, but not a Bullfinch-Canary. It has been 1st and 2nd in our two most feather shows.

YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (17): 1, Plunkett; 2, 3, Corbett; vhc, Handley; hc, Greatrex; c, Hartley. BUFF (20): 1, Greatrex; 2, Plunkett; 3, c, Handley; vhc, Corbett; hc, Maxwell. YELL. GR. (9): 1, hc, Maxwell; 2, Plunkett; 3, Brindle; vhc, Corbett; c, Handley. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Corbett; 2, Brindle; 3, hc, Plunkett; c, Handley. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Vogel; 3, Maxwell. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Vogel; 2, Plunkett. GR. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc Woods; hc, c, Brotherton. A.O.V. (2): 1, Woods; we, Handley. MULE OR HYB. (5) 1, Hartley; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lloyd; GOLDF. (8): 1, 2, hc, Hartley; 3, Robertshaw; vhc, Rothwell; c, W. Simon. BULLF. (4): 1, Rothwell; 2, 3, Hartley; vhc, Robertshaw. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, vhc, Hilton; hc, Robertshaw; c, Brindle. GREENF. (4): 1, 2, Hartley; 3, vhc, Rothwell. SISKIN. ETC. (10): 1, Brotherton; 2, Rothwell; 3, vhc, Hartley; hc, Robertshaw; c, Lloyd. CHAFF. AND BRAMBLE (4): 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Robertshaw. A.O.V. (5): 1, Lloyd, Hawlinch; 2, Hilton, Redstart; 3, Lloyd, Yell. Bunting; vhc, Rothwell; hc, Robertshaw. HEN (3): 1, Lloyd, Bramble; 2, Rothwell, Bullie; 3, Robertshaw, Goldf.—J. Lloyd, Sec.

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TROWBRIDGE.

Held at Flower show, June 24, judge, Mr. C. P. Arthur, Melksham. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, G. E. Davis. CREST: 2, 3, G. E. Davis. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, G. E. Davis. BRIT.: 1, 3, G. E. Davis; 2, W. Hobbs. —S. E. Hussey.

BINGLEY O.S.

F.F. show held June 20, Assembly Rooms, Mr. A. M. Craven judged. CLASS 1: 1, Butterworth and Hardy; 2, S. H. Bailey. CLASS 2: 1, 3, Butterworth and Hardy; 2, 4, S. H. Bailey. CLASS 4: 1, H. G. Priestley; 2, 3, Butterworth and Hardy; 4, S. H. Bailey. H. Shaw, Sec.

EALING, HANWELL F.S.

First evening show of the season, June 24, at St. John's Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing, with about 80 exhibits. Everybody was satisfied; should anybody care to join us we shall be pleased to enrol them. We had six cups in competition. Next evening show, July 18, instead of 11, as previously arranged.

YORKS., UNFLIG.: 1, sp., 3, Potter; 2, vhc, Phippe; r, hc, c, Huxley. Judge, Mr. J. Dewhurst. —R. Bamber, Hon. Sec.

PERTH CITY AND COUNTY O.A.

Annual N.F. Show, Laidlew's Rooms, Leonard-st., June 27, with a good turn-out of birds. Mr. Dougall, Perth, placed cards, and no grumbling was heard. Mr. Dougall's task was not an easy one, but he came out of the ordeal with flying colours.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, sp, Mrs. Banks; 2, Keir; 3, 4, 6, Forrest; 5, Crawford. BUFF (9): 1, sp, 3, Forrest; 2, Crawford; 4, Christie; 5, Mrs. Banks; 6, Carstairs. CRESTS (5): 1, sp, Blyth; 2, 5, Bruce; 3, 4, Dott. C.B. (5): 1, sp, 5, Dott; 2, 4, Blyth; 3, Bruce. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, sp, 2, Borrie. BUFF (3): 1, sp, Bruce; 2, 3, Borrie. GOLDF. or BULLF. (3): 1, Bruce; 2, Carstairs; 3, Keir. LINNET or GREENF. (2): 1, sp, Keir; 2, Blyth.

BRAMLEY O.S.

First members' show of season, June 27, Carnival Rooms, Beamley. Entries did not come up to the average, due to bad breeding season we have experienced; 46 birds were staged in 9 classes. Mr. Inman, Bradford, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL., TKD., YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Steel; vhc, Page; hc, c, Thornton. BUFF (7): 1, Thornton; 2, vhc, Steel; 3, c, Baldwinson; hc, Page. SELF, ETC. (6): 1, c, Page; 2, hc, Steel; 3, Dolton; vhc, Baldwinson. GOLDF. or BULLF. (7): 1, 2, hc, Jones; 3, vhc, c, Etherington. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, c, Wilson; 2, hc, Jones; 3, Moore. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, Willson; 3, c, Etherington; vhc, c, Jones.—F. Page, Hon. Sec.

HANLEY C.B.S.

N.F. show, June 27, Birches Head Hotel, a new venue for a cage bird show in the district. There was a very fair entry and some promising youngsters on view. Mr. Pygott staged a very smart cinn. mkd. buff which was much admired; Mr. Beckett's yellow was a good one, and should do well with a good moult. British were few in numbers, but several choice specimens were staged, the Linnet class being much above the average. Mr. J. Pitchford, Stoke-on-Trent, judged.

BUFF NOR.: 1, Beckett. YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Beckett; 2, 3, 4, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 4, hc, Pygott; 2, 3, c, Lawton; vhc, Robinson. LINNET: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, 4, Bates. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Beckett; 2, 4, Bates; 3, Roberts Bros. NOV. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Roberts Bros.; 3, 4, Brown, junr.; hc, c, Richards. BUFF: 1, vhc, Roberts Bros.; 2, Richards; 3, hc, Brown, sen.; 4, c, Brown, jun. LINNET: 1, Brown, sen. ADULT YELL. YORKS.: 1, Lawton; 2, Beckett; 3, Robinson; 4, Brown, sen. BUFF: 1, 2, Beckett; 3, Lawton. NOR.: 1, Brown, sen.

GWYFRAI.

Third annual open show at Bontnewydd, June 27. Entries were 150, similar to last year. The cage bird section contained some real tip-top specimens, Messrs. Griffiths, Hughes Bros., and Jones, of Carnarvon, all put down some real good ones, fit to win in the keenest competition. Hyde's special was won by Mr. Roberts, of Penygroes. Mr. Rhys Jones makes a capable and obliging sec., he had everything in tip-top order, and he was well backed up by a willing lot of stewards. If the management would advertise their show it would greatly increase their entries. Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Parry; 2, Griffiths; 3, Miss Jones. BUFF: 1, Miss Jones; 2, Miss Boxer; 3, E. Owen. YORKS., YELL.: 1, H. Jones; 2, Miss Jones; 3, W. R. Roberts. BUFF: 1, P. C. J. Roberts; 2, Parry; 3, Jones. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, E. R. Roberts. LGT. MULE or HYB.: 1, Griffiths; 2, 3, Hughes Bros. DARK MULE: 1, Griffiths; 2, Hughes Bros; 3, Lloyd. GOLDF.: 1, 2, E. Jones; 3, Roberts. GREYPATE: 1, 2, E. Jones; 3, H. Jones. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, A. E. Ferris; 2, Miss Jones; 3, E. R. Roberts. BULLF.: 1, Green; 2, H. Jones; 3, Griffiths. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Griffiths; 2, 3, Parry.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

N.F. show, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, June 20. Entries were in advance of last year, over 100 birds being staged, and the attendance was excellent, the show being a financial success, great credit being due to the officials present. Mr. Easterling won special for best champion Yorks., and Mr. Piggins best novice Yorks. Champion Norwich were entirely absent, but novices were all there for type and quality. Mr. R. Nichols winning spl. for best in this section. Borders turned out well, Miss K. Wilson, Mr. Pegg, and Mr. Harrison putting down some nice birds. British classes were all well filled with excellent specimens, and taking the classes all round it was quite evident the members are making rapid strides in the right direction. Mr. J. C. Shepherd judged.

CHAMP. YORKS. CL. (13): 1, Jeffrey; 2, vhc, King; 3, hc, Whiteman; c, Hall. MKD. (11): 1, sp, 3, Easterling; 2, hc, King; vhc, Hall; c, Whiteman. BORD. CL. (3): 1, sp, 2, Pegg; 3, Lathbury. MKD. (3): 1, 3, Pegg; 2, Lathbury. GRN. or CINN. (1): 1, Pegg. NOVICE NOR. CL. (6): 1, sp, c, Nichols; 2, hc, Robertson; 3, vhc, Batten. MKD. or TKD. (3): 1, Nichols. YORKS. CL. (10): 1, sp, Piggins; vhc, 2, 3, hc, Slade; c, Walker. MKD. or TKD. (7): 1, Slade; 2, Piggins; 3, Mrs. Bond; vhc, Bowring; hc, Walker; c, Mrs. Warlow. BORD. CL. (7): 1, sp, c, Wilson; 2, hc, c, Green. GOLDF and BULLF. (8): 1, Larking; 2, c, Mullins; 3, Lathbury; vhc, Walker; hc, Mrs. Jeffreys. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Warlow; 2, Larking; 3, Garrod; vhc, c, Nichols; hc, Mrs. Mullins. A.V. SEED-EATING (8): 1, Mrs. Jeffrey; 2, 3, c, Garrod, vhc, hc, Nichols. HEN (3): 1, sp, Mullins; 2, 3, Garrod. MULES (2): 1, Nichols; 2, Mrs. Jeffrey. FOR. (1): 1, Larking. Monthly meeting July 9 at 8.—H. F. Bowring, hon. sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

N.F. show, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, June 27. 44 entries, with several real good promising birds on view, they were acknowledged to be the finest classes that had been seen in the district for some years. Mr. L. Dykes, Bolton Woods, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Binns; 2, A. Ellis; 4, Wood; vhc, C. Ellis; hc, c, McLoughlin. BUFF (9): 1, A. L. Ellis; 2, Hadwen; 3, vhc, Wood; hc, C. Ellis; c, McLoughlin. GR. or HEAV. MKD: 1, Morrell; 2, Oliver; 3, Tongue. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wood; 2, York; 3, Barton. BUFF: 1, Cockeram; 2, Wood; 3, York. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, Barton; 3, York. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Hunt; 2, Jordan; 3, Mockeridge. BRIT.: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Barton.

Next F.F. Show July 25, at Working Men's Club, King Street, Belper.—J. W. Jordan, Hon. Sec.

GUISBOROUGH "PRIORY" C.B.S.

First N.F. show, June 27, at Chaltons School Room. There was only a poor entry owing to members having a bad first round. Mr. A. Wake, Middlesborough, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. YORKS. CL.: 1, 3, Weston; 2, c, Mays; vhc, hc, Husband. MKD.: 1, Weston; 2, hc, Husband; 3, vhc, Mays; c, Cook. NOR. CL.: 1, 3, Husband; 2, vhc, Mays. MKD.: 1, 3, Husband; 2, Mays. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, hc, Starling; 2, Harrison; 3, Cook. NOV. YORKS. CL.: 1, hc, Marsey; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, c, Waraker. MKD.: 1, Waraker; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, Marsey; vhc, c, Harrison. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Waraker; 3, Marsey. MKD.: 1, Marsey; 2, 3, Waraker; vhc, Wilson. BRIT.: 1, Cook, Linnet; 2, 3, Weston, Bullies.—W. Waraker, Hon. Sec.

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LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

N.F. show, June 27, White Swan, Market-place, a large number of birds being shown. Norwich were again the feature, many promising youngsters being staged. Special prizes were won by Messrs. Pole, Jolley and Brooks. Mr. J. McCarter judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Beighton Hybrids and British.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Pole; 2, Moores; 3, Holder. BUFF: 1, 2, Pole; 3, Kilsby. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Allen; 2, 3, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, Gilbert; 2, Huloe; 3, Pole. GREEN: 1, Pole; 2, Kilsby. YORK. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Allen. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Moores. CREST: 1, Wholton. HYB.: 1, 2, Kilsby; 3, Brooks. GOLDF.: 1, Brooks. BULLF.: 1, Brooks; 2, Launden and Start. GREENF.: 1, 3, Butler; 2, Brooks. LINNET: 1, 3, Butler; 2, Brooks. NOV., CL. YELL.: 1, Birch; 2, Herbert; 3, Jolley. BUFF: 1, Herbert; 2, Rice; 3, Weldon. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Launden and Start; 2 Butler; 3, Weldon. BUFF: 1, Weldon; 2, Hughes; 3, Rice. GREEN: 1, Jolley. —A. Freestone, Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

First N.F. show, June 20, Crown and Anchor, Mr. E. Freeman (Thornaby) judged and his awards were received with every satisfaction. In the absence of sec. Mr. T. Dixon undertook the secretarial duties in a capable and efficient manner. Entries totalled 39, which was disappointing. The Norwich and Mule classes had to be cancelled on account of local breeders having had such poor results, but from all accounts we should have a better turn-out at the second N.F. show, July 18. Mr. Marsey's (Lingdale) special for best Novice Yorks. was won by Mr. R. Eastgate. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, Harvey; 2, 3, 4, Bray; vhc, Mallory. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, Harvey; 2, vhc, hc, Dixon; c, Bray. NOV. (12): 1, sp, Eastgate; 2, c, Robinson; 3, Cornell; 4, vhc, hc, Smitheyman. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Wiggins and Harrison; 3, Mallory; 4, Clarke; vhc, Bray. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, 4, Wiggins and Harrison. GOLDF., ETC.: 2, vhc, Bray. BULLF. and CHAFF.: hc, Cornell, Goldfinch; c, Mallory, Chaffinch.—C. L. Mallory, sec.

PRESTON O.S.

F.F. show, Foresters' Hall, Market Street, June 25. Judge, Mr. P. Warcing. Owing to the bad breeding season, the show was not a huge success, but we had an entry of about 60, and what was lacking in numbers was made up in extra good quality. It was admitted by all that they had not seen such a splendid lot of youngsters. Mr. H. F. Marsh had several fine specimens on view, his variegs. yell. winning the trophy. He also had the reserve bird for same, and won medal for most points for P.O.S. cup. Mr. A. Fry won silver medal given by Mr. J. W. Clemlnson for best novice bird, a bonny tkd.-eyed buff, which should do well for him.

NOR. CHAMP. CL. YELL.: 1, Nickson; 2, 3, Marsh; 4, Moss. BUFF: 1, Nickson; 2, 3, Cottam; 4, Isgott. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Marsh. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Marsh; 3, Cottam. SELF OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Pyke. BUFF: 1, Pyke. NOV. CL. YELL.: 1, Lambert; 2, 3, Bramley; 4, Fry. BUFF: 1, Kirby; 2, Catterall; 3, Bramley; 4, Buck. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Fry; 2, Bannister; 3, Knowles; 4, Buck. BUFF: 1, Catterall; 2, Bramley. CAN. MULE: 1, Spearritt. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Spearritt; 4, Lambert. SOFTBILL: 1, Porter.—W. H. Cottam, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

This young society, which has now a membership of over 60, held a F.F. show, June 24, at the Kingsland Assembly Rooms, and a very nice display indeed was made. The officers had everything arranged very nicely. Messrs. Holliday (chairman), L. Page (sec.), and White (assist. sec.) did everything to make the show a success. The birds were well staged, and competition in some of the classes was very keen. Mr. G. T. Webb judged.

NOR., CHAMP. YELL.: 1, 3, Page, nice type, good round body; 2, W. T. White. BUFF: 1, 3, Page, grand buff, slightly ticked, Bullfinch type; 2, W. White. NOV. YELL.: 1, Washer, clean, good type and feather; 2, Welch; 3, Foyle. BUFF: 1, 2, Welch, nice cobby exhibits; 3, Foyle; vhc, Hartnell; hc, Chandler. YORKS., YELL., CHAMP.: 1, Bousfield, nice straight bird, clean shouldered, stands well; 2, vhc, Gamble; 3, White; hc, Hayter. BUFF: 1, Bousfield, stylish, splendid wing carriage; 2, hc, Gamble; 3, S. White; vhc (?), Grant. NOV. YELL.: 1, sp., 2, Winter, grand exhibit, clean throughout, very steady, a credit; 3, vhc, Snowden. BUFF: 1, 3, Winter, tight as wax, very steady; 2, Stockley. GOLDF.: Grand class: 1, Foyle, topper, good size, splendid blaze, nicely mooned; 2, W. White; 3, S. White; vhc, Chandler; hc, White. BULLF.: 1, W. White, nicely shown. LINNET: 1, W. White, very steady, good col.; 2, 3, Alderslade; vhc, Vale. REDPOLL: 1, White, grand Mealy, very steady. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, S. White, lovely Yellowhammer, very steady, in the pink; 2, W. White; 3, vhc, hc, Vale. MULE, LIGHT: 1, 2, Hartnell, well shown Goldie Canaries. DARK: 1, Page, good sized Goldie-Can.; 2, Weekes. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Slade, well-known Tanager leading.

PARKHEAD.

F.F show, I.L.P. Halls, Ewan-place, June 25. Mr. M. Craig judged and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL., ETC. CK.: 1, Edward; 2, Stewart; 3, Kean. HEN: 1, 3, Edward; 2, Kean. BORDER: 1, McLaren; 2, Donaldson; 3, Stewart. Twenty-three birds staged altogether; a fair turn-out for a young club.—M. Kean, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

9th annual N.F. show, June 20, headquarters, Westmorland Street. It proved, owing to the indifferent breeding season, the worst in the annals of the society, many members not having any birds to show, and others only just a few. However, what was lost in quantity was gained in quality. Some splendid specimens were staged. Mr. F. Jones staged a splendid team in members' Yorks. classes. Special winners: Best Yorks., J. Carr; most points, 1 J. Matthews, 2 Carr; most points Brit., Falliding; most points, nov. Yorks., J. Carr; members' Yorks., 1 F. Jones, 2 T. Ridal; most points novice Nor., J. Matthews. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged, and gave every satisfaction.

MEMB. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, F. Jones; 2, Ridal; 4, vhc, Tomlinson; hc, c, Butler. BUFF: 1, 2, F. Jones; 3, 4, vhc, Ridal; hc, c, Tomlinson. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Carr; 3, Biggin; 4, vhc, Fretwell; hc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 4, Carr; 2, F. Smith; 3, Abbott; vhc, hc, Pickering; c, Fretwell. MKD., ETC.: 1, F. Smith; 2, J. Smith; 3, hc, Carr; vhc, hc, Abbott. NOV. NOR., A.V. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Matthews; 4, Abbott; hc, Sparkes. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Matthews; vhc, Abbott; hc, Blackwell; c, Sparkes. BRIT. GOLD. OR BULLIE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Falliding; vhc, Wilson.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

N.F. show, June 27, Attercliffe Vestry Hall. The exhibits, which numbered 100, were a fine lot, especially the Canaries, Norwich being the best we have ever had. If we do not find some of these winning after the moult, I shall be greatly surprised. Special mention might also be made of Mr. J. Hibbersou's really fine team of foreigners, which were a very attractive feature. The gate, although slightly better than in previous years, was not what it might have been, owing no doubt to our date clashing with Sheffield C.B.S. Let us hope we can obviate this in future. Specials were won as follows: Best Yorks. in show, best members' Yorks., and most points members' Yorks., J. R. Webster; 2nd best member's Yorks., W. Blunt; best Nor. and best member's Nor., W. Grainger; 2nd best member's Nor., Messrs. Richardson and Hibberson; most points member's, L. Havenhand; best Brit. and 2nd best, M. Darlow; best F.M. Brit., W. A. Hailstone; most points Brit., B. Dnee; best and 2nd best nov. Nor., A. Green; most points nov. Nor., W. Jones. Judges: J. Browning (Rotherham) and P. Walsh (Hillsboro'), and their awards gave entire satisfaction.—E. Johnson, Sec.

From catalogue received, we gather that the principal winners, other than those given above, were: YORKS., Merrills, Exton, Blunt; NOR., Hollingsworth; MULES, Hartley; BRIT., Bolsover, Blackley, Glover. —(Ed.)

WIGAN.

Young Show, June 27, Legs of Man Hotel Assembly Room. Nearly 50 birds were on view. Quality was good and very level, and quite a number of promising youngsters made their debut. Mr. Barron won most points for Amateur Aggregate Cup Competition. Messrs. Green and Ball were also special winners. Mr. Ball, Hon. Sec., had matters in good order. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Ball, good trio, 1 very cobby, good level col., ch., will improve; 2, McAndrew; hc, Fairhurst; c, Hesketh. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Ball, fine shape, rare head, good bloom; 2, McAndrew; 3, Hesketh; vhc, c, Fairhurst. NOR. GR. (10), rare good lot: 1, McAndrew, very fine buff, foul, fine soft tone, sound rol., good legs, beak and markings, typical; 2, Ball; 3, vhc, hc, c, Woods, 3rd is best in class when full feathered. YORKS. (5), nice team, all Mr. Green's birds, in nice order: more Yorks. fanciers wanted here. CRESTS: 1, Dyer; 2, Fairhurst. BORD.: 1, 2, Hesketh, beauties, former best standard, both in grand order; 3, Barron. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Woods, cinnamons, fine size, col. and type. STOCK CLASS: 1, 2, McAndrew; 3, Dyer. LINNET: 1, McAndrew, rare good col., type and markings, fine cond.; 2, 3, Barron. HARDBILLS: 1, Barron, very good Goldf., wants more chest only. YOUNK MULES: 1, 2, 3, Barron. FOR.: 1, McAndrew, Grey Cardinal, grand col. and bloom, like wax.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Young bird show, June 20, headquarters, Marlboro Hotel, Small Heath. Close upon 50 birds were staged, the smallest number for many years, two chief causes being a very poor breeding season and many attractions in the way of works outings, while the big air race attracted many away. We are hoping for better results at July show. Mr. Roe judged, and gave every satisfaction. Yorks. were well to the front again, and it was pleasing to find two of our newest members taking specials and firsts at the first time of asking. Special winners: Best bird, Mr. Cowley, with a superb Buff Yorkie.; best novice, Mr. Thompson, another delightful Yorker; best British, Raby, grand Goldf.; most entries, Raby, best second clr. or tkd., Mr. Atkinson; best in variegs. classes, Thompson. The society's best thanks are extended to Messrs. Andrews, Raby, Swindon, and vice chairman Hughes for their valuable help and assistance, as owing to illness at home the sec. had to leave immediately after tea. The second show is held on July 18.

YORKS., CHAMP. CLR. or TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Hughes; 3, vhc, Burke; 2, Andrews; 4, Bayliss. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 2 spls, Cowley; 3, 4, Hughes; vhc, Andrews; hc, c, Bayliss. A.O.V. (4): 1, Burke; 2, Andrews; 3, Hughes; 4, Bayliss. NOV., CLR. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Rees; 2, Atkinson. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2 spls, Thompson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Luckman. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 2 spls, Raby, vhc, Johnson. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, 4, hc, c, Raby; 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, Yardley. Points toward cups: Champion, Hughes 11, Cowley 13, Andrews 10, Burke, Bayliss 5, Novice, Luckman 9, Thompson 5, Atkinson 1.—J. Sheppard, hon. sec.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging North Liverpool and Bootle Nest Feather Shows.

I am a regular reader of Cage Birds, and take a great interest in it, and wish it every success.—P. C. McGhan (Fort William).

I have started one or two bird fanciers here, and, needless to say, they take Cage Birds, writes Mr. G. S. McCreath (Beaver, Kent).

Special for best Yorkshire shown by a novice in open classes Cardiff was won by Mr. D. Raymond, and not by Mr. Charles as stated.

Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, has been engaged to judge our annual show held Town Hall, Newtownards, Dec. 4 and 5, writes Mr. W. Montgomery, sec.

Will members of the East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A. please note that the show due to be held on July 4 has been cancelled, writes Mr. Levi Booth, the secretary.

Cage Birds no bird-lover should be without. I have gained very useful information from it. Please renew my subscription.—R. G. W. Parsons (Affpiddle, Dorchester).

Mr. F. A. Hasler, late of Rainham, writes that he has removed his bird and appliance business to Baddow Road, Chelmsford. Our "Nutshells" may be obtained from Mr. Hasler.

The Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. are fortunate in having two silver cups, best Norwich and best Yorkshire, presented by Mr. J. P. Ayers to be won outright at young stock show, July 11, writes Mr. J. Hyde, sec.

Samples of the cloth used in the manufacture of "Hole-Proof" clothing may be had free from the Holeproof-Proof Clothing Co., at Dept. C.B., 56, Theobald's Road, London, W.C. This firm sends out explicit directions for the self-measurement of anyone requiring a suit, and their advertisement on another page is well worth reading.

Exhibitors should note that sixteen open classes are provided for cage birds at the Bath Flower, Poultry, etc., show on July 15-16. Nor 3, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit 4, Mules 2, For. 3. Prizes are 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. for a fee of 1s. 6d. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge. The secretaries are Messrs. Dutch and Thyer, The Red House, Bath, and entries close July 8.

I thank you very much for the honour you have done in putting the sketch of my ticked yellow Norwich on front page of Cage Birds. Coming as a "surprise packet," I think I appreciate it the more. The bird was bred in 1912 from my capped buff, which you did me the honour of pourtraying in Cage Birds Annual for 1912. The ticked yellow was one of three in the nest, the other two being hens, and both turned out winners.—G. W. Saunders (Haslemere).

First Feather Shows.

IMPORTANT OFFER.

We have decided again this year to accept advertisements of First Feather (young bird) shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present **a special prize** of a bound volume of "Bird World," illustrated magazine, or two handsome specially mounted plates, to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns.

Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

The City and Suburban's Young Bird show taking place to-day (Saturday) must be your rendezvous, for a more profitable hour could not be spent. You will see all the well-known features maintained, such as quality and number of birds, and artistic display of numerous trophies. The Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, is within a couple of minutes of Baker Street (Metropolitan) and the Bakerloo stations, and 'buses pass the street.—(Advt.)

With the June number of "Bird Notes" is issued a plate of the Red-spotted Conure to accompany the article in the May issue. Mr. Page continues his "Easter tour Among Members' Aviaries," with plans and photographs of the aviaries of Dr. Lovell-Keay. The Marquis of Tavistock writes "Some Experiences of Cockatoos," telling of many misfortunes experienced in the endeavour to keep the various species at liberty on his estate. Mr. D. Dewar contributes "An April Morning in Northern India." Mr. Wesley Page writes of "Jackson's Whydah in Captivity." Dr. Lovell-Keay shows how to distinguish the sexes in Rosellas, and Mr. Whistler continues "Birds of the Jhelum District." Nesting Notes, a British Bird Calendar, correspondence, a report of the Club Dinner, etc., complete an interesting number.

West Stanley Show Cancelled.

The members of the West Stanley C.B.S. have cancelled their young bird show for July 11, writes Mr. W. Elliott, the secretary.

Glad to be Home Again.

Last Saturday a hen Goldfinch flew out of its cage, and after being away all Sunday and Monday, returned to its cage on Tuesday afternoon, and was found sitting on the perch (cage door, of course, was open) looking very tired and glad to be home again. The bird belonged to me, but having no use for it I gave it to my mother, and she had only had it a few weeks. This helps to prove that caged birds are not unhappy.—F. G. Smith (Leytonstone).

An Old Favourite Ailing.

We hear with extreme regret from our old friend Sam Cook of the serious illness of our mutual friend the veteran Joe Hills, so long associated with Mr. Cook as co-judge of the British bird classes at the Crystal Palace. Mr. Cook says in his letter: "I went to see our old pal on Saturday last and found him in bed suffering from an internal malady." We are sure that the great number of our readers who had the privilege of Mr. Hill's friendship during his long association with the Crystal Palace, which ended at the Jubilee show, will join us in our wishes for his speedy recovery.

OBITUARY.

Mr. M. Cox, Halifax.

It is with regret, writes Mr. Harry Clegg, sec. Halifax O.S., that I have to report the death, on June 23, of Mr. M. Cox, one of our members. To Mrs. Cox and family every member will extend the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. His death came as a surprise, as he looked in the best of health at our last meeting. He was regular in attendance at our meetings, and took a great interest in his birds. Mr. W. H. Ball attended at his funeral June 26 on behalf of the society.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The following First Feather Shows have been arranged; we shall be glad to be notified of any omissions: July 3, Bridlington, Driffield C.B.S.; July 4, Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., Vale of Leven C.B.C., Burnhope C.B.S., Chester-le-Street C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Wallasey C.B.S., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Halifax C.B.S., City and Suburban A.C.B., Leeds C.B.S., Sheffield O.S., Newcastle C.B.S., Garston B.B.A.; July 5, Blantyre O.S.; July 8, Windsor C.B.A.; July 11, Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S., Shettleston C.B.S., North London C.B.A., Haltwhistle C.B.S.; July 15, Hastings and St. Leonard's C.B.S.; July 18, Irvine and Dis. C.B.S., London and Counties A.C.B., Abertillery C.B.S., Windhill C.B.S., Bramish C.B.S., Birtley C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S., Halifax O.S., Coventry Godiva C.B.S., Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.; July 25, South Shields C.B.S., Falkirk Good Intent, Derby C.B.S.; July 30, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; Aug. 1, Pelton Fell C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Edinburgh C.B.S.; August 4, Darvel C.B.S.; Aug. 29, Dunfermline C.B.S.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following clubs should apply to the respective secs., stating date of show, number of classes, and judges: Northern Border and S.F.C.C., M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle; Midland Counties C.C., W. Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham; Norwich P.H.C., F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley; Northern C.C., Geo. Dobson, 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., T. H. Inman, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Y.C.C., R. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Green Canary Association, F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool; National Green marked Y.C.C., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; closing date, August 1. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, W. Priest, 6, Orchard Street, Partick; closing date August 6. Scottish P.H. Club, E. Barron, 119, Montrose Street, Glasgow. Crested C.C., J. Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, S.W. Northern Lizard Club, G. C. Davidson, 6, Eden Vale, Sunderland.

A Curiosity.

It is said that a Mr. Short, of Haslemere, has discovered a young Cuckoo in a Wagtail's nest in a hole some 2ft. inside the trunk of an oak tree.

Unkind Death.

A railwayman going to oil the points just outside Mitcham Station, on the Wimbledon to Croydon line, on June 26, found a Barn Owl, with its claws firmly embedded in a rat's neck, lying dead on the line. From the position of the bird it was clear that it had been struck by a passing train just as it was about to fly off with its prey. Owls are common in the neighbourhood, the station being surrounded by trees; and rats make a practice of licking the oil off the points.

When your Hens Feed Badly.

Breeders who are troubled with bad-feeding hens should find in the following method of hand-rearing nestlings a boon and a blessing. Obtain from the local chemist a 3d. size glass syringe. Withdraw the plunger, and having made the egg-food into a paste, three parts fill tube. Replace plunger, and a slight pressure on same projects the food right into the crops of young, in the manner of the hen feeding, a most essential action, not obtained by the ordinary hand-feeding implement. It is cleanly to use, and there is no waste. Placed in a bowl of water when not in use, it cleans itself.—B. Hatton (Charlton, S.E.).

SCOTCH MIXTURE.

By DAN McARTHUR.

(Concluded from opposite page).

My birds get some gentles and as many grocer's currants as they want (these I can recommend, if the birds like them, as they have plenty of colouring matter in them). A bit of apple, potato, or vegetable chopped up is always useful, but there is no hard and fast rule; a good fancier soon finds out that one bird's food is another bird's poison. Mine like their food, and I have no trouble with cleaning, as a properly kept softbill isn't half so dirty as people (who think pease-meal enough for them) seem to think. The only trouble I have is to make them eat enough; they sing so much that food is a secondary consideration with them. Bless them all! I'd bless them more if they'd go back (as they used to do) to their cages after their bath sooner. But they know my weak side, and wait for a tit-bit or two (more, sometimes) before returning. They are quite up to date, I notice, for when I give them a bit of "Rag Time" on the piano they roar the place down in rivalry, but more sedate tunes fail to draw them.

Defending the Fancy.

I had the pleasure lately, in our leading local journal, of vigorously defending the Fancy against an extreme faddist's views. I pointed out that bird-keeping, under proper conditions, need entail no hideous cruelty, that the lives of the birds could be made not only happy, but actually prolonged, and that much instruction and pleasure could be gained by it. I think it would be a good plan if all fanciers who notice such stupid attacks of the "Humanitarians," would not let them pass unanswered, but "spread the light."

Our little friends come and go, some of our birdy hopes are realised, and others shattered, but we come up smiling, and think of our earlier birds (their likes were never seen, eh?) who gave us of their best and then went their way. I conclude with Whyte Melville's beautiful words:

"There are men, both good and true,
Who hold, that in a future state,
The dumb creatures we have cherished here below
Will give us joyous greeting at the Golden Gate.
Is it folly that I hope it may be so?"

CUPS OF THE NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Back row (left to right): Champion Yorkshires, Borders, and Norwich. Front row: British, Premier Cup, and Novice Yorks. The Premier Cup is competed for by all varieties; the novice Yorks. Cup (presented by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe) is to be won outright this year.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

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TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, Cage Birds is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

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The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents, hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for Cage Birds Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in Cage Birds, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of Cage Birds will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

SCOTCH MIXTURE: A Rambling Account of my Birdy Pets.

By DAN McARTHUR (Edinburgh).

I'VE never brought off a nest of Budgerigars yet, but I don't grumble. They are such a happy pair and afford us so much fun by their playful ways. Their deep tray comes in handy for the huge handfuls of grasses I give them in the summer. Sitting, nearly hidden in their miniature hayfield, they go through it methodically and contentedly. I let them out regularly, and they like nothing better than a scamper along the top of the blind. Only I have to watch the cock, for he has a bad habit of knocking over every water tin within reach (never a seed tin, curiously enough). I get them in all right by asking the cock to come on my hand (he is finger tame) and pop him into his cage, where his frantic chirps soon bring Jenny down. Easy to keep, hardy, and cheap, they deserve the attention of all fanciers.

A Kind Linnet.

I got a Redpoll given me last year, and a wretched wee lad he was too. Given to me, gratis, "in disgrace" (he never sung and only ate his head off). In poor condition, I put him on a natural diet, and he moulted out a beauty, and repaid me for the trouble. He likes to be talked to. His song, while never loud, of course, is a pleasure, and his never-ending somersaults and back-throws are most amusing. These he will do dozens of times on hearing the words, "Over you go, wee man." My two Starlings in vain try to copy him. He is a lazy bird too, and will wait until his neighbour (my four-year-old Linnet) has got some seed out of a dandelion head, then down he'll go and ask to be fed, and "Jockie," I am glad to say, never refuses him. They get on well together, and the Linnet has improved in song a good deal, and is also a demon for a bath.

An Ambition Realised!

I have a special soft side for Foreigners, and at a bird show I spend most of my time among them in envious admiration. I don't exhibit, but I like a bird big enough to handle, and I want song, so the small, cheap Finches are of no use to me (they are attractive enough and charming little pets, in their own way) and at a show I hankered after one of four birds. (I'd keep them all, if I could. Alas! I have not yet won a Derby sweep.) These were a Shama, a Mocking Bird, a Virginian Cardinal, and a Green Bulbul. Now comes the funny part. Specimens of these species have been for sale often during the last two years, but I have not had the "necessary," and when last summer I had got the £ s. d., (No, I didn't save up my soap wrappers), not a decent bird that I wanted was to be got, despite advertising several times for it. And I felt vexed. But I bucked up, for I was lucky enough to secure from that well-known aviculturist, Major Horsbrugh, a fine hand-reared Mexican Thrush, by no means common over here, and have never regretted it. They are highly prized by the natives for their song, which I can quite understand, as mine (a youngster) is giving my other birds lessons now, and has a soft, flute-like song.

As big as our own Thrush, he lacks the familiar spotted breast, being a light brown all over his breast and underparts, with whitish legs, a snaky head and neck, a big brown eye, a long dark-brown tail, and a strong broad bill. A well set up bird, "as bold as brass," he has fed from our hand, and bathed from the day of his arrival, and looks like taking first place in our affections. I feed him much the same as the Starlings, only he takes a little soft food, but is "a demon currant-swallower," and has a huge appetite for earthworms, which I am able to satisfy, fortunately, as he likes these best of all. Never a gaudy bird, he will be handsomer after his moult, and I'll see he gets plenty of fruit, as his native land has fruit in super-abundance.

A Believer in Wild Food.

A famous speech made in the U.S. Senate contained the remark—"Mexico!—land of flowers without scent and birds without song." But after keeping Jimmy a few months I must beg to differ, as will anyone who has kept a good Cardinal or other Mexican bird. All the same, it is curious that the gaudy-coloured birds, as a role, have not much song, and our humble-clad birds are such gems—the Linnet and Lark for instance. But I am straying off the track.

I need not say I believe in wild food. As a light medicine, as a colouring agent, and a money-saver, dandelion seeds, hardheads, thistles, rats-tails, and teazle (I put them in the order of their ripeness) are hard to beat; they are easily recognised and fairly common everywhere. If gathered on a dry day and stored for winter use they will be eagerly relished by hardbills, while the rambles to the country in search of them will do the fancier a world of good, and broaden his knowledge of Mother Nature in her many moods. I have spent many a glorious afternoon that way, "spotting the stuff" I wanted on my way out, and gathering it (for freshness' sake) on my way home. Even an odd shilling or two can be made by selling your surplus stuff to fanciers who have not the countryside at their doors.

Cage-Making a Pleasure.

"Potting new wine into old bottles" never pays, and patching up old cages is pretty much the same, so I welcomed the removal to new quarters last year, as it enabled me to make "a clean sweep" (is that an Irishism?) of my odd-sized old cages, and make a set of uniform shape and size. As a change from my daily task (I wield the pen, alas) the work was enjoyable, and, not being in a hurry, I was able to work in several little ideas that I fancied. These I frankly admit were all culled from the pages of CAGE BIRDS at different times and pasted into a book—you never know just when you'll need an item. Of the box type, measuring 24 by 15 by 15 inches, with a deep zinc tray (which lasts for years, can be scrubbed, dried easily, and doesn't rust), covered food and water dishes (all outside) so that the birds cannot foul them either when in or out of their cages; easily removed perches and fronts (including a perch running full length of cage, which they must stand on to feed (this keeps them off the floor and keeps their feet in nice condition) and a wood slide to remove tray without opening cage door, I think I have got as up-to-date as possible for an amateur joiner.

I am very pleased with the result. Stacked up on a little stand in a corner near a window, they get light, air, sun, and no draughts, and being in our living-room we have their cheery company all day long, and evening as well. The cages are in two tiers, so that though my birds can hear each other they can't see their neighbours, and the friendly rivalry helps their song a great deal. Lastly, any particular cage can be cleaned or fed without interfering with another—a very important point, as fanciers know, in a bird-room.

A "Jekyll and Hyde" Starling.

I am never without a Starling, and have two just now. One (four years old) is a regular "two-faced" bird. By day, a quiet, tame bird, singing lostily and talking a little; but at night, phew! A militant suffragette hasn't a look in with his performance. Up and down his cage he'll jump in the most irritating way, and covering up only made him worse. For a time we used to let him out of his cage at night, and he slept quite quietly on top of a chair; but last summer even this didn't please him, so he was shifted to a room by himself, where, in splendid isolation, he could carry-on to his heart's content. We didn't hear, peace reigned, and we slept the sleep of the tired (I nearly wrote "just"). It is a curious habit, and had he only done it during the migration period I might have understood it (for he might have been an adult-caught bird and felt the "Wander-Lust" now and then), but as he did it from the first day I got him, and ever since, I am puzzled.

He is a wonderful songster for a Starling, but not a linguist, like my first love, "Sandy" (who is sitting in his glass case, with his head cocked knowingly at me, as I write), and with all his faults, we love him still! The younger Starling I got as a nestling, and he is a grand, tame, attractive bird too. A much handsomer bird than "Joey," and far cheekier, while his song is going to be "a knock-out." It was most interesting to see him moult out of his brown nest-feathers, into his adult coat of spangled purple. A Starling is a far prettier bird than many imagine. It is his commonness spoils his value, I suppose. "Aleck's" chief joy is to knock his water tin over and open his cage door.

Keeping Softbills Fit.

No colour food, but plenty of baths, exercise, and a varied diet, are the secrets of keeping softbills fit, and mine get all three in abundance. I have never an invalid; for which much thanks! With a good fly round after a bath, a leisurely toilet (always on the same chair I notice) before going back to their cages, and a cage long enough to make them jump from perch to perch, they don't "run to fat" (always a danger). I don't worry about food much, using a much advertised food, to which I add a fourth part of ants' eggs and dried flies, as a stock food.

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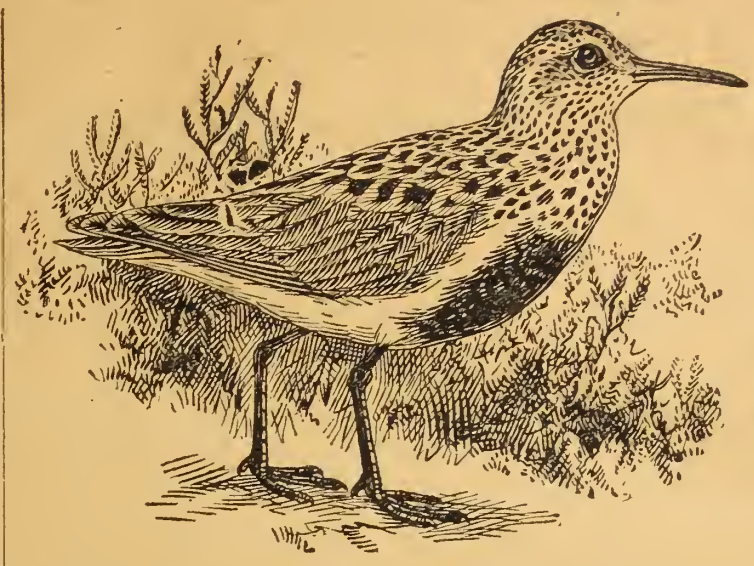

A SURPRISE PACKET FOR BRITISH BIRD JUDGES.

The Dunlin, a bird about the size of a Lark, which frequents marshes and moorlands in summer, and the sea-shore in winter, is included in the classification of the big club show being held next autumn by the National British Bird and M.C. The black breast patch is lost in the winter plumage, when the bird is grey and white.

KEEPING AND BREEDING FOREIGN FINCHES IN CAGES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

BY request I am writing up the general principles of this fascinating hobby—for once my pen must be entirely silent about aviaries, for my theme is cage birds for those who have no convenience for an aviary, but long for and can accommodate a few pets in cages. It is a laudable desire and a most fascinating hobby. Moreover, it is one which can be carried to an entirely successful issue, and if the would-be bird-keeper will only master the elementary principles of the subject before acquiring his cages and their occupants, neither cruelty nor unhappiness will be inflicted upon the objects of his solicitude and care.

Now, before pursuing the topic further, I may perhaps be permitted a personal note: There is no finality to the "Cult of Bird-keeping" whatever phase our particular fancy may be—therefore I disclaim all desire to dogmatise, for whatever our experience, we are learners to the end of the chapter, and the more knowledge we acquire the more we know how little we really know; therefore I urge my readers not to be slavish followers of either individual or text-book, but to think for themselves, to study cause and effect, let the demeanour of their birds and their condition teach their own lessons, and the same with failure. When this comes, think back, find out the cause if possible, and thus lay the stepping stones to increased knowledge and success.

To Help You to Start Successfully.

My remarks are not for the experienced, but for the beginner; in fact a series of first steps, detailing conditions under which birds have been healthily kept, have lived happily and contentedly and in many instances have reproduced their kind in captivity. Thus I merely aim at supplying the base upon which my readers may rear their own edifice of practical experience and success.

I think also that it is highly important that we grasp the possibilities and limitations of the subject before embarking thereupon, else we may simply pass through disappointing and discouraging experiences that need never have come our way, and possibly throw up the pursuit in disgust instead of acknowledging ourselves as responsible for the failure. It seems to me the best way to reach this end is by a comparison. Many of those who desire to begin Foreign bird-keeping have had experience with Canaries, have used these as a comparison and have been most dissatisfied with the result. What else could one expect? It is unfair to compare a wild species with Canaries that have been domesticated for ages. Where then can we find a suitable comparison? In our own native wild birds. Compare our native birds with Canaries when kept in captivity as to breeding and the comparison is still more disappointing. But compare Foreign species with British species, as to breeding results under the conditions of cage-life and the comparison is all in favour of the former.

Wild versus Cage-Bred Birds.

What then is the result we have arrived at? I think we might tabulate it somewhat as follows:

1. There is a stronger individuality with wild species than with domesticated varieties.
2. The element of uncertainty can never be eliminated.
3. Successes will always be variable, not only with pairs of the same species, but even with the same pair from year to year.

Do I hear one of my readers saying, "Is the game, then, worth the candle"? Yes! And here I would propound another question: Would we have it otherwise? Surely the "glorious uncertainty" constitutes its greatest charm. If breeding birds were as easy as "shelling peas" how long would the craze or interest be sustained?

Now, before closing this phase of our topic, another and very pregnant query presents itself, viz.: Is there any reasonable prospect of success? Most certainly yes! What has been done can surely be done again; thus while we cannot eliminate the uncertainty as to breeding results yet results there should be, but not, I fear, *pro rata* with those of Canaries.

Possibly a review of some of the elements of uncertainty will be a help, even in the introduction, and clear the way for our subject proper—naming these from the common standpoint so freely put forth: "I got a pair of birds a month ago, gave them a roomy cage and have supplied their every known want, and they have not gone to nest yet: Will they do so?"

Wild species (Foreign birds are wild species) do not settle down as quickly as domesticated varieties, and the uncertainty is made more pronounced by individual pairs varying so considerably as to the time taken—thus a definite reply to the above query is not possible. Again, some species are naturally shy in demeanour; at home in their native haunts they are skulkers, and not often seen save by the close and persistent observer. Again, most species of birds naturally court retirement when choosing a site for their home, and all these traits have to be overcome with wild species when subjected to the conditions of cage life.

A Fair Field Remains.

Then there is the question of suitable food and how to supply it—in a state of nature birds work for their existence, and the "peace and plenty" which they get without effort in confinement is a most unnatural condition and often militates against success, but such points as the above will fully develop as our subject opens out under the headings of: Cages: Birds to Keep: Food and Treatment.

I will close this introductory chapter by stating that in this country the hobby of breeding Foreign species in cages is as yet in its infancy, but the pursuit has not been barren, for Gouldian, Ribbon, Zebra, Bib, Grey Singing, Crimson, Bicheno's, and Long-tailed Grass Finches, Java Sparrows (both Grey and White, and crosses), Bengalese, Silverbills, Budgerigars, Passerine Parrakeets, etc., have all successfully reared young in cages.

To those who have the capacity for taking pains, are willing to learn, will study their birds' demeanour, help them in difficulty, and will supply all their wants, not merely in gross plenty, but intelligently, according to the altered conditions of the birds' life, a good measure of success is sure to come.

(To be continued.)

THE warbling of the young cocks should be taken as a guide when removing them from the flights into the song cages. In the event of having an exceptionally forward singer it may remain in the flight and help to tutor the others, but any that bring out loud, or other, noises that are objectionable to the ear should be removed. Otherwise it may be safely said that they can remain in the flights until nearly the completion of the moult. Even then there is nothing to be gained by transferring them to the song cages and a subdued light so long as the song is delivered in a low, or even a normal tone; but there are not many that will retain a normal tone for any length of time if allowed full daylight.

Another guide, and one that may be simpler than the above, will be to cage them off separately when the warbling gradually unrolls itself into recognisable tours or rolls. A very old-fashioned term for this is "Just as the bird is attaining its pipe." The proper time to cage the young cocks is frequently a stumbling block, as many will place them in the song cages and commence to curtail the light as soon as the birds are on seed. I have known some fanciers to go further than this and cage off both cocks and hens, and have them used to closed shutters before they even commenced to moult. Thus in their eagerness not to let a cock bird slip past them and also for the want of a little knowledge they deprive both sexes of the exercise in the flight cages that is so essential in producing well-developed bodies and new plumage. It is, so to speak, only the fittest of the fit that can stand this treatment during the moult, and any inherited weakness is brought out, and often intensified, whereas with the invigorating exercise the flight affords and proper attention in dieting, this weakness may be grown out of.

Getting Over the First Moult.

The first moult is a trying time for the birds and the new fancier will now understand that they should be given all the exercise that can be allowed. In the case of the hens there is the strain of growing the new plumage, flesh, and bone; in the case of the cocks this exercise is necessary to produce, in addition to plumage, flesh, and bone, that particular muscular development essential to the production of the deep sounding tours and rolls. I would also emphasise that even if the birds are intended for the market they must receive the same attention as though they were for the fancier's own breeding cages, as it is likely to bring the fancier's name into disrepute should his stock be unfruitful through the lack of proper development.

The young birds in their first moult only cast the body feathers; the flight feathers in the wings and the long tail feathers are not moulted naturally until the following year when the first adult moult takes place, usually from July to September. The scales on the legs are also cast in the adult moults, but this may pass unnoticed only in those birds that grow them to an abnormal size. Usually large scales indicate old age, but this cannot be taken as being an infallible guide, because many birds of both sexes will produce them in their first or second year.

Neither the young nor the old birds should be overcrowded in the flights, as in addition to being detrimental from a health point of view, it is the chief cause of them plucking each other's feathers. I think it is done more in a spirit of mischievousness, and their attention should be attracted by placing pieces of cuttlefish, old mortar, bacon, and pieces of stout twine on the wires of the flights. A bird that becomes badly plucked should be isolated until the new plumage has grown again; the culprit should also be removed, or it will probably find another victim. The bird that has been plucked should be allowed a little extra nourishing food.

A Common Trouble with Youngsters.

One of the most common ailments in young birds is stomach and bowel trouble, and it will often appear in the best regulated bird-rooms without any apparent cause. To minimize this trouble I make a hard and fast rule never to give young birds green food of any description until they have completed the moult. I rely upon the bread and milk to keep the bowels working smoothly, and to prevent constipation. Neither do I give wild seeds in large quantities. A small quantity of ripe plantain heads, or "rat tails," as they are known in some localities, say one between three or four birds, could be beneficially given twice a week, varying them with a little shepherd's purse, dandelion seed, or any of the other wild seeding heads that are usually given to Canaries. These should be gathered in a nearly ripe condition, and stored to ripen. A good plan is to place them head-downwards in a paper bag, tie the stems and the mouth of the bag together, and place them in the sun. By enclosing them thus, they will be kept clean, and the seeds as they ripen and fall will be retained. Wild seeds are not a necessary article of diet for the "Roller," and unless these seeds are supplied in a thoroughly ripe condition to the young birds, it is far better to withhold them. Unripe seeds, green food, and stale egg-food are all conducive to stomach and bowel trouble in young birds, a complaint which often turns to inflammation if not taken in hand and treated at once. The latter may also be caused by a chill, brought about by allowing them to bathe when the weather is chilly or cold

The cold bath may in some cases bring on lung complaints, such as coughs or bronchial troubles, known to the layman as asthma, but birds bred from parents unaffected with lung troubles, and kept under sanitary conditions, out of direct draughts, generally have an immunity from this complaint. No affected specimen should be introduced amongst them, the ailment is easily detected by the bird's very laboured breathing, often accompanied by a sharp sneeze or cough, and the distinctly observable up and down movement of the tail.

It is natural for young birds to sleep at intervals during the daytime; otherwise, healthy specimens are bright and lively, with tight-fitting plumage, two conditions that are lacking in an ailing specimen. The latter sleeps more than the others, and is loose in feather, in contrast to its companions' tightly-carried plumage, frequently drooping the wings until the flight feathers, i.e., the long feathers in the wings are carried below the tail. The sick bird should be removed and placed in a separate cage. For colds a little honey and glycerine, with two drops of eucalyptus, should be well mixed with the drinking water, fresh daily, or one of the advertised remedies for lung troubles—which are simple to use—can be obtained from any of the providers of fanciers' requisites.

Signs of Health and Otherwise.

If it is apparent that the cause of the trouble is not a cold, the stomach should be examined. In the healthy young bird, it will be found fuller and rounder than in an old bird, and will be covered more or less with a layer of fat, whereas in one suffering with stomach and bowel trouble the skin on the stomach (that portion extending from the lower point of the breast bone to the vent) will be a distinctly reddish colour. If immediate treatment is not given the colour deepens, the blood veins begin to show, and afterwards the outline of a large bowel will appear, raised above the level of the stomach. (An examination of a dead specimen would show this large bowel to contain a quantity of watery matter.) The bird is now in a critical condition, and the most effective remedy I have yet found is equal proportions of the best brandy and glycerine, giving two drops for a young bird, and three drops for an old bird, from the end of a quill direct into the mouth, repeating the dose every hour until an improvement takes place, then the dose can be given at longer intervals. Take the bird's seed and water away, and give bread and milk, sprinkled with maw seed, to eat, and substitute milk in the place of water to drink. For the minor trouble, when the skin of the stomach is only found to be red, this bread and milk diet, with milk to drink for a few days, will soon effect a cure. *(To be continued.)*

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe

By J. TOMLINSON.

How to Keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

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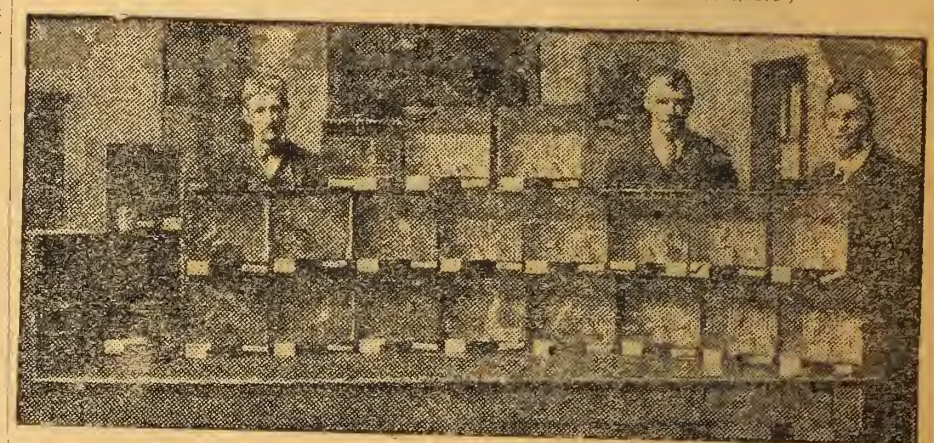

A group of the principal winning birds at the Preston O.S. Young Bird Show. The fanciers are: Messrs. W. Porter (left), H. F. Marsh, treasurer (centre), and W. H. Cottam, secretary. (Photo. by G. Whittaker, Preston.)

Correspondence.

More Light Linnet Mules.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that I have been successful in rearing three Linnet Mules of which one is clear and two variegated. If any of your readers doubt my words, I will willingly allow any judge or fancier to come and inspect them any time between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m.

Haydock. ALBERT E. HELPS.

[We sincerely hope that our correspondent has made no inadvertent mistake. We have this season enquired into three cases of clear Linnet Mules, and two cases of clear Goldfinch Mules, and on seeing the birds all of them, in our opinion, were just Canaries, purely and simply.—EDITOR.]

Is the Novice Coddled Overmuch?

SIR, I am a novice and have read the correspondence re the above. Mr. Allsopp's writings are effective, similar to the recent frost experienced, nipping young stuff in its tenderest growth. Being one of the "young stuff," I should like to ask Mr. A. if he will tell us how and from whom he obtained his stock, and state the highest figure he ever paid for a bird; also how long it took him from time of purchase to produce "Welsh Queen." I am anxious to learn how to breed a champion myself. Size is the one great craze. Well, Mr. A. kindly say what class of bird you introduce to maintain size; if it is crest bred or coppy? Mr. Hodder has recently told us we have gone on size so much that long wings have cropped up. True, sir, and half crest breds: it is no use trying to get out of it. Mr. Hodder states the coming Norwich shape is that of a fish. Mr. Hodder gave some useful hints and I am just beginning to feel sure the novices will some day surprise the champions. But they must keep their first feather birds out of the selling classes, and give them the 2nd year's trial trip. J. LOCKE.

A Chance for a Cinnamon Canary Revival.

SIR,—The Cinnamon Canary Club has decided to hold its Club show at the Bradford National Exhibition, to be held Dec. 4 and 5. Six classes will be provided for champions and four for novices, with Mr. H. W. Battye to place the cards. It now rests with fanciers of this interesting, if somewhat neglected, variety to show what they are made of. The accommodation and convenience for both birds and visitors are all that could be desired, along with the fanciers to attend to the wants of the birds, so that no one need have any fear about sending their choicest specimens.

S. MIDGLEY, Show Sec.

The Song of the Nightingale in Captivity.

SIR, I am sorry I misconstrued Mr. Harrison's statement. But even now he does not make it very clear, as he does not state in the dark, or by gas light. I have had plenty sing by gas light, also one this spring that sang in the dark. I think it is conclusive that a 'Gale that sings at Christmas is not uttering a "love song." It may be a love song in the bird's wild state, but I fail to see how it can be in captivity. Regarding Canaries singing the 'Gale's song, I should most emphatically say no, for the simple reason that a Canary is a different bird altogether to a 'Gale—one is a Hardbill and the other a Softbill; besides, the song of the Canary is too harsh and choppy; I would sooner say the Canary would spoil the 'Gale's song. In reply to Mr. Lewis, I must apologise if I was in any way sarcastic, as I did not mean to be. Mr. Norman's statement does not read at all "funny" to me, as I don't take any notice of what I read in books. I simply go on my own experience. I get my 'Gales first hand, and get them on to food myself. I prefer to do so, and I may say I very rarely lose one. I have had considerable trouble with one this year. I went into my bird-room and saw it on its side, apparently dying; so I rubbed some food on its feet. The bird at once commenced to peck the food off its feet, and is now doing well. The only answer I can give to your question is that it clearly proves their inefficiency to get 'Gales on to food. Moreover, I do not know any catchers that sell their birds for 2s. 6d. If Mr. Lewis will be so kind as to forward me their names and addresses, I will give them an order for a dozen at that price. F. BENT.

SIR,—I am delighted at Mr. G. Lewis' firm stand against bolstering the Nightingale trade up. Given the right food and treatment (and season) a cock should sing for one owner as well as for another. If not, it is a born sulker, which never did and never will do any good, i.e. singing. Mr. Lewis' contribution disposes of the piffle "change of food, a different owner," etc. Most bird-keepers have had some such ungenerous Lark or Linnet, or other bird, but with Nightingales it seems to be the rule. Let the novice beware of other kinds of singing (?) 'Gales. Number 1. What becomes of trapped hen Nightingales? Is it—For sale, a cock Nightingale on song. Number 2: One authority states there is a most striking resemblance between the hen Redstart and a cock 'Gale, and warns buyers from unscrupulous persons. Number 3: Large fledgelings of uncertain sex are sold as house-moulted winners, pets, and what not, for a good price. To spot these, let them loose in the bird room; they will be running round your feet in typical fledgeling manner, are unable to fly to curtain pole and clamber up curtain. Two days later, for a cert, you find them dead at bottom of cage, and in this case the singing (of a type) is done by the novice. F.

[The latter part of our correspondent's letter reads curiously, as (1) fledgeling Nightingales can be easily and unmistakably told by their spotted plumage, which they lose at the first autumn moult; (2) there is no reason why any fledgeling should not fly, and fly strongly; (3) one surely cannot expect a Nightingale to "clamber up" curtains; (4) we never knew that running round one's feet was typical of fledgelings, nor that they die for certain in two days.—EDITOR, "C.B."]

The Clear Linnet Mules at Longton.

SIR,—Before I reply to "Interested's" letter, I ask him, as a man, to come from behind his nom-de-plume and sign his name, as I don't believe in writing through the Fancy press to men who won't sign their names to their letters; also I ask him to give me the name of the competent judge who saw the young birds and pronounced them Canaries, as there were only two men saw them before I purchased the parents. When I called to see them on Friday I was told they had been sold in the morning. While visiting Longton Show I was told they had not been sold, so I went along with a well-known British exhibitor and son to have a look at them, when I saw Mr. E. Bown for the first time in my life, and he told me they had been sold to a gentleman from the Meir (near Longton) on the Friday morning. One bird was clear, and one had a mark on the neck. When we asked him if he had had a cock Canary in with the hen, he said he had never had a cock Canary in the house, and he has lived in it ten years; also he had had the hen six or seven weeks before pairing her with the Linnet. So I will leave it to the readers of CAGE BIRDS to form their own opinion about them. As Mr. E. Bown signed a paper to the effect that they are genuine Mules, I have sent a copy to the Editor for inspection. G. PERRINS.

[The enclosure sent by Mr. Perrins is not signed by Mr. Bown, but, probably by mistake, bears the signature "G. Perrins." If we may be pardoned for saying so, surely the young birds themselves would afford the best evidence of their parentage. Mr. E. Tams, of Longton, well-known as an exhibitor and judge, stated in our paper last week that he had seen them, and that he considered them young *yellow* Canaries. Mr. Perrins ignores Mr. Tams' letter. Breeders of genuine light Linnet Mules know that they do not show any trace of yellow when in nestling plumage: they are practically as white as snow.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

The Canary Fancy Out In Saskatchewan.

Good Birds Scarce, but Plenty of Lovers of Them.

Sir,- Having recently become a reader of your interesting paper, Cage Birds, the same being sent out to me every week, I thought I would endeavour to explain the situation in the bird line out in this part of the globe, and describe what is being done to foster and create more interest among lovers of birds. As far back as I can remember anything about birds, and right up to the time of leaving the Old Country, I always kept birds of one sort and another. That being the case, it was only natural that I should endeavour to keep up the interest after taking up my abode in Saskatchewan. As soon as I got settled down I started to look around for some of our feathered pets. Being so far west at that time (nine years ago) I found it very difficult to get any, unless one sent down to Eastern Canada, or the States, and then you had to have what was sent you, and take a long chance on them arriving alive. Even if they arrived in anything like decent condition, it was very disheartening to find out that they were no good to do any breeding with, as they were either too old, or instead of getting a pair you more often than not got two hens. However, after a long time I managed to secure a pair that would breed, and ultimately succeeded in rearing a few young ones.

Finding a ready sale for what I could rear I turned my attention to breeding more extensively, and this year started out with some twenty pairs (mostly Germans) these being about the only kind that could be got. They were mostly one and two years of age, having been reared in this city. The conditions here being somewhat later than at home, I have more or less been experimenting as to when is the best time to put birds together, and during which month you get the best results.

The result of my experiments so far has proved that by breeding too early (February and March) with the weather so changeable at that time, the results are very unsatisfactory, the birds either dying in the shell or within a few days after hatching. With those breeding later you generally find that thunderstorms will upset all one's calculations. I came to this conclusion (after having several promising eggs go bad) by testing some previous to the storm and again the morning after. In many cases the hens themselves will forsake the nest during a storm. Feeling somewhat disappointed with only safely rearing two young I allowed the birds to have the use of the breeding room entirely to themselves, never bothering them except at feeding time. I am now awaiting the results of four sittings. Anyway, the outcome cannot be any worse than what I have already experienced. Neither am I, according to the statements made to me, the only breeder who is having this run of bad luck. However, never say die, so I am going to keep plugging along. I have still some eight or ten weeks ahead of me before moulting time.

As to the class of birds we have here, as I stated earlier, the majority are the Germans which are imported into this country in large quantities every year. Evidently most of them are discards. Being known as the only person in the city keeping such a number of birds it seems natural that I receive the large number of enquiries that I do. In nine cases out of ten the question asked is, "Have you got any good Norwich Canaries?" or "Have you got any Yorkshires for sale?" Such questions as these, I may say, are asked by old countrymen, who have at one time or another kept these kinds of birds, and would do the same again if they could only be secured. There are, I admit, a few good ones here, having been brought out by their owners. About the best cost from ten dollars to twelve dollars per pair (40 and 50 shillings) from Ontario, exclusive of travelling expenses, and these birds are probably worth from two to three shillings apiece.

A few of us are anxious to form a small cage bird society for the purpose of creating more interest and raising the standard of cage bird-keeping. Will you kindly oblige me with a copy or two of club rules? Same will be greatly appreciated. One step was taken towards this end at the poultry show held here in March, when cage birds were admitted. Altogether some thirty birds were shown by only four exhibitors. Out of my eight I took three firsts and two seconds. Another reason for our desire for good birds is to kill as much as possible the actions of certain so-called bird men who travel through the country with several hundred birds at a time, and locate at some store in the towns and cities for a few days, selling so-called "guaranteed songsters" which in a great many cases are nothing more than hens. So you can readily see that until we can get the better class of bird, birds that *can* be guaranteed, we bird-lovers can hardly hope to create the interest that we would desire. Well, sir, I think I have taken up too much of your time with this. I wish Cage Birds every success.

G. E. Nutty.

[Bird-keepers in the Old Country will thank Mr. Nutty for his most entertaining communication.--Editor.]

A Cure for Inflammation in Young Birds.

Sir,—At the time of receiving my copy of Cage Birds on Friday last, I had two young Canaries with inflammation of the bowels, and on reading the lecture given by Mr. F. Wraight at Hastings, I saw he recommended the use of Ellinan's Embrocation with a camel hair brush. I soon applied some to the part affected, at the same time giving two or three drops of castor oil direct into the beak with a fountain pen filler I keep for the purpose. I removed their seed and gave milk sop instead, and to-day (Monday) they are practically well, and jumping about quite lively. Through you, I beg to thank Mr. Wraight for the "tip," and would advise anyone who has the misfortune to have any of their birds troubled with the complaint to try it. I wish Cage Birds continued success.

Frank Thomas.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Trophies.

Sir,—As Chairman of the above club I cannot let Mr. G. Salt's letter of June 20 pass without protest. I have before me a postcard (no date) and a letter dated April 5th, sent by Mr. G. Salt to the Secretary of the above society asking when he is going to receive the cup won by him, and a more insulting way of writing to a secretary it has not been my duty to read, and neither do I want to read such again. He writes for something he is not entitled to. There was no cup up for second most points in novice section. The only authorised letter sent out by our secretary to any secretary of a show having our patronage was the one to Hanley, and published in their schedule, viz., 1st, cup, value £2 2s.; 2nd prize value £1 1s.; 3rd prize value 10s. Where does your correspondent get his idea of a cup from? I suppose from last season's special list. I notice on P.C. to secretary he is asking for silver cup, but has moderated that in letter to Cage Birds, and says cup. Also he takes exception to Mr. Ratcliffe (since deceased) taking a gold medal value 12s. 6d., half-a-crown more than stated value; let me tell him Mr. Ratcliffe paid the extra and also gave a donation of 5s. to fund, and also a pair of plaques, value 5s. This is more than your correspondent has ever done, as I cannot trace any gift to the society by him. Now, as giver of oil-paintings, which he despises, according to his correspondence to the secretary, I gave them for the purpose of saving club funds, and stipulated how they were to be disposed of, and the secretary is quite in order in offering him the one put up for second most points under novice section. It seems to me some fanciers are only in the Fancy for what they can get, not for the love of the Fancy. If such fanciers would only take more interest in the financial side of the society they are members of no doubt cups would be able to be put up; but when members expect cups that have not been put up for competition, then the sooner they are disillusioned the better. May I ask your correspondent how and when he got the idea of the cup? May I also state that the oil-painting offered is fully the value of £1 1s.? W. G. Andrews.

The Financial Difficulties of Irish Societies.

Amalgamation Suggested as a Solution.

Sir,—As the Ulster O.A. (Belfast) and also the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland are in financial difficulties, with little prospect of either holding an open show for an indefinite period, might I suggest that the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club of Ireland should admit to membership the Yorkshire Canary breeders of Ireland, and alter the name of the society to "The Norwich Plainhead and Y.C.C. of Ireland"? If this sugestion were agreed to I have not the slightest doubt an annual open show could be held (in Belfast and Dublin on alternate years) second to none in Ireland. Those interested may rest assured that silver cups will be forthcoming for the Yorkie. section, to put them on a level with the Norwich, if such a combination takes place. It is rumoured that the Leinster O.S. annual show will this year be open to the United Kingdom; if so, may success be theirs.

Yorkie.

Linnet Singing at Devonport.

Sir,- Many of our Linnet fanciers here at Devonport are very anxious to form a Linnet Singing Contest club, and we ask the kind help of Cage Birds and fanciers who belong to a contest club. Will the latter kindly inform me how such clubs are kept up, officers required, entrance fee charged for each bird, how long birds are hung on the nail, whether they are hung in order that they can see each other or not?

W. Coward

Pure White Hedge Sparrow.

Sir,—I write in answer to Mr. G. Cathcart re the White Hedge Sparrow. There were two caught here at Swinhill, Larkhall, in 1912. The old birds were normal in colour and there was only one egg laid in each nest, and the young ones feathered very quickly. The first one was caught by John Kelly, and the next one by myself, at Swinhill. The White Hedge Sparrow shown at the Crystal Palace was one of these birds.

A. M'Lean.

Over 100 Young Birds Expected.

Sir,—I was agreeably surprised to see my saddle-marked buff Norwich depicted on the front page of your valuable paper, Cage Birds. I must congratulate your artist, Mr. Norman, for it is life-like and not overdone. I need not comment on the bird's success on the show bench, for he is well known. I might say that I have had a successful breeding season so far, having got between 80 and 90 young birds, and I expect to get well over 100 before the season closes.

J. R. Houghton.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

Sir,—I think "Yellow Green" deserves praise for opening up this correspondence. I am one who also thinks that the S.P.C. is just in the hands of a few who do and say as they think fit. I am not in favour of ringing birds, for I don't think it is right for the feathered tribe to go about with rings on their legs just to satisfy some who go about with their hearts in their mouth fancying that every one is "doing" them. Still, if I had had notice in time, I believe I should have rung my birds, seeing that I was in the club. I think that to do justice to all the members we should have another ballot. It would give more satisfaction to all, and if carried again it should not be compulsory this year. I think that is quite fair to all. If the rings are to be pushed through this fluke (that is what the vote was) I am another who is finished with the S.P.C. Why do not more members give their opinion of the farce?

A Wee Fifer.

Sir.—I would like to inform "Buff Green No. 2" that there are no bird dealers in Musselburgh. All our fanciers are wokingmen who keep birds as a hobby, and who like to have a few young to sell to clear expenses, the same as all fanciers do, and if they are lucky enough to breed a good one they certainly sell it if they can get plenty for it. Where are the fanciers who won't sell if they get plenty of money for what they breed? Money rules all now, Mr. "Buff Green No. 2." Perhaps if you are not a dealer you will give us an insight into what you do with all the birds you do not require. Does the missus make a Canary pie of them and see that all the rings are taken off first? Glad to see the letter of "Sunny Leith." His is another case of disaster through the rings; and there are plenty more if the breeders would only own up to it. Is the S.P.C. afraid of defeat, and therefore will not take another ballot on the ring question? Surely "Buff Green No. 2" does not know much about a Plainhead when he talks of handling them to examine the rings. As "Buff Green No. 1" says, they are not on a level with Crests, which are used to handling and being mostly practically blinded with feathers can easily be caught. Not so a Plainhead; a bird of life, always on the move, and judged for type and quality. Nice specimens they would be, judged after a judge catching and handling them; more likely minus some of their feathers. After this process, where would type and quality be? That will not do. Rings are a failure; you will have to get something better. Here is another item concerning our judges. We have some big men (three that I know) with hands developed by honest labour, who cannot put their hands through the door of a club show cage, let alone take a bird out. Through this farcical rule accidents will happen; birds will get out, and who is going to "pay the piper" for all birds lost or destroyed for exhibition purposes? May I suggest another scheme for S.P.C. faddists?—a new club cage with a big door to suit the hands of big judges; or, better still, when engaging a judge get the measurement of his hands.

Yellow Green.

(Correspondence continued overleaf.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Continued from Overleaf.

The Lizard Canary Going Strong in the North.

SIR,—The Lizard Canary up North is very strong, numerically, this season, and the quality just splendid. One breeder alone has between 20 and 30 Lizards, some of which, with a good moult, will make the pace hot later on.

Sunderland. G. DAVIDSON.

Bird Life at Aberystwyth.

SIR,—I too spent Whitsun week in Aberystwyth, but unlike my Bro. Crutcher did not come across any fanciers. I wonder if those he met showed him any of the wild birds of the neighbourhood? During the whole week I did not see even one perky House Sparrow, and only heard one in the thick trees near the municipal buildings on the Thursday morning before breakfast. Not a cock Robin met my eyes. Where were the Gulls on the sea front, with such an extensive bay; only an occasional one appeared here and there. I climbed Constitution Hill one morning early, and thought I should hear Skylarks galore; again I was disappointed. On the run through the Rheidol Valley to the Devil's Bridge, with the exception of Jackdaws and Starlings, our feathered friends were few, an occasional Blackbird and Thrush and now and again a Chaffinch were all the bird life to be seen. Perhaps our friends in Aberystwyth can tell us whither they had flown? I should have liked to have seen Mr. Meredith's Goldies. I was very much struck with the absence of wild birds in the vicinity; perhaps Bro. C. has better sight than

G. T. WEBB.

A Dispute at the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.

SIR,—I am not surprised at the officials of the society not replying to my letter in CAGE BIRDS of June 13th, as when the petition was before the committee at a previous meeting the vice-chairman (Mr. Dann) told the committee they had done wrong in signing same, it being against his wish, etc. At the meeting held afterwards, on March 30th, I was told I must comply with Rule 8 and pay the 2s. deposit. On April 27th I paid the secretary the deposit and at the committee meeting held on the same day the committee, seeing I was going all the way, having nothing to fear, decided to consider the matter at a special committee meeting on May 25th, and hoped I would be there. I was asked to state my case. I told them they had a petition before them to deal with, which read thus:

> Mr. Hyde, Hon. Secretary:—We the undersigned members of the Highgate and Hampstead Society do protest at the action of Mr. G. Gardner, the chairman, towards Mr. G. H. Neal, the founder, late secretary, and committeeman of the society, at the Annual General Meeting held in January, 1914, knowing as we do the interest Mr. Neal has taken in the society, and that when he speake he has cause for same. We therefore call upon you to summon a special general meeting for him to defend himself against the charges made against him; all members to be notified of same.—Yours Respectfully (Signed by Twenty-six Members).

Twelve of the above members were on the committee and, I might say, signed first, on my going to their houses and stating my case. I might say there were only about three committeemen had anything to say. One was going to break out in my favour but was soon "snapped up." The chairman, Mr. Gardner, would not answer questions, but said he left things entirely in the hands of the committee, with the result that they would not let the actions come forth. I tendered my resignation, which Mr. Gardner and the selected three were pleased to accept sooner than come to the footlights. But Mr. Gardner, who was down to lecture at the members' meeting so shattered his nervous system that he had to go home, the vice-chairman being able to stay because he sat still on committee and uttered not a word. But if they will read up the New Testament a bit more they will see their folly and give ear to my supplication so I may be at peace with all men. G. H. NEAL.

Another Case of Two Birds Out of One Egg.

SIR,—A little wonder came to light in my bird-room on Friday morning—two birds out of one egg. I was quite delighted when I saw the chicks. I called my wife to see them because she was there when I tested the eggs on the tenth day. There were three eggs in the nest, but two were unfertile. So you see these birds must be "twins"—two in one egg. It is years since I heard of a thing like this, and little did I think I should ever come to breed them. The birds are doing well.

Dukinfield. STREATTLE HURST.

[Several instances of "twins" were notified last season in our columns.—Editor.]

Did Birds Spring from Reptiles?

SIR,—This question arose from a chance remark of mine in a letter upon another subject and I did not reply to Mr. McLean's letter, not only because he agreed with me on the two questions I was discussing and only disagreed with me in the manner in which I arrived at my conclusions, but also because I considered that if debates were begun on every side issue this correspondence might go on indefinitely. In view of Mr. Johnson's letter, however, I feel I should like to say just one last word on this matter. I quite agree with him that one should not "embrace with both arms" any theory which is propounded regardless of its barrenness of reasons, but at the same time I think one should keep an open mind until one can find evidence to disprove it. I mentioned this subject quite casually and I believed (and believe still) that it was generally accepted by ornithologists. I do not think that the fact that a Canary never throws back to a reptile is of any use as evidence. A Canary does not throw back (and I say this deliberately) even to a perfect specimen of the wild Canary from which man bred it, so that it is hardly likely to throw back to remote periods. However, all I can say, as a plain man who does not profess any scientific knowledge, is that birds were hardly likely to have survived the deluge, if they existed before that epoch, and that it is to my mind quite reasonable to assume that their evolution began after that, and that reptiles seem to be the most likely root of their evolution.

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THE SHOWS.

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WESTERN COUNTIES O.S. (Plymouth).

Second N.F. show, Oddfellows' Hall, June 24. The show was a decided success, 86 birds being staged. Yorks. were 19 in two classes, the gem of the collection being Mr. Peathy John's winning yellow. In Norwich, Mr. Pope's team excelled, especially in size and type. Crests were a failure in numbers, and appear to be on the down grade in Plymouth. Some very fine British were exhibited, and in this section the W.C.O.S. shows great improvement. Judges: Yorks., Mr. Oliver; Nor., Cinn., and A.O.V., Mr. Spillman; Crests, Mr. Davey; Brit. and Mules, Mr. Large.

YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, 4, Peathy Johns; 2, 7, Snell; 3, Luscombe; 5, 6, Craven. BUFF (12): 1, Snell; 2, 4, Craven; 3, 5, 6, Luscombe; 7, Peathy Johns. NOR. YELL.: (12): 1, Pope; 2, 4, Peathy Johns; 3, Ough; 5, Moffit; 6, Deakin; 7, Smale. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 4, Pope; 2, 6, Ough; 5, 7, Peathy Johns. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Brown. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Brown. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, Rowe; 3, Bailey. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Barage. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Hutchings. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, 2, Cheney. DARK (4): 1, 3, 4, Rapson; 2, Hambley. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, 2, 4, Cheney; 3, 6, Wills; 5, 7, Smale. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 4, 6, Cheney; 3, Smale; 5, 7, Wills. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (5): 1, 5, Wills; 2, 3, 4, Cheney. FOR. SMALL (2): 1, 2, Hutchings.—T. Pope, Hon. Sec.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE.

First members' show, Trinity House, Stockport, June 20; 82 birds faced the judge, a very nice total for a start. Some very promising young ones were staged, particularly by Messrs. Hird and Wright in Yorks., and Messrs. Sykes and Bennett in Norwich. In the Champion Section Mr. W. E. Sykes won sp. for best bird and best Nor. with a clinking clear buff Nor.; Mr. Hird ran a close race for best bird with a charming clear buff Yorks., this bird taking special for best Yorks. In novices Mr. H. Sykes won sp. for best bird and best Nor. with a good cl. yell. Nor., Mr. Bennett being close on him with a very nice cap mkd. buff. Mr. J. C. Wright landed special for best Yorks. with a lovely mkd. yellow. Points specials: Messrs. A. Bradley and W. Taylor, A.O.V.; Messrs. W. E. Sykes and J. Hadfield in Norwich; Mr. J. Potts in Yorks. The show was considered to be a success, being well patronised by visitors and fanciers from surrounding districts, to whom we tender our thanks. Mr. J. Raynes judged and gave every satisfaction.—W. Stafford.

From award list sent we gather that the principal winners, other than those mentioned, were: YORKS., Potts, Beswick. NOR., Bowden, Hadfield, Beswick, Stafford, Marsland, Garbutt, Bradley. NOV. YORKS., Taylor, Wild. NOV. NOR., Bowden, Russell. MULES, Taylor. BRIT., Hird, Marsland, Taylor.—Editor.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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July 15-16.—**Bath.**—(Wm. Dutch, The Red House.)
Oct. 3.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.). J.W.M., W.B.
Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)
Oct. 10.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(E. Norton, 11, Edgware Pl., Bayswater Rd.). W.M., G.H., J.M.
Oct. 10.—**Crewe O.S.**—(N. L. Croft, 38, Cemetery Rd.) C.H.
Oct. 13-14.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.)
Oct. 16-17.—**Burnley C.B.S.**—(G. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.C.B., C.A.H.
Oct. 17.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.)
Oct. 21.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 30, Powell St.). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Torbay O.S. Paignton.** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton). J.H.P.
Oct. 21-22.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.) G.G., H.N.
Oct. 22.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St., Oxford.). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 46, Woodhead Rd., Birchenhead, Hanley.)
Oct. 23-24.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.). W.M., W.A.C., J.C.B., C.H., G.L.
Oct. 23-24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—(J. W. Reed, 213, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 27-28-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)
Oct. 28.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(H. W. Simms, 34, Bexley St.). H.N.
Oct. 30-31.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).
Nov. 3-4.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) D.A.L.
Nov. 3-4.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(G. Griffiths, The Yews, Merton Park, Surrey). J.R., H.N., H.P.
Nov. 4-5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., W.B., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 6-7.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank). J.B., W.M., H.W.B., J.C.B., J.B.
Nov. 7.—**Winsford C.B.S.**—(S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.). C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(T. E. Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.)
Nov. 10-11.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(Bousfield and Jones, Show Managers, 68, Southbourne Rd.) J.R., H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.)
Nov. 13-14.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(L. Heseltine, 48, Manvers St., Newland Avenue.)
Nov. 13-14.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) J.C.B., J.H., J.D.L.
Nov. 13-14.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.). T.H., W.V., H.S.C.
Nov. 13-14.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.).
Nov. 17-18.—**Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.**—(Miss Kirk-Bullock, 6, Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings.)
Nov. 18-19.—**Southend and S. Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea).
Nov. 18-19.—**Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.**—(G. T. Hall, 54, North End Grove.) J.R., H.N.
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Nov. 20-21.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct St.).
Nov. 20-21.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) W.C.D., T.C.C., A.H.
Nov. 20-21.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., W.V.
Nov. 20-21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**—(Taylor and Bailey, 26, Tusmore St., Effingham St.). J.C.B.
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Jan. 21-22.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(W. Harrison, 45, Darlington St.) J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 10.—**Lochgelly C.B.S.**—(R. Muir, Station Rd.). W.D.H., E.B., J.F.D., R.L., R.W., J. McL.
Oct. 16-17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Scots, Fancy and Belgians, J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen; reinr., R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mt. Florida, Glasgow.)
Oct. 24.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.)
Oct. 31.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.)
Oct. 31.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.)
Oct. 31.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr and J. Robertson, 15, Green St.).
Oct. 31.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison St.)
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Nov. 7.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(J. Crabb, 120, Montrose Street.) E.B., J.H., C.S.
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Nov. 20-21.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.)
Nov. 21.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(G. M'Ardle, 33, Sydney St.).
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Nov. 28.—**Dundee (City of) C.B.S.**—(Andrew Law, 177, Blackness Rd.)
Dec. 5.—**Thrums C.B.S.** (J. Ewart, 19, Duthie St., Kirrienuir.).
Dec. 19.—**Newtongrange.**—(W. Bryson, 42, Fifth St.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1.—**Scottish National (Edinburgh).**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Broughan St., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Sept. 4.—**Towyn.**—(R. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.). C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Kidwelly P.P. and C.B.S.** (C. Price, "Velindre," Kidwelly.). J.H.P.
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Ireland.

Oct. 27-28.—**Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.)
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GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, June 10; chair, Mr. Holden. Decided to hold a table show at next meeting. Two classes each for Canaries. British classes, Linnet and Siskin Redpoll or Twite, Goldfinch, Bullfinch or Greenfinch, A.O.V., For. Mr. R. Tindale judge. Letters read from the Border F.C. and Northern Yorks. C.C. re granting us their patronage for our annual show. Table show held; Mr. J. Maddison judging in place of Mr. Crawhall, who was unable to come. NOR.: 1, Holden; 2, Rennolds. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Tindale. LINNET., ETC.: 1, McGuire; 2, 3, 4, Pettersson. A.O.V.: 1, McGuire; 2, 3, Pettersson. 2s. 6d. given by Mr. Tindale for best bird won by Mr. Holden. Mr. R. Tindale is giving a case of spoons for most points, and Mr. Holden 2s. 6d. for second most points at the July table show. Subs. now due.—W. Curry, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

F.F. show, June 27, Lecture Hall, Rotunda—a room splendidly adapted for the purpose, being of convenient size and possessing a good top light. Entries were somewhat below the average, but a very good collection of birds was staged at a convenient height on a scarlet covered stage. Borders took pride of place in point of numbers, and some very promising birds were staged. Norwich were good, but we should like to have seen more; and British classes were by no means well filled. There was a nice little collection of foreigners, and we noticed two or three new exhibitors in this section. Novices came up fairly well. Mr. J. H. Payne, Gloucester, judged.

CRESTS AND C.B.: 1, Hayling. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Stubbs Bros. BUFF: 1, Stubbs Bros. MKD. YELL.: 1, Stubbs Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Stubbs. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Madagan; 3, 4, Hands, jun.; hc, Elston. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, hc, Madagan; vhc, c, Hands, jun.; 4 Elston. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Madagan. BUFF: 1, c, Elston; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Hands, jun.; 3, Madagan. NOV., CRESTS: 1, 2, Fowles. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, 2, Mitchell. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Beard; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Beard; 3, Smith. GOLDF.: 1, Brown. GREENF.: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Whale. MULES: 1, Pounsett. YCL.: 1, Mrs. Haworth; 2, 4, vhc, Edwards; 3, Treasure; hc, Pounsett.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

Show of young birds, headquarters, June 25. Numbers were slightly down on last year, but quality in all sections showed an improvement, especially in the Yorks., this section capturing all the specials. Mr. J. Robson judged, and his awards were well received.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Tomsett. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, Tomsett. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, sp. best in show, 4, Clarke; 2, 3, Fairman; vhc, Reeks. BUFF: 1, sp., Clarke; 2, 3, Fairman; 4, Reeks. MKD. or VARIEG.: 1, 4, vhc, Fairman; 2, Clarke; 3, Reeks. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Burton Bros. NOV. NOR.: 1, Pratt; 2, Dimond. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Pratt; 2, vhc, Fuller; 3, 4, Dimond. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Fuller; 2, Hallam; 4, vhc, Cant. BUFF: 1, Fuller. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, sp., Cant; 2, 3, Pratt; 4, Fuller. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Williams; 2, Martin; 3, Preece. BUFF: 1, sp., vhc, Martin; 2, 3, 4, Joplin; hc, Williams; c, Preece. A.O.V. BORD. (11): 1, Martin; 2, 3, 4, Joplin; vhc, Kay; hc, c, Preece.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

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Timely Hints.

Readers of a serious turn of mind—those who think—yet not deeply, must recognise the remarkable changes made in every industry—the outcome of scientific study and research. The result of years of experimentation frequently gives to the world the most simple invention—so very simple, yet which in a few months scraps all old methods and appliances, and results in a better article at half the price for the public. The changes in methods of cage-bird keeping are simple yet remarkable for their results, yet to think that science has given us a cloth absolutely untearable—and of such hard-wearing qualities that the manufacturers willingly guaranteo it, no matter how hard it is worn, for at least six months and at the same time offer clothing at half the price of that made from ordinary tweeds is certainly most astounding.

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must, of course, be sent to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John,** British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Borders, Scotch, or any other variety of Canary, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A NEGLECTED SONGSTER (G. A. P.).—The insects you see running about the bird at night are red mites, and if the cage had not been used before, nor near any infested source, the bird must have been in a shocking condition for it to have borne these insects about with it. They harbour about the cage and appurtenances, and only go on the bird at night, as a rule, to feed. As regards the lumps on the legs, you should have described these more minutely. Are they on the toes rather than the legs? If so, they are probably lumps of hardened droppings and sand, which have adhered to them at various times and dried into hard lumps. To remedy things first overhaul the cage, remove bird, clean cage well, and at once burn all the debris, then wash it well with water in a pint of which you have dissolved a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash. Return bird when it is quite dry. Offer a bath daily, and three times a week for the next week or two add a little of the potash to it in the same proportion as advised above for washing the cage, and twice a week touch the ends of the perches, joints of door, and any adjacent cracks with a brush dipped in essence of quassia. Cleanse the feet by holding them in a saucer of warm water for a few minutes until the concretions are softened and can easily be washed off. You can assist the softening by gently pressing the hardened lumps from time to time as soaking goes on, but you must not on any account attempt to pull the lumps off dry. You will probably have to wait now until the bird moults, which will not be long, before the ruffled plumage shows much improvement.

PANTING ALL DAY (Geo. Whitaker). You ought to have given more details about the symptoms shown by the hen, and where and how you keep her. It is quite possible the panting may be due to nothing more serious than an overfat condition, or it may be of a bronchial origin. Try the following, and if not successful write again in three or four weeks' time and give the fullest details you can. For one week give a diet of plain canary seed only, and supplement it with a liberal supply of green vegetable food in variety, and add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece for two consecutive days, and then every second day for the rest of the week. After this time add to the diet a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and during this fortnight add to the water every second day 20 drops of whisky, five drops each of oxymel of squills and Ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil. Shake well into the water.

SWELLING UNDER WING (Miss W. Harris). The swelling is probably due to serous effusion into the tissues of the skin, which may have begun with an attack of inflammation. I will endeavour to get the fluid pathologically examined, and let you know in this column if anything particular results. Meantime treat as follows for a week or two and then report result. Do not prick the substance any more. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on the alternating days a similar quantity of egg or biscuit food, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur twice in each week. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of mixed seeds, and some green salad daily. In the water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and add ten drop of lemon juice every second day for a week. Afterwards substitute a similar quantity of sulphate of soda, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and continue this for a fortnight every second day. If the swelling reappears you may paint it lightly once with tincture of iodine.

EXTIRPATING RED MITES (Miss E. Vaughan).—Baking the cages a few times at intervals of a week or so may suffice in your case. In addition, give a bath twice a week for a time in which a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash has been dissolved in each pint of water used in the bath. Hand washing would be decidedly the quickest way of clearing out the grey lice, but as you object to this, the bath just mentioned will prove as effectual for this purpose as the other, but will take a little more time. If the birds do not bathe freely you may spray the above solution of potash on them twice a week, provided you take due care that they are not exposed to chill afterwards. Powdered pyrethrum, which is much the same thing, is the next best thing to Keating's for dusting in the plumage, but the above treatment should render dusting unnecessary. Any good brand of carbolic soap on the market will do quite well for scouring the room or cages. Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper is one of the best things I have used for the purposes for which you require it. Possibly others may be as good, but of that I have no personal knowledge. In using quassia chips place a tablespoonful of small chips in a pint of water overnight, stir well next morning, and pour off the clear fluid, and use it in the baths. Of the essence, use a few drops to the bath as advised on the bottle in which it is bought.

YOUNG CANARIES DYING (A. P.).—The symptoms you describe were due to severe diarrhœa in the young, and this was undoubtedly the real cause of the deaths. This you might possibly have corrected by adding a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water, giving a small teaspoonful of maw each day, and dusting the egg-food each time a fresh supply was given with arrowroot powder. It is essential to see that the food and water supply is always kept fresh and sweet, and particular care should be taken that any hemp supplied is sound and good. You should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and follow directions

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

therein closely next time. If the late brood was the first the birds have had this season, it is not unlikely they may want to go to nest again, and in those circumstances you may allow them to do so provided they get to work quickly. But it is very late now to start another nest, and I would not advise you to afford them any special encouragement to go to nest.

SOAKING EGGS (A. Jones, Cricklewood).—If you think the failure of the eggs to hatch was due to lack of moisture, you may immerse them in warm water for a minute—not more—on the evening of the twelfth day of incubation, and again on the morning and evening of the thirteenth day if there is no signs of them hatching. Also give, or offer, the hen a bath for an hour or two on the twelfth and thirteenth days. When immersing the eggs put them in a teacupful of water, in which they will have plenty of room to float; steady them gently with the tips of the fingers, and then watch them for a few moments. If they contain live chicks they will soon show more or less lively movements—twisting or bobbing about—according to the strength and activity of the chicks within them.

SOAKING EGGS (— —). In this reply I inadvertently omitted to say that the temperature of the water in which the eggs are immersed should be such that the little finger can be borne in it comfortably for a minute or two; or if you can test it with a thermometer, somewhere about 100 to 104 degrees.

YOUNG YORKSHIRE MOPY (Jack, Watford).—You should have said whether there was any diarrhœa present, or the reverse, and if the bird eats all right. Cage the bird separately and treat as follows for a fortnight or so, and if bird is not then well, write again, and I will advise you further. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and in addition give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, and also half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, black rape, and broken groats. For green-food give a few half ripe seed heads of shepherd's-purse or plantain stalks, if you can yet obtain the latter, three or four times a week. Add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece for two consecutive days, and after this give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. (2) The sample of canary seed marked E is small, and seems to have a slight foreign flavour, and I should make it of only second-rate quality. The sample marked G, though small, is nice and plump, and of good quality, and the better of the two. The hemp is stale and rancid, and not fit for feeding Canaries. If you have been using much of this sample, it would be quite sufficient to account for some trouble in your stock. You must get a better sample, or use none at all. Yes, you may use builders' sand on floor of cages, and supply grit in a tin.

HOW TO ACT (An Anxious Enquirer). It is very difficult to advise you on the information in your present letter, as you merely say you lose birds from inflammation of the bowels, yet it seems to be adult birds that you lose, whereas it is generally young birds of the year that are likely to be troubled much in this way. It would have been much better if you had explained the symptoms as best you could, and given full information as to how you feed the birds. The probability is that your feeding is in some way responsible for the trouble, and you would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and see if you cannot discover some flaw in your general management and feeding which you could easily remedy by following the directions in the book implicitly. See that your cages are kept scrupulously clean; that the quality and freshness of all food and water supplied is above suspicion; and do not give green-food or egg food in sufficient quantities at one time for any to remain in cage to become stale. Should another case occur, as soon as you notice bird ailing, cage it alone, put it on a diet of bread and milk liberally sprinkled with maw seed, and offer a teaspoonful of canary seed daily. Dust the bread and milk with carbonate of bismuth each time before adding the maw. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece for two consecutive days, and after this give six drops each of tincture of quinine and dilute sulphuric acid in the water daily until the acute symptoms have passed. As regards the one year old bird with a swollen abdomen, you may give it the buckthorn and soda as above every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat for another week.

WHAT VARIETY? (E.C.W.). It is not possible to be dogmatic about naming a variety from a casual and inexpert description. If it is of a moderate size, and has a close-feathered head, showing no overhanging eyebrows, it is probably a Norwich Plainhead; but if it is on the large side, and has long, dense body feather, which seems to project over at the sides of the head so as to form a sort of eyebrow, it is a Crestbred. (2) I'm afraid you cannot hope to decide sex yourself. All differences are quite comparative, and often so slight as to deceive a practical fancier. The song will be your best guide. If it is continuous and unbroken, and the bird inflates its throat well, and causes it to throb whilst singing, it is probably a cock. But your best course would be to ask someone who is more expert to look at the bird and tell you what sex it is. (3) To remove the hoarseness add 20 drops of whisky, and five drops each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the drinking water, and shake well together, every second day for a week or so.

LIZARD'S LARGE HAREM (E. M. T.).—(1) No, it is not necessary to give the cock Lizard any extra special feeding or stimulation on account of putting several hens to nest, seeing that he keeps in a healthy, robust condition, and that the hens will probably cease breeding at the end of the present round. (2) It is certainly unfortunate that the hen you obtained for a foster-mother should refuse to go to nest. But there is still a chance that the real parents will adhere to their duties so that the services of a foster will not be required after all. Should they be deserted you can then try your hand at rearing them by means of a "Filup-up" feeder, which you will find advertised in our columns.

IN DOUBT (E. Harding).—It does not necessarily follow that you have been unfairly dealt with because the cock of a supposed pair of birds does not sing. There are many cocks that practically cease singing when mated. Your feeding is all right, and if you add a few seed heads of dandelion, or a small stool of the plant altogether, each day for a time, you may even yet find they will turn out all right in the end. For one thing, you purchased the birds very late in the season, so that there is a possibility that they have already done some breeding before you got them, and may perhaps not be keen on nesting again this season. You could, of course, write and explain matters to the vendor, and see if he would try to give you more satisfaction, but this you should really have done some time before this. You could scarcely blame him not to make any alteration after this lapse of time. Possibly a little more patience is all you need.

NO RESULTS (Socrates).—The hen is clearly out of condition for breeding, and this is doubtless the cause of the infertility. Let her sit her full time on this clutch, and then remove all nesting facilities, and give her the run of a good-sized cage wherein she can get good exercise. Give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with carbonate of bismuth daily for a week or so. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for one day only, and after this give instead a teaspoonful of lime-water in the drinking water every second day for a week or so, or until the bowel symptoms cease, and on the alternate days 20 drops of chemical food. There is no reason whatever why she should not be of full normal utility as a breeder next season.

YOUNG DYING (Disappointed).—You must have overlooked enclosing the sketch you mention, as it did not reach me. However, it is of no importance, as it is clear that the cause of the deaths was owing to the parents failing to keep the young clean, so that the bowels became blocked. This may sometimes be averted by giving a rather more liberal supply of green-food to assist the action, or if the hen fails utterly in her duty, to transfer the young to a more careful parent. If she goes to nest again she may do her duty properly next time. It is not very likely that she will do so, however, this season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET WITH SORE FOOT (B.P.).—Procure from the chemist an ounce of witch hazel, and put a teaspoonful in a saucer of warm water, and bathe the bird's foot in it, then dry with a soft rag, and touch the sore spot with a small brush dipped in the pure lotion. Do this daily until the inflammation has gone, then fasten back the hind claw to the shank of the leg with a piece of rubber tubing or a strip of court plaster. After a few days you can remove the binding, but should the claw still be inclined to go forward, you must fasten it up again. It is quite a simple operation, and the deformity not a difficult one to cure. It will not interfere with his breeding another year. You do not say how you are feeding him, but I would advise you to discontinue the use of hemp for a time, and give him a little soaked seeds three times a week, and a liberal allowance of green food and seeding grass, chickweed and shepherd's purse.

FEEDING HYBRIDS (R. G. W. Parsons).—To successfully rear young Canary Bullfinch hybrids, you should give the hen insectile food as used to feed Nightingales, Warblers, etc., and to every four spoonsful of the food mix one of hard boiled egg, just damping the food, so that it is not actually dry. It is a good plan to give the hen a little of this food before the young are due to hatch, although most hens will eat it readily. Soak a spoonful of summer rape and teazle, and give three times a week, also a little crushed hemp and maw seed. Collect plenty of seeding grass, chickweed, and shepherd's purse, and give her a daily supply. You should not give it all at once, but offer a little three or four times a day. If the hen shows a partiality for any particular kind of seeding grass, keep her well supplied with it. If she is a good feeding hen, she should manage to bring them up on this diet, but if she does not take to the insectile food, or you are unable to get it, feed upon stale home-made sponge cake, Osborne biscuit, and hard-boiled egg, beaten up together, with a fork or run through an egg mill.

FEEDING MAGPIE AND JAY.—These birds are not difficult ones to cater for, although I have always found they do so much better if fed generously. Like most other birds, they are fond of a change, and should not be kept too long upon one food. Soaked "Melox" could be given one day, chicken meal with a spoonful of meat meal mixed with it another, and two or three times a week a feed of a good brand of insectile food. Any of these could be mixed with boiled potato, a little vegetable, pudding, or any scraps from the table. You should also supply a few mealworms, beetles, or any insect life you can procure. As a dainty, a dead mouse or small bird twice a week will be very acceptable. A large cage or aviary is the proper place to keep one in, and the bath given on all suitable days. The food and water vessels should be placed outside, and should be so fastened that they are not easily upset.

VALUE OF PARENTS OF HYBRIDS (S.A.J.).—Hybrids bred between Bullfinch and Canary are generally considered to be as valuable as any we have exhibited, consequently the pair that have produced young are naturally more valuable than ordinary birds. There are many pairs that build and lay, but the percentage of fertile eggs is very low. If you are keen upon producing this cross I would advise you to keep them, although they may not do quite so well another year; but still, this uncertainty is one of the charms of bird breeding.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

If Hybrids were easily produced their value would be small. The offer you have is a reasonable one.

BIRDS FOR LARGE FLIGHTS (A. D. B.).—Your two flights would do nicely for your Finches, and I would advise you to divide them in the following manner: In one put the Goldfinch, Siskin, Twite, and one of the Linnets, and in the other cage the Greenfinch, Redpoll, and the two other Linnets. The seed for the first cage should be as follows: Canary 3 parts, summer rape 2 parts. This for the staple food. Give a little sunflower daily. Make a mixture of hemp, maw and niger—two of hemp to one of each of the others—and give a couple of spoonsful every other day. Twice a week give the same quantity of a good wild seed mixture. The staple food for No. 2 cage will be: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 2 parts, linseed 1 part. Give the hemp mixture and wild seeds twice a week. Each cage should be well supplied with seeding grass, chickweed, shepherd's purse, sow thistle, etc., and others as they come in season. A little sunflower would be acceptable to the Greenfinch in No. 2 cage.

TREATMENT OF BULLFINCH (E. E. C.).—The treatment of your Bullfinch appears to be right, although the fact of his being somewhat loose is a proof something does not quite agree with him. Give him boiled water to drink with a small teaspoonful of Chemical Food in it, every other day for a fortnight, after which plain boiled water. Reduce his quantity of greenfood, giving the seeding tops only. Offer a good pinch of maw seed every other day. This treatment should put him right. You could then increase his supply of seeding wild food, fruit, etc. I would also advise you to add a little good sound teazle to his stock food.

FEEDING A SONG THRUSH (J. B.).—You should have no difficulty in knowing a Song Thrush. He is so common compared to the others. In size he is not so large as the Blackbird, is brown in colour, with a spotted breast. The Missel Thrush also has a spotted breast, but is much larger and greyer in plumage. (2) You should not have much difficulty in getting meat meal, as most corn merchants stock it. All food should be given slightly damped, or what one might call crumbly moist. This can be managed by mixing a little boiled potato or scraped carrot with it, or the crushed biscuit can be soaked in hot water and the superfluous water poured off. Whatever meat you give your bird be sure it is perfectly sweet; if not, it will do him more harm than good.

GREENFINCH BULLFINCH HYBRID (A. E. Harding). The cross between Greenfinch and Bullfinch has been produced many times, but I do not remember having heard of it being bred in the way you mention, that is the Bullfinch cock and Greenfinch hen. The Bullie as a rule is known as a bad breeder in captivity, and as you have several other birds flying with them I think it would be safer to wait until the young is fully fledged before trying to define its parentage. I shall be glad to hear that you are right in your surmise.

BIRDS IN AVIARY (Larney).—If the Thrush is on good terms with the other birds there is no need to move him, excepting that you will find it rather

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expensive feeding him upon egg food, which you will have to put in for the Redpolls to feed on, for that reason I think it would be as well to remove him. Make up the following mixture fresh twice a day. To one hard boiled egg crush two Osborne biscuits and the same quantity of stale sponge cake. In addition to this give soaked rape and teazle and a little cracked hemp. Collect plenty of seeding grass, chickweed, and shepherd's purse, and give a few sprays as often as you can during the day. (2) It is not too late for some of the others to go to nest, if you feed them well and give plenty of building material. In a wild state some of them nest as late as the month of August, and even September.

HYBRID MATTERS (E. M. T.).—The insectile food you sent appears to me to be rather coarse, and I fear will not be of much use, unless it is soaked in hot water or milk. I am afraid that if you try to crush it you will not improve it. If you use it, soak a little of it, and mix with it an equal quantity of stale sponge cake or powdered biscuit. It is not considered to be a satisfactory method to change the cock bird when the hen is in the middle of laying a clutch. A better plan is to make the change for the next nest. The eggs of the first clutch can be removed as soon as they have been set on long enough to see if they are fertile or not. The hen does not wait long before commencing to build again.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (Dispute).—If the birds are very quarrelsome it is quite possible for one of them to do considerable damage to the other, an unlucky blow might easily injure the sight of an eye. I have seen a vicious hen so "go" for a cock bird that in ten minutes he was unpresentable. (2) Yes, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Starlings are all classed as Softbills, and a Chaffinch, a Hardbill, although he partakes of insects and will eat a little soft food occasionally, but his beak is certainly a hard one, and his principal food consists of seeds.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PULLING ITS FEATHERS (R. H. S.).—Do not make any sudden change, but you must gradually wean it from the bread and milk. The following gives an ample range of diet for a Grey Parrot: Seed mixture: ripe fruit, nuts, dry biscuit and crusts, together with the usual essentials: cuttlebone, grit, water, and a piece of a branch (half rotten) with the bark on. I should leave the water in the cage, it ought not to over-drink after such a period; or better, perhaps, leave it in for two hour stretches morning and afternoon, and then after a few days leave it in altogether. You will have to give it, I suppose, a little sop, to ensure it getting enough to eat; try it with the following: pieces of biscuit or sponge cake, slightly moistened with sweetened water, and every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to be put over the lightly-moistened cake or biscuit. Put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water daily, except one day per week, when give clear water. Once this annoying habit is commenced, it is often difficult to check, and there are often annoying relapses. You will have to persevere with the treatment, as any change for the better will be gradual. You can assist the above treatment by keeping it interested and amused as much as possible, and if it is a tame bird taking exercise outside its cage will help matters greatly. Report progress a few weeks hence.

GREY PARROT (J. McL.).—Do not accustom it to milk, save as a medicine, and do not give it too frequently. Continue to treat as advised in our former reply, but, in addition, put a little honey and borax in its mouth twice a day; this is easily done by smearing the mixture on the end of a stick, and tapping the joint of the beak with it, as it bites at the stick it takes the mixture. The stick should be cleansed each time before being put in the mixture. What you describe is not a fit, the old trouble is not yet got rid of, but if you find a period of strong excitement coming on, dissolve three grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup, and stir this into the drinking water; repeat this for three days, and then do not give again unless there should be signs of another attack, when repeat as above. If anything like exhaustion should ensue at any time, a little tepid brandy and water will be a good stimulant, about ten drops of brandy to the fluid ounce of water.

JAMAICA TROUPIAL, ETC. (W. G. M.).—(1) By Jamaica Troupial I presume you mean the Common Hangnest, and I do not consider it hardy enough to keep out of doors during the winter in a big cage, you could so keep it during the summer. (2) They have powerful beaks and are fearless birds, but in an aviary I should judge them fairly safe with anything not weaker than a Blackbird or Thrush. (3) There is the Gold-Crested Mynah, a beautiful bird, but the species usually advertised as "Crested" are the Pagoda Mynah, though very often some vendors will call any bird crested that has the power to raise the elongated nape feather a little. (4) I am assuming you keep them in separate roomy cages. All the following are interesting and beautiful, but unless you bide your opportuuity some may cost you a little more than 30/- each: — Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, Shama, Dhyal Bird. The Greater Hill Mynah is a good talker as a rule. For colour there are the Tanagers and Sugarbirds, Silver-eared Mesia, and any species of Robin, Redstart, or Flycatcher you see advertised within your price limit.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Poge's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (2½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN FINCHES (J. Power).—Such queries are almost outside the scope of this column, and part referring to British species you must repeat to our British bird specialist, Mr. Norman, next week. It is impossible to describe the birds you ask sufficiently clearly for you to recognise them in two or three words, this would require a whole column! Pekin Robin: olive green, more green on top of head; side of face, chin, and throat yellow; upper breast ruddy gold; red bands across wing; beak and feet red. Zebra Finch: grey above, whitish below, tail barred black and white; ear coverts and sides of body chestnut, the latter spotted with white; chest and upper breast barred black and white; red beak and feet. The hen has no chestnut markings. Cordon Bleu: mouse grey above, blue below; the cock has a red crescentic marking each side of the face. White-throated Finch: mostly black above; beneath, including the throat, white, with a black pectoral band. Common Waxbill: grey with red eye streaks, and a bright rosy patch on centre of abdomen. Cutthroats: golden brown, pencilled with dark brown; the cock has a crimson band across the throat and a patch of chocolate-brown in centre of abdomen. I suggest a hinged cover for the roof of wire flight, so that it can be raised during the summer months, except during torrential rains, and fastened down, say, from late October to April.

CREY PARROT (T. Gould).—I consider the shedding of the down you refer to to be quite natural in a young bird, and unless it should become very pronounced you need not notice it, unless you see it beginning to pluck its feathers. Do not give it egg or other table pieces, and you cannot do better than continue your present treatment. The preparation you refer to is a good one, but at present you are giving your bird all that is necessary. While the hot weather lasts a light spraying with tepid water would be helpful to the bird.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (C. J. Wintle).—Canary, white millet, with a few oats and sunflower seeds, also ripe fruit, green food, and a few live insects. It is a South American species, ranging over Southern Brazil, the Argentine Republic, and Bolivia. It is quite hardy, and will live all the year round in an outdoor aviary, without any more discomfort from climatic conditions than accrues to our indigenous species. If nesting is attempted, young are seldom reared unless a continuous supply of live insects can be kept up.

PEKIN NIGHTINGALES (E. L. Grindle).—For some reason this species is a very shy breeder in captivity; even in roomy garden aviaries containing living trees and bushes success only comes now and again. Your feeding is about correct, but breeding success is rather doubtful in your aviary; it would be more probable if you could put in a couple of large privet bushes or bay trees in pots, but then, as you keep Canaries, the plants would soon be pecked to pieces. Dealers naturally assume that a pair of birds will breed, but cannot speak from any other standpoint. Your birds under the present conditions should thrive and do well, and please you with their beauty and mannerisms, but I do not think they will breed in your aviary; still, I do not say it is impossible, for it is the unexpected that often happens in aviculture. If young should be hatched you must supply them with live insects every two hours, from sunrise to sunset.

WHAT PARROT? (Orion).—Your friend has the Ring-necked Parrakeet (Palæornis torquata), and your bird is the Alexaudrine Parrakeet (Palæorms alexandrina [nepalensis]). The value of both these species is not high as newly-imported specimens, 7/6 to 15/- each, according to number on the market. An acclimatised and talking specimen in good feather, 50/- to 60/-. The values refer to both species.

MADAGASCAR LOVEBIRDS (H. J. C.).—These are erratic breeders, breeding freely with some and doing nothing with others. You have been treating them correctly. Could you not give them a small barrel instead of the bush; one about 7ins. diameter and 9ins. deep would do nicely. Cut a 2in. hole in one of the round ends, either round or square, and then hang it up in a rather retired place, and leave the birds to themselves. If your cage or aviary is large enough, leave in the husk as well. You are supplying all that is necessary; do not be impatient, they take some time to settle down and become accustomed to their quarters. If success does not come your way this season, it should the next, and then continue.

BUDGERIGARS (Ryde, I.W.).—These Budgerigars may have been breeders with their former owner, the change of surrounding and possibly more restricted quarters may account for them having done nothing with you, but they'll probably settle down as soon as the moult is over. At this season give them as much seeding and flowering grass as they will eat—as regards the wet grass, what is required is a turf, say, about 8 x 6 inches, or it can be in two pieces for convenience of putting in cage; it will last several days if it is taken out and watered daily through a fine hose; the grass should be about 3ins. high. The grass flowers and seed heads can be tied in a hunch and placed in some convenient place for the birds to get at. You need not give up hope of breeding till November.

AMAZON PARROT (Interested Reador).—As this bird has not been used to soft foods do not give any, but treat same as advised for Grey Parrot in Nutshell. You can add a little maize to the seed mixture if the bird cares for it. Also supply nuts. I think the present wildness will pass, the motor-hooters would probably scare it for a time, but after it has become accustomed to them, it will mimic them, and you'll get more than you want of them I expect. Choose a nice retired, sheltered spot when you put it outside, and the sun should not shine down on to the unprotected top of cage. As regards value, such a bird as you describe that is in good feather, talks a little, and is not an incessant screamer, should have a minimum value of 60/-, but, if it is a newly-imported specimen, though a talker, its value would be a little less.

VALUE OF CRANES (W. J. T.).—You do not state species, but the following are approximate prices. I have given the price in pairs, as the demand to-day is for such, except to make good losses:—Demoiselle, £6; Stanleys, £24; Sarus, £16; Crowned Cranes, £24; White-necked about £80; Common, 80s. to 100s. Acclimatised birds would realise a possible 25 per cent. extra.

FEATHER PULLER (J. Asheroft).—As I suspected it is the diet that has largely caused the mischief. Stop the egg, also the tea sop, and confine the diet to seed mixture, boiled maize, fruit, nuts, plain biscuit (Captain will do), sponge cake, and stale crusts. While it remains thus, stir half a teaspoonful of cod-liver oil daily into the boiled maize after drawing away all the water; also lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It will be easy to deceive the bird about the tea sop—instead of tea, use warm water and Chemical Food of about the same colour as the weak tea as the moistening medium. Keep grit and cuttlebone continually in the cage. I should continue to use the quassia solution. You had better get from our manager the "Grey Parrot" Nutshell, and gradually bring the bird's diet into line with what is advised there; but the boiled maize must not be stopped while the bird remains thin. As the bird regains tone and recovers from the effect of wrong feeding, it may cease, or partially so, to pull its feathers. In any case, it will be a work of time.

WHAT PARROT? (W. Simm).—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon; the sexes are alike in plumage, and the other distinctions are infinitesimal and only discernible by comparison with other individuals. The value varies; new arrivals about 30s., acclimatised specimens £3 to £5, according to condition and talent in talking, etc. The plumage of Blue-fronted Amazons is so variable as to the extent of the blue and yellow areas that it is quite unreliable for sexing purposes; the points to be observed are the shape of the head and beak. By noticing these you can pick out the sexes when you have a number to compare with each other.

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E. Cherry.—Hen Canary died of congestion of the lungs, probably induced by close, hot weather.

Mrs. Gott.—Bird died as the result of a fit.

E. W. Garnsey.—Fatty degeneration of the liver of some standing; the liver structure was entirely disorganised. The symptoms you noted from time to time were consequent upon poisons or toxins generated in the system as the result of the disease.

M. Burroughs.—Enteritis, probably resulting from ptomaine generated in the food.

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 7, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom (entrance Chapel Street), 8. Impromptu debate. Entries taken for F.F. show.—J. Spencer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—July 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. Webster. Members please bring ticket money.—E. Johnson.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 7, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Results of F.F. show. Arrangements for ramble, etc.—J. Whitehead.

Barry F. & F.S.—July 8, headquarters. Committee, 7.30; general, 8. Pleased to report that Reginald R. Cory, Esq., has consented to act as our first President, and as Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. D. Mein, S. R. Jones, J.P., and H. G. Lewis. First members' show July 18.—H. P. Thomas.

Barnsley C.B.A.—July 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—E. Toulson.

Bermondsey & Rotherhithe F.A.—July 6, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Re-organisation.—R. Jaeksou.

Birmingham South O.S.—July 8, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. Pay out specials; final arrangements for July show. Questions and answers.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 4, Victoria Hotel, Members' young bird show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes. Entries Friday, 8 to 10 p.m.—H. Bryant.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—July 8, St. Peter's (small hall), 2. N.F. show.—L. Hill.

Bradford City O.S.—July 4, Flying Dutchman, 8. General business.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—July 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Business for open show, balance sheet for members' show.—W. Cruise.

Bradford National Show.—July 8, Market Tavern. Sub-committee 7.30, full committee 8. Important business.—S. Midgley.

Brighton & Hove C.B.A.—July 8, headquarters, 2, Cheapside. F.F. show. Judging at 8 o'clock, Mr. W. Swaysland. Schedules have been sent to all members. Mr. Dandridge has offered a clock value 15/- or cash for most points at the remaining monthly shows, each competitor to have not less than 10 entries. Subs. for 1914 now due.—Will H. Gibb.

Bromley (Kent). F.A.—July 7, Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Admission free.—A. T. Bellinger.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—July 7, New Inn, 8. Summer show business.—A. Wood.

Clydebank C.B.C.—July 4, 81, Kilbowie Road. F.F. show, and meeting; birds staged 2.30, judging 3. Judge, Mr. J. Young, Ruthergien. Entry, 3d. per cage.—Wm. Kane.

Crewe O.S.—July 7, Burton Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet (half yearly).—N. L. Croft.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 7, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8.30. Lecture on British Buntings by Mr. W. H. Vale. Judging competition; members please bring a bird.—T. J. Hose.

Coventry O.S.—July 8, Sydenham, 8.30. Entries for young stock shows, staging, etc.—A. Green.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—July 4, Co-operative Hall, Low, Westwood, 7.—Jameson and Johnson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—July 4. F.F. show. Birds staged 3. Judge, J. Overend.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—July 11, Black Bull, 7.30. Arrangements for Woodlands show, Aug. 3, and other important business.—G. Hunt.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—July 11, Black Swan, 3. Members' show, judge, Mr. J. Lane. Classes as before. Entries to be sent by July 10.—H. Cockrem.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 4, Fountain Inn, 8. Arranging for next show, etc. New member to make, also important business.—S. Wilcock.

Felling F. & F.S.—July 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Paying of prize money and other business.—G. Garbutt.

Fife C.B.L.—July 4, Goth Hall Coaltown-of-Wemyss, 5.30. Petition to railway company. Lecture by Mr. Alex. Storrar.—R. T. Campbell.

Farnworth C.B.S.—July 8, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Entries for F.F. Show; orders for colour-food, etc.—W. Dawson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 8, headquarters, 8. Table show. Classes, see report of meeting.—W. Curry.

Glasgow and W. Counties.—July 4, Good Templars' Hall, 5. F.F. Show. Classes: 2 Nor., 2 Bord., 1 Mule or Hybrid.—J. McGowan.

Garston B.B.A.—July 4, N.F. and British bird show. Birds staged before 5. Judging commences at that hour. M. Young, judge.—A. T. Mullock.

Glasgow & W. Counties C.B.C.—July 4, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.15. Show of Mules and British birds; election of judges, etc.—J. MacGowan.

Glasgow N.W. C.B.C.—July 4, Blythswood Halls, 3. F.F. show. Nor., Yorks., Bord., Mules, A.O.V. Can.—W. Loan.

Glasgow W. of Scotland O.S.—July 4, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 4. F.F. show, 4 classes Crests, 6 P.-H., 5 Bord., 4 Yorks.—W. Hutchison.

Grantham C.B.S.—July 6, headquarters, 8. Business of importance.—H. Lowther.

Great Horton O.S.—July 4, Butcher's Arms, 3. Also members' show. Birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax C.B.S.—July 4, King Cross Bandroom, adjoining Trafalgar Inn, King Cross. N.F. show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. A. Taylor, Bradford.—A. Suteliffe.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—July 4, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. N.F. Show arrangements, entries, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—July 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and lecture on British Finches by Mr. F. Greenwood, Hebden Bridge.—H. Clegg.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—July 9, Mr. J. Nicholson's, 8. Final arrangements for N.F. show. Entries close. Members' subs. must be paid to entitle competition.—W. Tallantyre.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—July 11, N.F. show. Mr. J. Johnstone, Wallsend, judge. Entrance fee 6d.—W. Tallantyre, Sec.

Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S.—July 15, 7.30. The last of the F.F. shows, when I hope to see a big entry.—I. Kirk Bulloch.

Hanley C.B.S.—July 8, 28, Mayer Street, 7.30. Payment of prize money for N.F. show; election of new members and other business of importance.—C. Beckett.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—July 11, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N. Young stock show. Judge, Mr. F. Easterling. Open at 2. Admission 3d.—J. Hyde.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Young stock show, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner, 3 to 10. Admission 3d.—P. Brooks. Date not given.—Ed.

Hull C.B.S.—July 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 2.30. Half-day show; Canaries, Mules, and Brit. Admission 3d.—J. L. Heseltine.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—July 7, Headquarters, 8. Important business with regard to F.F. show.—A. E. Moult.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—July 4, Erewash Hotel, Station Road, 7. Business very important.—G. Siddown.

Islington F.A.—July 6, Headquarters. Final arrangements for show, July 11. Entries close July 4.—Geo. Wainwright.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 4, St. George's School Rooms (near General Infirmary), Great George's St. Young bird show; birds staged 2.30; show open 4.30 to 7. Judges, Messrs. A. Chew and J. Isherwood. Usual monthly meeting will not be held at headquarters owing to show.—E. Norton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 5. Annual outing; meet Great Central, 9.45.—A. Freestone.

Littleborough C.B.S.—July 8, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for back-end show; selection of judges, etc. Lecture on colour-feeding, by Mr. E. Hartley. Intending members please attend.—J. R. Windle.

Liverpool B.B.A.—July 9, Oldham Hall, 8. Night show of Canaries, N.F. and British.—J. Floyd.

London C.B.A.—July 14, El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. General business. "Experiences in the Breeding Season."—F. Knight.

Manchester North C.B.S.—July 7, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8.30. Entries for F.F. show.—A. Colley.

Middleton C.B.S.—July 6, Old Boar's Head, 8. Young bird show business, schedules, and entry forms.—J. Hulton.

Manchester 2nd N. Counties O.S.—July 6, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Important business.—F. Wilkinson.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 4, Headquarters, 8. General business.—H. Grange.

Middlesbro' and Teeside C.B.S.—July 4, Crown Hotel. Meeting and N.F. show; birds staged at 2.—J. Swinsco.

Morpeth C.B.S.—July 4, Earl Grey, 7.30. General business.—W. Summers.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—July 9, "Pied Bull" Hotel, 8. Young stock show, picnic, etc.—H. A. Waddington.

Partick C.B.S.—July 3, Forresters' Halls, 8. Final arrangements F.F. show, July 4, at 3.—J. F. Park.

Preston O.S.—July 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. November show; judges, etc.; important.—W. H. Cottam.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—July 6, Fleece Hotel, 3. General business; allotting of specials, etc.—H. Ralstrick.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—July 4, Headquarters, 7. Show business.—J. S. Jones.

Rossendale C.B.S.—July 7, Swan Hotel, Bacup, 7.30.—H. Wantling.

South London Col. and F.A.—July 9, Royal George, Tanners Hill, Deptford, S.E., 8. General meeting.—G. Burton.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. N.F. Show arrangements, receive subs., etc.—J. Pitchford.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—July 8, Headquarters. General business, after judging of N.F.S. Judge, Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Canterbury. Entries close July 4.—T. Monday.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—July 7, Liberal Club, 8. Arranging for second F.F. show. Judge, Mr. H. Charlesworth.—F. Hampsbire.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 9, Wharf Hotel, 8.—G. Mitchell.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 6, Commercial Hotel, 8. Balance sheet, N.F. show; distribution of colour-food; arrangements for next show, and other important business.—S. B. Grayshon.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 4, Headquarters, 6.30. Second N.F. show; meeting afterwards.—J. Peacock.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 4, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 2. Half-yearly meeting and F.F. show.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—July 4, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—July 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangement for N.F. Show. Schedules ready at meeting.—G. Greenwell.

Walkden Roller C.S.—July 7, The Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Arranging for outing; bowls, and tea.—H. Howard.

Walkley C.B.S.—July 9, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Table show, young birds, nine classes; all welcome.—A. Lawton.

Walton, Everton O.B.S.—July 8, 3, Priory Grove, 8.30. Important business.—Robinson and Burns.

Wandsworth F.S.—July 9, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Lecture on cage birds, by Mr. J. E. Shepherd.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 4, Horse and Groom, 8.—W. Chapman.

Wigan C.B.S.—July 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Ordinary business and classification for open show.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wood Green F.A.—July 4, Assembly Rooms. Combined show, 2 till 9. Judges, A. Maddison and G. Hodder. Admission 3d.—T. Callegari.

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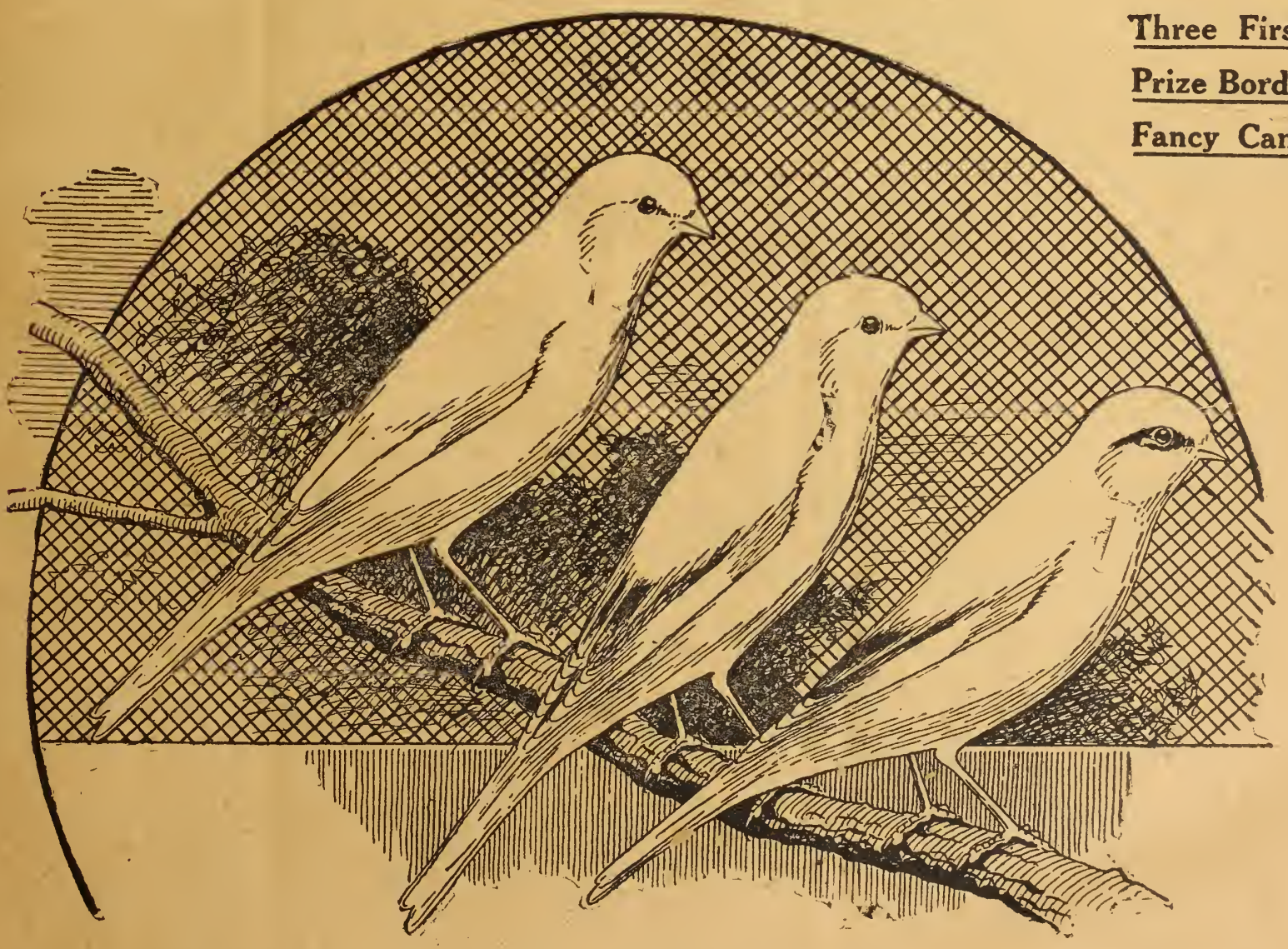

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The Shows.

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F.F. Show, held July 4, W. Hardy (Oldham) judged, and we heard no grumbling. CL. BUFF COPPY: 1, Hordern. GOLD LIZ.: 1, 4, vhc, Butterworth; 2, 3, c, Naylor; hc, Hordern. SILVER: 1, Butterworth; 2, 3, Naylor. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Cocking; 2, 3, Lees; 4, Rabbich. BUFF: 1, Cocking; 2, Rabbich; 3, 4, Lees. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Lees; 2, Hordern; 3, Blencoe. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Blincoe; 2, Hordern; c, Lees. C.B.: 1, Naylor. MULES: 1, Rabbich. Mr. J. Lees won cup with most points for four best birds. Mr. R. Blincoe won sp. for best bird.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

N.F. show July 4 in the Colliery Hotel in a large room nicely arranged; 60 birds were staged. Norwich were a nice lot. Mr. R. Lawson won sp for best bird, Mr. Stables sp most points. Judge, Mr. J. Stanger.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, c, Lawson, sp best in show, grand col.; 3, Wilson; vhc, Kilner. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1 Wilson; 2, Kilner; 3, vhc, J. Stables. CL. BUFF: 1, Lawson; 2, Stables; 3, Kilner. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Lawson; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Kilner. GR. OR NEARLY GR.: 1, 3, Robinson, nice shape, grand head; 2, Kilner; vhc, Lawson. NOV. NOR.: 1, Foster, grand yellow, wins easily; 2, Ross, nice buff, going back in colour; 3, hc, Scarey, wing mkd.; vhc, Twigg. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Robinson. BORD. CL. ETC. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Stables. GR. or CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Stables. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Stables. LINNET: 1, 2, Robinson; 2, Lawson; vhc, hc, c, Hutton. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Stables; vhc, Hutton. BRIT.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Hutton. FOR.: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, vhc, Hutton.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show June 27. Entries turned up well, and the show was admitted to be the best in this district for quality. Mr. Richards judged and gave every satisfaction

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REDRUTH F.A.

Annual show, Recreation Ground, July 1 and 2. The exhibits were well looked after by a band of experienced fanciers, with Mr. F. Collins as chairman, and exhibits from a distance left the show by 4 p.m., and all birds had left the field by 7. Entries were a little below last year, but quality was good. In Norwich the winning yellow captured specials for best Norwich, best in Mining Division, best Canary, and second best bird. Yorks. were small in number, but of good quality; the winning yellow took the special for best Yorks. and deserved it. The Cinnamon and A.O.V. classes were good in quality, the Cinnamon taking the special over the Crests, a bird of grand size and quality. The young stock classes were champions, and had to separate, and with a good moult will be heard of again. Mules and Hybrids were excellent, and the special over the three classes fell to a four point yellow Goldie Mule, shown in tip-top form. The British hardbill class was champion; two sets of winners could have been found. Special for best in show was won by Mr. Muscott, from Wales. The secs., Messrs. Opie and Kemp, had everything in apple-pie order by the time the judge, Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) arrived.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, sp, best Can., Hill, hot level col., fine shape and qual., best of wing carr., looks like Hayle winner in fresh hands; 2, Howard, neat head and neck, wings well braced, nice type and feather, well placed; 3, Keen, very shapely; res, Kemp; vhc, Andrew; hc, Starling. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Pascoe, well-known winner, topping shape, feather like boxwood; 2, Davies, good shape and subs., bold front, short back and flights; 3, Collins, noted winner, not in his usual fine form to-day; res, hc, Kemp; vhc, Hill; c, Williams. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Williams, grizzle neck, nice shape, feather, and wing carriage; 2, Trevenor, tail mkd., smart shape and col., trifle finer in head; 3, Trout, heavily mkd., bold head and front, bit down in condition to-day; res, Pascoe; vhc, Kemp; hc, Andrew; c, Keen. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Pascoe, magnificent shape and qual., rare head and neck, short flights and tail, wins well; 2, c, Hill, very shapely, cap mkd., well up in subs., not the polish; 3, Williams, head mkd., nice feather, wings and tail; res, Wren; vhc, Andrew; hc, Kemp. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, sp, res, Allen, rare length and stand, fine wing and tail carr., close compact feather, straight as a rush; 2, Wills, very stylish, wings well packed, neat head and neck; 3, Boundy, fine length of side, close feather, nice col.; vhc, Kellow. BUFF: 1, Allen, full of style, well up in pos., nice length, col., and feather; 2, Boundy, not so well drawn out as leader, good wing and tail carr., nice shape, close up; 3, Julian, nice shape and feather; res, Wills; vhc, Andrews; hc, Peters. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, sp, Julian, Cin. tkd. yell., well up on leg, good wings and tail, nice fr other; 2, Andrews, neat head and front, nice shape and col.; 3, vhc, Boundy, good shape and style, broken in colour or might have gone up a peg; res, Wills; hc, c, Peters. CINN.: 1, sp, 3, Collins, rattling good buff leading and hot col yell., both well-known winners and in fine form; 3, Sherman, nice size and shape, not the feather. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, 2, Kelynack, C.B. leading, excellent skull, feather, and texture, and useful heavily mkd. D.C., neat cushe and back crest; 3, Lee, Crest, back mkd., good size, neat centre; res, vhc, Kelynack. PAIRS, BRED 1913 (18): Grand class, hard to separat : 1, sp, vhc, Howard, useful pair of Nor., in good trim; 2, Sherman, trifle smaller, close, compact feather, little to choose; 3, Boundy, nice lengthy pair Yorks., good feather and pos; res, Kelly; hc, Hobbs and Sons; c, Wren. GROUP, 1914: 1, sp, Howard, fine even lot of thick-set Norwich of nice quality, should be heard of again; 2, Boundy, nice team of Yorks. in splendid form; 3, Williams, good lot of Norwich; res, Sherman; vhc, Kemp; hc, Kelly. MULES, LIGHT: 1, 2, sp, res, Collins, Goldf. and Greenf. leader well-known winner, in nice form; 3, Muscott, smart Goldf., lovely feather and cond., loses in size, well placed; vhc, Sherman. DARK: 1, vhc, Rowe and Richards, rich col. Goldf., good size, shape, and feather; 2, 3, res, Collins, Twite and Siskin, well up in size, nice col. and polish; hc, Heydon. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp, 2, Collins, t; ping Redpoll Bullie, fine shape and col., lovely breast col., not so clean at thigh to-day, which just lost him section special. 2nd close-feathered Goldie-Greenf.; 3, Hobbs and Son, nice feathered Goldf. Bullf., lovely cond.; res, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Thomas. GOLDF. (10): 1, sp, Rescorla; 2, Polkinghorne; 3, Pound; 4, Coombe; all real good Finches, and well-known winners, we could be happy with either; vhc, Gribble; hc, Partridge; c, Evans; a grand class, and must have given the judge some trouble. BULLF. (8): 1, sp., res, Rowe and Richards, medium size, nice cap and wing bars, good breast colour; 2, 3, Polkinghorne, two useful Bullies, equal size and shape, not the condition to-day; vhc, Coombe; hc, Evans; c, Williams. A.O. HARDBILL, SMALL (12): Hot lot: 1, 2, 3, sp, Rowe and Richards, Yellow, Cirl and Yellow Buntings, in order named, all in lovely bloom and well placed; res, hc, c, Collins, Brambling, well up in shape and subs., nice feather; vhc, Cook and Son. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, withheld; 2, 3, sp, Collins, noted Yellow Wagtail leading, good col., feather, and cond., and useful Blackcap; res, Stevens and Gaved, Redstart, nice frosting and body col. LARGE: 2, sp, Stevens and Gaved, topping Waxwing, fine subs., well waxed wings, nice col. and cond.; 3, Collins, large, well mkd. Hawfinch. LARGE FOR.: 1, sp, best in show, Truscott, really good Eclectus Parrot, in lovely feather; 2, res, Woolcock; 3, Cock and Sons; hc, Roberts. SMALL (9): 1, sp, 3, Stevens and Gaved; 2, Nelson; res, Woolcock; vhc, Mign; hc, Oates.

HONLEY C.B.S.

F.F. show June 27. Coach and Horses, Honley, Mr. Joe Moorhouse judge. Principal winners: F. Ellis, J. T. Mosley, F. Castle, F. Greensmith.—F. Castle, Sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

F.F. show, July 4. Judge, Mr. T. Tidswell. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (9): 1, 4, Warburton; 2, Bartle; 3, Firth; vhc, Wheelwright; hc, Widdup; c, Gornall. BUFF (12): 1, c, Bartle; 2, 4, c, Taylor; 3, Schofield; vhc, Warburton; hc, Salt. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Firth. BUFF: 1, Sult; 2, Ackroyd. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Bartle; 3, 4, Kaberry. BUFF: 1, Jowett; 2, 3 Kaberry. A.O.V.: 1, Jowell.

TORBAY O.S.

F.F. Show, Badminton Hall, June 22, when there was a nice show of young Canaries to be judged by Mr. F. Redwood, Newton Abbot.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Fox; 2, Daw. BUFF: 1, Daw; 2, Fox; 3, vhc, Roper, YELL. VAR.: 1, Daw. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Sanders. BUFF: 1, Bishop; 2, Roper; 3, Clay; vhc, Sanders. YELL. MKD.: 1, Clay; 2, Roper; 3, Sanders; vhc, Bishop. BUFF VARIEG.: 1, Sanders; 2, Roper; 3, Clay; vhc, Bishop. JUNIOR CLASS: 1, 2, Jeffrey. Satisfactory arrangements were made by the hon. sec., Mr. J. Jeffrey.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, July 4, in the club-room, High Street. Among the 51 exhibits some very promising youngsters were benched. S. Lingard gained most points for cup, and G. Midgley for specials. Mr. T. Bennett judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Self; 2, Lingard; 3, Midgley; 4, Sharp and Son; vhc, Hartley; hc, c, Peace. BUFF. (14): 1, Shackleton; 2, Lingard; 3, vhc, Midgley; 4, Peace; hc, c, Lister and Hudson. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Peace; 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Lister and Hudson; vhc, Sharp and Son. BUFF (5): 1, Shackleton; 2, Lingard; 3, Lister and Hudson; 4, Self. GR. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Peace; 2, Hanson; 3, Self. BUFF. (12): 1, 2, Midgley; 3, Lingard; 4, vhc, Hartley; hc, Shackleton; c, Self. CINN. MKD. YELL. (1): Hunter.—J. Holroyd, sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

F.F. Show, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, July 4. Entries were somewhat below average, numbering only 40, and as usual the Norwich section was the strongest. Special for best bird was won by Mr. W. Steel with a cl. yell. Yorks. cock which with a good moult should do well for the owner. The special for best rung bird went to Mr. E. Holliday with a clear Buff Nor. cock which was greatly admired. Mr. A. McFarlane, Glasgow, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, and spl, Hamilton; 3, Ress; 4, Robertson; vhc, Holliday; hc, Steel; c, Thomson. BUFF: 1, sp., 3, sp., Holliday; 2, Hamilton; 4, hc, spl, Cairns; vhc, spl, Steel; c, Robertson. VARIEG. OR GREEN YELL.: 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, 4, Thomson. BUFF: 1, 2, McLuskie; 2, Fulton; 4, spl, Forman; vhc, Hamilton. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl, McAvoy; 2, 3, 4, Miller. BUFF: 1, McAvoy; 2, Miller; 3, R. Stewart. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl. best Yorks., also best bird in hall, 2, Steel; 3, 4, 5, Ross. BUFF.: 1, 2, Steel; 3, Ross; 4, 5, Thomson.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, June 27, in the central and well-equipped Montgomery Hall. The entry was not over large, bad results from the breeding season being responsible, but quality made up the leeway. Messrs. F. Jones, W. H. Champion, and J. Carr staged some fine Yorks., and in Norwich Messrs. F. Hemming, L. Woolhouse, J. Carr and J. A. Curley put down bonny specimens. Choice Britishers were shown by Messrs. F. Bearder and L. Fallding, the latter staging a magnificent team that was greatly admired. Mr. A. Hobson knows the secretarial duties to a nicety, and results admirably. Mr. L. Woolhouse assists nobly as assistant sec. Messrs. Fallding and Bevan trot well together as stewards, and keep everything in apple-pie order. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged, and his awards were capitally received.

CHAMP. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Jones; 3, 4, Champion; vhc, Hallows; hc, Webster. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Champion; 2, Webster; vhc, Hallow; 4, H. Jones. MKD. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Champion; 2, 3, hc, Jones. NOV., YELL. (8): 1, 2, Carr; 3, Maynard; 4, vhc, Fowler; hc, Howarth; c, Tow. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Carr; 2, 4, Bagshaw; hc, Tow; c, Goodison. MKD. (5): 1, Carr; 2, Howarth; 3, Goodison; 4, Bagshaw; vhc, Tow. NOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hemming; 4, hc, Woolhouse; c, Holt. NOV. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Woolhouse; 2, Carr; 3, Curley, vhc, Wragg. BUFF (7): 1, Carr; 2, Goodison; 4, vhc, Woolhouse. MKD. (11): 1, 3, Curley, 2, Stevens; 4, vhc, Wragg; hc, Varley. BULLF. OR GOLDF. (6): 1, Bearder; 2, Walsh; 3, hc, Falling; 4, Bailey; vhc, Farnell. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, c, Fallding; 2, 3, Walsh; 4, Bearder; hc, Maynard. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Bearder; 2, 3, 4, Fallding; vhc, Bailey; hc, Farnell; c, Walsh. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, 2, hc, Fallding; 3, vhc, Walsh; 4, c, Bailey. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, Bearder; 2, Walsh; 4, vhc, Fallding.

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PARTICK C.B.C.

F.F. show, Forrester's Halls, July 4. Although entries were short in some classes, quality was well up to the average. Messrs. P. Houston and C. Martin judged, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

CREST: 1, Park. NOR. CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, Maxwell. BUFF: 1, sp, Maxwell. VAR. YELL.: 1, sp, Maxwell. BUFF: 1, 2, Maxwell; 3, Fairweather. BORD. CL. OR TK. BUFF: 1, Cramona; 2, Fairweather. VAR. YELL.: 1, Cramona. YORKS. CL. OR TK.: 1, Aitkenhead; 2, spl, Park; 3, 4, Anderson. BUFF: 1, Park; 2, 3, Anderson; 4, Aitkenhead. VAR. YELL.: 1, spl, Park; 2, Anderson. BUFF: 1, Anderson; 2, Park. A.O.V.: 1, Cramona; 2, 3, Coats. DARK MULE: 1, Anderson. LIGHT: 1, Anderson; 2, Fraser. Best Bird: 1, Maxwell, Nor.; 2, Park, York.; 3, Fairweather, Nor.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, July 2, headquarters, Duke of York, and a grand lot of birds faced the judges. Norwich were the pride of the place, not only in numbers but a grand lot were staged by Loach, Hampton, Robinson, and Weaver. Yorks. were not so good in number, but there were some very typical birds amongst them. Points gained at the two shows for specials: Gibbons 39, Hampton 39, Loach 36, Robinson 28½, Weaver 24½, Trusselle 18, Ball 10, Rowley 2. Should any member find this list not correct, kindly notify same. Mr. J. Gibbons judged Nor., and Messrs. Hampton and Robinson Yorks., and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. (9): 1, c, Hampton; 2, 3, vhc, Loach; hc, Robinson. TKD. (3): 1, Hampton; 2, Weaver; 3, Robinson. UNEVEN (6): 1, 2, Loach; 3, Hampton; vhc, hc, Weaver; c, Ball. HEAVILY MKD. (3): 1, Robinson; 2, Hampton; 3, Weaver. YORKS. CL. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Gibbons; 2, Trusselle. YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Gibbons; 2, Trusselle. MKD.: 1, 2, Trusselle.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show, July 2, proved another success, entries being about the same as last year, which, considering the indifferent breeding season many of the members have had, was very satisfactory. Special best in show was won by W. H. Gardner's variegated Nor., a very fine bird. Mr. J. H. Joplin, who had out a very fine team, was the runner up with a clinking yellow mkd. Bord. Judging was over in good time, and there was an excellent attendance. Mr. E. Meades judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR., A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Fairman. BUFF: 1, 2, Fairman. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Fairman. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. NOV. NOR. MKD. OR VAR.: 1, sp, Gardner; 2, 3, vhc, Fuller. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Fuller; 2, vsc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Fuller; 2, Mrs. Martin. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, vhc, Cooper; 3, hc, Fuller. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Williams; 2, Martin; 3, Ford; 4, Kay; vhc, hc, c, Humphries. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Joplin; 2, Humphries; ex 3, hc, Ford; vhc, Williams; c, Martin. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, vhc, Joplin; 3, Bartholomew. GR. OR CINN.: 1, Martin; 2, Joplin; 3, vhc, Kay.—Burton Bros., Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held Oddfellows' Hall, July 4, when about 200 birds were shown. The quality was grand, and some of the winners in the novice section could very well have held their own in open competition. The champion section also contained some toppers. Messrs. Potter, Harding (Grimsby), Pepper, and Smith were the judges, and seemed to give satisfaction.

CHAMP., CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Harland; 3, Heseltine; vhc, hc, Pepper; c, Potter. BUFF: 1, Heseltine; 2, 3, Harland; vhc, hc, c, Douse. MKD. YELL.: 1, Harland; 2, vhc, Douse; 3, Potter. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Pepper; vhc, Harland; hc, Heseltine; c, Douse. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Stones; vhc, Gibson. BUFF: 1, Stones; 2, Gibson. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Gibson. BUFF: 1, Stones. NOV. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Potter; 3, Longhorn; hc, Cross. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Potter; hc, Harvey; c, Cross. MKD.: 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Potter; vhc, Hogg. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, R. M. Clayton; 2, 3, Brown; vhc, Gibson; hc, Ware; c, Oakes. BUFF: 1, Towse; 2, W. Sowden; 3, Oakes; vhc, Smith; hc, Gibson; c, Ware. MKD.: 1, vhc, hc, Towse; 3, Nettleton; 2, Lowden; c, Gibson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Pepper. HYB. (bred 1914): 1, Hogg. OLD HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Hogg. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Gibson; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, vhc, Hogg. LINNET OR GREENF.: 1, hc, F. F. Potter; 2, 3, Hogg; vhc, hc, Heseltine; c, Cross. BRAMBLE OR CHAF.: 1, Gibson; 2, 3, Hogg; vhc, F. F. Potter. A.O.S. HARD.: 1, 2, F. F. Potter. A.S. SOFT.: 1, F. F. Potter; 2, Hogg.—J. L. Heseltine, Hon. Sec.

WATFORD.

Tenth annual Y.B. show, July 4, the Conservative Hall. The show was disappointing, very few birds being available owing to a bad season, but some of the members are doing a bit better now, though not up to the usual average. Norwich were very weak, but quality was good. Mr. Fox took all the firsts, also cup for best bird. Yorks. were worse, only a few typical birds to make up for the deficiency. Only one young Hybrid appeared. British were fair, but not numerous. Foreign fair in numbers, but of grand quality, both Mr. Watts and Mr. Rackley putting down some grand birds. Old birds and selling classes made up a fair number. Mr. Rackley, the hon. sec., had everything in order in his usual businesslike form. Mr. John Goodall judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CHAMP. CL. TKD. (5): 1, sp., cup, Fox, bonny yell., nice shape and qual., 2 nice buff, better head, but not so shapely; 3, Clark, good qual., not the subs. of winners; vhc, hc, Ball. VARIEG. (3): 1, Fox, buff, good shape, head, and qual.; 2, Clark; 3, Ball. NOV. CL. TKD.: 1, 2, Littlechild, winner buff, very neat, short, 2 nice feather, but not subs. VARIEG.: 1, Littlechild, nice feathered yell. YORKS., CL. TKD. (3): 1, sp., 3, Wright, buff, nice length and quality; 2, Collier, buff, good length. NOV.: 1, Bates. HYB.: 1, Corley, dark Linnet-Can., nicely mkd. GOLDF. (3): 1, sp., Coller, nice face and chest, well mounted; 2, Dollimore; 3, Corley. LINNET: 1, Collier, nicely mkd. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, sp., Coller, Siskin, good col., dense cap; 2, Parker, neat Lesser Redpoll, good col. and markings; 3, Corley, Lesser; vhc, Dollimore. CHAFF.: 1, Collier, lovely col. and cond. BEN: 1, sp., Pretty, neat Siskin; 2, Corley, nicely mkd. Linnet; 3, Coller, very good Greenie. AVADAVATS, ETC. (4): All staged to perfection by Mr. R. J. Watts: 1, Golden-breasted Waxbills, 2 Cordon Bleus, 3 Green Avadavats, vhc Lavender Finches. JAVAS, ETC.: 1, 2, Watts White Mannikins and Orange-cheeks; 3 hc, c, Rackley, Spice-birds, Orange-cheeks, and Waxbills; vhc, Parkes. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Watts, nice Melba Finch and Queen Whydah, looking as well as ever. OLD BIRDS: NOR. (9): 1, sp., 3, Fox; 2, vhc, Sears; hc, c, Bates. YORKS. (3): 1, Wright; 2, Collier. A.O.V.: 1, Pretty, yellow cinn.

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The prices of garments in this holeproof cloth are truly remarkable—of course, they are cut very low, more or less, to induce the public to test the cloth. It is possible to procure a really well-cut, smartly-finished suit consisting of jacket, vest, and trousers for the absurd sum of 14s. 9d., whilst a pair of trousers guaranteed for six months' solid hard wear could be obtained for merely 4s. 6d., or gent's riding, cycling or walking breeches for 6s.

Method in Making.

Readers naturally ask the question, can these goods be well made for the money? Here again is the result of the employment of modern methods and machinery, the outcome of years of experimentation, which have rendered it possible to supply a suit of clothes for 14s. 9d., which our grandfathers could not possibly have obtained at anything like treble the price. As an instance of the labour-saving devices, it might be mentioned that every sewing machine used in the making of these garments is driven by electric power; no work except the actual guidance of the garment through the machine falls on the worker, with the result that double and treble quantity of garments can be turned out with absolute assurance that every garment is really well made. This is one instance of how the method carried from the beginning to the end of the business has resulted in a better and cheaper article for the public.

The Result.

Readers would do well to investigate this offer, and the result to themselves, will be a considerable saving of money in their tailoring bills, besides being able to wear garments made from a cloth, which looks really smart, and yet will wear even better than the ordinary common cords.

Generous Free Samples for Readers.

To induce readers to give this remarkable cloth a trial, the manufacturers offer to send either a sample pair of trousers for 4s. 6d. and 4d. postage, if readers will send their waist and leg measure, or for merely a ½d. postcard asking for free samples, a generous supply of cloth cuttings, fashions, and a most remarkable measurement chart, which will enable readers to measure themselves, as well as any tailor could measure them, will be sent absolutely free of charge by return of post. Readers would do well to study the advertisement, and either write for the sample trouser or send a post card for the free samples of cloth cuttings, etc.

Can it be True?

The reader asking can it be true that the cloth supplied by the Holeproof Clothing Co., of 56, Theobalds Road, London, W.C., is absolutely untearable, need only send a post card and become satisfied that the statements are true.

A firm certainly has a strong argument in its favour when free samples are offered. We advise all to "sport" just a card, and get these samples.

Swan's Seven Cygnets.

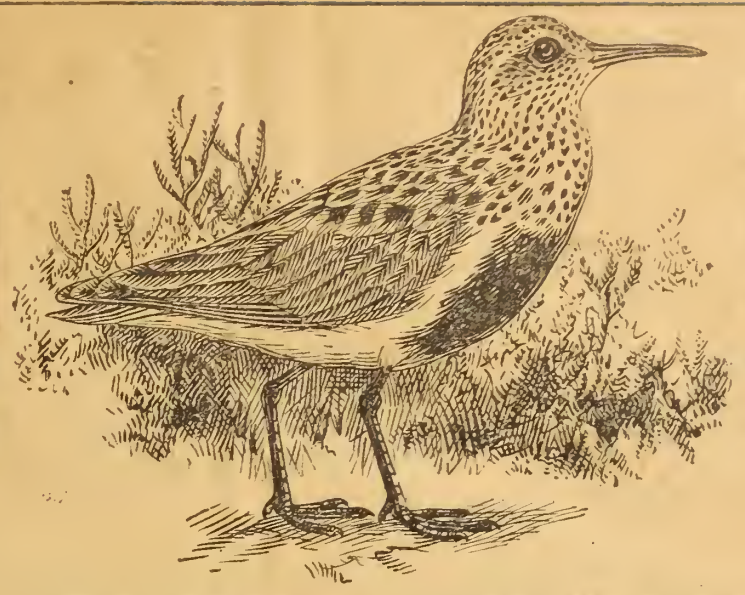
A week or two ago a correspondent raised the point as to whether seven Cygnets were not an usually large number: Mr. H. J. Fulljames tells us that whilst on holiday recently he had the pleasure of seeing a Swan with seven bonny Cygnets in one of the beautiful reaches of the River Wey—they made a most charming picture.

Nest Built in Train.

A Song Thrush which built her nest in a railway carriage is an interesting incident in bird life reported from Limavady. The railway carriage travelled each morning to Derry at 11.35 a.m. and left Derry again at 4.50 in the afternoon. Here the Thrush built her nest, and engaged in hatching four eggs. The nest was built on the top of the steam heating pipe under the carriage seat, and the bird travelled with the train.

A Remarkable Experiment.

Yes, the Holeproof Clothing Co. recently offered 10s. to passers-by who could tear one of the cloth submitted in their Theobalds Road premises. No one was able to claim the 10s., the cloth being absolutely untearable. Yes, drop them a card for samples by all means.



The Dunlin, a bird about the size of a Lark, which frequents marshes and moorlands in summer, a the sea-shore in winter, is included in the classification of the big club show being held next autur by the National British Bird and M.C. The black breast patch is lost in the winter plumage, wh the bird is grey and white.

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Twitterings.

The annual show of the Sutton-in-Ashfield C.B.S. is fixed for November 7, writes Mr. B. Gabbitass.

We hear that Mr. H. Tams, Longton, judges at Market Drayton September 17, and (Fenton) Stoke-on-Trent October 30.

The Edmonton F.A. Young Bird Show is to be held at the Charity School, Church Street, on July 16th at 7.30 p.m., writes Mr. Jackson, the hon. sec.

We have appointed Mr. Roe (Birmingham) to judge our annual members' show to be held December 5th, writes Mr. G. Baines, secretary Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.

As there seems to be a misunderstanding re date for our second F.F. show, writes Mr. G. Hunt, hon. sec. Doncaster C.B.S., will members note that the date is July 18, at Black Bull; birds staged at 2.

Mr. W. Gilbert, 42, Cowcross Street, London, E.C., writes that he has taken over the secretaryship of the London and Counties A.C.B. The young bird show, which opens at 6.30, will be held July 18 at headquarters, the Victoria Hotel, corner of Charterhouse Street, Farringdon Road.

A real good First Feather Show on July 11th is practically assured, writes Mr. P. W. Jeffries, hon. sec. of the North London C.B.A. Entries are well up to the average and competition for the various trophies will be keen, new members being well to the fore.

Secretaries of club and open shows might kindly note, writes Mr. E. Barron, sec., 119, Montrose Street, Glasgow, that the Scottish Plainhead Club will, early in August, meet to allocate patronage. Societies desirous of patronage should make application not later than August 5. Fanciers desiring to join the club will receive information from sec., as above.

Societies in Yorkshire and Lancashire wishing for the patronage of the Yorks and Lancs. British Bird and Mule Club should apply at once, writes Mr. T. H. Inman, sec., 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford, as we are wanting to get new books out. There were 331 birds shown at nine shows last season where patronage was given, and we hope to have more this season, as we have about twelve more exhibiting members.

Those well-known seed and food dealers, Messrs. W. A. Rudd and Co. (Bishopsgate, London) are making a unique offer with a view of getting the merits of their tasteless colour-food widely known amongst possible users. During July and August they offer to send double-weight at the usual price of 1s. 6d. per lb. (that is, 2lbs. at the cost of 1lb.). This applies both to the red pepper itself, or the colour-food mixed ready for use. Note their advertisement this week; besides the above, other advantageous offers appear therein.

First Feather Shows.

IMPORTANT OFFER.

We have decided again this year to accept advertisements of First Feather (young bird) shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present **a special prize** of a bound volume of "Bird World," illustrated magazine, or two handsome specially mounted plates, to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns.

Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

Bath Entries Extended.

Entries for Bath show will be accepted up to Saturday's post, July 11. (See advt. under "Shows.")

A Novel Bunker!

An object of much interest is to be seen at present at the Festiniog golf links. A young Cuckoo is in full possession of a Lark's nest, right on the fairway to the fifth hole.

On View at Chingford.

The City Corporation is arranging at Queen Elizabeth's Lodge, Chingford, the magnificent collection of British birds and eggs recently presented by Mr. R. S. Mitford, C.B., to the citizens of London.

Watford's Bad Spell.

We regret to learn that the nest feather show of the Watford C.B.S. was not a success, owing, our correspondent informs us, to the "luck being perfectly rotten" up to date in the local breeding rooms.

A Pure White Swallow.

The Rev. R. I. Salmon reports in "The Times" that a perfectly White Swallow was seen on Tuesday four miles from Lewes by himself and three others, when driving near Barcombe Mills, in Sussex. "On our return journey, about an hour afterwards, we had another and closer view of it, as it was sitting or a wire fence by the road-side, and remained sitting till we got within six yards of it and had an opportunity of verifying our first impressions that it was perfectly white from head to tail."

The Beginning of Bird-Keeping.

At what time people began to keep birds in confinment as pets may be known to some learned persons, but is not known to the present writer, says Sir M. Conway, in "Country Life." Alexander the Great, I believe, is said to have kept a bird in a golden cage, but that is legend, and the cage has not come down to our times. Hawks, of course, were kept and trained throughout the Middle Ages, but they were not kept in cages, nor were they exactly pets. In 15th century pictures, at any rate, pet birds are occasionally depicted, usually in the hand of the Child Christ. Such pet birds are generally Goldfinches or bright plumaged local birds, not foreign importations. Sometimes the child holds the bird by a string fastened to one of its legs. In South America I have seen children with a bird at the end of a string, and it was a sad sight, for children are frequently cruel, and the poor little captive birds were dreadfully tortured. I imagine they seldom live in such captivity for many days.

COUNTRY RAMBLES.

The following rambles have been arranged; fanciers are invited to join, whether members or not: Southampton C.B.S., July 15, to Rufus's Stone, New Forest; Wibsey C.B.S., July 11, to Hardcastle Craggs, meet at Bottomley's Arms Shelf at noon; Sheffield O.S., July 12, meet 2.25 Midland Station, to Dore and Totley Station.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The following First Feather Shows have been arranged; we shall be glad to be notified of any omissions: July 11, Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S., Shettleston C.B.S., N. London C.B.A., Haltwhistle tleston C.B.S., North London C.B.A., Haltwhistle C.B.S.; July 15, Hastings and St. Leonard's C.B.S.; July 18, Irvine and Dis. C.B.S., London and Counties A.C.B., Abertillery C.B.S., Windhill C.B.S., Beamish C.B.S., Birtley C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S., Halifax O.S., Coventry Godiva C.B.S., Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.; July 25, South Shields C.B.S., Falkirk Good Intent, Derby C.B.S.; July 30, Upper Rhondda C.B.S.; Aug. 1, Pelton Fell C.B.S., Sunderland C.B.A., Edinburgh C.B.S.; August 4, Darvel C.B.S.; Aug. 29, Dunfermline C.B.S.

In the Courts.

Cruelty to Thrushes Punished.

At East Ham Police Court on June 30, William Jermy, labourer, 28, Grantham-rd., Manor Park, was summoned by Chief Inspector W. Rogers, of the R.S.P.C.A. for cruelly torturing three young Thrushes by withholding food and water from them. The Inspector stated that on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at about 8.30 p.m., he was in Grantham-rd., Manor Park, and saw three young Thrushes confined in a Canary cage outside a house, No. 28, Grantham-rd. He said to the defendant, "I am an officer of the R.S.P.C.A. Will you kindly let me examine those birds?" The defendant handed the cage to the officer, and they were in a filthy state, their feathers being matted together. They were emaciated, one of them being unable to stand. The cage (which the officer produced) had not been cleaned out for some considerable time, and smelt very offensive. There was no water in the cage, only a little sour food in a small glass receptacle. The birds had evidently been neglected for some time. The Inspector added that the birds were so bad that he destroyed them at the request of the veterinary surgeon.

Mr. Scales, M.R.C.V.S., corroborated, and Mr. Grubb, the magistrate, after examining the cage, said to defendant: "I wish I had the person before me that sold you the birds, I would convict you both for another offence. You have been guilty of horrible cruelty, and had it not been for your youth I should have sent you to prison. You will pay 20s., or in default 14 days' imprisonment." Defendant applied for time, but his Worship refused, and defendant was committed to prison.

How Shall We Make Our Club a Success?

A paper, by an anonymous member, read before the Newcastle C.B.S., and applicable to societies generally.

THE question is often asked "How shall we make our Club a Success this year?" Well in the first place there is one word in the dictionary that means a lot, and that is "Co-operation," and if each member understands its fullest meaning a club cannot fail to be a huge success. To co-operate in the first place means to obliterate one's self and one's individual interest to thoroughly weigh up each movement or suggestion from the club's standpoint and in the best interests of the club. We all know we want most classes at the annual show for our own variety, yet each member should consider carefully before making any proposition, "Will the section pay?" After all a club is like a business; it must pay, or it will cease to exist, and then where are the prizes coming from and where shall we show our birds? Opposition, judging from its effect in everyday business life, should act as a tonic to each member, and make him consider the situation and say to himself, "Well, how can I help this year, and what can I do to further the fortunes of my club?" The answer may be that one can only do a little. All are not blessed with the fluency of speech, nor with a deep pocket, and that is where co-operation comes in. All the little efforts go to make one huge telling effort that eventually means success to the whole body. There are many little ways, such as regular attendance at meetings, obtaining new members by introducing the subject of birds at all times to friends, and thus interesting them in the hobby and also spreading the fame of your club. There must be many hundreds of people who have a dormant interest in bird life and only need a little conversation to awaken it. Some members may not be able to do this, yet they could interest other members and make the meetings more interesting by a little paper on some subject relating to bird-keeping. If you are shy send it under a nom de plume to the secretary (poor hard-worked beggar) and he will read it, and I have no doubt it will raise some discussion, even if it does nothing else, and that in itself will be sure to bring forth some good. Some very enjoyable nights may be spent in bird-washing, lectures, egg-food making, etc. Surely a room full on occasions like these must provoke a good feeling and do some good. One section of any club that demands attention always is the novice section. I do not mean at show time only; all the year through the novice is seeking information and help. We must keep the younger ranks interested, and make them feel that they are of as much consequence in the club as its older members, or where shall we be in a few years' time? We want to see our club go on and do better each year, and it is only by careful thought, interest and consideration on the part of each member that it can do so. When selecting judges, carefully consider the following that each man will bring. Do not vote for a man because he likes your type, or because you know him. Take it as a business transaction, and see that he is well worth his fee in every respect. A real good judge will always help to fill his classes; specials help to do that also, so prompt your friends and business people and see how the land lies. There is a great deal in preparing anybody, and it often comes off that a sudden question and asking means that a firm will say no, while they would have said yes if they had been allowed a little time to consider. Don't forget that your secretary has a heavy time, and any little suggestions made early may save him a lot of time later on, and enable him to devote his time to more pressing things as the show comes nearer. One suggestion on my part would be to have a press correspondent who could report all meetings, and also write up and read the minutes at each meeting. He would need to be a sort of advertising agent also, one who could make the club's doings well known locally, besides in the Fancy press, and thus help to gain interest and support locally. One cannot expect a secretary to devote much time to this end of the work. I sincerely hope that these few words will awaken a few thoughts and suggestions that will lead to new ideas, and thus maintain the high standard and moral tone of Newcastle C.B.S.; and I also hope that each member may put his shoulder to the wheel and do a little. "Every little helps."

A Treat for the Golfers.

Golfers going to the first green on the Selkirk hills and getting into the heather are at present compensated for their trouble by seeing the unusual spectacle of a young Cuckoo in a Skylark's nest. The nest was discovered for the first time about a fortnight ago, and at that time there were two Cuckoo's eggs in the nest, and three Skylark's eggs lying at the outside, having been ejected, presumably, by an adult Cuckoo. Only one of the eggs apparently hatched.

"Undomesticated" House Martins.

There are few places now where we can see the House Martin nesting in the manner it did before man built houses and provided eaves, writes "F.Z.S." in the "Liverpool Post." On one of the Anglesey headlands which I visited, the home of Guillemot, Razorbill, Herring Gull, and Kittiwake, numbers of Martins have plastered their round nests on the frowning face of the grey rocks. Here they skim with the gulls over the water or hunt the flies above on the rabbit-riddled turf. They are as much at home on the wave-washed cliff as amongst the houses in village and suburb, and their cheery twitter mingles harmoniously with the weird laughs of the Herring Gulls and the hoarse growls of the Guillemots.

PRIZES FOR NEW VARIETIES

And the Breeding of British and Foreign Birds.

TO encourage all readers to try what they can do in the matter of evolving new varieties of the Canary, of producing new kinds of Mules and Hybrids, and breaking fresh ground in the breeding of British and Foreign birds in cages and aviaries, CAGE BIRDS is adopting the scheme outlined below, which we hope will commend itself to, and stimulate into action, every bird-keeper who can possibly join in it.

CAGE BIRDS suitable and valuable mementoes are offered to any breeder who succeeds in

(1) Producing and rearing any new variety of Canary, bred in either cage or aviary.

(2) Producing and rearing any new variety of Mule or Hybrid, bred in either cage or aviary.

(3) Breeding and rearing in a cage any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

(4) Breeding and rearing in an aviary any species of British or Foreign bird which has not previously been so bred.

The mementoes we offer take two forms:

(1) A large suitably-inscribed silver medal in case.

(2) A hand-coloured certificate, suitable for framing.

The choice will rest with the successful breeder.

An additional prize of £1 1s. Cash will be given to the breeder of the Rarest British Softbill in a Cage.

This is presented by Mrs. H. Warren Vernon.

Cash Prizes for the Best Written Accounts.

In addition we shall award to each sender of the best written essay in each of Sections 1, 2, and 4,

A Cash Prize of £1 1s.

that is, three guineas in all. In Section 3 the sender of the best written essay will receive

A Cash Prize of £2 2s.

presented by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker.

Rule 6, of course, applies also to the awarding of all essay prizes, to compete for which the essays must be of not less than 1,000 words in length. In fact the explicitness and helpfulness of the details given will be the chief features taken into consideration when making the awards.

The Governing Conditions.

(1) Claims for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes must be lodged with Editor within ten days of the young birds being hatched; and an independent witness skilled with birds shall certify to having seen the young in the nest or with the parents.

(2) All young, excepting only Canaries and Mules and Hybrids, must be entirely reared by their own parents; hand-rearing not being permissible.

(3) To qualify for CAGE BIRDS Breeders' Prizes the young of Hardbills and Softbills must live for at least three weeks after leaving the nest, young Quails six weeks, and the young Canaries or young Mules or Hybrids until after their first moult. By "young" is meant one, or more.

(4) Our definition of a cage is: A cage to come within the scope of Section 3 must be one that can be easily moved, without being taken to pieces, from place to place by one person.

(5) Written accounts of the breeding, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, must be lodged with us within four weeks (28 days) from the date the young birds leave the nest.

(6) The decision of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS will be final and binding in every case and he shall have the right to call together a committee of expert bird-keepers if need be to assist him in coming to the said decision.

My Scaly-Breasted Lorikeets:

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 569.)

This article is No. 45 of the new series of personal birdy experiences entitled "Through a Birdroom Window."

MANY years ago, one cold and dreary morning in late February, I received a telegram telling me that a big arrival of Australian Finches and birds was expected at the London Docks on a certain date, and that among them was a good pair of Scaly Breasted Lorrikeets. The price was £4, and if I wanted them I was to wire at once. I wanted them badly; but where was the £4 to come from? However, that was a mere detail, and the problem would no doubt be, as Dr. Barry, afterwards Primate of Australia, was so fond of saying, in his rich musical voice, *solvitur ambulando*. At any rate, I hoped it would. Off went a letter of enquiry, and I spent the next week (not as I ought) in fear and trembling; but in sweet and pleasant expectation.

One morning the usual message arrived: "Please, sir; some birds." Sad and surprised looks from the table, a painful attempt on my part to look calm and unconcerned. "Surely, you've never been buying more birds; those dealers do know you, they've only to send off birds, and you're sure to keep them. You must be a perfect god-send to them." In vain I tried to defend myself; I had only made enquiries. It was all no good. "It's no good talking," I was told, "people don't send birds to us." Perhaps, I thought, it is as well; as if left to your tender mercies I should say what Phil Robinson once said to his wife, when she told him she was going to buy a Bullfinch—"God help the poor bird." Of course it doesn't do to say such things openly; but I thought it all the same. Under the circumstances, I thought the less I said the better, and picking up the cage I passed away with Adam's averted face, for I had, like him, fallen.

Filling In Spare Time.

It has been observed that haste is of the devil; I don't quite think it is so, always. Certainly not with railways, for I feel confident that if the journey had been much longer I should only have had the Lorikeets to stuff; and that I do not care for. I have no sort of use for stuffed birds. The weather, as I said, was late February, and it was bitterly cold, and the birds had been sent off over-night from St. Pancras. They had been well packed in a travelling cage, and no doubt carefully wrapped up in thick brown paper, but railway porters are full of curiosity, and someone had torn the paper, just to see what was inside. It would never strike a porter that birds accustomed to tropical Australia might feel just a bit uncomfortable on a February night in Yorkshire. Probably they think, like an East-End mother I once knew who, speaking of children, said that in her opinion the way to bring them up was "to punish them well whenever you've got a moment to spare." On the same principle, no doubt, porters and clerks consider that whenever they get a consignment of birds it is their solemn duty to pull off the wrappings whenever they get the opportunity. At any rate, in this case they had done so, with very nearly fatal results.

As I looked at those two poor shivering birds I felt like a devout Catholic who sees a tourist try to enter the church with his hat on. My first step was to "get them to the fire," as I believe Ridley and Latimer remarked on a certain historic occasion, and to get them thoroughly thawed. I popped them on top of the oven, where they pretend to warm the plates for dinner, and after a few moments I was relieved to hear faint movement and shufflings along the pe[illegible]; so that I knew there was still a bit of hope. I left them to get thoroughly toasted for a quarter of an hour, and then I took them up and had a good look at them.

First of all I looked at the food tin, and I was horrified to see it full of canary seed. Although I had never kept these Scaly Breasts, yet my own innate common sense told me that this was the wrong sort of diet for brush-tongued Parrakeets. I suppose they must have eaten some, for hunger is a hard taskmaster. They say you can get used to anything; the dog can, after a while, sleep well in the cat's basket; but how long these Parrakeets would have gone on living, I should not like to say. I determined, however, that the experiment should cease forthwith, and going to the cupboard I got out a pot of honey and filled a little china pot, and hung it on the wires of their cage. In a moment they were down, sucking it up with the greatest avidity, on the same principle, I suppose, as a cannibal chief once gave for loving missionaries—"because they were so good."

A Disaster in the Night.

I got out my bird books, and carefully read up all I could about Scaly-breasted Lorikeets; but it was [illegible] much, and it was of very little practical good. It simply told me to get them on to a seed diet as quickly as possible; it didn't tell me what I was to do to keep them alive during the process; but these difficulties only whetted rather than blunted my determination to succeed. The Alps had been crossed before, therefore they could be crossed again.

I carried them up into my bird-room at the top of the house, and put them into a double breeding Canary cage, out of which I had taken all the inside fittings, and I covered the front with a bit of old blanket, and left them for the night, with a fervent prayer that I might find them alive in the morning. In a night many things may happen, as I know to my cost, especially in the winter. I was up long before it was light, and though I crept up very quietly, I was rudely asked why I wanted to wake the whole house at that time in the morning. I had resembled Nebuchadnezzar on the night, for though no instruments of music were brought before me, "my sleep went from me"; so where was the good of remaining in bed, when so many things might have happened? Of course I hoped for the best, but I expected the worst.

When I drew back that bit of blanket, I knew that the worst had come. The birds were not on the perch—there was only one other place where they could be—on the floor. I daresay if anyone could have seen me at that moment that I looked as worried as a Chancellor of the Exchequer; and then only a week before I had been almost popping with pride. There was nothing for it but to get rid of the bodies of the dead. I sneaked down quietly, before anyone was awake, dropped the corpses into the kitchen fire, and crept up to finish my toilet. Illusion was in its grave, the funeral was over—but I mourned.

Tempted to Another Fall.

I may say, in passing, that Scaly-breasts are rather nice little things, they are of a bright iridescent green in colour; about the size of Turquoisines, only rather more Dutch built, and with well-arranged yellow scales on their breast—hence their name. I felt quite miserable for about a week. There are some events in life of which it is difficult to speak without bitterness—this was one.

Late in March, as far as I remember, there came another subtle letter telling me that some more Scaly-breasts had arrived "in fine order." That did it. Good resolutions melted like snow before the sunshine, and an order was secretly dispatched for another pair. They soon came to hand, and as the weather was more open, I had greater hopes of saving them. By the way, why don't they bring Australian birds over in our summer, and not theirs?

Of course I was told by the powers that be, that I was only riding for a fall, the others had died (I wonder how they got to know this), these would do the same; but I cheered myself with words which a dear old friend once spoke to me: "How often," he used to say, "have I told you not to curtsey to trouble till it comes round the corner." Of course this is a strong metaphor, as I am not a girl, nor even a Suffragette!

When the new birds came to hand, I was relieved to see that they looked fit and well and nice and tight in condition, so I had quite good hopes that we should long continue together.

In Its Good Graces.

They say that there is a special department of Providence about for the protection of fools, of which I suppose I am chief. I am sure it must have been busy that day on my especial behalf, as really these birds were in lovely condition, and I felt I should be disgraced if I could not keep them alive. I believe I even ventured to dream of breeding them at some time.

I knocked off the canary seed, to which I was told they were well on, to fall back on honey, mashed potato made into a nice cream with condensed milk, and good ripe bananas, and I was glad to see that week by week they improved in general appearance. To see the cock on a warm sunny day puffing out his neck feathers and jumping up and down on his perch beside the little hen, was as charming a comedy as you would be likely to meet with in a lifetime. Occasionally she would give him a little nudge, as much as to say, "Do remember there are people looking on!"

I had no idea as to the age of the birds. It is very difficult to judge correctly in the case of Parrakeets, unless they are in their baby feathers. When asked to give my opinion on such a difficult point, I am always reminded of what a rude boy said to a young girl who had just put up her hair: it constituted, so he said, a decided improvement, in that she might now be taken for any age. Well, my Scaly-breasts might have been any age. There is nothing that can look so old as a Parrakeet, if it likes—Methuselah is a mere boy in these cases. Still, judging by experience, I thought they would be about two years old, and so like to go to nest, if I had any luck at all. About the middle June I put them into a good big compartment of my indoor bird-room, all to themselves, gave them some [illegible] apple branches for perches, and a couple of snug nesting boxes to choose from. Then having done all in my power, left the affair in the lap of the gods.

THE SONG THRUSH.

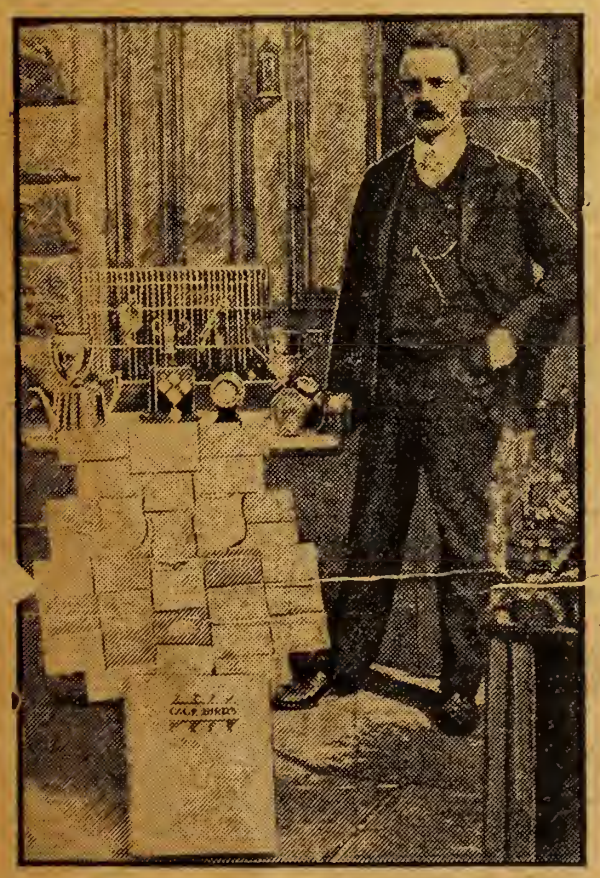
I heard from morn to noon a merry Thrush
Sing hymns to sunrise, while I drank the sound,
With joy, and often an intruding guest
Watched her secret toils from day to day.
How true she warped the moss to form her nest,
And modelled it within with wood and clay.—*Clare.*

For a few weeks the birds simply played about. Th[illegible] they began to go in and out of the nest-box, and my ho[illegible] went up by leaps and bounds. I even ventured to boa[illegible] always a fatal thing to do, especially where birds are c[illegible] cerned. I met a friend in Leeds, who also keeps birds, a[illegible] I told him arrogantly that I had some Scaly-breasted Lo[illegible] keets going to nest. He didn't say anything, but he look[illegible] a lot. I felt quite nettled and I said, "Don't you thi[illegible] I can do it?" "Oh," he answered, "I shouldn't like [illegible] say. You've talked like this before." After this the c[illegible] versation grew a little bit strained, and we parted.

Going Off—Not Going On!

When we next met, his first question was, "Well, a[illegible] how are they going on?" And I had to tell him, as w[illegible] as I could, that the poor cock had unfortunately shuff[illegible] off this mortal coil, just as he should have "won a meda[illegible] "Well," said my friend, "why doesn't she get marr[illegible] again; she ought to have her troubles, like anyone else[illegible] "Because," I sadly answered, "I can't find he[illegible] a ma[illegible] Do you think that Scaly-breasted Lorikeets can [illegible]'c[illegible] up any time you want them?" I advertised, on the pr[illegible] ciple that the baby that cries not never gets the milk; it was quite useless. I never so much as got an offer. It was now September, and I had not only los[illegible] one pair a[illegible] a-half of Scaly-breasted Lorikeets, value something [illegible] £7, but a whole season was gone. Alas, it is often m[illegible] congenial to be an ass than to acknowledge that you h[illegible] been one. Still if you had asked me that day what I re[illegible] thought about myself, I should have told you that I [illegible] no more fit to keep birds than a cow is to fly.

Nothing remained but to try and sell the hen at a g[illegible] price to some brother or sister who perhaps was wicke[illegible] keeping dark that he or she had a bachelor cock. I [illegible] an advertisement in the paper in the most alluring ter[illegible] but I only got one offer, sugesting I should take half w[illegible] I had asked. What could I do? Nothing is of more va[illegible] than you can get for it, and a ton of diamonds is worth[illegible] to the lost traveller in the desert. The odd hen was[illegible] good to me, so I let her go. Whether she ever bre[illegible] never heard, so I conclude she didn't. That is my [illegible] consolation; and now I had better close. I'll tell you [illegible] why. We once had a member's wife that would sing at [illegible] meetings; we couldn't stop her—she cost us 50 votes ev[illegible] time she sang! My readers will be able to draw the mo[illegible]



TROPHIES WON WITH YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

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THE SUCCESSFUL BREEDING OF NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

A South-country champion exhibitor gives his views.

(Continued from page 555.)

A lecture by Mr. J. Hodder (London, E.C.) before the members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S.

A BREEDER may be keen on breeding good clears and he has so well managed his stock that rather than risk a point or two he will pair clears to clears; if this is persisted in year by year he may have perfect type and fair quality, but he will lose badly in colour; and what follows? He may put down the most typical bird in the show, but it is passed because it has no colour worth mentioning. A poor coloured Norwich Plainhead is lacking in one of its most essential qualities and stands little chance on the show bench. You may have all your birds a blaze of colour if you will only carefully study this question of breeding year by year systematically for colour. Study all the points when pairing up, and make up your mind not to sacrifice any one point for a temporary advantage in some other way.

I used to think the end of February or beginning of March a most suitable time for pairing, then I thought the end of March best, but I am beginning to think now, after many years of careful study of the subject, that if we would only be satisfied with two nests, and pair up towards the end of April, it would be much more satisfactory in every way. Of course, to do this will require some skill to regulate the birds that are the most forward and so ward off complications and illnesses which may result from not pairing the most forward amongst them.

Disappointment in the Eggs.

I have noticed of late years that birds may apparently be in perfect health and excellent breeding condition and yet the eggs turn out to be unfertile, and where not unfertile, addled, or young fully formed dead in shell. Someone may say it is because of some constitutional weakness in the parent birds; I do not think it must of necessity be so. Early pairing and the changeable conditions of the weather have everything to do with it. Birds may be in perfect condition, and yet you will have unfertile eggs and the other disappointments already mentioned. I have noticed particularly that the birds bred towards the end of May and June are by far the best, the warmer and more settled conditions no doubt assisting greatly in their growth and condition. I have experimented considerably with young cocks, and I certainly think now if we could only afford to keep them over until the second year it would be more satisfactory in every way.

I find that not more than four out of every ten fertilise when they are paired up before the third week in April. Can anything be more disappointing than to go to nest after nest and find the eggs all clear? I would strongly recommend that only over-year cocks should be used for the first round and the younger ones kept back until the end of April or May, or if possible not used at all the first year. They will turn out to be much better birds the next show season, and most certainly carry a much deeper and better colour. Birds bred from, especially if worked very hard, will not moult out so quickly or so good in colour as the birds used sparingly, or not at all.

Keeping Show Birds Just to Show.

If we could only afford to do it I think it would be to our advantage in other ways never to breed from show birds. They would live much longer and do good service for a much longer period on the show bench: It stands to reason that a bird cannot last very long if he is breeding all the summer, then has to undergo the strain of moulting, then sent for hundreds of miles about the country to shows for the rest of the year. It is a wonder many of them live as long as they do considering the strain that is put upon them in this way.

Now a word on breeding. The season is now in full swing and many of us have begun to calculate as to what the final result will be; maybe some of us are already glad and some sorrowful. There is nothing that has its ups and downs more than Canary breeding, but he that endures to the end succeeds. I find the birds will soon go to work if properly cared for during the winter months. I believe there would be fewer failures at breeding if we only cared more for the stock all the winter. Take the hens, for instance. You cannot give them too much exercise. Keep them in the largest cages you have. It is very noticeable what a beneficial effect it has upon them to give them plenty of exercise. I have not had one case of egg binding this year, and I attribute it to careful feeding during the winter, together with plenty of exercise. I always give niga seed from January to the end of April, and plenty of mutton suet or bacon fat, also cuttle fish as much as they will eat.

It is best to remove the eggs as they are laid, until the third egg is laid, then set the hen on the evening of the day on which the third egg has been laid. When she has begun to sit, leave her alone absolutely. Some hens won't stand being interfered with. Never mind seeing whether the eggs are clear or opaque; risk that and leave the hen alone, it pays best in the long run. If the weather is warm give a lukewarm water bath about two days before they are due to hatch. This will do all the necessary moistening of the shells for hatching.

Why the Hatching Time Varies.

Some fanciers become very anxious and agitated on the 13th morning if no young birds are hatched, but don't be alarmed. Very often birds hatched in April are two and sometimes three days late. I have had young hatched this year on the 16th morning. The cold evenings and hens not sitting closely are no doubt the cause. When the young are hatched I give yolk of egg and a little powdered Osborne biscuit, and after the third day I give the white of eggs as well. I use one hard boiled egg to four Osborne biscuits. I have tried other things such as bread-crumbs, etc., but I find nothing answers so well as the egg and biscuits.

Sometimes if a hen becomes careless about feeding I try her with a little milk sop or soaked rape seed in separate vessels. I also give dry rape seed, hemp seed, and sometimes I mix maw seed with the egg food, and a very good thing is to add a teaspoonful of emulsion to each cupful. The best green-food for town fanciers I believe to be watercress, but be sure there is no frost in it early in the season. The safest plan is to use sweet apple until the end of April.

I give the green-food about the third or fourth day after the young are hatched and continue twice daily until they are reared, increasing the quantities daily as they grow older. When you have a bad feeding hen you would do well not to risk the young with her, but distribute them amongst your other good feeding hens, carefully ringing them before putting them with the others so that you have a record of their pedigree. It is a great inducement to hens to feed if you give the food freshly made three or four times daily, and especially at daybreak every day.

Some young birds will do for themselves when they are 23 or 24 days old, and some are 30 days old before they can pick for themselves. Never take a young bird away from its parents so long as it cries for food. The hen has laid her new clutch and begins to sit, maybe before the young are properly finished off, and under these circumstances it is by far the better plan to remove them and the cock to a cage by themselves and he will finish them off. Then give him a rest before putting him back in the breeding cage with the hen, and give him every attention. It is best to crush all seeds for young birds as their little beaks are too soft to crack them. I continue to give the egg-food morning and afternoon fresh to the young birds after they leave their parents, at the same strength as when being fed by their parents.

How the Young Are Fed.

When they are six weeks old I give the egg and biscuit in equal proportions and gradually reduce to two parts biscuit. But at noon each day every young bird has a supply of milk sop from the time of leaving parents prepared in this way: I soak the bread in warm water, then squeeze out the water and well soak the bread in boiling milk, then allow to stand until cold, squeeze out a little of the milk so that it is not too sloppy and give the birds with a little maw seed occasionally sprinkled over it. They also enjoy rape seed that has been soaked for 12 hours in cold water, and sprouting rape seed is very good for them and for feeding hens too, if kept quite fresh with pure water running over it at intervals.

Be careful when giving young birds water; drinking water too freely when leaving parents accounts for the deaths of multitudes of young birds. It sets up intestinal troubles. Some fanciers add a few drops of gentian to the drinking water, which prevents them drinking too freely. After careful study for many years of the causes of young birds dying when they reach the age of five or six weeks I have come to the conclusion that it is much safer to give them milk to drink in preference to water until they are seven weeks old, not forgetting milk sop as well. It may be a little more expensive, but it pays in the long run.

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KEEPING AND BREEDING FOREIGN FINCHES IN CAGES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

(Continued from page 541.)

CAGES should be so constructed as to give the occupants a certain amount of privacy, and these requirements can be met easily, even by those having but little to spend, while a man who is handy with his tools may make cages *de luxe* for a trifling cost.

Of course, a cage with close-fitting joints, leaving no crevices as harbouring places for parasites, is the best, but the fancier who is no carpenter and who has very little to spend need not despair if he is prepared to give the extra care and attention which rough cages call for in keeping clean and parasites at bay.

Before proceeding further it will be well to settle the minimum size which can be used to give the occupants a reasonable opportunity to breed. It is as follows: 30 inches long, 15 to 18 inches deep, and at least 18 inches high—even for small species I do not advise a smaller cage, for such are frequently the most active of birds, and if not given space in which to indulge their activity very seldom approach real breeding condition, and such attempts as are made usually prove abortive.

Scorn the Merely Ornamental.

We will now consider the cages: First I wish to decry ornamental or pretty types, there is more dignity about a plain, neat cage (or aviary) than in an elaborately designed one, and it is more easy to keep clean and free from insect pests. I do not approve of all wire cages, it is difficult to keep the occupants of such free from draught, there is no privacy or retiring place whatever. The cage I favour is of the box type and of the size already given or thereabouts, and as these call for no description I only give the figure or diagram of a front, leaving the rest to individual taste and depth of pocket, merely noting that I prefer doors in each end of the cage, as well as those in the front, such are a great convenience in running the birds from one cage to another without the scare of catching, and also for getting at the respective parts of cage as required.

The Slender Purse Considered.

As regards the box, of course, a properly jointed joiner-made one is the best, but for those who can't run to this, then the neatest and best grocer's empty you can get will meet the case and only cost a few pence; it is best then to go over this at once, first rub it down with sandpaper, then give it a coat of good priming, after this thoroughly stop up all cracks and crevices, both inside and out, with a good putty containing plenty of white lead; then give another coat of paint; after this smooth up again with sandpaper and give the final coat of good enamel paint, putting on thinly and evenly—dark oak or black outside and pale sea-green inside, would form a good setting for nearly every species.

Now we have to consider the fronts and I propose to do this by giving an alternative diagram.

The gable shown is optional; if provided it affords a double retiring compartment. The wire part (¾in. mesh) is best made of one of the ordinary market loose wire fronts, these are so cheap that it is not worth while bothering with wire netting, as when comparing the difficulty of fixing the latter to make a neat job of it, and the finished effect, with that of a loose wire-front, the saving of a copper or two is not worth considering; besides the wire front being removable facilitates the necessary cleaning.

Twiggy Branches for Perches.

No mention, save this reference, will be made as to straight perches, as the writer does not approve of them. For perches all that will be required will be a twiggy branch at each end of the cage, and these should be so arranged as to hang from back to front or vice versa, and sufficiently far apart to necessitate a short fly from one to the other. Food vessels are better attached to small doors in the front of the cage; a small wire grating closes up the opening when the door is opened wide to replenish food supplies; when the door is closed the grating stands out at right angles inside the cage.

Food vessels are best of glass or china. For seed-eaters a self-supplying hopper can be formed at one end (not the screened end) of cage, the back of which is a door opening outside the cage, and it will thus be easily cleaned and replenished, such a hopper may easily form part of the end of cage. Then as regards nest receptacles for those which weave spherical nests, Waxbills, Mannikins, Grassfinches, Weavers, and Weaving Finches, or those which nest in holes, a rush nest (flask-shaped) is as good as any, while for those which form open cup-shaped nests a small rush basket answers the purpose well. The best way to arrange these is to get a bushy heather twig and fix the flask nest or basket in this and then fasten the twig in the screened portion of cage; of course, where the cage is gable (span) topped, a receptacle can be fixed both in the screened portion and up against the span of top. If the top is made waterproof the cage can be hung out of doors during the greater part of the spring and summer.

Keeping the Floor Clean.

I find I have said nothing about draw tray, this is better quite distinct from the hinged flap at front of cage, and should be of zinc, but if this is not convenient to the amateur cage maker then the draw tray can be dispensed with and the cage bottom kept clean by the use of a small scraper through the hinged flap in front.

I will add here that I have seen many excellent cages constructed with a little time and trouble from grocer's empties and I have bred British species in them in the early days of my avicultural experience, when it was a case of trying to get a florin value from the modest "bob."

If any point is not quite clear in above I am sure the Editor will not mind any reader using the Query Columns to elucidate same.

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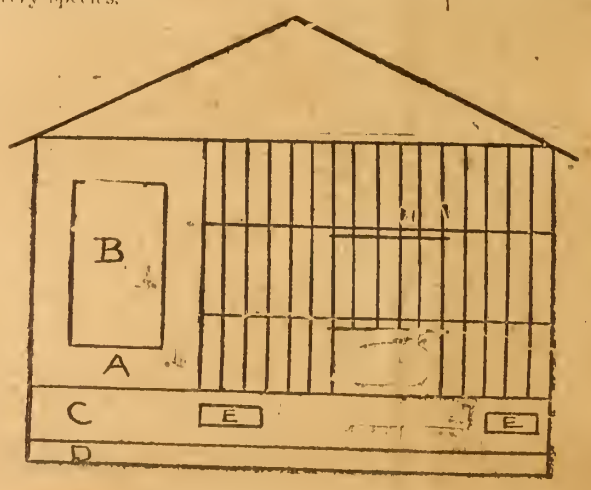

Front view of the cage advocated by Mr. Page. It would be excellent for breeding Hybrids, as well as for Foreign Finches. A: screened part, 9ins. wide, with door at B. C: front rail, with doors admitting food vessels at E, E. D: hinged flap, either for cleaning purposes or for insertion of zinc draw-tray. The use of the span roof is optional.

Correspondence.

Two Canaries Out of One Egg.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS that a reader got two birds out of one egg, in fowls; that is not funny, as I can tell you I have got two Canaries out of one egg. The hen had four eggs and one was clear, and I took it away. Last Sunday morning my wife told me there were four birds. I said, no; but it was so, four birds out of three eggs. They are two weeks old. If you care to see them you can call at my address any time, by appointment. H. MARTIN.

[Our correspondent of last week was not referring to fowls; his two chicks were Canary chicks. We have, too, known several similar cases.—EDITOR.]

A Fine Record in the Breeding of Goldfinches.

SIR,—I read very often in CAGE BIRDS about Goldfinches and how to keep them. I have one pair. Last year the hen built a nest in a cage 18x12x9, and laid five eggs. I put her eggs under a Canary, and gave her the Canary's eggs. She hatched them, but the cock bird killed the young. She laid two more lots of eggs, five in each, fifteen eggs in all, and every egg had a bird in it. I have two young cocks and one hen from the above pair. I have paired these to Canaries, and I have two mules from one on seed, also three mules in one nest, and four in another nest; also one hen with four eggs down again from my young stock. These Goldies have all hemp seed, canary and rape, and nothing else. The old birds have built again this season. The hen has laid five eggs, and been sitting five days, so I think there is no secret about Goldfinches and their keeping.

NOVICE.

The Collection of Exhibits from Shows.

An Extra Charge Instituted.

SIR,—Enclosed is letter received from the Great Northern Railway Co. This I consider another injustice to fanciers, and would like to hear if other societies are receiving the same notice, as it is time it is properly discussed. Means should be found to prevent this extra charge before the coming show season opens, as it means more expense to all societies holding shows.

W. RATCLIFF, Grantham C.B.S.
Grantham Station Parcels Dept.,
June 25th, 1914.

Dear Sir,—I beg to advise you that it has been decided that in connection with Poultry and Agricultural Shows where we are required to perform collection or delivery after 8 p.m. an extra charge of 3d. per package shall be made for such services. Will you kindly note, and advise others interested.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. NEAME,
Stationmaster.

W. E. Allen, Esq.,
Sec. Grantham C.B.S.

The Financial Difficulties of Irish Societies.

SIR,—With reference to the letter appearing in last week's CAGE BIRDS, although we members of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland are by this time becoming rather accustomed to the periodical attempts of certain individuals to create disunion in our Club, this attack, delivered from behind the shelter of a nom-de-plume, for pure unadulterated cheek far surpasses anything that has previously been hurled at us. I presume that I, as hon. treasurer of the above society, am better acquainted with its financial standing even than "Yorkie," who appears to be so well versed in the movements of the Irish societies, and I cannot understand how your correspondent, even in the wildest flights of his imagination, can truthfully refer to us as a society in financial difficulties, considering the fact that we issued our annual balance-sheet a few months back, showing a very respectable credit balance, which is all the more praiseworthy when one remembers the difficulties under which our annual show was held last year, owing to early dates and especially to the Labour disputes which were at their zenith at that time. I would also draw attention to the fact that since the time when that balance-sheet was issued the funds of the society have been greatly increased. We have arranged our next open show for Nov. 11 and 12, 1914, and have engaged Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) as judge, so I think that, in spite of "Yorkie's" fears to the contrary, it looks very much as if we would really hold one, after all. As I have not the pleasure of being a member of the Ulster O.A., I am not in a position to contradict, or otherwise, the statements made against them, but I feel confident that there is no truth in them. I can assure your correspondent that I have only written the foregoing because I consider it my duty to do so, in case any may be foolish enough to put any credence in his wild statements. If "Yorkie" is a member of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, he ought to be helping his society, instead of trying to do it an injury. If he is not, he is not entitled to any information, and unless he wishes to come from behind the kindly shelter of his pseudonym, his future communications will be ignored. ARTHUR I. WHITTY.

An Egg Within an Egg from a Budgerigar.

SIR,—One of my Budgerigars has laid a very small egg, which contains another egg inside it. The size of the outer shell is hardly any larger than a pea. I would like to know if this is a common occurrence.

E. GALLAGHER.

The Song of the Nightingale in Captivity.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Bent, I presume the 'Gale that sang at night on the window-sill was in a box cage, and so would not get any gas-light, unless perhaps from a street lamp. I would like to know whether 'Gales in a wild state sing on dark nights or only on moonlight ones. Mr. Bent does not think it possible for a Canary to sing the 'Gale's song, because the former is a Hardbill and the latter a Softbill. But a Lark is a Softbill, I once had a Canary which sang the Lark's song. I have had Canaries which picked up one or two 'Gale notes. Being obliged to breed my Canaries in a cold room, I cannot get the young ones early enough to hear enough of the 'Gale's song. I am inclined to think that if young Canaries could hear the 'Gale's song for about three months they would pick up a good deal of it, and I dare say a Linnet Mule would prove a better scholar than a Canary. It would be important that the young Canaries should not hear the Canary song, which could be managed, of course, by allowing the hen to rear the young herself. C. HARRISON.

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Winner of first prize i the Novice Section a the Crystal Palace Sho for Mr. J. Lovell, o Musselburgh.

A Remarkable Case of a Homing Bullfinch.

SIR,—On July 4th, at our young bird show, one of our members surprised us when we were having a discussion on bird life. He told us about a homing Bullfinch he bought from a gentleman who had had him caged two years. After he had kept him caged for one year Bullie got away when he was cleaning out its cage, and, to his surprise, after flying about his residence (which is right in the middle of a wood, he being a keeper) Mr. Bullfinch crossed a mile of forest and flew into his former home and accepted his cage when offered him. I think this very remarkable, after being one year with its second owner.

GEORGE VIPOND.
Hon. Sec. Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.

The Probable Cause of Bad Feeding Hens.

SIR,—This trouble of bad feeding seems t be the usual trouble with many breeders, an what appears to me to be a likely cause is they breed their birds' vigour out. Surely from March to the end of June is long enough. Otherwise the old birds go into moult, they lack in condition. But when the number of young is small, fanciers try and try again, which I think is breeding disaster A friend of mine has been very unfortunate His hens let the young die, and he has only just reached two figures. On June 28 I paid a surprise visit to my friends at Ipswich They are birdy men, and I am sorry to say they have been faring rather badly. They are usually very lucky. Last year I was there in August, and they had many young in the nests, having had a very successful time. This year they are absolutely at a great loss. I remarked that I thought they bred until too late in the season, and I was nearly "told off." This year they have experienced the result. Their houses (out-doors) are very comfortable, and they have some fine birds but their hens are sitting on the young and refusing to feed. Two nests per pair is sufficient, to my mind, and if they are unsuccessful, then turn them into the flights.

A. G. CANT,
Hon. Sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

Rearing "Living Musical Boxes" with the Least Possible Trouble.

The Interesting Views of a Reader in San Francisco, California concerning the breeding of Roller Canaries.

SIR,—I have read a great deal in CAGE BIRDS on individual experiences of raising birds in the aviary and I will relate the simple method I use. After giving the aviary its annual white-washing I put up twenty-four nest boxes of different models (I wanted to find out which nest the females preferred) —six little German shipping cages, with the perches taken out, six with only a back and platform, with a hole in platform to hold the nest pan, six with back and one side, and six with back and two glass sides. I let the nest pan stand up one inch above the platform, so the young birds can throw their droppings over the side and keep the nest clean. On February 15 I put in building material of all kinds, from twigs down to feathers. I started with nine females and four males of the best to be had for both strain and health, also good parents. The feathers I put in one net, and charpie in another, and hung them on the wall so the bottom of the nests just reached the floor.

As the weather was warm in February and March the birds got to work with a will, and I was surprised to see the majority of the little cages selected. The females laid, some three and some four eggs, every one good. When the first youngsters made their appearance I added to their daily food hard-boiled eggs cut in half, and cracker biscuits. I let them do their own grating, and they never left any over to get sour! I make no change in the food from mouth to mouth. The green-food consists of chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, and the young leaves of rape. The rape I throw out in the garden and when it is three or four inches high I pull the seedlings for them. They like it very much, but they prefer the chickweed well in seed to any other, as they go for that first and then feed their young. I will say that I always feed plenty of fat bacon with their greens, so I never know what an egg-bound female means—No steaming over a kettle for me! If they get plenty of exercise they get along just like the wild bird on the outside of the wires. To show the effect of egg-food, in the second nest the females laid four and five eggs each. I find it a good plan to use one male for every two females, as they have time to feed the young while the mother is sitting on the second nest. I have not lost a single bird this year after they have left the nest, and the young ones that were on the perch on April 1st are now singing as hard as they can. I do not remove the eggs from the nests in the aviary the same as if in a cage, as I find the old one has so much to attend to she does not sit while the first two or three eggs are being laid. I find when a hen has only four eggs they hatch out pretty near the same time. I treat them as if they were wild birds and believe that they know what they are doing better than I do. Next year I am going to wire in an extra 25 or 50 feet so they can fly out and gather their own green-stuff and insects and pick about in the soil.

Now for the bad side. This year I added three pairs of the very best Seifert strain I could get through a friend direct from Germany. The males are fine. They are fine songsters; they sing from 15 to 20 turns. But the females have been no good for this season; at least, they have built and laid 20 or more eggs but have had no young ones. Some few had a dead young one in the shell, but most of the eggs were addled. I would like to hear from Mr. Tomlinson what he thinks is the trouble. I think too much inbreeding. Their eggs are as smooth as silk and you could not tell the egg of one female from the other. The shell has a bluish tinge with a little dark on the large end. They do not seem to have stamina enough to fill their eggs properly. I am going to see how they will turn out next year, after a good rest and plenty of exercise.

I have a pair of Californian Goldfinches building in the aviary this year. This is their second year in confinement. Last year they did nothing. I am pleased to see the discussion going on in CAGE BIRDS about the Cuckoo. I have seen their eggs in nests along meadow banks, but never in those of the Linnet. In conclusion I would like Mr. Tomlinson to state in some of his articles what is the greatest number of turns he has heard from the Roller without stopping. One of the three that I got this year sings 20, which take him a minute and a half. I cannot understand on what note he inhales air; while the turns are short it takes a minute and a half, that is the best I have heard from the Rollers we get out here. I wish beginners all sorts of success.

DAVID O'BRIEN.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Cups.

SIR.—Many thanks to you for inserting my letter in CAGE BIRDS. As I stated, I had been unable to get the secretary to reply to me through the post. I came to the conclusion that I must appeal to you for information, namely the reason I was not to receive a cup the value of £1 1s. as 2nd prize in the novice section for 1913. That I have partially succeeded is proved by the letter, not from the secretary, who is supposed to reply, but the chairman, Mr. W. G. Andrews. Anyhow, let me ask why there was no cup for second prize. Are not the officials responsible for seeing that there is a cup provided, when they publish the rules and insert, amongst other instructions, that a cup for the winner value £2 2s. and a cup for the second value £1 1s. will be provided. Now we get the information that the chairman gave an oil-painting to take the place of the £1 1s. cup, as 2nd prize. He states the oil-painting is fully value £1 10s.; it takes a good oil-painting to fetch £1 1s. nowadays. As for members not competing for prizes, what about the president and secretary winning the two first prize cups? How much did they speculate to gain the cups? Such talk won't wash amongst fanciers, and I am afraid if the society is going to deal with members as I have been dealt with, it will not exist many years. If we are only expected to pay subscriptions and annual subscriptions, it is simply a farce to belong to the society. Anyway, without mincing matters further, let me tell them I am either going to have my prize or take steps to get it. I have finished in the press

G. SALT.

Correspondence continued overleaf.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Continued from Overleaf.

Twites Breeding in the Shetland Isles.

SIR,—This is an extract from a letter from North Uust Lighthouse, Shetland, about the Twites I wrote you about some time back:—"I was very much surprised to find our Twites have nested quite close to the Lighthouse a little bit beyond the wall next the cliff. They were seen as if they were about to start nesting, so a few days later I went down to the place, and was lucky enough to find their nest with two eggs. This was on the 13th June, and to-day (29th) I went down again and found that the young were hatched, but only the two as far as I could see. The old asthmatic cock was on the nest when I went down, and seemed determined not to come off, but after a little coaxing I succeeded in getting him away, but only for a minute. This is the Twite mentioned in CAGE BIRDS of May 9. We always keep their cago near them, well supplied with seed and water." I may say that I send the men CAGE BIRDS every week, and the one who wrote the above quoted letter says he has had many valuable hints from it.

(MISS) D. E. PITHIE.

Pied Wagtail Nests on Railway Line.

Vibration and the Eggs.

SIR,—Some of your readers may be interested in the following, which I think is a somewhat rare occurrence. Some time ago I was informed by a fancier friend of mine of what he considered to be a curious nesting place of the Pied Wagtail, viz., on a railway line. I at once went and examined the railway which runs from Londonderry to Burtonport. I found the nest on the permanent way, between two sleepers, right under the point of two rails. The young birds were about ten days old and were doing well. Is not this a rare nesting place for Pied Wagtails? I think it is, seeing that there are all sorts of banks and ditches near at hand, also a river bank extending for half-a-mile. Does this not also do away with all the talk about vibration affecting eggs which was given so much attention in your columns some time back. There are eight trains daily passing over and within a few inches of this nest, and still a full brood is hatched. I think this is sufficient proof that vibration or noises of any kind have no effect on the hatching of eggs. I hope some of your readers will state whether they have ever known of anything like this before. Best wishes for the prosperity of CAGE BIRDS.

Ballyhaskey. JAMES PORTER.

How Linnet Singing Clubs and Contests Should be Run.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to help Mr. Coward as far as possible in forming a Linnet contest club. Fanciers in London very seldom form clubs, contests being got up amongst themselves, and also under the patronage of the hosts of licensed houses. Each member in the contest pays sixpence for each bird he enters, and the landlord of the house generally gives a shilling for every pair of birds hung. A contest here amounts to about five pairs of birds at the most. Birds are drawn to meet each other by writing the name of each member on a slip of paper. The slips are folded up and placed in a hat, then drawn two at a time, just the same as at a sweepstake draw. For example, Harry and Jack are first drawn from the hat; the birds representing them would be the first pair hung, and so on. Each owner then takes his bird towards the nail he has chosen, and at the call of time from the watchkeeper, hangs his bird for ten minutes. Then the contestants immediately take their seats on either side of the timekeeper, taking the scores for their birds, with another man looking over each of them the whole ten minutes the birds sing. It may be needless to add that the interested parties, together with the audience, face the birds singing. No other birds should be allowed in the room while each pair contest their course. By acting together in this way you need no permanent officers. The prizes, of course, depend mainly upon the entries, as does the amount given by the host. If ten birds are entered, and a shilling per pair is also given, the amount would be 10s. to be sung for, and this would be generally split into three prizes of 5s., 3s. and 2s. Before the birds are hung each onlooker gives twopence towards refreshments, which is repeated during the time spent while waiting for birds on the nail. Of course this is the old system, followed for years among the London fanciers, and big success is attained. By adopting these methods a club is not really wanted. At the same time I will give my experience of what a club requires.

First you should get together all desirous of forming the club, and decide upon a weekly subscription, say from 3d., or even more, per week. This would enable you to hold a tournament, away and home matches, against a rival club (local), in which the clubs' best birds should compete. The amount of prize-money must be considered by the committee; possibly a sovereign aside. Each member still pays his entrance fee, also the patron provides his shilling per pair. This would, of course, help the club which wins, as it would be entitled to take one-half of the purse, the remainder to be divided among the best three birds which sang. Should the club enjoy a successful year, an outing, or even a supper once a year might be possible. Officers should be selected according to ability, and should be honorary. By following this method the club would be paying out nothing (apart from compulsory expenses) other than prize-money for open or private contests. Officers required: Hon. Sec., Treasurer, and four Committeemen. Timekeeper and referees can always be had from amongst the contestants, who would take the duty on in turns during a contest. The chairman is generally the club's patron; but this office is not really necessary for Linnet singing.

With regard to the contest room, daylight singing can be held as well as night singing. The room should be spacious, birds to be hung one pair at a time, and hung on nails driven into a black stained board about 7ft. in length and 18in. deep. Birds should not be facing each other, and at a distance of about four feet apart, and five or six feet from the ground. I should like to add that birds should be hung with cages facing a large window during daylight singing, and the same position can be used at night.

Kennington. A. J. ROBERTS.

The Scottish Plainhead Club's Ring Scheme.

SIR,—I am at all times willing to enter into a friendly argument and to discuss to the full extent any topic which happens to interest me concerning our hobby, but when I read the letters of "Yellow Green" and "Wee Fifer" in your issue of 4th inst., I came to the conclusion that it would be a waste of time and your valuable space to continue this discussion. A portion of "Yellow Green's" letter is taken up with a feeble attempt at wit. I refer to his alleged joke re the Canary pie. What this has to do with the subject under discussion — or how it concerns me, I know not. I certainly did not even suggest that I did not sell my surplus stock. No breeder outside a lunatic asylum would suggest such a thing. But "Yellow Green" surely reaches the limit when he proposes that another vote should be taken, and I observe that a "Wee Fifer" also proposes the same course. Really their ideas of business are quaint. Why on earth should the will of the majority who voted not prevail? All members received voting papers, and if some did not vote, whose is the fault? And what guarantee have we that a larger number would vote at the second time of asking, assuming that the committee were fools enough to give them the chance? And, again, that childish twaddle from "Wee Fifer" that the club is in the hands of the few who do what they like. I suppose this endorses the previous reference to the "Big Wigs." Does "Wee Fifer" forget that he and others are responsible for the election of the committee? He is paying a poor tribute to the members of the club by calling down its officials. If he and his friends are not satisfied, the remedy lies in their own hands, and is obvious. The only relevant portion of the letters above referred to is where objection is taken to the handling of the birds. I quite agree that it is not the best thing for the birds, but as I stated in my letter of the 13th ult., the method employed, be it handling or otherwise, can well be left to the committee, and it should not be impossible to find a solution of the difficulty. I also stated that in any event we must be prepared for some inconvenience in return for the boon conferred by the ring. Personally I think it might be worth while merely to reserve the right to examine the ring, and this would deter the fraudulent party from exhibiting, as he would not feel at all safe. I am not called on to discuss the matter, however, as it is one for the committee, and they are quite able to tackle it. Now we have had some criticism, of a very weak variety certainly, from "Yellow Green," but we have had no suggestions. Can he give us a better scheme than the rings? If not, then I think he would do well to drop out of the discussion in which he has cut rather a sorry figure. He knows fraudulent practices exist, and he has all sorts of feeble objections to the only scheme which will remove them.

BUFF GREEN No. 2.

Did Birds Originate from Reptiles?

SIR,—The best proof of the reptilian origin of birds, which your two correspondents are disposed to doubt, is afforded by the fact that the earliest known bird, of which fossil remains have been found, had teeth in its beak, claws at the bend of the wing, and a long lizard-like tail with vertebræ, such as no modern bird possesses. Living birds of the present day show their affinity to reptiles by their method of reproduction by eggs, and by the scales on their legs, etc., which are of true reptilian character, and quite different from, for instance, the scales of armadillo or other mammal.

K. WELLS.

Rough on the Scientists.

SIR,—I quite realise and appreciate Mr. Coe's point that he only mentioned this subject—as it were—in passing, because it was generally accepted by the ornithologists. But why is it accepted by ornithologists? With us fanciers it is a case of follow my leader—just like a flock of sheep. If a great man propounds a theory, we bird-lovers who have not had the facilities nor the advantages of a higher education, receive the statement with credulity just because he happens to be a man of letters. Doesn't Mr. Coe think that instead of us finding evidence to disprove the theory, the scientist should find commonplace evidence to substantiate it before expecting us to accept it? His last paragraph surprises me, and shows that he hasn't studied his subject with the thoroughness that we expect from him. He says: "All I can say is that birds were hardly likely to have survived the Deluge, if they existed before that epoch." Surely, if he believes in the Deluge, he must believe in the Dove and the olive leaf, which afford evidence that birds existed before the Flood (unless he thinks Noah had the Dove made to order). But isn't it Huxley who tells us that the Deluge was only partial?—not that I attach any more significance to his theories than to those of other scientists—but suppose it were true, isn't it likely that some birds would have survived the Flood?

T. JOHNSON.

Not a Believer in Evolution.

SIR,—I see the question asked: Did birds spring from reptiles? I would recommend Mr. A. R. Coe to read the 1st chapter of Genesis: "Let the earth bring forth the living creature, after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beasts of the earth after his kind, and it was so." Let Mr. Coe try and see if he can produce anything that is not "after his kind." There are men who have said that man has descended from a monkey, but since that prehistoric human body was found in England a short time ago, and science said it was so many thousands of years old, now science says that if there is any descent between the two, it is the monkey that has descended from man. But this is not so, for everything will bring forth its own kind if man will not tamper with it. If there were no fowl before the flood, where did Noah get the Dove from? Let Mr. Coe read carefully the first seven or eight chapters in Genesis. To a man that will say that man has descended from a monkey, the only answer I would give is, he knows his relations better than I do. Could Darwin get anything else than pigeons with all his experimenting? A bird from a reptile, monstrous! A man, intelligent man, from a monkey, that which he has to teach, monstrous! All the fine buildings we see were conceived by the mind of man in his imagination before they were erected to be admired by those who look at them.

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Club Reports.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Meeting St. John's Hall, June 30. Mr. W. Phipps presided over a large attendance. Final arrangements were made for F.F. show at above hall, July 13th. Mr. J. Robson judge. Fanciers are heartily welcomed. Birds staged 7, show open 8. Six new members proposed last meeting.—W. Nichole, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting in Y.M.C.A halls, vice-president in the chair. Young bird show fixed for Aug. 8 in Y.M.C.A. halls, judging at 5 p.m. Classification: Yell. Bord., Buff do., Yell. Nor., Buff do., Yorks, A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb. Mr. Morley gave 10s. cash special for most points gained over all table shows during season, commencing with Y.B. show. Next meeting July 11, 7 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Halls, show business, etc.—A. Thomson, Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY

Meeting held July 4 at headquarters. Not so many attended as expected, considering that show will be held depending on their support. I would like to see all members present at our next meeting. Carried that sec. write Mr. C. Davies re treasurership and explain matters. "Cage Birds" special goes for best British bird in show. Mr. Legg, our chairman, gave a beautiful medal for best bird in show, also Mr. S. Stone gave another special. Chairman, Mr. Legg.—J. S. Jones, Sec.

IRVINE C.B.S.

Meeting, "Golffields," Irvine, July 4, Mr. John Nairn presiding; present, Messrs. H. McColl, M. McKean, A. Adraine, W. Savage, J. Gartland, and H. M. Ferguson. In addition to the prizes to be awarded in the 22 classes of the F.F. Show, July 18, it was agreed to give two special prizes—most entries, and most points. Points to be awarded according to the number of birds in class. Should there be classes with less than three birds such classes will be amalgamated; e.g., Crests and Yorkshires to go with Norwich, Borders by themselves. Decided that birds should be staged by 1 p.m., the judge, Mr. R. Jeffrey, and the steward, Mr. J. R. Steele, to begin at 2.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

General meeting, July 2, Mr. M. C. Potts, chair. Correspondence read from O.N.P.C., Y.C.C., and N.C.C., granting patronage for Open Show, Oct. 23 and 24. Members classes for open show were decided same as last year. Table show results: NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Craig. A.O.V.: 1, Craig; 2, Lyst. YORKS., CL.: 1, vhc, Crawhall; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, Mirley; hc, c, Hutler. MKD.: 1, Mirley; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, Hutler; vhc, Crawhall. NOV., CL.: 1, vhc, Hedley; 2, 3, Fullerton; 4, Gregory. MKD.: 1, Hedley; 2, 4, Fullerton; 3, Gregory. BORD. BUFF: 1, Craig. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Pettersson; 2, McGuire. A.O.V.: 1, 2, McGuire; 3, Vontt; 4, Craig; vhc, hc, Pettersson. MULE: 1, Maddison; 2, McGuire. FOR.: 1, Voutt; 2, 3, Petterson. Mr. J. Maddison won spoon, presented by Mr. J. C. Crawhall for best bird, and Mr. J. Craig, 36 points, won spoon, presented by Mr. T. C. Crawhall for most points. Next table show, Aug. 6, there will be an additional class A.O.V. Can. Judges: Brit. and For., Mr. J. McKenzie; Yorks., Mr. R. Hutler; Nor., Mr. Laidlow. Committee meeting July 16 at 8. Will those members who have sold tickets for N.F. show please hit me have cash as early as possible?—J. W. Reed, Sec.

LANCS AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting June 28th, at Rogue's Den, Glossop, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. E. Fuller. There was a good attendance, and much important business was transacted. Owing to the death of our old friend, John Garner, another president was required, and this office was offered and accepted by our old friend Teddy Fuller. Several applications for patronage were read; it has been granted to the following shows: Manchester, October 30 and 31, Lancashires and Lizards; Nottingham, Nov. 13 and 15, Lancashires and Lizards; Club Show in connection with Denton Society's Show, Nov. 20 and 21; L.C.B.A., Nov. 27, 28 and 29, Lizards, and possibly Lancashires; Bradford National, Dec. 4 and 5, Lancashires and Lizards; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 6 and 7, Liverpool, Oct. 23 and 24, are still under consideration, and it is hoped to come to definite arrangements with L.C.B.A. for Lancashire classes as well as Lizards. Next meeting will be especially for consideration of Messrs. Bradley and Stansfield's offer re Lizard trophy, and the classes, etc., at our Club Show, Mr. Stansfield having made a very generous offer in regard to same. Mr. Moorbey, Broadbottom, elected a member. It was pleasing to hear that, generally speaking, members appeared to be having a right good time in the breeding room. Vote of thanks to Mr. Swalwell, who ably occupied the chair, brought meeting to a close.—J. Rukin, Hon. Sec.

BRIDLINGTON C.B.S.

N.F. show, July 3, Mart, Marshall Avenue, when a good number of high-class birds were put down. Mr. David Hunter, Scarboro', judged, and his awards met with great satisfaction. The buffs in both sections again came up in strong numbers, yellow Yorks. being the smallest class in the show. There was a good variety of British birds. BUFF YORKS.: 1, 2, Dixon; 3, Chadwick; 4, Cross. YELL.: 1, Glasby; 2, 3, Dixon; 4, Chadwick. BUFF NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Clayton and Smith; 4, Pressey. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Clayton and Smith. BRIT.: 1, Mallinson, Bullfinch; 2, Clayton and Smith, Bullfinch; 3, Glasby, Twite; 4, Chadwick, Redstart. On June 26, the report should give Mr. T. Glasby the credit for 2nd prize in yell. Yorks.—J. Chadwick.

BLAYDON C.B.S.

At the last meeting there was only a moderate attendance, owing, I think, to the fine weather, and also the local show at Newcastle. Mr. D. Page, Lintz Colliery, was admitted a member; we have secured the following eight patronages: N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.E. and S.F.C., N.C.C., N.P.C.C., N.U.P.C., and B.F.C.C.—Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec.

DARVEL C.B.S.

A social evening was held in the Town Hall, July 3, on the occasion of Mr. James Robertson, the club's ex-sec., leaving for New Zealand. He was the recipient of some very handsome presents, which were handed over by the president, Mr. Nicol Hopkins, on behalf of the members of Darvel C.B.S. The evening was very pleasantly spent with speeches, songs, etc. Members please note F.F. Show takes place Aug. 4.—J. Fairful, Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Annual young bird show, July 2, Old Masonic Hall, Mr. S. Salter judged a very good entry. NOR. CL.: 1, Wren; 2, Gough; 3, Lees. MKD.: 1, 3, Lees; 2, Wood. A.O.V.: 1, Fifield; 2, 3, Gough. NOR. (Amat.): 1, 2, Wood. GOLDF. OR HULLF.: 1, Gough; 2, Wren; 3, Holliday. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Pearce; 2, Wren; 3, Holliday. MULE OR HYB. (OLD BIRDS): 1, 2, Gough. YOUNG: 1, Wren. FOR.: 1, Miss Driver; 2, 3, Holliday.—A. F. Fifield, Hon. Sec.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Meeting, July 1, Station Cafe, Mr. T. Harrison presiding over a good meeting. The committee's arrangement of classes for the members' N.F. show, July 25, Rigby Memorial Schools, Navigation Road, Altrincham, from 3 to 8.30, was submitted for approval and accepted. Mr. Harrison gave a lecture on "Colour Breeding and Colour Feeding," Mr. Broadbent, chair. Mr. Harrison explained very fully the treatment he advocates, before and during colour feeding, and many years of patient thought and study must have been exercised during his experience as a fancier. The members very heartily accorded him a vote of thanks. Next meeting, July 15, Station Cafe, 8. Discussion on seed-bearing plants. Chas. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.H.C.

Meeting June 27, Mr. J. Mackenzie's, Mr. J. W. Lawson chair. Letters of application for patronage were read, and the following were granted same: Morpeth, Oct. 10; Newcastle, Oct. 23; Blaydon, Nov. 13 and 14; Haltwhistle, Nov. 20 and 21; Gateshead, Dec. 18 and 19; Sunderland, Jan. 15 and 16. Also the young bird cup to be competed for at Gateshead. A special meeting will be held this month, when cup funds close, to select the cups. To allow the sec. to get your books in hands of printer, will members please forward subs.? At present in hand £4 12s. 6d., and promises for next meeting from several. Date of meeting announced later. There is a suggestion of alteration in the rules of champion cup competition as regards being won outright, which will also be brought forward at the meeting. We still give a hearty welcome to any fancier who cares to join us. The best thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. J. Mackenzie for the use of room, and he said he was only sorry he could not repeat it. Next table show in connection with Newcastle C.B.S., Aug. 6.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting Mail Coach Inn, June 27. Decided that members' classes of under four be amalgamated. After the meeting we had a lecture by Mr. Pounson, of Barnsley, on British birds. He started his lecture by taking all the larger hardbills, the first being the Hawfinch. He spoke of the manner of feeding, this being plain canary seed, sunflower, and maw seed; he also gave us a good idea of the exhibition points. He told of the nesting of the Goldfinch, the way to catch them, and the difficulty of getting them on to seed, also the exhibition points of same. He also spoke of the Greypate and Hybrid pairs, and about the Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, and other hardbills. He then started to tell us of the softbills, his first bird being the Magpie. He told us of the manner of feeding the same, the points of exhibition, and so on. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Redstarts, Treecreepers, Sedge Warblers, and all the smaller softbills were mentioned. He brought his very interesting lecture to a close after speaking nearly two hours. A vote of thanks to the speaker was very heartily carried. Mr. Tonlson answered in suitable terms, and the meeting was brought to a close after very enjoyable evening. —Taylor and Bailey, Secs.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

On July 4, a discussion on the colour feeding of Canaries took place at Headquarters, the Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, before a very good attendance. Mr. E. Stobart, presiding. Mr. H. M. Walsh opened the discussion, and brought forward some very interesting points, how to mix the feed, the quantities to mix, and to give the birds, the uses of green blood in breeding as a medium for conveying a good colour into the feathers, when to start feeding. In drawing the tails of young birds (Yorks) he draws when the colour shows down each side of the breasts, and not before, as when done at this time there is ample time for them to grow to full length by the time the bird finishes moulting. Several others put forward their methods of feeding, etc., and many interesting questions were asked. Spratt's cod liver oil food was highly recommended as a food for mixing with the colouring pepper for feeding. It keeps sweet longer than egg and bread crumbs, and saves time in preparing. One interesting point put forward was to moisten the cod liver oil food some hours before using, to allow of the food swelling to the fullest extent, as it will take up three times the space afterwards; success will be found by using four parts of the food to one of pepper. The evening proved to be highly instructive and interesting.—A. Sutcliffe, sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, George and Dragon, Bridge St. 27 entered for four minutes' time singing. 1, 3, Brindley, 84, 58; 2, Morley, 74.—J. Brindley, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members sing, Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, July 4; 22 birds competed. 1 and 2 shared, between Liversidge and Atkinson; 3, Plows. Open sing, July 11th. Now you time-singers.—A Tomlin, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest, Globe Inn, Linnet Club, July 4; 38 entered for time and quality. Time: 1, Donnelly, 116; 2, Fairhurst, 115; 3, Litherland 100; 4, Knowles 90. Quality: 1, Cowburn; 2, Barnish; 3, Fletcher; 4, Page. Timers, R. Holcroft and Forshaw; minute-man, J. McAllister; judges, Gibbons and J. W. Jones; referee, Cain.—R. Disley, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing, Robin Hood Hotel, West Auckland, July 4. 32 birds competed and some excellent singing was heard. Judge, T. Ruecastle; timekeeper, C. Hope. 1, 2, 3, 4, McQuirk, Brady, Walker. First pair of birds were hung by McQuirk and Taylor, both birds going their full time, three minutes; the judge giving a dead heat.—H. Brown.

WEST CORNFORTH.

A good company assembled at the Good Intent, July 3. 1, Pattison; 2, Bendelow; 3, Ward. Judge Fairless, East Howle; timekeeper, H. Spencer.

Meeting held July 4. Officers: Chair., R. Robson; treas., J. Marquis.; committee, W. Bendelow, J. Kell, R. Kell, A. Ward. Anyone wishing to join may so do by giving in their names to H. Ward, West Cornforth, or to W. Fairless, Sec., East Howl, Ferryhill.

SHEFFIELD.

Open contest for time, July 5, Columbia Tavern, Fornham Street: 14 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. J. W. Schofield. 1, Calligan, 46 secs.; 2, 3, Woodcock, 44, 38.—W. Bingham, Sec.

Linnet contest, British Oak, Carbrook Street, Attercliffe Common, July 3. Mr. Austin gave three special prizes, three minutes' time singing, 18 birds entered, and some good singing was heard by a packed house. 1, Newton; 2, Booker; 3, Austin.—T. Robinson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing Albion Hotel, Saville Green, July 4. 14 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 2, Hayes; 3, Stanney. Judges, Richardson and Lacy. July 5, 18 birds sang: 1, Wood; 2, Chippindale; 3, Wigfield; judges, Sissons and Naylor. W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Although the majority of Linnets are going through the moult, 16 birds were hung, July 4, at the Leeds Linnet and Canary Club singing. 1, Laycock; 2, Wigfield; 3, Chippindale. Judges, P. Madden, Alf. Lorriman. On July 5, 22 birds faced the judges, N. Soloman, T. Johnson, G. Butler. The singing was of a quiet nature, but of the highest quality. 1, Chippindale; 2, 3, shared, Chippindale and Hargreaves; 4, Kendall.

THE SHOWS.

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MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

F.F. show, June 27, Mowbray Arms; Mr. F. Self judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. G. W. Leather won special best bird, also best yell.; E. Neeson sp. best buff.

CL. YELL.: 1, Hellas; 2, Mortimer; 3, Grange; 4, E. Neesom; vhc, Brown; hc, Pearson; c, Terry. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Neesom; 2, Darweut and Oddy; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Varley; c, Ward. TKD. YELL.: 1, Terry; 2, hc, Pearsou; 3, Darwent and Oddy; 4, vhc, Neesom; c, Clayton. BUFF: 1, Terry; 2, Pearson; 3, Ward; 4, Neesom; vhc, S. Varley; hc, Brown. MKD. YELL.: 1, sp, (2), Leather; 2, Neesom; 3, Terry; 4, Pearson; vhc, Grange. BUFF: 1, hc, Ward; 3, Grange; 3, 4, Terry; vhc, Dickenson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Neesom; 2, Hellas; 3, Terry.—H. Grange, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Young bird show, July 4, at Church Institute, Paddington Street. With a record entry of 202, and a special prize list numbering 65, the fixture proved a brilliant success, and so far the largest held this season. Norwich were the feature of the show, no less than 62 birds of high merit being staged. In the novice class of 26, Mr. W. Cobb secured the medal for the best Nor. in show. Crests and C.-B.'s were disappointing; but Yorks. held their own, the clear yellow of Mr. F. W. Ayer's taking the cup for best Canary. Borders were most encouraging—the number just doubled that of last year. In this section Miss Salter secured the beautiful silver spoon for the best Canary bred by a lady. British were unworthily supported, but Foreigners were extremely interesting, some rare species being on view. The Norwich cup was won by F. J. Martin; Border cup, H. Hobden; Wynn cup, T. L. Sayer; Hybrid cup, A. Thomas, with a Linnet-Canary; novice lady's teaspot, Miss Hobden; and champion lady's teapot, Mrs. L. M. Thynne, Mrs. and Miss Thynne, Messrs. F. Knight, F. Thynne, W. Sanders, C. Ross, A. Head, J. Taylor, and A. Beavington, gave unsparingly of their services. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, and Mr. A. Silver, Brit. and For., and gave full satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR., CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, 2, c, Curtis; 3, Knight; vhc, sp, hc, Martin. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, abs., Martin; 3, Curtis; abs., Wynn. AMAT., CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wakefield. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Wakefield. NOV. CL. OR TKD. (26): 1, sp, hc, Cobb; 2, ex. 3, vhc, Smith; 3, Fleet; ex. vhc, c, Taylor. A.O.V. (18): 1, sp, vhc, Taylor; 2, Cobb 3, c, Fleet; ex vhc, Brumbridge; hc, Kelly. CREST CHAMP. (2): 1, Day; abs., Shepherd. NOV. (1): Poulton. C.B. CHAMP. (4): 1, 2, Day; abs Shepherd. NOVICE (2): 1, Poulton; 2, Smit CHAMPION CLEAR OR TKD. (6): 1, 2, 3, Ayers; vhc, Lloyd; hc, c, Salter. A.O.V. (3) 1, 3, Lloyd; vhc, Ayers; 2, Salter. AMAT., CL. O TKD. (9): 1, 2, vhc, sp, King; 3, hc, c, Sander A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, King; vhc, hc, Rolls. NOV. C OR TKD. (15): 1, Withers; 2, 3, ex vhc, Rumble; vh Rumble; vhc, c, Burch; hc, Armstrong. A.O.V. (2) 1, Burch; 2, Rumble. BORD. CH., CL. OR TKD. (12 1, sp, vhc, sp, hc, c, Sayer; 2, 3, Mrs. Salter. A.O.V (10): 1, sp, Mrs. Salter; 2, 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, h c, Sayer. NOV. CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Hol den; 2, abs., Bradley. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hobden vhc, hc, Bradley. HYB., 1914 (3): 1, 2 sps., Thomas 2, 3, Beavington; all Linnets. ANY AGE (3): Brumbridge; 2, 3, Taylor. GOLDF. (5): 1, sp, Offord 2, Beavington. LINNET (6): 1, Fleet; 2, 3, Offord vhc, hc, Beavington; c, Wynn. GREENF. (2): Offord; 2, Beavington. SISKIN (2): 1, Beavington 2, Offord. REDPOLL (4): 1, Beavington; 2, 3, Offord vhc, Ossett. CHAFF AND BRAMBLE (2): Offord; 2, Beavington. A.O.S. FINCH (1): 1, Offord Hawfinch. HUNTING (1): 1, Shepherd. BULLF HEN (1): Ill. A.O.S. HEN (1): 1, Offord, Hawfinch SOFTBILLS, SMALL (3): 1, sp, Wynn, Treecreeper 2, Curry, Skylark. PARROT (1): 1, Miss Shepherd Budgerigar. WAXBILLS, ETC. (4): 1, Brumbridge pair Cordon Bleus; 2, 3, Mrs. Thynne, Orange-cheek and Orange-breasted Waxbills; vhc, Offord, pair Cordon Bleus. WEAVERS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Brumbridge Singing Finch and pair Mannikins; 3, Miss Marshall hen Weaver. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (4): 1, sp, 2 Mrs. Thynne, pair Diamond Finches and Indigo Bunting; 3, Ossett, pair Saffron Finches; vhc, Tiger Finches. MYNAHS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Shepherd Mynahs; 3, Mrs. Thynne, Chinese Starling; vhc, sp Miss Dora Thynne, Mud Mynah. FRUIT EATERS ETC. (3): 1, Shepherd, Blue Robin, Malachite Sunbird and Purple Sugar-bird; abs., Hon. Mrs. Bourke —V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 4, in the Friendly Societies' Hall 64 birds were staged, some very promising youngsters among them. The silver medal for best bird was won by Mr. W. Brown with a very fine yellow of lovely length, shape, and style, the same exhibitor won special for most points. Mr. W. Mundell judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, spl best bird and 3, Brown 2, Gill: 4, Veitch; vhc, Foster; hc, c, Walker BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, Foster; 3, 4, c, Hamlyn; vhc Veitch; hc, Walker. MKD. or VAR. YELL.: Gill: 2, 3, Cottam; 4, Walker; vhc, c, Hamlyn; hc Barnwell. BUFF: 1, Gill; 2, 3, Hamlyn; 4, Brown YORKS. ANY AGE: 1, vhc, hc, c, Hamlyn; 2, Gill 3, Brown; 4, Cottam. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, 3, 4 vhc, hc, Dr. Wilson. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Dr. Wilson vhc, Hamlyn.—G. H. Barnwell, hon. sec.

SOUTHEND C.B.S.

F.F. show, Blue Boar Hotel, July 1. Entries numbered 80, the largest F.F. show since the society has been formed. Mr. Claude, Westcliff, judged. We made several new members, and are open for more. CHAMP. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3 Hume; 2, vhc, hc, Cundy. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Hume 2, 3, c, Cundy. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cundy c, Hume. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc hc, c, Askew. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Askew; hc, c Capp. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Askew; 2, 3 Capp. NOV. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3 vhc, hc, Blows. BUFF: 1, c, Askew; 2, 3, hc, Blows vhc, Bates. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Blows; 2, Bates GOLDF.: 1, Bates; 2, Blows; 3, vhc, Cundy. LINNET: 1, Hume; 2, Cundy; 3, Deer. BULLF.: 1, 2 3, Deer. GREENF.: 1, Bates; 2, Deer. MULES

LONG EATON C.B.S.

F.F. show July 4, Sawley Road C. Schools. Judge Mr. Guttridge; 34 birds were staged, and quality was very high.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. (1): 1, Smith. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Horwood; 2, Stafford; 3, Smith. VAR (1): 1, Stafford. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS (5) 1, Beers; 2, Freebury; 3, Bevan; 4, Jackson; vhc Housley. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Baines; 3, Freebury 4, Bevan; vhc, Jackson; hc, Housley. VARIEG (6): 1, 2, Baines; 3, Freebury; 4, vhc, Bevan; hc Jackson. YELL. BORD. (1): 1, Buckingham. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Bancroft; 2, vhc, Buckingham. BRIT FINCH (4): 1, 2, 4, Beers; 3, Freebury. A.O.V HARDBILL (1): 1, Stafford. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Guttridge for his services, and those present spent a very pleasant evening.—O. Baines Hon. Sec.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

41st annual F.F. Show, June 27, Parish Church Schools. Owing to the very unsuccessful breeding season there was only a small entry, but quality was good. Mr. Thos. Bennett, Lidget Green, Bradford, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

LANCS. COPPY: 1, Adams. PHD.: 1, Adams TKD. or VARIEG. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Crossley 3, Webster. BUFF: 1, Bamford; 2, Webster; 3 Crossley. CL. BUFF: 1, Webster; 2, Bamford BORD.: 1, Webster; 2, Wendle. A.O.V.: 1, Crossley; 2, Webster. BRIT.: 1, 2, Windle. Special for best Lancs. Adams, Yorks. Bamford, most points Webster, novice Windle, cup competition Crossley.—J. R. Windle, hon. sec.

LINCOLN C.B.S.

Sixth annual Nest Feather, Central Hall, Lincoln July 4. There was a good entrance, especially in the Yorkshire classes and a decided advance in quality upon previous years. Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Cordwell; 3, hc, c Sisson; 4, Willerton; vhc, Newton. BUFF: 1, Cordwell; 2, 3, Sisson; 4, Willerton; vhc, Turner YORKS., YELL.: 1, Harris; 2, Cordwell; 3, Harrison; 4, Willerton; vhc, Quincey; hc, Boucher; c Spurr. BUFF: 1, Willerton; 2, c, Harrison; 3 Cordwell; 4, Harris; vhc, hc, Spurr. A.O.V.: 1 Willerton; 2, Richardson. MULES: 1, 2, Sisson; 3 Cordwell; 4, vhc, hc Johnson. GOLDF.: 1, Spurr 2, Newton; 3, Sisson; 4, c, Sindell; vhc, Hall; hc Cordwell. BULLF.: 1, Cordwell; 2, Ward; 3, Spurr LINNET: 1, 3, Sisson; 2, 4, Cordwell. 1, Newton 2, 3, Sisson. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Baines.

(Show Reports continued overleaf.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cambridge (20 miles radius).—Aug. 3. Judge, C. A. House. 7 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close July 25 to W. Driver, 17, Sussex Street.

Larkhall (Som.).—July 23. 5 classes: Can. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Judge, not stated. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close July 16 to A. W. Sealy, 13, Avondale Buildings, Bath.

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CITY OF BELFAST NORWICH CANARY AND Y.C.C.

N.F. Show, July 4, Clarence Place Hall, May St., with 38 entries, not too bad for a first venture, seeing so many of the members have had such a bad breeding season. Mr. J. E. Adams judged, and his awards were very well received. Mr. Scott won sp. for best in show with a nice Buff Nor., Mr. Wheatley won cup for most points.

CREST or C.B.: 1, 2, Creighton. NOR. YELL.: 1, Carleton; 2, Lavery; 3, Crawford; 4, 5, McBride; 6, Carson; 7, Boyd; 8, Kane. BUFF: 1, Scott; 2, Kane; 3, 5, Houston; 4, Freeman; 7, Leacock; 8, Scott. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, Stewart; 2, Malcolm; 3, Wheatley; 4, Webb. BUFF: 1, Wheatley; 2, Webb; 3, S. Stewart; 4, Malcolm; 5, 6, Graham; 7, 8, Hunter.—J. Stewart.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

N.F. Show, held July 4, King Cross Bandroom, J. A. Taylor, of Frizinghall, Bradford, judged 37 birds, and gave entire satisfaction. The show was the second held in connection with our society, and was considered an immense success for a new society. The birds shown were of a very good quality all round, and the judge said there was not a waster in the whole show; some splendid specimens had been shown, and were a credit to the society and its members. Mr. E. Stobart won sp. for best clear or ticked bird with a splendid Buff Yorkshire. Mr. J. Booth, the steward, carried his duties out well.

OPEN., CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Savile; 2, Priestley; 3, Stobart; 4, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, sp, Stobart; 2, Savile; 3, Priestley; 4, Sutcliffe. VAR. YELL.: 1, Priestley; 2, Savile; 3, Sutcliffe. BUFF.: 1, Priestley. NOV., CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Benson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Child; 4, Holroyd; vhc, c, Gelder; hc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, hc, Gelder; 2, 3, Senior; 4, Benson; vhc, Holroyd. VAR. YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Senior. BUFF: 1, Child. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Corney. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Corney.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH & TEES-SIDE.

Meeting, Crown Hotel, July 4; a good number present. Orders taken for colour-food, and a long discussion on members' schedule. A big alteration was made, and classes for novices added to each show. Now, novices, come up and take this opportunity, and make a good fight for the novice cup. Following the meeting was a N.F. show; there was a good entry, considering the poor breeding season that we in this district have experienced. The entry totalled 50. Mr. A. Wake, Middlesbrough, judged, and his awards, gave every satisfaction. The secretarial duties were in the hands of our new secretary, Mr. J. Swinco, and he had everything in good order—the right man in the right place. YORKS., CL.: 1, 3, Rand; 2, Hind; 4, Cook. MKD.: 1, 3, Cook; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Rand. NOR. CL.: 1, vhc, hc, Firth; 2, Wells; 3, 4, Watson; c, Gibson. MKD.: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Swinsco; 4, vhc, c, Bibby; hc, Wells. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Appleyard; 3, 4, Gibson. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 3, Appleyard; 2, Smurthwaite; 4, Gibson. LIN.: 1, 3, Appleyard; 2, Smurthwait·; 4, Carr. GREENF.: 1, Appleyard; 2, Carr. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Carr; 2, Smurthwaite; 4, Bibby. MULE: 1, Hind. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, Smurthwaite; 2, Gibson; 3, Appleyard.—C. W. Watson, Vice-chair.

BARROW C.B.A.

Annual N.F. show, July 4. Despite the bad season generally there was a splendid display. The challenge cup for best bird was won by J. Wagstaff with a Nor. Yell. The Border cup went to W. Willison, Vickerstown, with a cinn.-mkd. Mr. Brunskill (Southport) judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS YELL. CL. OR TK.: 1, 2, vhc, Henderson and Crosby; 3, c, Woodward. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Henderson and Crosby; 3, vhc, c, Woodward. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Harrison; vhc, Woodward. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Shackley; vhc, McFarlane. BUFF: 1, 2, medal, Shackley; 3, vhc, Willison; hc, c, Armstrong. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, cup, Willison; 2, c, Shackley. NOR. YELL.: 1, cup, Wagstaff; 2, 3, vhc, Woodward. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, McFarlane; vhc, hc, Wagstaff. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Plumb. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Wagstaff; 2, c, Plumb. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Jones. OLD MULES: 1, 2, Wagstaff. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Higgin; 2, Armstrong; 3, hc, c, Hudson; vhc, Panting. LINNET: 1, McFarlane; 2, Shackley; 3, vhc, medal, Neal; hc, Benzie. BORD. YELL. OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, Higgin; 3, Hudson. BUFF: 1, Shackley; 2, Hudson; 3, Large; vhc, Armstrong.—A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

N.F. Show, July 4, Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook, under the patronage of the N.N.P.C., N.B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. There was an entry of 137 against 80 last year. Judges, Nor., Mr. W. H. Butler; Yorks., Mr. T. B. Tomlinson; Bord., Mr. J. Johnstone; Brit. and For., Mr. J. Maddison. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. W. Reed, assisted by Mr. J. Craig. Mr. R. Tindale won cup, best Canary; Mr. T. W. Christer, best Brit. and For.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Bird; 2, Fletcher; 3, Curry; 4, Wellsbury; vhc, hc, Pyman. BUFF: 1, Laidlow; 2, Pyman. A.O.V.: 1, Bird; 2, Craig; 3, Laidlow; 4, Fletcher, vhc, hc, Page; c, Pyman. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Tindale; 2, hc, Crawhall; 3, Pyman; 4, Cattell; vhc, Mirley. BUFF: 1, 4, Tindale; 2, Johnson; 3, Pyman; vhc, Cattell; hc, Crawhall. A.O.V.: 1, Johnson; 2, hc, Pyman; 3, Mirley; 4, Crawhall; vhc, Cattell, c, Crowther. NOV. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Crossling; 2, Studholme; 3, Hedley; 4, Thurston, vhc, Pyman. BUFF: 1, Studholme; 2, Pyman; 3, Crossling; 4, Hedley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Thurston; 3, Studholme; 4, Willis; vhc, Hedley; hc, c, Pyman. BORD., YELL.: 1, 4, Affleck; 2, Smith; 3, Espie. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Espie; 4, vhc, hc, Smith. GR.: 1, 4, vhc, Montgomery; 2, hc, Greenwell; 3, c, Affleck. CINN.: 1, 2, Farrer; 3, Parkes; 4, Smith. NOV. YELL.: 1, Affleck; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Smaith; 4, Barr, hc, Render, c, Chambers. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Smith; 4, hc, Smaith; c, Barr. GR.: 1, 3, 4, Davison; 2, Cossar, vhc, Affleck, hc, c, Render. CINN.: 1, 2, Cossar; 3, Davison; 4, Reed. MULE or HYB.: 1, Bird; 2, McGuire. GOLDF or BULLF.: 1, Voutt; 2, Craig. GREENF.: 1, McGuire; 2, 3, Pettersson. LINNET. H.M.: 1, Bird. F.M.: 1, Irving; 2, Pettersson. CHAFFINCH or BRAMBILL.: 1, McGuire; 2, 3, Irving. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, McGuire; 2, Pettersson. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Hooper. FOR., SMALL: 1, 3, 4, Pettersson; 2, vhc, Voutt. SOFTBILL: 1, Christer.

(Owing to the enormous number of reports of First Feather Shows reaching us this week, several have had to be held over until our next issue.)

Questions and Answers.

BOUTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

FOR RULES, SEE LAST WEEK'S ISSUE.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHAT RESULTS? (B. F. G. M. S.).—(1) The results to be expected from mating a clear buff hen with a self cinnamon cock, assuming the hen has no cinnamon blood in her veins, would be self and variegated cinnamons, and greens and green-marked, and all the young showing cinnamon colour would be hens. The green and green-marked might be of either sex. The reverse mating, i.e., clear buff cock with no cinnamon blood, to a self cinnamon hen would produce greens, selfs and heavily variegated, of both sexes, but no cinnamon feathers. This, of course, is assuming no faint cf cinnamon blood in the clear birds in question, irrespective of its absence from the surface. (2) Sorry, but it is not possible to go into the details of building up an even-marked strain in the limit of these replies. The subject is much too large, so I would advise you to get Part 15 of "Our Canaries," in which the subject is treated in detail. (3) The results from a self green cock and a cinnamon hen, again assuming the green cock has no trace of cinnamon blood in his veins, would be the same as you would get from the clear bird without cinnamon blood and a cinnamon hen. There is no book dealing specially with these subjects, but you would find all these puzzling colour problems dealt with in Part II. of "Our Canaries."

MICE AND SITTING COCK (S. A. W. James).—(1) Really, the best thing I know to place near cages to keep mice off the birds is a well-fed and properly-trained cat. Fact. If you cannot command the services of such an ally, however, about the best thing you can do is to give the mice a course of the "Virus" which you will see frequently advertised in our columns. It would have been best to have done this before filling up the holes, but it is still possible to deal with them efficiently by treating the house generally with the "Virus." (2) No, do not by any means take away the cock which sits on the nest with the hen, seeing that he does not make any disturbance and is a good feeder. It will be much better to take any slight risk there may be and let the birds remain together.

SITS IN NEST (H. A. T. Lord). The hen's behaviour can only be explained as an abnormal cycle of reproduction, the ovaries not having developed to the egg-producing stage. It sometimes happens that a hen affected in this way, if given a clutch of common eggs of another hen, will hatch them out all right, and rear the young, and then go to nest on her own account and produce a normal cycle. It is too late now to expect that your hen would perform the second part of this programme, but it would be no harm to try her with a clutch of eggs, for which purpose wild Finches would do as well as anything. Otherwise your best plan is to take away the cock and all nesting material and turn the hen into a large flight, where she can get plenty of exercise through the winter months, and thus get her into a good, hard condition ready to try again next spring.

NAKED NECKS (Bareness).—You make no mention of any symptoms at all beyond the fact that the necks and throats are bare of feathers. Are there any insects in evidence that you are treating the birds with Keating's, and does the skin appear healthy or otherwise? Unless grey lice are troublesome the dusting is quite useless. If they are young birds bred this season, and caged together, it is not at all unlikely that the plucking is due to one or more feather-pluckers being among them, who are responsible for the bareness, in which case, of course, it is only necessary to remove the cause when the feathers will quickly be reproduced. If this surmise is not correct, give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur every third day for a month, and the day following this add as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence to each ounce of drinking water. Allow birds to bath freely, and give a few half-ripe seed heads, such as shepherd's-purse, plantain stalks, mouse-ear, chickweed, or dandelion, three times a week. If the plumage is not soon reproduced on this regime, write again, and give full particulars of any symptoms, appearance of the skin, age of birds, etc. But first watch them carefully to see whether there are any feather-pluckers among them. Stop dusting the birds, and do not put anything on the skin at present.

FEATHERS OFF HEAD (Jackie). The bird is probably being improperly fed and treated, but you give absolutely no information on this point. Get a copy of the Nutshell Booklet No. 5, which our manager will send you for 2½d., post free, for information how to treat it. For the present see that it is kept in a bright and healthy place, with plenty of fresh, pure air, but no cold direct draughts; see that cage is free from insect pests; allow it to bathe freely; and in addition to a staple diet of plain canary seed, give a pinch of summer rape daily, a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, broken groats, and chopped sunflower seeds, twice a week. Every third day for a month give a morsel of bread sopped in milk, drained, and dusted slightly with flowers of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the day after giving this on each occasion, add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Moisten the encrusted skin twice a week with sulphur ointment, but do not daub the plumage unnecessarily. Give a regular supply of green salads in variety. If you persevere with this treatment the bird will probably moult out into good plumage this autumn.

LETTUCE AS GREEN FOOD (H. A. P.).—Thanks for letter. Glad you found the previous advice useful. Lettuce may be used quite freely as a green-food for any birds that are partial to it. Most birds are exceptionally fond of it, and it is absolutely harmless, and being, as a rule, most easily obtainable, may be regarded as one of the mainstays of the fancier when other things fail. That is probably why it was omitted from mention in the last reply, as just now there are so many other good salads that lettuce may be reasonably given a rest, so that the birds may enjoy the privilege of having something fresh for a time.

OVERGROWN CLAWS (Salisbury).—Judging from your sketch the claws must be excessively overgrown, and this is doubtless the cause of the toes appearing sore and swollen. Catch the bird and bathe the feet in a warm solution of boracic acid for a few minutes—a teaspoonful of the acid to a saucerful of warm water. During the bathing gently remove any dirt from the feet and claws, dry gently, and by holding up the claw in front of a good light you will see just how far the vein, or "quick," extends down the centre of the claw. It is seen as a tiny pinkish streak. Make sure of this, and then, holding each toe separately between the tip of the thumb and forefinger, snip off the claw just a little beyond the extremity of this streak. If properly carried out there will be absolutely no pain or inconvenience to the bird. You may repeat the bathing a few times if necessary to quite remove the soreness from the feet.

OUT OF CONDITION (Hard Pressed). Your feeding is probably at fault, as no Canary should be fed on a mixture of canary, hemp, rape, and linseed as a regular diet. Indeed, linseed should never find a place in the staple diet, and hemp is all the better avoided in this connection. Get the No. 5 "Nutshell" booklet, which our manager would send you for 2½d., post free, and feed as advised therein. It is too late to expect the hen to nest now this season. Put on the proper dietary as soon as possible, and in addition to the staple give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days a fairly good supply of green-food—preferably seed heads of shepherd's-purse, mouse-ear, dandelion, and seedy sprays of chickweed. Add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water for two days, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

GREY LICE (G.H.T.).—The birds are probably in a weakened, run down condition, as these pests rarely get a firm footing on strong robust birds with the opportunity for free bathing. Skilful hand-washing would be the quickest means of eliminating the pest, and this you might carry out quite safely in the case of the adult birds, but I would not advise it for the young birds so early in life. In their case you may give a bath about every third day, and in each pint of the water used in the baths dissolve a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash. Also use this solution, and in this strength, for washing the older birds if you adopt this course. Whilst any birds that are washed are drying, well wash out the cages with the same solution as used for washing or bathing the birds, i.e., a fresh solution of the same strength, and also in the case of the younger birds that are not washed you should wash out their cages twice a week for a time with it. If the youngsters do not bathe freely you may spray the solution over them two or three times a week, provided you take due care to protect them from chills afterwards until the plumage is quite dry. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week for a time, and on the alternating days add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the drinking water.

SLOW FEATHERING (D. Whitelaw).—Many thanks for your letter. It is interesting to know that you have proved by experiment that the parents' lack of proper attention to the young is the cause of the excessively slow feathering, which I suspected would be the case. It should be an easy matter now for you to go a step further and find out whether this hen, or hens, really pick off the quills of the feathers as soon as they appear, and thus prevent any feathers developing in this way. There are some hens that will do this, and it needs pretty cute watching to catch them at it sometimes. But still you should be able to do it with patience. I hardly think your surmise that the hens sit too closely would bear criticism. In either case your only course of action is to take away the eggs, or the young soon after hatching, and transfer them to better feeding and more careful hens to be brought up.

YORKSHIRE COCK BLIND (J.H.F.).—I am afraid I do not quite grip the description of the eye. Does the surface of the eye seem normal, but the pupil, on looking into the depths of the eye, so to speak, appear like a milky-white round disc, instead of the usual black disc? If so, the bird has cataract, and nothing whatever will be of the slightest avail in curing it. But if the whitish skin appears to be superimposed upon the surface of the eye, then, possibly, it is, as you have been informed, an ulcer. In this case get a chemist to dispense you an ounce of rose water in which has been dissolved five grains of sulphate of zinc, and 20 drops of wine of opium added. Then catch the bird each morning and evening and, holding it with the eye turned upward, place a drop or two of the solution on the eye, and allow it to flow around and under the eyelid for a few moments, then absorb it with a scrap of soft linen, and put on a fresh supply, and repeat process for a few minutes, finally putting on one drop and allowing it to remain. If this does not remove the trouble in a week or so, please write again, and say whether the film appears to be on the surface of the eye, or within the eyeball, as it were.

HOW TO KEEP ROLLER (C. Morgan).—You should get a copy of the Nutshell booklet, No. 10, which our Manager would send you for 2½d., post free, which would give you far more details than it is possible to do in these replies. When you get the birds keep them singly in box cages, in a bright and healthy place, with plenty of fresh, pure air, but no direct cold draughts. Do not on any account hang them in or very near a window, nor high up near the ceiling. Give a staple diet of equal parts canary and summer rape, which may afterwards be altered to two-thirds canary to one-third rape if you are not keeping the birds for contest singing, and in addition to this give separately a small teaspoonful of egg food, or any substitute, such as bread and milk, or prepared biscuit food, two or three times each week, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of mixed seed, which you may mix for yourself by mixing together two parts, by measure, of hemp and niger, one part each black rape, millet, teazle, and broken groats, a half part each of maw, and gold of pleasure, and just a sprinkling of linseed and yellow mustard. Give a spray of green food daily as long as the weather keeps mild and open, and during the winter substitute a morsel of wet apple or banana two or three times a week. Allow birds to bathe daily if they wish in mild weather, and offer the bath twice a week in the winter on mild days.

STIFF HIND TOE (Typo). Try the following treatment for a week, and if this does not set matters right, please write again, and I will advise you as to perches. Get a saucer of fairly hot water, as hot as you can comfortably bear your little finger in, for some minutes. Place beside this a saucer of quite cold water. Now catch the bird and hold the feet immersed in the hot water for a minute or so, then remove them and immediately transfer them to the cold water, and keep them there for a similar length of time, then bark to the hot for a similar period and back again to the cold, and so on until they have been in each water for six or eight times, but be careful to finish in the cold water. Then dry the feet and gently rub on the toes a drop of olive oil, or a drop of some embrocation, such as Elliman's, would be even better if it is handy. Repeat this treatment once a day for a week.

FOUR-IN-ONE (A. E. A.). (1) The failure of the hind toes is due to a little temporary weakness, which the moult has made manifest. They will doubtless come all right later on. See that the perches are well fitting and made of a nice soft wood, and are of a proper size for the birds to grip comfortably. You might treat them twice or three times the same as advised to "Typo" in this issue. No other treatment should be necessary. (2) As you prefer biscuits to bread in preparing the egg food you cannot do better than stick to the brand you now use. Osborne are as generally useful as any you can have. If, as I assume, you give the birds the first feed in the morning, I think the best way out of your difficulty would be to give a feed all round the first thing, using the proper strength of food for the young of different ages, and then mix the necessary quantity for the remainder of the day without any white of egg at all, and, of course, make this all one strength—one part egg to two parts biscuit. If you do not give any food yourself then I would advise as a stock mixture a pound of maizena wafer biscuits pounded and half a pound of desiccated egg yolk added and well mixed together. This would do for all ages of young and old, and it would only be necessary to take the requisite quantity for immediate use and slightly damp it with a drop or two of water. (3) It is impossible to say whether you would have reared more young by having an equal number of cocks and hens, and keeping the pairs mated all the time, instead of running two hens with one cock. You have got just fair results. If a cock had been with each hen all the time you might have done as well, or even better, or you might have done worse. (4) Am not sure that I fully see the gist of this question. But it certainly is not a recognised thing throughout the Fancy that more young are reared from pairs, nor, for that matter, from hens left to rear their broods alone. It is more of a question of treating each hen according to her known idiosyncrasies.

CUTTING YOUNG BIRD'S CREST (Cymro).—You were a little too impatient in cutting the young bird's crest, because it is so large that it prevented the bird beginning to feed itself as soon as its non-erected next-mates. Even if the cock was slacking in his attentions, as you feared, this would in itself in all probability have had the result of forcing the youngster to feed itself a little earlier. As it is, the bird is ruined for first feather shows, but considering its age now I see no reason why it should not be through the moult and ready for shows towards the end of October. The crest will, of course, come all right again after the moult. As soon as the bird begins to cast its feathers, keep it on the warm side; cover its cage, and it will probably be through in good time. In another similar case the best thing would be to exercise a little more patience, though you might also give a shallow vessel of egg food and a small pan of seed inside the cage to make it as easy as possible for the bird to pick up food for itself.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batty's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Romsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

COLOUR FEEDING (Quartette). The colour food advertised in our columns is the food to use for all cage birds. (2) It is an open question as to the advisability of feeding the Finches. In the case of the Greenfinch, the yellow wing bars are somewhat enriched but the rest of the plumage is certainly not improved. If you feed at all feed lightly. (3) Many exhibition Blackbirds and Thrushes are colour fed; in the case of the former bird you need not give it until the bird is well into the moult, as it is only the beak and eye cere that are deepened in colour. If you feed the Thrush he should have some all through the moult, if properly managed it puts a nice tinge of colour on the breast, a point that attracts attention. (4) You have just time to get a nest of Hybrids from your cock Goldfinch, if you run him with the hen at once, and she is still in condition to nest. It, of course, means a late moult for the young ones, but if you use ordinary care, they should come through all right.

TALKING MAGPIE (O. Ritson).—When people tell you it is necessary to cut the tongue of a magpie to make it talk, they are speaking upon a subject of which they are entirely ignorant. On no account allow anyone to interfere with your bird. To cut its tongue would be gross cruelty. If the bird is inclined to talk and imitate sounds he will do so without any operation, and for your benefit I may say that the majority of Magpies are famous mimics. (2) Clipping one wing would prevent him flying properly, but if you have a garden with a low fence he would manage to get over it. If the bird is a hand-reared specimen, he will most likely return to his cage for food and water, and to roost at night.

WHAT BIRD? (A. Porter).—I have never heard of an Australian Nightingale, and I fear you have made a bad bargain, the price should have been sufficient to have told you that it is impossible to ship birds all that distance for a few pence. By your description I should say the bird is a hen Bunting, quite useless for singing, and unless you want it for a pet, you had better take it into the country and give it its liberty.

HEN NOT REARING (W.S.).—You have evidently got hold of a bad feeding hen, these are far too plentiful in the Fancy. Try the following: For the first five or six days give egg and biscuit a little at a time, say four times a day, and green food twice a day, and in the evening a little crushed hemp. On the fifth day offer a spoonful of soaked rape, and the next day use a piece of soaked stale bread instead of some of the biscuit to mix with the egg. The bread should be quite a day old, and should be soaked in cold water for an hour, and then squeezed in the hand so as to get out all the moisture. Continue to mix the morning batch with this, and the afternoon lot with biscuit and a piece of stale sponge cake. Only give the soaked seeds occasionally. The idea is to give the hen a change of food, just as she commences to flag in her feeding. I think you did wrong in mixing the soaked rape with your egg food. This, if given at all should be given separately. If you are fortunate enough to get them on the perches, you must let the hen feed them as long as she will, by which time they

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

will probably be feeding themselves on the soft food. Continue to supply this with cracked seed and split groats, they will soon be able to crack seed, but do not discontinue the soft food entirely or they will probably lose flesh.

BULLFINCH HYBRIDS (E.M.T.). — Several crosses with the Bullfinch as one parent have been produced, but not from the cock Bullie, the hen is the one mostly used. The cock Bullie is a bad breeder in captivity.

FEEDING BLUETHROAT (Bluethroat). - Although you are giving your bird the recognised food for Warblers, and mealworms, you are not feeding him quite as you should do. The insectile food should be mixed with the scraped raw carrot or other vegetable matter, and instead of the allotted number of mealworms, he should have greenly, small, caterpillars, beetles, gentles, etc., and I would advise you to encourage him to eat soft fruit, this he should have daily, both summer and winter. Bathe the affected parts with warm water and paint with a camel-hair brush dipped in iodine, repeat if necessary in three or four days. Dissolve as much glauber salts as will cover a sixpenny piece in his drinking water for one day only. Keep his cage and perches perfectly clean.

FEEDING A BULLFINCH (Miss Boyle).—The nutshell booklet on the Bullfinch will give you the information you require on the feeding of your bird, so I need not go into that. For the scaly legs, soak the feet and legs in warm olive oil and pick off the scales with the finger nail, doing it gradually, and re-soaking parts that are difficult to remove. When clear, wash in warm water, and anoint with a little Zam-buk, or other healing ointment such as boracic. I would advise you to carefully follow out the directions given in the booklet upon feeding and general management, but should there be any point upon which you are in doubt I shall be pleased to assist you.

ALWAYS FEEDING (S. W.).—It is not a good sign when a bird is constantly at the seed hopper, such birds generally go wrong after a time, if not treated with care. Your seed mixture requires a little alteration. For the present you will do better to give equal quantities of teazle, summer rape, and Canary, as staple food; make another mixture of 1 part linseed, ½ part each of hemp, niger, and maw, give him a little of this twice a week. Buy a good brand of wild seed mixture as put up for Finches, and allow him to have a spoonful of this twice a week on the days that you are not giving the other mixture. Give him an aperient; as much glauber salts as will cover a shilling, in his drinking water, just for one day only, and follow it up with 10 drops of dandelion juice fresh daily. With an occasional course of this treatment you should be able to keep your bird in good health. Don't forget the bath, and a spray of watercress, chickweed, or flowering tops of groundsel.

TREATMENT OF THRUSH (Constant Reader).—You should procure the nutshell booklet on the Song Thrush, price 2d. from this office. It would tell you precisely how to manage your bird. The food you are using is scarcely the right kind for always. Birds require a change. Procure some good puppy biscuits, break them up and soak in hot water; you can mix a spoonful of meat-meal or fine crissel with it sometimes, and at others a little high-class insectile food, and about twice a week let him have the insectile food only damping it with scraped raw carrot or boiled potatoes. Give him a few mealworms or cockroaches, or any insects you can procure. The better you feed him the sooner he will come into song, should he be a cock bird. It is very difficult even for experts to sex a single bird. Your description fits a hen bird equally as well as a cock; in fact, as a rule, the hens are better in markings and rather larger, but if you feed your bird as directed he should soon commence to warble, when there will be no further doubt.

FEEDING A LINNET (G. Cook).—You do not say how you are treating your Linnet, so I had better give you the method I use myself. If he is steady, place him in a cage twelve or fourteen inches long, and let him have a bath at least once a week, or gently spray him. Make up the following mixture as a staple food: Canary 3 parts, teazel 2 parts, rape and linseed 1 part each. Procure a good wild seed mixture, and let him have a spoonful of it twice a week, or, if you prefer it, you can make up the following: Gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, and thistle seeds, 2 ounces of each; mustard, dandelion, maw, and lettuce, 1 ounce of each. If you want to force him on to song quickly, you could give a spoonful of mixture daily, with a little lightly cracked hemp, the best you can procure. Don't forget to give him a spray of greenfood occasionally. You say your bird is in song now, but not very loud. Possibly you know it is not natural for a bird to sing loudly until he is in really good condition or in the breeding season. He will, no doubt, be all right a little later on.

HEN CANARY FOR HYBRID BREEDING (Novice).—If your object is to get a good dark hybrid from your Greenfinch cock and Canary hen, then you will require a large richly coloured variegated or green-marked Norwich Canary. If she is a young bird, so much the better, or if you are unable to procure this class of bird, you could, of course, use a clear or ticked bird, but there is always the chance that she may throw a young one or two with just a light feather or so, which would spoil an otherwise good dark bird. As a rule one has not much difficulty in getting variegated hen Canaries, and I would advise you to start with one of them. If you breed one or two of good size and colour, it will pay you to keep them for a year at least, as they make up a lot between the moults. Let the Finch and Canary get used to each other before the spring comes round, and then you will have no trouble in pairing them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

REARING CRANES (Keeper).—All Cranes need a good grass, and if near a stream, pond, etc., so much the better. If not, a huge bath must be provided, and it had better be a concrete one formed in the ground, with facilities for the frequent changing of the water. The main general diet should consist of corn, wheat, barley, maize, rice in the husk, barley meal, bread cut up into smallish cubes. They also can be allowed to pick over table leavings, cooked vegetables, etc. The incubation period is about 36 days, or possibly one or two days less. They can be put under a hen, but it must be a steady one, for you, not the hen, will have to do the feeding for the first two or three weeks. Observation must show you when they can do without your help. Feed with such as earthworms, well scoured gentles, grasshoppers, cockroaches, beetles, etc., and moistened game, partridge or pheasant meal. A little meat and fish occasionally is good for the birds, especially during the winter months. But if the old birds have built a nest, and show any inclination to sit, it would be well to let them carry it through.

AMAZON PARROT (A. Brady).—You give no details of food and treatment, therefore there is no data whatever to work from. I can only say give mixed seeds, a little boiled maize, ripe fruit, nuts, stale crusts, biscuit, plain cake and greenfood. Other real essentials are grit, cuttlebone, half-rotten wood to cut up, and water for drinking and bathing, are permissible items of its dietary. Get bottles of Dinneford's Magnesia and Byrno-phosphates and put one teaspoonful of the former into

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

the drinking water twice a week, and on the other days put half a teaspoonful of the latter into the water, and continue for a month or six weeks. Clear water may be given with advantage once a week. I should also get a box of honey and borax, and put a little into its mouth from the end of a stick once or twice daily. It can do no harm and will assist in keeping the mouth and throat clear. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

SHAMAH (A. B., Alexandria).—As these birds get plenty of liberty in the room daily, you could with advantage to their well-being double the supply of mealworms; but if you can capture spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, and other creeping things, which the Shamahs will take, this will be better for them than all one kind of live food. Again, while the season lasts you might easily stir in some live ants' eggs (cocoons) after the mixture is moistened. Try the following mixture for them: One part each best ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake or crushed biscuit. This can be kept dry as a stock mixture. For use, take two tablespoonfuls of the above mixture, add one teaspoonful of meat dripping, a quarter teaspoonful of cod liver oil, and a tablespoonful of boiling water. Well stir together and supply to the birds. When available, a little grated carrot or finely minced lettuce may be stirred in as vegetable matter for them. The main thing is plenty of live food and as varied as your district and the respective seasons permit.

PET BUDGERIGARS (F. Gardiner).—Most of these hand-tame birds usually suffer from lack of exercise. If you conveniently let or induce your pet to take flying exercise round the room daily, you will have done much for it. Twice a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and continue this for some time; also from now on till frost comes, supply seeding and flowering grass ad lib. Diet: Canary and white millet in equal parts, a millet spray. Keep cuttlebone in the cage, also small bird grit; this is not sand, but an actual grit, and is obtainable from most bird emporiums. Try bathing the nostrils with a dilute solution (one in ten) of glyco-thymoline. As the trouble has been going on for some six months it will not readily be eradicated.

ROSEATE COCKATOO (Myosotis).—This species is as "hard as nails," but, of course, the hardiest must not be subject to a draught, but they would be perfectly happy in a coldroom during any period of the year. During the summer months let it spend the greater part of its time out of doors, except when the wind is in the north or east, and spray it regularly with tepid water containing a little quassia essence. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and on other days half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates. Keep a piece of a half-rotten branch, fairly stout piece, in its cage, for it to cut away at. If you can get them give it growing cereals to chew up, even if it does not eat them. You must continue on with the treatment. Once this annoying habit is taken up, even if broken of it, there are continual relapses for a time, and nothing but persistence in the treatment will effect either alleviation or cure. Sorry I can't be more definite, but these feather pulling cases are next door to incurable.

WEAVERS (Mowgli).—I am assuming that your whole query refers to Weavers. If you are sure all the eggs have been incubated twenty-one days, then they are no use, either being infertile or from some cause have become addled. I should not interfere with the nest, but if, when you see this reply, the eggs are still unhatched, then you may as well take them away. For some not evident reason, unless it be climatic, your Weaver retained its colour beyond the usual period, and as most of the Weavers are now coming into colour, your bird, instead of properly moulting, is donning another full dress, which will probably be very soon shed. That it would lack depth and richness of colour is what one would expect under the circumstances.

GREEN PARROT (I. C. Foster).—I assume this bird will be a Ring-neck or Alexandrine of some sort. They are more slender but about as large as a small pigeon in body, with, of course, a largish head and hooked beak and a long tail. Their intelligence is very variable, but if taken in hand young they usually make intelligent pets and talk distinctly; but there is a great deal of individualism in respective individuals. There is no royal road; first it must be tamed; kindness and petting will do much. Avoid anything likely to scare it in its vicinity. As you fondle it talk to it, also constantly repeat odd words, etc., and it will ultimately prove responsive. It will also mimic many sounds, calls, and words it hears uttered round about it. Respecting the Squirrel, please refer to reply under "General."

CAUSE OF DEATH (Molesey).—Only a post-mortem could have definitely revealed this, but in the first place I take it they are newly-imported specimens, and possibly you have lost them from the freak climatic changes we have been getting. However well they look, new arrivals are very subject to such sudden changes and, of course, take a few months to become acclimatised. I see your birds are not new arrivals; still, I think climatic conditions are the moving factor. Though birds have been established indoors for a time, they feel the change, and when we get a sudden swing back from one extreme to the other, some losses are bound to occur. One must, of course, take every precaution, but even with this the element of risk cannot be entirely eliminated. It often happens that birds which have been out-of-doors two or three years die at once when transferred to other quarters, where the conditions are equally good and the district possibly warmer. Mischief is often done before the newcomers find their bearings properly. I think, however, there are one or two birds you should watch, especially when shut up into the smallish sleeping compartment, viz., Java Sparrows, Ribbon Finches, and Goldfinches. The last-named is a regular "dog-in-the-manger" sort of a bird, and often keeps birds off the food long after its own wants are satisfied. Send your next body (or bodies) for post-mortem examination, giving details and asking if there are any signs of violence.

FEEDING A MYNAH (I. M. F.).—These birds are practically omnivorous, but need a fair amount of animal food to keep fit. It can have mealworms pretty freely, but it would be better to ease your pocket and also for variety to collect cockroaches, beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars, and other creeping things. The main dietary will be live insects, soft food, and ripe fruit. You can make a good soft food from crushed dog biscuit, ants' eggs and crissel, equal parts of each. According to convenience, any of the following table leavings can be offered: Meat and vegetables, milk puddings, boiled rice, etc. Of course, any meat leavings must be suitably minced. Bread and milk will certainly do this bird no hurt. Mynahs are large eaters, and the cage necessarily needs close attention to keep it presentable and sweet. A little meat dripping may be added to the soft food before the daily portion is moistened with boiling water. It should not be a wet sloggy mass, but just crumbly when moistened.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—July 15, Station Cafe, Altrincham, 8. General business and discussion on seed-bearing plants.—C. Bailey.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 11, St. Thomas Schoolroom, Ardwick Green. F.F. Show; Mr. A. G. Davis judge.—J. Spencer.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 11, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Schedules for young bird show; stewards and other important business.—J. H. Elliot.

Bolton Roller C.S.—July 14, Joiners' Arms, 8. Selection of judges and bowling match with Walkden R.C.S.—J. Kilshaw.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 11, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8. Ordinary business, also pie supper at 7.—W. H. Kilburn.

British Roller C.C.—July 14, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin-le-Grand, 8. Birds present, and the song explained by experts.—J. W. Norris.

Buckhaven C.B.S.—July 11, Free Gardeners' Hall, 6.30. Very important—Wm. Foster.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—July 18, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Business urgent and important.—J. Griffiths.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 15, Young Bird Show. Mr. E. J. Banks will judge Yorkshires, and Mr. E. J. Davies judge all other classes.—E. Thomas.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 16, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To discuss members' show; prize-money will be paid.—E. Thomas.

Choppington Scotland Gate C.B.S.—July 11, Social Club, Choppington, 7.30. Paying prize-money for N.F. Show. Special arrangement for Annual Show.—T. Rigg.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—July 15, Lamb Hotel, 8. Second Novice Table Show and general business.—A. Treasure.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Lecture by W. Mugford, "Off the Beaten Track." Payment of prize money, etc.—V. Wynn.

Chorley C.B.S.—July 15, White Lion Inn, 7.30. Very important; prize-money paid.—J. H. Welch.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—July 15, Gothenburg, 7. Important.—A. Robertson.

Craghead C.B.S.—July 11, Mr. R. Lawson's Black House. Table Show. Nor., Bord., Nor. Young Bird, Bord. Young Bird, Linnet, Redpoll, Greenf., A.O.V. Brit. Hardbill. After the show a judging competition; members are asked to bring a bird or two.—A. Dawson. (Kindly use a penny stamp in future.—Editor.)

Darlington C.B.S.—July 15, George Hotel, 7.30. N.F. Show. Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., and Mules.—H. Todd.

Denton C.B.S.—July 11, headquarters, 6. F.F. Table Show. Four classes Nor., four Yorks., also British. Judge, J. Beswick, Stockport. Birds staged 5.30.—W. Hopwood.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 14, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, 8. Young Bird Show. Mr. J. Robson judge.—A. G. Cant.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—July 13, headquarters, 8. Balance-sheet of F.F. Show and general business.—J. Alderslade.

Farnworth C.B.S.—July 11, Church House, Church Road, Farnworth, near Bolton. Members' Young Bird Show. Judge, Mr. J. Hopkins. Open 3 to 8. Admission 2d.—W. Dawson.

Great Horton O.S.—July 11, Butchers' Arms, 8. Most important.—J. Holroyd.

Guisbrough Priory C.B.S.—July 11, Weir's Room, 7. Business of importance.—W. Waraker.

G.E.R. F.A.—July 14, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. Evening show; exhibits to be in by 7.30. Helpers needed for penning.—W. G. Rogers.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—July 14, Mr. W. Watson, King Street, 7.45. Special meeting. Consideration of secretaryship and other business.—E. Thompson.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 20, White Hart Hotel, Table Show for N.F. birds; judge, Mr. H. Mallinson. July 18, Members' F.F. Show at headquarters, eight classes. Judge, Mr. S. B. Binns, Cleckheaton.—A. Lawford.

Hackney and Stoke Newington F.A.—July 13, headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8.30.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 11, Colliery Hold. 7.30. Business important.—G. Vipond.

Heywood O.S.—July 15, Rochdale Hall, 8. F. Scholfield.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—July 11, Rutland Arms Hotel, Bath Street, 7. Very important.—G. Siddown.

Islington F.A.—July 11, Congregational School, Warlters Road, Nag's Head, Holloway, N. (back of Marlborough Theatre). Members' Show, 3 till 9. Admission 3d.—G. Wainwright.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—July 15, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30. General business.—H. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 14, Hare and Hounds Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for second F.F. Show.—C. W. Town.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 11, Railway Hotel, 2.30. Members' Show; entries Friday night.—W. H. Symes.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 15, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Entries close finally at 9 for N.F. Show.—R. Charleson.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—July 16, Purves' Cafe, Clayton Street, 8. Committee meeting.—J. W. Reed.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—July 14, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League offer for open show.—J. G. Royce.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 14. Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Important business.—J. Cope.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—July 15, Alhambra Club Rooms, Higher Openshaw, 8.30 p.m. Entries F.F. Show; judge, Mr. Harrison.—Arthur W. Newton.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—July 10, Fleece Hotel, 8. Entries for show, 8 to 10.30; show July 11th, judge J. A. Taylor. Birds staged 2.30. All welcome.—H. Raistrick.

Rochdale O.C.—July 13, Club Rooms, 8. Half-yearly meeting. Election of officers.—J. Butterworth.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—July 14, Victoria Hotel, Sandy Lane, 8. Final arrangement for F.F. Show.—S. Moore.

Skipton C.B.S.—July 13, Friendly Societies Hall, 8. E. Gill.

St. Quintin Park, Kensington, F. and F.S.—July 10. Young Stock Show, Emanuel Hall, Harrow Road, Paddington.—A. J. Foy.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 11, Wharf Hotel. N.F. Show. Birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. J. R. Harrison, Hebden Bridge.—G. Mitchell.

Sheffield O.S.—July 12. Ramble, 2.25 Midland Station. To Dore and Totley Station. Fanciers and friends invited.—E. C. Job.

Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—July 12, Club Room, 6.30.—W. Elliott.

Tong C.B.S.—July 14, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Members' Show, July 18.—W. Walker.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 14, Dartmouth Hotel, 7.30. N.F. Show; judge, G. Baker (Birmingham). Members, do your best with entries; free to all.—W. G. Andrews.

West Stanley C.B.S.—July 11, Com. Hotel, 7.30.—W. Elliott.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—July 18, Duke of York Annual N.F. Show. Birds staged at 3. Classes 6 Norwich, 5 Yorkshires, A.O.V. Canary, A.V. Mule young and old, Goldie or Bullie, Greenie or Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin or Twite, A.O.V. Brit., For. Nov., Brit. Mule or For.—Wm. Harrison.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 11, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Second F.F. Show; judge, Mr. J. Holroyd. July 12, ramble to Hardcastle Craggs; meet at Bottomley's Arms Shelf at 12 prompt. Fanciers invited.—W. Chapman.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 18, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' Show; judge, Mr. T. Mountain (Paildon). Novice silver cup competed for at this show. Entries Friday, 8 to 11.—Taylor and Ellis.

York C.B.S.—July 13, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. Thorney on the staging of British birds for exhibition.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. S. Robinson.—Death due to fatty degeneration of the liver.

A. Buckler.—Death due to enteritis following a pre-existing liver disease.

E. Pearce Brown.—Bird's condition was in too bad a state to make a definite post-mortem. "Cage Birds" may be bought from most bookstalls.

I. P.S.—Septic fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Feeding a Squirrel (J. C. Foster).—The main food of a squirrel will consist of nuts and grain, but in nature they eat the eggs of small birds and other animal food. They should, therefore, be supplied with something of the sort in confinement. Eggs of sparrows, and a few mealworms, for instance. You may give also a little milk sop.

J. Pickering.—We cannot, we regret to say, give you the information. We should have thought you would have discovered a livestock (or bird) dealer in Washington by consulting the local directory when you are in that city. The import duty payable on wire cage fronts would surely only be trifling if anything at all; a local paper or the local authorities could best give you particulars.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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FIELD-GLASSES, in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange singing cock Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches: Traveller, 23, Glendish-rd., Tottenham. (1694)

EXCHANGE pair field-glasses and quantity of builder's ironmongery, for British or Foreign birds: Holbrook, 689, Carlton-rd., Nottingham. (1693)

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AUSTRALIAN talking Parrot, 25/-; pair field-glasses, case, 20/-; Whippet dog, 40/-; exchange nets, birds, cages; approval: Robinson, 77, Harboro'-rd., Rushden. (1696)

WHAT offer in Canaries, 2 cock Bullfinches, 1 cock Chaffinch, 1 cock Greenfinch, camera, 4 dishes, and printing-out frame?: Matthews, 19, Hadham-rd., Bishops Stortford. (1689)

TWELVE high-class briar pipes, retail price, 5/- each; carved meerschaum and block amber pipe in case, worth 30/-; offers wanted: Smith, 5a, Chapel-st., Edgware-rd. (1677)

THIRTY single sided 10in. Zono records, 6d. each; 40 double ditto, 1/- each; offers cock songsters or useful exchange (letters only): Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (1694)

THREE gent's cycles, strong machines, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; what offers cock Canaries, Parrot, boots, useful exchange; letters only: F. Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (1694)

WANTED offers in Canaries, Norwich preferred, for lady's 18ct. gold-filled watch, carved cases; approval, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1696)

SIXTEEN pedigree working Homers, flown over 400 miles, 5/- pair, must part through removing; exchange anything; offer wanted: W. Valentine, 17, Empress-rd., Wrexham. (1694)

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SINGLE-barrel, 12-bore, central fire ejector gun (by Johnson), new condition, cost £5, sell 50/-, or exchange birds value £3; offers: S. Word, 772, Harrow-rd., Kensal Green, London. (1691)

GENT'S easy-chair, spring seat, upholstered brown leather, beautifully carved in solid mahogany, new condition, 25/-; exchange toy dog or bitch: Pavier, 51, Hempshill-lane, Bulwell. (1693)

KIND home wanted for Yorkshire maiden bitch, pedigree, suit lady as pet, nice companion, accept 20/-; useful exchange entertained: Caunt, 27, Park-st., Sutton-Ashfield, Notts. (1697)

WANTED, Canaries, Britishers, exchange gent's double-case, 8-day silver watch; perfect order; approval; sell 15/-: Palmer, 31, Greenmeadow, Williamstown, Penygraig, Rhondda. (1694)

BLUE, Dutch buck, black doe, three months, fit to show, sell 5/- each; also Airedale bitch, splendid pedigree; exchange Goldfinches, cages, anything useful: Allen, 22, Abercorn-st., Barrow. (1693)

WAVERLEY book on Canaries, British Hybrids, cost 2s/; four Norwich show cages, new, cost 2/- each; sell the lot for 21 or nearest offer: F. Hallows, 33, Willow-st., Romford, Essex. (1691)

EXCHANGE two black Dutch, one steel Dutch, three Himalayans, good markings, also five youngsters (Dutch) slightly mismarked, and hutches, for anything, or accept 28/- cash: P. Tooke, 749, Old Kent-rd., S.E. (1695)

EXCHANGE, for Yorkshires or Norwich, good punchball, leather case, as new, value 15/-; also set of boxing-gloves, nearly new, 6/-; 1913 birds preferred, no rubbish; approval: James Findler, 52, Alexandria-rd., Longport, Staffs. (1693)

LARGE flight cage, one single, one double breeding cages, lift up feeder, 14 din. glass-fronted seed boxes, wire egg drawers, etc., all new, 12/6 lot, cheap at 20/-, or exchange anything useful: Jones, 23, Lord-st., City-rd., Manchester. (1693)

OLD oak arm chair, beautifully carved all over, value £12, sacrifice 6 guineas, or offers; exchange gold watch preferred; photo. postcard, 4d., returnable; also new postcard camera, cost 22/6, accept 12/6; bargains: Evelyn Jenkins, Newbridge, Rhabon. (1696)

GRAMOPHONE and records, quantity phonograph records, Stuffed Fox, few stuffed birds, very steady cork tunnel, twice cage moulted, few cages, Lemon crested Cockatoo and cage, very tame, for sale cheap, or exchange: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (1696)

EXCHANGE large pedestal rocking horse, as new, cost 50/-, grand toy for a boy, wanted talking Parrot, sewing machine, anything; also harmonium, first-class condition, 7 stops, 50/-; exchange anything useful; inspection invited; no rubbish offered, some wanted: Parker, 154, Hughst, Cnstleford. (1692)

CLEARING out, no room, three good Norwich hens, six good double breeding cages, large flight, two Norwich, one York, show cages, all painted blue inside black outside, seed boxes, nest pans, baths, drinkers, etc., 30/- the lot; exchange good push-cart, boots, anything useful: Readman, School-st., Byers Green, Durham. (1694)

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FERRETS, quiet, good workers, from 4/- each: stocks purchased: Pearson, Ferret Farm, Greenwich. (1652)

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LAWN sprinkler, eight arms, plated, 8/6, cost 18/6; Green's 12in. lawn-mower, good working order, 25/-: 22, Abingdon-rd., Ryde. (1688)

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